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| auc | <i>AUC</i> |
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## Description

Compute area under the ROC curve

## Usage

`auc(ss)`

## Arguments

`ss` Matrix with two columns (1-specificities, sensitivities). It can be simply the output of `roc` function

## Details

Area under the ROC curve.

## Value

A scalar with the AUC.

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## References

Barbati, G. and Farcomeni, A. (2017) Prognostic assessment of repeatedly measured time-dependent biomarkers, with application to dilated cardiomyopathy, *Statistical Methods & Applications*, in press

## See Also

`roc, bootstrap, maxauc`

## Examples

```

# parameters
n=100
tt=3
Tmax=10
u=1.5
s=2
vtimes=c(0,1,2,5)

# generate data

ngrid=5000
ts=seq(0,Tmax,length=ngrid)
X2=matrix(rnorm(n*ngrid,0,0.1),n,ngrid)
for(i in 1:n) {
  sa=sample(ngrid/6,1)
  vals=sample(3,1)-1
  X2[i,1:sa[1]]=vals[1]+X2[i,1:sa[1]]
  X2[i,(sa[1]+1):ngrid]=vals[1]+sample(c(-2,2),1)+X2[i,(sa[1]+1):ngrid]
}

S1=matrix(sample(4,n,replace=TRUE),n,length(vtimes))
S2=matrix(NA,n,length(vtimes))

S2[,1]=X2[,1]

for(j in 2:length(vtimes)) {
  tm=which.min(abs(ts-vtimes[j]))
  S2[,j]=X2[,tm]}

cens=runif(n)
ripart=1-exp(-0.01*apply(exp(X2),1,cumsum)*ts/1:ngrid)

Ti=rep(NA,n)
for(i in 1:n) {
  Ti[i]=ts[which.min(abs(ripart[,i]-cens[i]))]
}

cens=runif(n,0,Tmax*2)
delta=ifelse(cens>Ti,1,0)
Ti[cens<Ti]=cens[cens<Ti]

## an important marker

ro=roc(S2,Ti,delta,u,tt,s,vtimes)
auc(ro)

## an unrelated marker

ro=roc(S1,Ti,delta,u,tt,s,vtimes)

```

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```
auc(ro)
```

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**bootstrap**

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*Bootstrapping AUC*

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## Description

Bootstrap the AUC for significance testing and confidence interval calculation

## Usage

```
bootstrap(X,etime,status,u=NULL,tt,s,vtimes,auc1,B=50,fc=NULL)
```

## Arguments

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| X      | n by S matrix of longitudinal score/biomarker for i-th subject at j-th occasion<br>(NA if unmeasured) |
| etime  | n vector with follow-up times   |
| status | n vector with event indicators  |
| u      | Lower limit for evaluation of sensitivity and specificity. Defaults to vtimes[s]<br>(see below)       |
| tt     | Upper limit (time-horizon) for evaluation of sensitivity and specificity.                             |
| s      | Scalar number of measurements/visits to use for each subject. s<=S                                    |
| vtimes | S vector with visit times   |
| auc1   | AUC for the original data set   |
| B      | Number of bootstrap replicates. Defaults to 50  |
| fc     | Events are defined as fc = 1. Defaults to \$I(cup X(t_j)>cutoff)\$                                    |

## Details

This function can be used to resample the AUC. The resulting p-value is obtained after assumption that the resampled AUC is Gaussian. Non-parametric confidence interval is obtained as the 2.5 and 97.5 confidence interval is simply given by a Gaussian approximation.

## Value

A list with the following elements:

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| p.value | (Parametric) p-value for H0: AUC=0.5           |
| se      | Standard deviation of the AUC replicates       |
| ci.np   | Non-parametric 95% confidence interval for AUC |
| ci.par  | Parametric 95% confidence interval for AUC     |

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**References**

Barbati, G. and Farcomeni, A. (2017) Prognostic assessment of repeatedly measured time-dependent biomarkers, with application to dilated cardiomyopathy, *Statistical Methods \& Applications*, in press

**See Also**

[roc](#), [auc](#), [maxauc](#)

**Examples**

```
# parameters
n=100
tt=3
Tmax=10
u=1.5
s=2
vtimes=c(0,1,2,5)

# generate data

ngrid=5000
ts=seq(0,Tmax,length=ngrid)
X2=matrix(rnorm(n*ngrid,0,0.1),n,ngrid)
for(i in 1:n) {
  sa=sample(ngrid/6,1)
  vals=sample(3,1)-1
  X2[i,1:sa[1]]=vals[1]+X2[i,1:sa[1]]
  X2[i,(sa[1]+1):ngrid]=vals[1]+sample(c(-2,2),1)+X2[i,(sa[1]+1):ngrid]
}

S1=matrix(sample(4,n,replace=TRUE),n,length(vtimes))
S2=matrix(NA,n,length(vtimes))

S2[,1]=X2[,1]

for(j in 2:length(vtimes)) {
  tm=which.min(abs(ts-vtimes[j]))
  S2[,j]=X2[,tm]}

cens=runif(n)
ripart=1-exp(-0.01*apply(exp(X2),1,cumsum)*ts/1:ngrid)

Ti=rep(NA,n)
for(i in 1:n) {
  Ti[i]=ts[which.min(abs(ripart[,i]-cens[i]))]
```

```

cens=runif(n,0,Tmax*2)
delta=ifelse(cens>Ti,1,0)
Ti[cens<Ti]=cens[cens<Ti]

## an unimportant marker

ro=roc(S1,Ti,delta,u,tt,s,vtimes)
but=bootstrap(S1,Ti,delta,u,tt,s,vtimes,ro)

```

**butstrap.nri***Bootstrapping NRI***Description**

Bootstrap the AUC for significance testing and confidence interval calculation

**Usage**

```
butstrap.nri(risk1,risk2,etime,status,u,tt,nri1,wh,B=1000)
```

**Arguments**

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| risk1  | Baseline risk measurements  |
| risk2  | Enhanced risk measurements  |
| etime  | n vector with follow-up times   |
| status | n vector with event indicators  |
| u      | Lower limit for evaluation of sensitivity and specificity                         |
| tt     | Upper limit (time-horizon) for evaluation of sensitivity and specificity.         |
| nri1   | NRI for the original data set   |
| wh     | Which NRI to bootstrap? wh=1 1/2NRI, wh=2 NRI for events, wh=3 NRI for non-events |
| B      | Number of bootstrap replicates. Defaults to 1000                                  |

**Details**

This function can be used to resample the NRI. The resulting p-value is obtained after assumption that the resampled NRI is Gaussian. Non-parametric confidence interval is obtained as the 2.5 and 97.5 confidence interval is simply given by a Gaussian approximation.

**Value**

A list with the following elements:

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| p.value | (Parametric) p-value for H0: NRI=0             |
| se      | Standard deviation of the NRI replicates       |
| ci.np   | Non-parametric 95% confidence interval for NRI |
| ci.par  | Parametric 95% confidence interval for NRI     |

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**References**

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**See Also**

[nri](#)

**Examples**

```
# parameters
n=25
tt=3
Tmax=10
u=1.5
s=2
vtimes=c(0,1,2,5)

# generate data

ngrid=1000
ts=seq(0,Tmax,length=ngrid)
X2=matrix(rnorm(n*ngrid,0,0.1),n,ngrid)
for(i in 1:n) {
  sa=sample(ngrid/6,1)
  vals=sample(3,1)-1
  X2[i,1:sa[1]]=vals[1]+X2[i,1:sa[1]]
  X2[i,(sa[1]+1):ngrid]=vals[1]+sample(c(-2,2),1)+X2[i,(sa[1]+1):ngrid]
}

S1=matrix(sample(4,n,replace=TRUE),n,length(vtimes))
S2=matrix(NA,n,length(vtimes))

S2[,1]=X2[,1]

for(j in 2:length(vtimes)) {
  tm=which.min(abs(ts-vtimes[j]))
  S2[,j]=X2[,tm]}

cens=runif(n)
ripart=1-exp(-0.01*apply(exp(X2),1,cumsum)*ts/1:ngrid)

Ti=rep(NA,n)
for(i in 1:n) {
  Ti[i]=ts[which.min(abs(ripart[,i]-cens[i]))]
```

```

cens=runif(n,0,Tmax*2)
delta=ifelse(cens>Ti,1,0)
Ti[cens<Ti]=cens[cens<Ti]

risk1=apply(S1[,1:s],1,sum)
risk1=(risk1-min(risk1))/(max(risk1)-min(risk1))
risk2=apply(S2[,1:s],1,sum)
risk2=(risk2-min(risk2))/(max(risk2)-min(risk2))
butstrap.nri(risk1,risk2,Ti,delta,u,tt,nri(risk1,risk2,Ti,delta,u,tt)$nri,wh=1,B=500)

```

**butstrap.s***Bootstrapping AUC***Description**

Bootstrap the AUC for significance testing and confidence interval calculation

**Usage**

```
butstrap.s(X,etime,status,u=NULL,tt,s,vtimes,auc1,B=50,fc=NULL)
```

**Arguments**

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| X      | n by S matrix of longitudinal score/biomarker for i-th subject at j-th occasion<br>(NA if unmeasured) |
| etime  | n vector with follow-up times   |
| status | n vector with event indicators  |
| u      | Lower limit for evaluation of sensitivity and specificity. Defaults to max(vtimes[s])<br>(see below)  |
| tt     | Upper limit (time-horizon) for evaluation of sensitivity and specificity.                             |
| s      | n vector of number of measurements/visits to use for each subject. all(s<=S)                          |
| vtimes | S vector with visit times   |
| auc1   | AUC for the original data set   |
| B      | Number of bootstrap replicates. Defaults to 50  |
| fc     | Events are defined as fc = 1. Defaults to \$I(cup X(t_j)>cutoff)\$                                    |

**Details**

This function can be used to resample the AUC. The resulting p-value is obtained after assumption that the resampled AUC is Gaussian. Non-parametric confidence interval is obtained as the 2.5 and 97.5 confidence interval is simply given by a Gaussian approximation.

**Value**

A list with the following elements:

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| p.value | (Parametric) p-value for H0: AUC=0.5           |
| se      | Standard deviation of the AUC replicates       |
| ci.np   | Non-parametric 95% confidence interval for AUC |
| ci.par  | Parametric 95% confidence interval for AUC     |

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## References

Barbati, G. and Farcomeni, A. (2017) Prognostic assessment of repeatedly measured time-dependent biomarkers, with application to dilated cardiomyopathy, *Statistical Methods \& Applications*, in press

## See Also

[roc](#), [auc](#), [maxauc](#)

## Examples

```
# parameters
n=100
tt=3
Tmax=10
u=1.5
s=sample(3,n,replace=TRUE)
vtimes=c(0,1,2,5)

# generate data

ngrid=5000
ts=seq(0,Tmax,length=ngrid)
X2=matrix(rnorm(n*ngrid,0,0.1),n,ngrid)
for(i in 1:n) {
  sa=sample(ngrid/6,1)
  vals=sample(3,1)-1
  X2[i,1:sa[1]]=vals[1]+X2[i,1:sa[1]]
  X2[i,(sa[1]+1):ngrid]=vals[1]+sample(c(-2,2),1)+X2[i,(sa[1]+1):ngrid]
}

S1=matrix(sample(4,n,replace=TRUE),n,length(vtimes))
S2=matrix(NA,n,length(vtimes))

S2[,1]=X2[,1]

for(j in 2:length(vtimes)) {
  tm=which.min(abs(ts-vtimes[j]))
  S2[,j]=X2[,tm]}

cens=rnorm(n)
```

```

ripart=1-exp(-0.01*apply(exp(X2),1,cumsum)*ts/1:ngrid)

Ti=rep(NA,n)
for(i in 1:n) {
  Ti[i]=ts[which.min(abs(ripart[,i]-cens[i]))]
}

cens=runif(n,0,Tmax*2)
delta=ifelse(cens>Ti,1,0)
Ti[cens<Ti]=cens[cens<Ti]

## an unimportant marker

ro=roc.s(S1,Ti,delta,u,tt,s,vtimes)
but=bootstrap.s(S1,Ti,delta,u,tt,s,vtimes,ro)

```

maxauc

*Optimal Score*

## Description

Compute optimal score for AUC

## Usage

```
maxauc(X,etime,status,u=NULL,tt,s,vtimes,fc=NULL)
```

## Arguments

|        |  |
|--------|--|
| X      | p by n by S array of longitudinal scores/biomarkers for i-th subject at j-th occasion (NA if unmeasured) |
| etime  | n vector with follow-up times  |
| status | n vector with event indicators   |
| u      | Lower limit for evaluation of sensitivity and specificity. Defaults to vtimes[s] (see below)             |
| tt     | Upper limit (time-horizon) for evaluation of sensitivity and specificity.                                |
| s      | Scalar number of measurements/visits to use for each subject. s<=S                                       |
| vtimes | S vector with visit times  |
| fc     | Events are defined as fc = 1. Defaults to \$I(cup X(t_j)>cutoff)\$                                       |

## Details

This function can be used to find an optimal linear combination of p scores/biomarkers repeatedly measured over time. The resulting score is optimal as it maximizes the AUC among all possible linear combinations. The first biomarker in array X plays a special role, as by default its coefficient is unitary.

**Value**

A list with the following elements:

|       |   |
|-------|---|
| beta  | Beta coefficients for the optimal score |
| score | Optimal score                           |

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**References**

Barbati, G. and Farcomeni, A. (2017) Prognostic assessment of repeatedly measured time-dependent biomarkers, with application to dilated cardiomyopathy, *Statistical Methods \& Applications*, in press

**See Also**

[auc](#), [bootstrap](#), [maxauc](#)

**Examples**

```
# parameters
n=25
tt=3
Tmax=10
u=1.5
s=2
vtimes=c(0,1,2,5)

# generate data

ngrid=500
ts=seq(0,Tmax,length=ngrid)
X2=matrix(rnorm(n*ngrid,0,0.1),n,ngrid)
for(i in 1:n) {
  sa=sample(ngrid/6,1)
  vals=sample(3,1)-1
  X2[i,1:sa[1]]=vals[1]+X2[i,1:sa[1]]
  X2[i,(sa[1]+1):ngrid]=vals[1]+sample(c(-2,2),1)+X2[i,(sa[1]+1):ngrid]
}

S1=matrix(sample(4,n,replace=TRUE),n,length(vtimes))
S2=matrix(NA,n,length(vtimes))

S2[,1]=X2[,1]

for(j in 2:length(vtimes)) {
  tm=which.min(abs(ts-vtimes[j]))
  S2[,j]=X2[,tm]}
```

```

cens=runif(n)
ripart=1-exp(-0.01*apply(exp(X2),1,cumsum)*ts/1:ngrid)

Ti=rep(NA,n)
for(i in 1:n) {
  Ti[i]=ts[which.min(abs(ripart[,i]-cens[i]))]
}

cens=runif(n,0,Tmax*2)
delta=ifelse(cens>Ti,1,0)
Ti[cens<Ti]=cens[cens<Ti]

##

X=array(NA,c(2,nrow(S1),ncol(S1)))
X[1,,]=round(S2) #fewer different values, quicker computation
X[2,,]=S1

sc=maxauc(X,Ti,delta,u,tt,s,vtimes)

# beta coefficients

sc$beta

# final score (X[1,,]+X[2,,]*sc$beta[1]+...+X[p,,]*sc$beta[p-1])

sc$score

```

**maxauc.s***Optimal Score***Description**

Compute optimal score for AUC

**Usage**

```
maxauc.s(X,etime,status,u=NULL,tt,s,vtimes,fc=NULL)
```

**Arguments**

- |        |   |
|--------|---|
| X      | n by S matrix of longitudinal score/biomarker for i-th subject at j-th occasion<br>(NA if unmeasured) |
| etime  | n vector with follow-up times   |
| status | n vector with event indicators  |
| u      | Lower limit for evaluation of sensitivity and specificity. Defaults to max(vtimes[s])<br>(see below)  |

|        |  |
|--------|--|
| tt     | Upper limit (time-horizon) for evaluation of sensitivity and specificity.    |
| s      | n vector of number of measurements/visits to use for each subject. all(s<=S) |
| vtimes | S vector with visit times  |
| fc     | Events are defined as fc = 1. Defaults to \$I(cup X(t_j)>cutoff)\$           |

## Details

This function can be used to find an optimal linear combination of p scores/biomarkers repeatedly measured over time. The resulting score is optimal as it maximizes the AUC among all possible linear combinations. The first biomarker in array X plays a special role, as by default its coefficient is unitary.

## Value

A list with the following elements:

|       |   |
|-------|---|
| beta  | Beta coefficients for the optimal score |
| score | Optimal score                           |

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## References

Barbati, G. and Farcomeni, A. (2017) Prognostic assessment of repeatedly measured time-dependent biomarkers, with application to dilated cardiomyopathy, *Statistical Methods \& Applications*, in press

## See Also

[auc](#), [butstrap](#), [maxauc](#)

## Examples

```
# parameters
n=20
tt=3
Tmax=10
u=1.5
s=sample(3,n,replace=TRUE)
vtimes=c(0,1,2,5)

# generate data

ngrid=500
ts=seq(0,Tmax,length=ngrid)
X2=matrix(rnorm(n*ngrid,0,0.1),n,ngrid)
for(i in 1:n) {
```

```

sa=sample(ngrid/6,1)
vals=sample(3,1)-1
X2[i,1:sa[1]]=vals[1]+X2[i,1:sa[1]]
X2[i,(sa[1]+1):ngrid]=vals[1]+sample(c(-2,2),1)+X2[i,(sa[1]+1):ngrid]
}

S1=matrix(sample(4,n,replace=TRUE),n,length(vtimes))
S2=matrix(NA,n,length(vtimes))

S2[,1]=X2[,1]

for(j in 2:length(vtimes)) {
tm=which.min(abs(ts-vtimes[j]))
S2[,j]=X2[,tm]}

cens=runif(n)
ripart=1-exp(-0.01*apply(exp(X2),1,cumsum)*ts/1:ngrid)

Ti=rep(NA,n)
for(i in 1:n) {
Ti[i]=ts[which.min(abs(ripart[,i]-cens[i]))]
}

cens=runif(n,0,Tmax*2)
delta=ifelse(cens>Ti,1,0)
Ti[cens<Ti]=cens[cens<Ti]

##

X=array(NA,c(2,nrow(S1),ncol(S1)))
X[, ,]=round(S2) #fewer different values, quicker computation
X[2, ,]=S1

sc=maxauc.s(X,Ti,delta,u,tt,s,vtimes)

# beta coefficients

sc$beta

# final score (X[1,,]*sc$beta[1]+...+X[p,,]*sc$beta[p-1])

sc$score

```

**Description**

Compute NRI

## Usage

```
nri(risk1, risk2, etime, status, u, tt)
```

## Arguments

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| risk1  | Baseline risk measures  |
| risk2  | Enhanced risk measures  |
| etime  | n vector with follow-up times   |
| status | n vector with event indicators  |
| u      | Lower limit for evaluation of sensitivity and specificity.                |
| tt     | Upper limit (time-horizon) for evaluation of sensitivity and specificity. |

## Details

This function gives the continuous NRI to compare two risk measures.

## Value

A list with the following elements:

|               |                    |
|---------------|--------------------|
| nri           | 1/2 NRI            |
| nri.events    | NRI for events     |
| nri.nonevents | NRI for non-events |

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## References

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## See Also

[butstrap.nri](#)

## Examples

```
# parameters
n=100
tt=3
Tmax=10
u=1.5
s=2
vtimes=c(0,1,2,5)
```

```

# generate data

ngrid=5000
ts=seq(0,Tmax,length=ngrid)
X2=matrix(rnorm(n*ngrid,0,0.1),n,ngrid)
for(i in 1:n) {
  sa=sample(ngrid/6,1)
  vals=sample(3,1)-1
  X2[i,1:sa[1]]=vals[1]+X2[i,1:sa[1]]
  X2[i,(sa[1]+1):ngrid]=vals[1]+sample(c(-2,2),1)+X2[i,(sa[1]+1):ngrid]
}

S1=matrix(sample(4,n,replace=TRUE),n,length(vtimes))
S2=matrix(NA,n,length(vtimes))

S2[,1]=X2[,1]

for(j in 2:length(vtimes)) {
  tm=which.min(abs(ts-vtimes[j]))
  S2[,j]=X2[,tm]}

cens=runif(n)
ripart=1-exp(-0.01*apply(exp(X2),1,cumsum)*ts/1:ngrid)

Ti=rep(NA,n)
for(i in 1:n) {
  Ti[i]=ts[which.min(abs(ripart[,i]-cens[i]))]
}

cens=runif(n,0,Tmax*2)
delta=ifelse(cens>Ti,1,0)
Ti[cens<Ti]=cens[cens<Ti]

risk1=apply(S1[,1:s],1,sum)
risk1=(risk1-min(risk1))/(max(risk1)-min(risk1))
risk2=apply(S2[,1:s],1,sum)
risk2=(risk2-min(risk2))/(max(risk2)-min(risk2))
nri(risk1,risk2,Ti,delta,u,tt)

```

plotAUC

*AUC as a function of time***Description**

Compute area under the ROC curve for several values of time horizon

**Usage**

```
plotAUC(X,etime,status,u=NULL,tt,s,vtimes,fc=NULL,plot=TRUE)
```

## Arguments

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| X      | n by S matrix of longitudinal score/biomarker for i-th subject at j-th occasion<br>(NA if unmeasured) |
| etime  | n vector with follow-up times   |
| status | n vector with event indicators  |
| u      | Lower limit for evaluation of sensitivity and specificity. Defaults to vtimes[s]<br>(see below)       |
| tt     | A vector of upper limits (time-horizons) for evaluation of sensitivity and specificity.               |
| s      | Scalar number of measurements/visits to use for each subject. s<=S                                    |
| vtimes | S vector with visit times   |
| fc     | Events are defined as fc = 1. Defaults to $\$I(cup X(t\_j)>cutoff)\$$                                 |
| plot   | Do we plot the AUCs? Defaults to TRUE   |

## Details

Area under the ROC curve is computed for each value of the vector tt. The resulting vector is returned. If plot=TRUE (which is the default) also a plot of tt vs AUC is displayed.

## Value

A vector with AUCs

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## References

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## See Also

[roc](#), [bootstrap](#), [auc](#)

## Examples

```
# parameters
n=25
tt=3
Tmax=10
u=1.5
s=2
vtimes=c(0,1,2,5)
```

```

# generate data

ngrid=1000
ts=seq(0,Tmax,length=ngrid)
X2=matrix(rnorm(n*ngrid,0,0.1),n,ngrid)
for(i in 1:n) {
  sa=sample(ngrid/6,1)
  vals=sample(3,1)-1
  X2[i,1:sa[1]]=vals[1]+X2[i,1:sa[1]]
  X2[i,(sa[1]+1):ngrid]=vals[1]+sample(c(-2,2),1)+X2[i,(sa[1]+1):ngrid]
}

S1=matrix(sample(4,n,replace=TRUE),n,length(vtimes))
S2=matrix(NA,n,length(vtimes))

S2[,1]=X2[,1]

for(j in 2:length(vtimes)) {
  tm=which.min(abs(ts-vtimes[j]))
  S2[,j]=X2[,tm]}

cens=runif(n)
ripart=1-exp(-0.01*apply(exp(X2),1,cumsum)*ts/1:ngrid)

Ti=rep(NA,n)
for(i in 1:n) {
  Ti[i]=ts[which.min(abs(ripart[,i]-cens[i]))]
}

cens=runif(n,0,Tmax*2)
delta=ifelse(cens>Ti,1,0)
Ti[cens<Ti]=cens[cens<Ti]

##

## an important marker

aucs=plotAUC(S2,Ti,delta,u,seq(2,5,length=5),s,vtimes)

```

plotAUC.s

*AUC as a function of time*

### Description

Compute area under the ROC curve for several values of the time horizon

### Usage

```
plotAUC.s(X,etime,status,u=NULL,tt,s,vtimes,fc=NULL,plot=TRUE)
```

### Arguments

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| X      | n by S matrix of longitudinal score/biomarker for i-th subject at j-th occasion<br>(NA if unmeasured) |
| etime  | n vector with follow-up times   |
| status | n vector with event indicators  |
| u      | Lower limit for evaluation of sensitivity and specificity. Defaults to vtimes[s]<br>(see below)       |
| tt     | A vector of upper limits (time-horizons) for evaluation of sensitivity and specificity.               |
| s      | n vector of measurements/visits to use for each subject. all(s<=S)                                    |
| vtimes | S vector with visit times   |
| fc     | Events are defined as fc = 1. Defaults to \$I(cup X(t_j)>cutoff)\$                                    |
| plot   | Do we plot the AUCs? Defaults to TRUE   |

### Details

Area under the ROC curve is computed for each value of the vector tt. The resulting vector is returned. If plot=TRUE (which is the default) also a plot of tt vs AUC is displayed.

### Value

A vector with AUCs

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### References

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### See Also

[roc.s](#), [bootstrap.s](#), [auc](#)

### Examples

```
# parameters
n=25
tt=3
Tmax=10
u=1.5
s=sample(3,n,replace=TRUE)
vtimes=c(0,1,2,5)
```

```

# generate data

ngrid=1000
ts=seq(0,Tmax,length=ngrid)
X2=matrix(rnorm(n*ngrid,0,0.1),n,ngrid)
for(i in 1:n) {
  sa=sample(ngrid/6,1)
  vals=sample(3,1)-1
  X2[i,1:sa[1]]=vals[1]+X2[i,1:sa[1]]
  X2[i,(sa[1]+1):ngrid]=vals[1]+sample(c(-2,2),1)+X2[i,(sa[1]+1):ngrid]
}

S1=matrix(sample(4,n,replace=TRUE),n,length(vtimes))
S2=matrix(NA,n,length(vtimes))

S2[,1]=X2[,1]

for(j in 2:length(vtimes)) {
  tm=which.min(abs(ts-vtimes[j]))
  S2[,j]=X2[,tm]}

cens=runif(n)
ripart=1-exp(-0.01*apply(exp(X2),1,cumsum)*ts/1:ngrid)

Ti=rep(NA,n)
for(i in 1:n) {
  Ti[i]=ts[which.min(abs(ripart[,i]-cens[i]))]
}

cens=runif(n,0,Tmax*2)
delta=ifelse(cens>Ti,1,0)
Ti[cens<Ti]=cens[cens<Ti]

##

## an important marker

aucs=plotAUC.s(S2,Ti,delta,u,seq(2,5,length=5),s,vtimes)

```

plotROC

*Plot ROC***Description**

Plot the ROC curve

**Usage**

```
plotROC(ro, add=FALSE, col=NULL)
```

## Arguments

|     |  |
|-----|--|
| ro  | Matrix with two columns (1-specificities, sensitivities). It can be simply the output of <code>roc</code> function |
| add | If FALSE (default) creates a new plot, otherwise adds to the existing one  |
| col | Colour for the ROC curve (defaults to red)   |

## Details

Plots the area under the ROC curve.

## Value

A plot or a new line in an open plot.

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## References

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## See Also

`roc`, `roc.s`, `auc`

## Examples

```
# parameters
n=100
tt=3
Tmax=10
u=1.5
s=2
vtimes=c(0,1,2,5)

# generate data

ngrid=5000
ts=seq(0,Tmax,length=ngrid)
X2=matrix(rnorm(n*ngrid,0,0.1),n,ngrid)
for(i in 1:n) {
  sa=sample(ngrid/6,1)
  vals=sample(3,1)-1
  X2[i,1:sa[1]]=vals[1]+X2[i,1:sa[1]]
  X2[i,(sa[1]+1):ngrid]=vals[1]+sample(c(-2,2),1)+X2[i,(sa[1]+1):ngrid]
}
```

```

S1=matrix(sample(4,n,replace=TRUE),n,length(vtimes))
S2=matrix(NA,n,length(vtimes))

S2[,1]=X2[,1]

for(j in 2:length(vtimes)) {
tm=which.min(abs(ts-vtimes[j]))
S2[,j]=X2[,tm]}

cens=runif(n)
ripart=1-exp(-0.01*apply(exp(X2),1,cumsum)*ts/1:ngrid)

Ti=rep(NA,n)
for(i in 1:n) {
Ti[i]=ts[which.min(abs(ripart[,i]-cens[i]))]
}

cens=runif(n,0,Tmax*2)
delta=ifelse(cens>Ti,1,0)
Ti[cens<Ti]=cens[cens<Ti]

##

## an important marker

ro=roc(S2,Ti,delta,u,tt,s,vtimes)
plotROC(ro)

## an unrelated marker

ro=roc(S1,Ti,delta,u,tt,s,vtimes)
plotROC(ro)

```

**roc***ROC curve***Description**

Compute ROC curve

**Usage**

```
roc(X,etime,status,u=NULL,tt,s,vtimes,fc=NULL)
```

**Arguments**

|       |   |
|-------|---|
| X     | n by S matrix of longitudinal score/biomarker for i-th subject at j-th occasion<br>(NA if unmeasured) |
| etime | n vector with follow-up times   |

|        |  |
|--------|--|
| status | n vector with event indicators   |
| u      | Lower limit for evaluation of sensitivity and specificity. Defaults to vtimes[s] (see below) |
| tt     | Upper limit (time-horizon) for evaluation of sensitivity and specificity.                    |
| s      | Scalar number of measurements/visits to use for each subject. s<=S                           |
| vtimes | S vector with visit times  |
| fc     | Events are defined as fc = 1. Defaults to \$I(cup X(t_j)>cutoff)\$                           |

## Details

ROC curve is defined as the curve given by (1-specificities, sensitivities). Here these are obtained for a time-dependent multiply-measured marker are defined as

$$Se(t,c,s,u) = \Pr(f_c(X(t_1),X(t_2),\dots,X(t_s)) | u \leq T \leq t),$$

and

$$Sp(t,c,s,u) = 1 - \Pr(f_c(X(t_1),X(t_2),\dots,X(t_s)) | T > t)$$

for some fixed  $f_c$ , where  $c$  is a cutoff. The default for  $f_c$  is that a positive diagnosis is given as soon as any measurement among the  $s$  considered is above the threshold.

## Value

A matrix with the following columns:

|        |                 |
|--------|-----------------|
| 1-spec | 1-Specificities |
| sens   | Sensitivities   |

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## References

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## See Also

[auc](#), [bootstrap](#), [maxauc](#)

## Examples

```
# parameters
n=100
tt=3
Tmax=10
u=1.5
```

```

s=2
vtimes=c(0,1,2,5)

# generate data

ngrid=5000
ts=seq(0,Tmax,length=ngrid)
X2=matrix(rnorm(n*ngrid,0,0.1),n,ngrid)
for(i in 1:n) {
  sa=sample(ngrid/6,1)
  vals=sample(3,1)-1
  X2[i,1:sa[1]]=vals[1]+X2[i,1:sa[1]]
  X2[i,(sa[1]+1):ngrid]=vals[1]+sample(c(-2,2),1)+X2[i,(sa[1]+1):ngrid]
}

S1=matrix(sample(4,n,replace=TRUE),n,length(vtimes))
S2=matrix(NA,n,length(vtimes))

S2[,1]=X2[,1]

for(j in 2:length(vtimes)) {
  tm=which.min(abs(ts-vtimes[j]))
  S2[,j]=X2[,tm]}

cens=runif(n)
ripart=1-exp(-0.01*apply(exp(X2),1,cumsum)*ts/1:ngrid)

Ti=rep(NA,n)
for(i in 1:n) {
  Ti[i]=ts[which.min(abs(ripart[,i]-cens[i]))]
}

cens=runif(n,0,Tmax*2)
delta=ifelse(cens>Ti,1,0)
Ti[cens<Ti]=cens[cens<Ti]

##

## an important marker

ro=roc(S2,Ti,delta,u,tt,s,vtimes)
plot(ro,type="l",col="red")
abline(a=0,b=1)

## an unrelated marker

ro=roc(S1,Ti,delta,u,tt,s,vtimes)
plot(ro,type="l",col="red")
abline(a=0,b=1)

```

roc.

*ROC curve***Description**

Compute ROC curve

**Usage**

```
roc.s(X,etime,status,u=NULL,tt,s,vtimes,fc=NULL)
```

**Arguments**

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| X      | n by S matrix of longitudinal score/biomarker for i-th subject at j-th occasion<br>(NA if unmeasured) |
| etime  | n vector with follow-up times   |
| status | n vector with event indicators  |
| u      | Lower limit for evaluation of sensitivity and specificity. Defaults to max(vtimes[s])<br>(see below)  |
| tt     | Upper limit (time-horizon) for evaluation of sensitivity and specificity.                             |
| s      | n vector of measurements/visits to use for each subject. all(s<=S)                                    |
| vtimes | S vector with visit times   |
| fc     | Events are defined as fc = 1. Defaults to \$I(cup X(t_j)>cutoff)\$                                    |

**Details**

ROC curve is defined as the curve given by (1-specificities, sensitivities). Here these are obtained for a time-dependent multiply-measured marker are defined as

$$Se(t,c,s,u) = \Pr(f_c(X(t_1),X(t_2),\dots,X(t_s)) | u \leq T \leq t),$$

and

$$Sp(t,c,s,u) = 1 - \Pr(f_c(X(t_1),X(t_2),\dots,X(t_s)) | T > t)$$

for some fixed  $f_c$ , where  $c$  is a cutoff. The default for  $f_c$  is that a positive diagnosis is given as soon as any measurement among the  $s$  considered is above the threshold.

**Value**

A matrix with the following columns:

|        |                 |
|--------|-----------------|
| 1-spec | 1-Specificities |
| sens   | Sensitivities   |

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## References

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## See Also

[auc](#), [bootstrap](#), [maxauc](#)

## Examples

```
# parameters
n=100
tt=3
Tmax=10
u=1.5
s=sample(3,n,replace=TRUE)
vtimes=c(0,1,2,5)

# generate data

ngrid=5000
ts=seq(0,Tmax,length=ngrid)
X2=matrix(rnorm(n*ngrid,0,0.1),n,ngrid)
for(i in 1:n) {
  sa=sample(ngrid/6,1)
  vals=sample(3,1)-1
  X2[i,1:sa[1]]=vals[1]+X2[i,1:sa[1]]
  X2[i,(sa[1]+1):ngrid]=vals[1]+sample(c(-2,2),1)+X2[i,(sa[1]+1):ngrid]
}

S1=matrix(sample(4,n,replace=TRUE),n,length(vtimes))
S2=matrix(NA,n,length(vtimes))

S2[,1]=X2[,1]

for(j in 2:length(vtimes)) {
  tm=which.min(abs(ts-vtimes[j]))
  S2[,j]=X2[,tm]}

cens=runif(n)
ripart=1-exp(-0.01*apply(exp(X2),1,cumsum)*ts/1:ngrid)

Ti=rep(NA,n)
for(i in 1:n) {
  Ti[i]=ts[which.min(abs(ripart[,i]-cens[i]))]
```

```

cens=runif(n,0,Tmax*2)
delta=ifelse(cens>Ti,1,0)
Ti[cens<Ti]=cens[cens<Ti]

##

## an important marker

ro=roc.s(S2,Ti,delta,u,tt,s,vtimes)
plot(ro,type="l",col="red")
abline(a=0,b=1)

## an unrelated marker

ro=roc.s(S1,Ti,delta,u,tt,s,vtimes)
plot(ro,type="l",col="red")
abline(a=0,b=1)

```

sensspec

*Sensitivity and Specificity***Description**

Compute sensitivity and specificity

**Usage**

```
sensspec(X,etime,status,u=NULL,tt,s,vtimes,cutoff=0,fc=NULL)
```

**Arguments**

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| X      | n by S matrix of longitudinal score/biomarker for i-th subject at j-th occasion<br>(NA if unmeasured) |
| etime  | n vector with follow-up times   |
| status | n vector with event indicators  |
| u      | Lower limit for evaluation of sensitivity and specificity. Defaults to vtimes[s]<br>(see below)       |
| tt     | Upper limit (time-horizon) for evaluation of sensitivity and specificity.                             |
| s      | Scalar number of measurements/visits to use for each subject. s<=S                                    |
| vtimes | S vector with visit times   |
| cutoff | cutoff for defining events. Defaults to 0   |
| fc     | Events are defined as fc = 1. Defaults to \$I(cup X(t_j)>cutoff)\$                                    |

### Details

Sensitivity and specificities for a time-dependent multiply-measured marker are defined as

$$Se(t,c,s,u) = \Pr(f_c(X(t_1), X(t_2), \dots, X(t_s)) | u \leq T \leq t),$$

and

$$Sp(t,c,s,u) = 1 - \Pr(f_c(X(t_1), X(t_2), \dots, X(t_s)) | T > t)$$

for some fixed  $f_c$ , where  $c$  is a cutoff. The default for  $f_c$  is that a positive diagnosis is given as soon as any measurement among the  $s$  considered is above the threshold.

### Value

A vector with the following elements:

|                   |                           |
|-------------------|---------------------------|
| <code>sens</code> | Sensitivity at the cutoff |
| <code>spec</code> | Specificity at the cutoff |

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### References

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### See Also

[roc](#), [auc](#), [butstrap](#), [maxauc](#)

*sensspec.s*

*Sensitivity and Specificity*

### Description

Compute sensitivity and specificity

### Usage

```
sensspec.s(X, etime, status, u=NULL, tt, s, vtimes, cutoff=0, fc=NULL)
```

## Arguments

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| X      | n by S matrix of longitudinal score/biomarker for i-th subject at j-th occasion<br>(NA if unmeasured) |
| etime  | n vector with follow-up times   |
| status | n vector with event indicators  |
| u      | Lower limit for evaluation of sensitivity and specificity. Defaults to max(vtimes[s])<br>(see below)  |
| tt     | Upper limit (time-horizon) for evaluation of sensitivity and specificity.                             |
| s      | n vector of measurements/visits to use for each subject. all(s<=S)                                    |
| vtimes | S vector with visit times   |
| cutoff | cutoff for defining events. Defaults to 0   |
| fc     | Events are defined as fc = 1. Defaults to \$I(cup X(t_j)>cutoff)\$                                    |

## Details

Sensitivity and specificities for a time-dependent multiply-measured marker are defined as

$$Se(t,c,s,u) = \Pr(f_c(X(t_1),X(t_2),\dots,X(t_s)) | u \leq T \leq t),$$

and

$$Sp(t,c,s,u) = 1 - \Pr(f_c(X(t_1),X(t_2),\dots,X(t_s)) | T > t)$$

for some fixed  $f_c$ , where  $c$  is a cutoff. The default for  $f_c$  is that a positive diagnosis is given as soon as any measurement among the  $s$  considered is above the threshold.

## Value

A vector with the following elements:

|      |                           |
|------|---------------------------|
| sens | Sensitivity at the cutoff |
| spec | Specificity at the cutoff |

## Author(s)

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## References

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## See Also

[roc](#), [auc](#), [butstrap](#), [maxauc](#)

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