

Package ‘qicharts2’

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Title Quality Improvement Charts

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Description Functions for making run charts, Shewhart control charts and Pareto charts for continuous quality improvement. Included control charts are: I, MR, Xbar, S, T, C, U, U', P, P', and G charts. Non-random variation in the form of minor to moderate persistent shifts in data over time is identified by the Anhoej rules for unusually long runs and unusually few crossing [Anhoej, Olesen (2014) <[doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0113825](https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0113825)>]. Non-random variation in the form of larger, possibly transient, shifts is identified by Shewhart's 3-sigma rule [Mohammed, Worthington, Woodall (2008) <[doi:10.1136/qshc.2004.012047](https://doi.org/10.1136/qshc.2004.012047)>].

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bchart	<i>Bernoulli CUSUM chart for binary data (EXPERIMENTAL)</i>
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Description

The Bernoulli CUSUM chart is useful for monitoring rare events data, e.g. surgical site infections and other types of complications. Based on Neuburger et al. (2017) [doi:10.1136/bmjqs2016005526](https://doi.org/10.1136/bmjqs2016005526).

Usage

```
bchart(  
  x,  
  target,  
  or = 2,  
  limit = 3.5,  
  title = "",  
  ylab = "CUSUM",  
  xlab = "Case #"  
)
```

Arguments

x	Logical, vector of successes and failures.
target	Baseline risk (0-1) or number (>1) of last observation to end baseline period.
or	Positive odds ratio of minimal detectable change relative to baseline risk.
limit	Control limit.
title	Chart title.
ylab	Y axis label.
xlab	X axis label.

Details

Note that the diagnostic properties of the Bernoulli CUSUM chart is highly dependent on the choice of parameters, target, or and limit, and that these parameters should be decided by people with a solid understanding of the process at hand. The default parameters, $or = 2$ and $limit = 3.5$, should, however, work for most processes where the baseline (target) level is about 1 halving of the event rate relative to the target.

Value

An object of class `ggplot`.

Examples

```
# Generate 1000 random successes and failures with success rate = 0.02
set.seed(1)
y <- rbinom(1000, 1, 0.02)

# Plot bchart assuming success rate = 0.01, OR = 2, control limits = +/- 3.5.
bchart(y, target = 0.01)

# Plot bchart of CABG mortality using the first 200 surgeries to estimate target.
bchart(cabg$death, target = 200)

# Plot bchart of CABG readmissions setting the control limits = +/-5.
bchart(cabg$readmission, target = 200, limit = 5)
```

`cabg`

Coronary artery bypass graft operations

Description

A dataset with data on individual coronary artery bypass graft operations.

Usage

`cabg`

Format

A data frame with 2205 rows and 6 variables:

- `data` Date of operation.
- `age` Patient age in years.
- `gender` Patient gender.
- `los` Length of stay in days.
- `death` TRUE if patient died within 30 days after surgery.
- `readmission` TRUE if patient were readmitted for any reason within 30 days after surgery.

Source

Omitted for privacy concerns.

cdi	<i>Clostridium difficile infections</i>
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Description

A dataset with data on hospital acquired *Clostridium difficile* infections (CDI) before and after an intervention to reduce the risk of CDI.

Usage

cdi

Format

A data frame with 36 rows and 5 variables:

- month Month of observation.
- n Number of hospital acquired CDI.
- days Number of risk days. A risk day is a patient day without CDI.
- period Factor indicating the period 'pre' or 'post' intervention.
- notes Annotations.

Source

www.esundhed.dk (Amager Hvidovre Hospital).

complaints	<i>Complaints</i>
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Description

A data frame with 20 rows and 3 variables:

- month Month.
- Number of complaints.
- sales Sales volume.

Usage

complaints

Format

An object of class `data.frame` with 20 rows and 3 columns.

Source

Wayne Taylor (variation.com)

References

<https://variation.com/normalized-individuals-control-chart/>

gtt

Patient harm identified using the Global Trigger Tool

Description

A dataset with data on adverse events during hospitalisation found by the Global Trigger Tool.

Usage

gtt

Format

A data frame with 340 rows and 11 variables:

- `admission_id` Admission ID.
- `admission_dte` Date of admission.
- `discharge_dte` Date of discharge.
- `month` Month of discharge.
- `days` Duration of hospital stay in days.
- `harms` Number of adverse events.
- `E-I` Type of adverse event by severity category. E-F: Temporary harm; G-H: Permanent harm; I: Fatal harm.

Source

Omitted for privacy concerns.

References

<https://www.ihi.org/resources/white-papers/ihi-global-trigger-tool-measuring-adverse-events>

hospital_infections	<i>Hospital acquired infections</i>
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Description

A dataset containing the number of hospital acquired bacteremia, Clostridium difficile infections, and urinary tract infections in six hospitals in the Capital Region of Denmark 2015-2016.

Usage

```
hospital_infections
```

Format

A data frame with 432 rows and 5 variables:

- hospital Abbreviated hospital name.
- infection Type of infection. BAC: Bacteremia, CDI: Clostridium difficile infection. UTI: Urinary tract infection.
- month First day of month.
- n Number of cases.
- days Number of risk days. A risk day is a patient day without infection.

Source

www.esundhed.dk (Capital Region of Denmark).

lots	<i>Lots</i>
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Description

A data frame with 20 rows and 3 variables:

- lot Lot number.
- value Average value.
- n Lot size.

Usage

```
lots
```

Format

An object of class `data.frame` with 20 rows and 3 columns.

Source

Wayne Taylor (variation.com)

References

<https://variation.com/normalized-individuals-control-chart/>

nhs_accidents

NHS accidents

Description

The number of attendances to major accident and emergency hospital departments in the NHS that were seen within 4 hours of arrival over twenty weeks.

Usage

nhs_accidents

Format

A data frame with 20 rows and 3 variables:

- i Week number.
- r Attendances seen within 4 hours.
- n Total number of attendances.

Source

Mohammed MA, et al. Quality and Safety in Health Care 2013;22:362–368. doi:10.1136/bmjqs-2012001373.

paretochart

Paretochart

Description

Creates a pareto chart from a categorical variable

Usage

```
paretochart(  
  x,  
  title = "",  
  subtitle = NULL,  
  caption = NULL,  
  ylab = NULL,  
  xlab = NULL,  
  x.angle = NULL,  
  useNA = FALSE,  
  print.data = FALSE  
)
```

Arguments

x	Categorical variable to plot.
title	Chart title.
subtitle	Chart subtitle.
caption	Chart caption.
ylab	Y axis label.
xlab	X axis label.
x.angle	Number indicating the angle of x axis labels.
useNA	If TRUE, NA values will be included in the analysis.
print.data	If TRUE, prints data frame with results.

Value

An object of class `ggplot`.

Examples

```
# Generate categorical vector  
x <- rep(LETTERS[1:9], c(256, 128, 64, 32, 16, 8, 4, 2, 1))  
  
# Make paretochart  
paretochart(x)  
  
# Save paretochart object to variable  
p <- paretochart(x)  
  
# Print data frame  
p$data
```

qic

Statistical process control charts.

Description

The `qic()` function creates run charts and Shewhart control charts for process control and improvement. Included control charts are: I, MR, Xbar, S, T, C, U, U', P, P', and G charts.

Usage

```
qic(
  x,
  y = NULL,
  n = NULL,
  data = NULL,
  facets = NULL,
  notes = NULL,
  chart = c("run", "i", "mr", "xbar", "s", "t", "p", "pp", "c", "u", "up", "g", "ip"),
  agg.fun = c("mean", "median", "sum", "sd"),
  method = c("anhoej", "bestbox", "cutbox"),
  multiply = 1,
  freeze = NULL,
  part = NULL,
  exclude = NULL,
  target = NA * 1,
  cl = NA * 1,
  nrow = NULL,
  ncol = NULL,
  scales = "fixed",
  title = "",
  ylab = "Value",
  xlab = "Subgroup",
  subtitle = NULL,
  caption = NULL,
  part.labels = NULL,
  show.labels = is.null(facets),
  show.95 = FALSE,
  decimals = 1,
  point.size = 1.5,
  x.period = NULL,
  x.format = NULL,
  x.angle = NULL,
  x.pad = 1,
  y.expand = NULL,
  y.neg = TRUE,
  y.percent = FALSE,
  y.percent.accuracy = NULL,
```

```

    show.grid = FALSE,
    flip = FALSE,
    strip.horizontal = FALSE,
    print.summary = FALSE,
    return.data = FALSE
  )

```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	Vector of subgroup values to plot along the x axis.
<code>y</code>	Vector of measures or counts to plot on the y axis (numerator).
<code>n</code>	Vector of subgroup sizes (denominator).
<code>data</code>	Data frame containing variables used in the plot.
<code>facets</code>	One or two sided formula with factors used for facetting plots.
<code>notes</code>	Character vector of notes to be added to individual data points.
<code>chart</code>	Character value indicating the chart type. Possible values are: 'run' (default), 'i', 'ip', 'mr', 'xbar', 't', 's', 'c', 'u', 'up', 'p', 'pp', and 'g'.
<code>agg.fun</code>	Aggregate function for summarising the y variable if there are more than one observation per subgroup. Only relevant for run charts and I charts. Possible values are: 'mean' (default), 'median', 'sum', and 'sd'.
<code>method</code>	Character indicating the method used for runs analysis. One of 'anhoej' (default), 'bestbox', and 'cutbox'. EXPERIMENTAL!
<code>multiply</code>	Number indicating a number to multiply y axis by, e.g. 100 for percents rather than proportions. See also <code>y.percent</code> argument.
<code>freeze</code>	Integer indicating the last data point to include in calculation of baseline parameters for centre and control lines. Ignored if <code>part</code> argument is given.
<code>part</code>	Either integer vector indicating data points before recalculation of centre and control lines or character vector indicating chart parts.
<code>exclude</code>	Integer vector indicating data points to exclude from calculations of centre and control lines.
<code>target</code>	Numeric, either a single value indicating a target value to be plotted as a horizontal line or a vector for variable target line.
<code>cl</code>	Numeric, either a single value indicating the centre line if known in advance or a vector for variable centre line.
<code>nrow, ncol</code>	Number indicating the preferred number of rows and columns in facets.
<code>scales</code>	Character string, one of 'fixed' (default), 'free_y', 'free_x', or 'free' indicating whether y and x axis scales should be the same for all panels or free.
<code>title</code>	Character string specifying the title of the plot.
<code>ylab</code>	Character string specifying the y axis label.
<code>xlab</code>	Character string specifying the x axis label.
<code>subtitle</code>	Character string specifying the subtitle.
<code>caption</code>	Character string specifying the caption.

<code>part.labels</code>	Character vector specifying labels for chart parts created with the <code>freeze</code> or <code>part</code> argument.
<code>show.labels</code>	Logical indicating whether to show labels for centre and control lines on chart. Defaults to <code>TRUE</code> when <code>facets</code> argument is <code>NULL</code> .
<code>show.95</code>	Logical indicating whether to show 95 control limits on chart. Defaults to <code>FALSE</code> .
<code>decimals</code>	Integer indicating the preferred number of decimals in centre and control line labels.
<code>point.size</code>	Number specifying the size of data points.
<code>x.period</code>	Character string specifying the interval cut points of datetime x values used for aggregating y values by week, month, etc. See the <code>breaks</code> argument of <code>?cut.POSIXt()</code> for possible values.
<code>x.format</code>	Date format of x axis labels. See <code>?strftime()</code> for possible date formats.
<code>x.angle</code>	Number indicating the angle of x axis labels.
<code>x.pad</code>	Number indicating expansion of x axis to make room for axis labels.
<code>y.expand</code>	Numeric value to include in y axis. Useful e.g. for starting the y axis at zero.
<code>y.neg</code>	If <code>TRUE</code> (default), the y axis is allowed to be negative (only relevant for I and Xbar charts).
<code>y.percent</code>	If <code>TRUE</code> , formats y axis labels as percentages.
<code>y.percent.accuracy</code>	A number to round percentage labels on y axis. Use 1 to show no decimals, 0.1 to show 1 decimal etc.
<code>show.grid</code>	If <code>TRUE</code> , shows grid.
<code>flip</code>	If <code>TRUE</code> , rotates the plot 90 degrees.
<code>strip.horizontal</code>	If <code>TRUE</code> , makes y strip horizontal.
<code>print.summary</code>	If <code>TRUE</code> , prints summary.
<code>return.data</code>	If <code>TRUE</code> , returns underlying data frame.

Details

Non-random variation in the form of minor to moderate persistent shifts in data over time is (by default) identified by the Anshøj rules for unusually long runs and unusually few crossing. Use the `EXPERIMENTAL` method argument to apply the bestbox or cutbox methods as described in Anshøj & Wentzel-Larsen (2020) [doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0233920](https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0233920).

Special cause variation in the form of larger, possibly transient, shifts in data is identified by Shewhart's 3-sigma rule (Mohammed, Worthington, Woodall (2008) [doi:10.1136/qshc.2004.012047](https://doi.org/10.1136/qshc.2004.012047)).

Value

A `qic` object. Inherits from `'ggplot'`.

See Also

`vignette('qic')`.

Examples

```
# Lock random number generator to make reproducible results.
set.seed(2)

# Generate vector of 24 random normal numbers
y <- rnorm(24)

# Run chart
qic(y)

# I control chart
qic(y, chart = 'i')

# U control chart from build-in data set of hospital infection rates faceted
# by hospital and type of infection.
qic(month, n,
     n      = days,
     data   = hospital_infections,
     facets = infection ~ hospital,
     chart  = 'u',
     multiply = 10000,
     title  = 'Hospital infection rates',
     ylab   = 'Number of infections per 10.000 risk days',
     xlab   = 'Month')
```

qicharts2

qicharts2 *package***Description**

Statistical Process Control chart for R

Details

#' See the README on <https://github.com/anhoej/qicharts2/>

summary.qic

*Prints summary of a qic object***Description**

Prints summary of a qic object

Usage

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

Arguments

object	A qic object.
...	For compatibility with generic summary function.

Value

A data frame of summary values of each facet and part of a qic plot.

- facet1 Vertical facets.
- facet2 Horizontal facets
- part Number of chart part when argument break.points is given.
- aLCL Average of lower control limit.
- CL Centre line.
- aUCL Average of upper control limit.
- longest.run Length of the longest run of data points on the same side of the centre line.
- longest.run.max Upper limit of expected length of longest run.
- n.crossings Number of times the data line crosses the centre line.
- n.crossings.min Lower limit of expected number of crossings.
- runs.signal 1 if either longest run or number of crossings are outside expected limits.
- sigma.signal Number of data points outside control limits.

Examples

```
p <- qic(rnorm(24), chart = 'i')
p
summary(p)
```

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