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**Description** It provides miscellaneous sequence analysis functions for describing episodes in individual sequences, measuring association between domains in multidimensional sequence analysis (see Piccarreta (2017) <[doi:10.1177/0049124115591013](https://doi.org/10.1177/0049124115591013)>), heat maps of sequence data, Globally Interdependent Multidimensional Sequence Analysis (see Robette et al (2015) <[doi:10.1177/0081175015570976](https://doi.org/10.1177/0081175015570976)>), smoothing sequences for index plots (see Piccarreta (2012) <[doi:10.1177/0049124112452394](https://doi.org/10.1177/0049124112452394)>), coding sequences for Qualitative Harmonic Analysis (see Deville (1982)), measuring stress from multidimensional scaling factors (see Piccarreta and Lior (2010) <[doi:10.1111/j.1467-985X.2009.00606.x](https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1467-985X.2009.00606.x)>), symmetrical (or canonical) Partial Least Squares (see Bry (1996)).

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<i>assoc.domains</i>	<i>Association measures between domains in multidimensional sequence analysis</i>
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## Description

Computes various measures of association between dimensions of multidimensional sequence data.

## Usage

```
assoc.domains(dlist, names, djsa)
```

## Arguments

<b>dlist</b>	A list of dissimilarity matrices or dist objects (see <a href="#">dist</a> ), with one element per dimension of the multidimensional sequence data
<b>names</b>	A character vector of the names of the dimensions of the multidimensional sequence data
<b>djsa</b>	A dissimilarity matrix or a dist object (see <a href="#">dist</a> ), corresponding to the distances between the multidimensional sequences

## Author(s)

Nicolas Robette

## References

Piccarreta R. (2017). Joint Sequence Analysis: Association and Clustering, *Sociological Methods and Research*, Vol. 46(2), 252-287.

## Examples

```

library(TraMineR)
data(biofam)

## Building one channel per type of event (left, children or married)
bf <- as.matrix(biofam[, 10:25])
children <- bf==4 | bf==5 | bf==6
married <- bf == 2 | bf== 3 | bf==6
left <- bf==1 | bf==3 | bf==5 | bf==6

## Building sequence objects
child.seq <- seqdef(children)
marr.seq <- seqdef(married)
left.seq <- seqdef(left)

## Using Hamming distance
mcdist <- seqdistmc(channels=list(child.seq, marr.seq, left.seq),
  method="HAM")
child.dist <- seqdist(child.seq, method="HAM")
marr.dist <- seqdist(marr.seq, method="HAM")
left.dist <- seqdist(left.seq, method="HAM")

## Association between domains
asso <- assoc.domains(list(child.dist,marr.dist,left.dist), c('child','marr','left'), mcdist)
asso

```

seq2qha

*Recoding sequences for qualitative harmonic analysis*

## Description

Recodes sequence data into the shape used for qualitative harmonic analysis.

## Usage

```
seq2qha(seqdata, periods)
```

## Arguments

seqdata	a sequence object (see <a href="#">seqdef</a> function).
periods	numeric vector of the first positions of the periods used for recoding

## Value

A data frame with one column by combination of period and state (i.e. number of columns = number of periods \* number of states in the alphabet).

**Author(s)**

Nicolas Robette

**References**

Robette N., Thibault N. (2008). Comparing qualitative harmonic analysis and optimal matching. An exploratory study of occupational trajectories, *Population-E*, Vol. 64(3), 533-556. Deville J-C. (1982). Analyse de données chronologiques qualitatives: comment analyser des calendriers ?, *Annales de l'INSEE*, 45, 45-104. Deville J-C., Saporta G. (1980). Analyse harmonique qualitative, in *Data analysis and informatics*, E.Diday (ed.), Amsterdam, North Holland Publishing, 375-389.

**Examples**

```
data(trajact)
seqact <- seqdef(trajact)
qha <- seq2qha(seqact, periods=c(1,3,7,12,24))
head(qha)
```

seqgimsa

*Sample of mothers and daughters employment histories*

**Description**

A data frame describing mothers employment histories from age 14 to 60 and daughters employment histories from the completion of education to 15 years later. Sequences are sampled ( $N = 400$ ) from "Biographies et entourage" survey (INED, 2001).

**Usage**

```
data("seqgimsa")
```

**Format**

A data frame with 400 observations and 62 numeric variables. The first 15 variables (prefixed 'f') describe the daughters employment status a given year : 1 = education, 2 = inactivity, 3 = part-time job, 4 = full-time job. The following 47 variables (prefixed 'm') describe the mothers employment status at a given age : 1 = self-employment, 3 = higher level or intermediate occupation, 5 = lower level occupation, 8 = inactivity, 9 = education.

**Examples**

```
data(seqgimsa)
str(seqgimsa)
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seqi1epi	<i>At least one episode in the states</i>
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## Description

Returns whether each sequence comprises at least one episode in the states.

## Usage

```
seqi1epi(seqdata)
```

## Arguments

seqdata        a sequence object (see [seqdef](#) function).

## Author(s)

Nicolas Robette

## References

Gabadinho, A., G. Ritschard, N. S. Müller and M. Studer (2011). Analyzing and Visualizing State Sequences in R with TraMineR. *Journal of Statistical Software* **40**(4), 1-37.

## See Also

[seqistatd](#), [seqinepi](#), [seqifpos](#)

## Examples

```
data(trajact)
seqact <- seqdef(trajact)
stat <- seqi1epi(seqact)
head(stat)
```

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seqifpos	<i>First position in each state</i>
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## Description

Returns the first position in each state.

## Usage

```
seqifpos(seqdata)
```

**Arguments**

`seqdata` a sequence object (see [seqdef](#) function).

**Author(s)**

Nicolas Robette

**References**

Gabadinho, A., G. Ritschard, N. S. Müller and M. Studer (2011). Analyzing and Visualizing State Sequences in R with TraMineR. *Journal of Statistical Software* **40**(4), 1-37.

**See Also**

[seqistatd](#), [seqi1epi](#), [seqinepi](#)

**Examples**

```
data(trajact)
seqact <- seqdef(trajact)
stat <- seqifpos(seqact)
head(stat)
```

<code>seqinepi</code>	<i>Number of episodes in each state</i>
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**Description**

Returns the number of episodes in the states.

**Usage**

`seqinepi(seqdata)`

**Arguments**

`seqdata` a sequence object (see [seqdef](#) function).

**Author(s)**

Nicolas Robette

**References**

Gabadinho, A., G. Ritschard, N. S. Müller and M. Studer (2011). Analyzing and Visualizing State Sequences in R with TraMineR. *Journal of Statistical Software* **40**(4), 1-37.

**See Also**

[seqistatd](#), [seqi1epi](#), [seqifpos](#)

**Examples**

```
data(trajact)
seqact <- seqdef(trajact)
stat <- seqinepi(seqact)
head(stat)
```

seqmds.stress

*Stress measure of multidimensional scaling factors***Description**

Computes stress measure of multidimensional scaling data for different number of dimensions of the represented space

**Usage**

```
seqmds.stress(seqdist, mds)
```

**Arguments**

seqdist	a dissimilarity matrix or a dist object (see <a href="#">dist</a> )
mds	a matrix with coordinates in the represented space (dimension 1 in column 1, dimension 2 in column 2, etc.)

**Value**

A numerical vector of stress values.

**Author(s)**

Nicolas Robette

**References**

Piccarreta R., Lior O. (2010). Exploring sequences: a graphical tool based on multi-dimensional scaling, *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society (Series A)*, Vol. 173(1), 165-184.

**Examples**

```
data(trajact)
seqact <- seqdef(trajact)
dissim <- seqdist(seqact, method="HAM")
mds <- cmdscale(dissim, k=20, eig=TRUE)
stress <- seqmds.stress(dissim, mds)
plot(stress, type='l', xlab='number of dimensions', ylab='stress')
```

**seqmsa***Sample of marital, parental and residential sequences***Description**

A data frame describing respectively the matrimonial, parental and residential status from age 14 to age 35. It's sampled (N=500) from "Biographies et entourage" survey (INED, 2001).

**Usage**

```
data("seqmsa")
```

**Format**

A data frame with 500 observations and 66 variables. The first 22 variables (prefixed 'log') describe the residential status at a given age : 0 = not independent, 1 = independent. The next 22 variables (prefixed 'mat') describe the matrimonial status at a given age : 1 = never been in a relationship, 2 = cohabiting union, 3 = married, 4 = separated. The last 22 variables (prefixed 'nenf') describe the parental status at a given age : 0 = no child, 1 = one child, 2 = two children, 3 = three children or more.

**Examples**

```
data(seqmsa)
str(seqmsa)
```

**seqsmooth***Smoothing sequence data***Description**

Smoothing of sequence data, using for each sequence the medoid of the sequences in its neighborhood. The results can be used to get a smoothed index plot.

**Usage**

```
seqsmooth(seqdata, diss, k=20, r=NULL)
```

**Arguments**

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|----------------|--|
| <b>seqdata</b> | a sequence object (see <a href="#">seqdef</a> function).                             |
| <b>diss</b>    | a dissimilarity matrix, giving the pairwise distances between sequences.             |
| <b>k</b>       | size of the neighborhood. Default is 20.   |
| <b>r</b>       | radius of the neighborhood. If NULL (default), the radius is not used for smoothing. |

**Value**

A list with the following elements:

seqdata	a sequence object (see <a href="#">seqdef</a> function)
R2	pseudo-R2 measure of the goodness of fit of the smoothing
S2	stress measure of the goodness of fit of the smoothing

**Author(s)**

Nicolas Robette

**References**

Piccarreta R. (2012). Graphical and Smoothing Techniques for Sequence Analysis, *Sociological Methods and Research*, Vol. 41(2), 362-380.

**Examples**

```
data(trajact)
seqact <- seqdef(trajact)
dissim <- seqdist(seqact, method="LCS")
mds <- cmdscale(dissim, k=1)
smoothed <- seqsmooth(seqact, dissim, k=30)$seqdata
seqIplot(smoothed, sortv=mds, xlab=14:50, with.legend=FALSE, yaxis=FALSE, ylab=NA)
```

seq\_heatmap

*Index plot of sequences ordered according to a dendrogram*

**Description**

Index plot of state sequences. Sequences are ordered according to the specified dendrogram. The dendrogram is also plotted on the side of the index plot.

**Usage**

```
seq_heatmap(seq, tree, with.missing = FALSE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

seq	a state sequence object created with the <a href="#">seqdef</a> function
tree	a dendrogram of the sequences (an object of class <a href="#">hclust</a> , <a href="#">dendrogram</a> or <a href="#">agnes</a> )
with.missing	is there a 'missing value' state in the sequences?
...	additional parameters sent to <a href="#">heatmap</a>

**Source**

<http://joseph.larmorange.net/?Représenter-un-tapis-de-sequences>

**See Also**

[seqIplot](#)

**Examples**

```
if (require(TraMineR)) {
  data(mvad)
  mvad.seq <- seqdef(mvad[,17:86])
  mvad.lcs <- seqdist(mvad.seq, method = "LCS")
  mvad.hc <- hclust(as.dist(mvad.lcs), method = "ward.D2")
  seq_heatmap(mvad.seq, mvad.hc)
}
```

socdem

*Sample of sociodemographic variables*

**Description**

A data frame with sociodemographic variables for a sample of 500 interviewees from "Biographies et entourage" survey (INED, 2001).

**Usage**

```
data("socdem")
```

**Format**

A data frame with 500 observations on the following 9 variables.

- annais year of birth (numeric)
- nbenf number of children (factor)
- nbunion number of relationships (factor)
- mereactive whether mother was active or not (factor)
- sexe gender (factor)
- PCS occupational category (factor)
- PCSpere occupational category of the father (factor)
- diplome degree (factor)
- nationalite nationality (factor)

**Examples**

```
data(socdem)
str(socdem)
```

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symPLS	<i>Symmetric (or canonical) PLS</i>
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**Description**

Computes symmetric (or canonical) PLS for two groups of continuous variables

**Usage**

```
symPLS(a,b)
```

**Arguments**

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| a | data frame of the first group of continuous variables  |
| b | data frame of the second group of continuous variables |

**Author(s)**

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**References**

- Bry X. (1996). Analyses Factorielles Multiples. Paris, Economica Poche. de Jong S., Wise B.M. and Ricker N.L. (2001). Canonical Partial Least Squares and Continuum Power Regression. *Journal of Chemometrics*, Vol. 15, 85–100.

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trajact	<i>Sample of employment histories</i>
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**Description**

A data frame describing the employment status from age 14 to age 50. It's a sample of 500 interviewees from "Biographies et entourage" survey (INED, 2001).

**Usage**

```
data("trajact")
```

**Format**

A data frame with 500 observations and 37 variables. Each variable is numeric and describes the employment status at a given age : 1 = education, 2 = full-time job, 3 = part-time job, 4 = small jobs, 5 = inactivity, 6 = military service.

**Examples**

```
data(trajact)
str(trajact)
```

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