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Description

Besides the programmatic approach to using presize, we also supply a shiny app, enabling point-and-click interaction with the program. The app will open in a new window. Select the appropriate method from the menu on the left and enter the relevant parameters indicated in the panel on the right. The output is then displayed lower down the page.

Usage

`launch_presize_app()`

Details

The main disadvantage to the app is that it only allows a single scenario at a time.

The app is also available at [https://shiny.ctu.unibe.ch/presize/](https://shiny.ctu.unibe.ch/presize/).

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Sample size or precision for AUC

Description

Calculate the sample size from AUC, prevalence and confidence interval width or the expected confidence interval width from AUC, prevalence and sample size, following Hanley and McNeil (1982).
prec_cor

Usage

prec_auc(auc, prev, n = NULL, conf.width = NULL, conf.level = 0.95, ...)

Arguments

auc          AUC value.
prev         prevalence.
n            number of observations.
conf.width   precision (the full width of the confidence interval).
conf.level   confidence level.
...          other arguments to optimize.

Details

Sample size is derived by optimizing the difference between the difference between the lower and upper limits of the confidence interval and conf.width.

Value

Object of class "presize", a list of arguments (including the computed one) augmented with method and note elements.

References


Examples

# confidence interval width
N <- 500
prev <- .1
auc <- .65
(prec <- prec_auc(auc, prev, n = N))
cwidth <- prec$conf.width
# sample size
prec_auc(auc, prev, conf.width = cwidth)

prec_cor

Sample size or precision for correlation coefficient

Description

prec_cor returns the sample size or the precision for the given pearson, spearman, or kendall correlation coefficient.
Usage

prec_cor(
  r,
  n = NULL,
  conf.width = NULL,
  conf.level = 0.95,
  method = c("pearson", "kendall", "spearman"),
  ...)

Arguments

  r                  desired correlation coefficient.
  n                  sample size.
  conf.width         precision (the full width of the confidence interval).
  conf.level         confidence level.
  method             Exactly one of pearson (default), kendall, or spearman. Methods can be abbreviated.
  ...                other options to uniroot (e.g. tol)

Details

Exactly one of the parameters n or conf.width must be passed as NULL, and that parameter is determined from the other.

Sample size or precision is calculated according to formula 2 in Bonett and Wright (2000). The use of pearson is only recommended, if $n \geq 25$. The pearson correlation coefficient assumes bivariate normality. If the assumption of bivariate normality cannot be met, spearman or kendall should be considered.

n is rounded up to the next whole number using ceiling.

uniroot is used to solve n.

Value

Object of class "presize", a list of arguments (including the computed one) augmented with method and note elements.

References


Examples

# calculate confidence interval width...
# Pearson correlation coefficient
prec_cor(r = 0.5, n = 100)
# Kendall rank correlation coefficient (tau)
prec_icc(rho, k, n = NULL, conf.width = NULL, conf.level = 0.95)

Arguments

rho desired intraclass correlation.
k number of observations per n (subject).
n number of subjects.
conf.width precision (the full width of the confidence interval).
conf.level confidence level.

Details

Exactly one of the parameters n or conf.width must be passed as NULL, and that parameter is determined from the others.

Sample size or precision is calculated according to formula 3 in Bonett (2002), which is an approximation. Whether ICC is calculated for a one-way or a two-way ANOVA does not matter in the approximation. As suggested by the author, 5 * rho is added to n, if k = 2 and rho \geq 7.

n is rounded up to the next whole number using ceiling.

Value

Object of class "presize", a list of arguments (including the computed one) augmented with method and note elements.

References

Examples

# Bonett (2002) gives an example using 4 raters, with an ICC of 0.85 and want
# a confidence width of 0.2. Bonett calculated that a sample size of 19.2 was
# required. This can be done via
prec_icc(0.85, 4, conf.width = 0.2)
# note that `presamp` rounds up to the nearest integer.

# Bonett then goes on to estimate the width given the sample size, finding a
# value 'close to 0.2':
prec_icc(0.85, 4, 20)

prec_kappa

Sample size or precision for Cohen’s kappa

Description

prec_kappa returns the sample size or the precision for the provided Cohen’s kappa coefficient.

Usage

prec_kappa(
  kappa,
  n = NULL,
  raters = 2,
  n_category = 2,
  props,
  conf.width = NULL,
  conf.level = 0.95
)

Arguments

  kappa         expected value of Cohen’s kappa.
  n             sample size.
  raters       number of raters (maximum of 6).
  n_category    number of categories of outcomes (maximum of 5).
  props         expected proportions of each outcome (should have length n_category).
  conf.width    precision (the full width of the confidence interval).
  conf.level    confidence level.

Details

This function wraps the FixedN and CI functions in the kappaSize package. The FixedN functions in kappaSize return a one sided confidence interval. The values that are passed to kappaSize ensure that two-sided confidence intervals are returned, although we assume that confidence intervals are symmetrical.
prec_lim_agree

Value

Object of class "presize", a list of arguments (including the computed one) augmented with method and note elements.

See Also

FixedNBinary, FixedN3Cats, CIBinary, CI3Cats

Examples

# precision based on sample size
# the two categories with proportions of 30 and 70\%, four raters
prec_kappa(kappa = .5, n = 200, raters = 4, n_category = 2, props = c(.3,.7))
# sample size to get a given precision
prec_kappa(kappa = .5, conf.width = .15, raters = 4, n_category = 2,
             props = c(.3,.7))

# as above, but with two scenarios for kappa
prec_kappa(kappa = c(.5, .75), conf.width = .15, raters = 4, n_category = 2,
             props = c(.3,.7))
prec_kappa(kappa = c(.5, .75), conf.width = c(.15, 0.3), raters = 4,
             n_category = 2, props = c(.3,.7))

prec_lim_agree

Sample size or precision for limit of agreement on Bland-Altman plots

Description

prec_lim_agree returns the sample size or the precision for the limit of agreement, i.e. the confidence interval around the limit of agreement, expressed in SD-units. It is an approximation based on the Normal distribution, instead of a Student t distribution.

Usage

prec_lim_agree(n = NULL, conf.width = NULL, conf.level = 0.95)

Arguments

  n       sample size.
  conf.width precision (the full width of the confidence interval).
  conf.level confidence level.

Details

  Exactly one of the parameters n or conf.width must be passed as NULL, and that parameter is determined from the other.

  The sample size and precision are calculated according to formulae in Bland & Altman (1986). The CI width is a simple function of the sample size only.
**Value**

Object of class "precsize", a list of arguments (including the computed one) augmented with method and note elements.

**References**


**Examples**

```r
# calculate confidence interval width, given N
prec_lim_agree(200)
# calculate N given, confidence interval width
prec_lim_agree(conf.width = .1)
```

**prec_lr**  
*Sample size or precision for likelihood ratios*

**Description**

These functions calculate the precision or sample size for likelihood ratios (LRs). `prec_lr` is a generalized method for that can be used for positive and negative LRs as well as conditional LRs. `prec_pos_lr` is a wrapper to `prec_lr` to ease calculations for positive likelihood ratios by allowing sensitivity and specificity to be given explicitly. `prec_neg_lr` is a wrapper to `prec_lr` to ease calculations for negative likelihood ratios by allowing sensitivity and specificity to be given explicitly.

**Usage**

```r
prec_lr(prev, p1, p2, n = NULL, conf.width = NULL, conf.level = 0.95, ...)
```

```r
class(prec_lr)
prec_pos_lr(
  prev,
  sens,
  spec,
  n = NULL,
  conf.width = NULL,
  conf.level = 0.95,
  ...
)
```

```r
class(prec_neg_lr)
prec_neg_lr(
  prev,
  sens,
  spec,
```
prec_lr

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\begin{align*}
n & = \text{NULL}, \\
\text{conf.width} & = \text{NULL}, \\
\text{conf.level} & = 0.95, \\
\end{align*}
\]

Arguments

- **prev**: disease/case prevalence in the study group.
- **p1**: proportion of positives in group 1 (e.g. sensitivity).
- **p2**: proportion of positives in group 2 (e.g. 1 - specificity).
- **n**: total group size.
- **conf.width**: precision (the full width of the confidence interval).
- **conf.level**: confidence level (defaults to 0.95).
- **...**: other arguments to uniroot (e.g. to1).
- **sens**: sensitivity.
- **spec**: specificity.

Details

These functions implement formula 10 from Simel et al 1991. `prec_lr` is a generalized function allowing for many scenarios, while `prec_pos_lr` and `prec_neg_lr` are specific to positive and negative likelihood ratios in the 2*2 setting (e.g. disease status and test positive/negative).

For the positive likelihood ratio (LR+), in a 2x2 style experiment, p1 should be sensitivity, p2 should be 1-specificity. Alternatively, use `prec_pos_lr`.

For the negative likelihood ratio (LR-), in a 2x2 style experiment, p1 should be 1-sensitivity, p2 should be specificity. Alternatively, use `prec_neg_lr`.

For conditional likelihood ratios with 3x2 tables, such as positive or negative tests against inconclusive ones (yields), p1 would be the proportion of positive or negative tests in the diseased group and p2 would be the proportion of positive or negative tests in the non-diseased group.

Value

Object of class "presize", a list of arguments (including the computed one) augmented with method and note elements.

Functions

- `prec_pos_lr`: "Positive likelihood ratio"
- `prec_neg_lr`: "Negative likelihood ratio"

References

Examples

# equal numbers of diseased/non-diseased, 80% sens, 73% spec, 74 participants total
prec_lr(.5, .8, .27, 74)

# Simel et al 1991, problem 1 - LR+ CI width from N
# Sensitivity of a new test is at least 80%, specificity is 73% and the LR+
# is 2.96 (= 0.8/(1-0.73)). We have as many diseased as not diseased
# (n1 = n2, n = 2*n1 = 146.8, prevalence = .5)
prec_lr(prev = .5, p1 = .8, p2 = 1-.73, n = 146.8)
prec_pos_lr(prev = .5, sens = .8, spec = .73, n = 146.8)

# problem 1 of Simel et al actually derives n1 rather than the width of the
# confidence interval (ie N from CI width). If we know that the lower limit
# of the CI should be 2.0, the confidence interval width is approximately
# exp(2*(log(2.96) - log(2))) = 2.19 (approximate because the CI Of the LR
# is only symetrical on the log(LR) scale), which we can put in conf.width
prec_lr(prev = .5, p1 = .8, p2 = 1-.73, conf.width = 2.2)
# same, but using the wrapper to specify sens and spec
prec_pos_lr(prev = .5, sens = .8, spec = .73, conf.width = 2.2)

# Simel et al 1991, problem 2 - LR- CI width from N
# p1 = 1 - sens = .1, p2 = spec = .5
# n1 = n2, n = 160, prev = .5
prec_lr(prev = .5, p1 = .1, p2 = .5, n = 160)
# same, but using the wrapper to specify sens and spec
prec_neg_lr(prev = .5, sens = .9, spec = .5, n = 160)

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prec_mean

Sample size or precision for a mean

Description

prec_mean returns the sample size or the precision for the provided mean and standard deviation.

Usage

prec_mean(mu, sd, n = NULL, conf.width = NULL, conf.level = 0.95, ...)

Arguments

mu
mean.

sd
standard deviation.

n
number of observations.

conf.width
precision (the full width of the confidence interval).

conf.level
confidence level.

...
other arguments to uniroot (e.g. tol).
prec_meandiff

Details

Exactly one of the parameters \( n \) or \( \text{conf.width} \) must be passed as \texttt{NULL}, and that parameter is determined from the other.

The precision is defined as the full width of the confidence interval. The confidence interval calculated as \((n - 1) * \frac{sd}{\sqrt{n}}\), with \( t(n-1) \) from the t-distribution with \( n-1 \) degrees of freedom. \texttt{uniroot} is used to solve \( n \).

Value

Object of class "presize", a list with \( \text{mu} \) mean, \( \text{sd} \) standard deviation, \( n \) sample size, \( \text{conf.width} \) precision (the width of the confidence interval), \( \text{lwr} \) lower bound of confidence interval, \( \text{upr} \) upper bound of confidence interval, augmented with method and note elements.

Examples

# mean of 5, SD of 2.5, whats the confidence interval width with 20 participants?
prec_mean(mu = 5, sd = 2.5, n = 20)
# mean of 5, SD of 2.5, how many participants for CI width of 2.34?
prec_mean(mu = 5, sd = 2.5, conf.width = 2.34)  # approximately the inverse of above
prec_or

Sample size or precision for an odds ratio

Description

prec_or returns the sample size or the precision for the provided proportions.

Usage

prec_or(
  p1,
  p2,
  n1 = NULL,
  r = 1,
  conf.width = NULL,
  conf.level = 0.95,
  method = c("gart", "woolf", "indip_smooth"),
  ...
)
prec_or

Arguments

- `p1`: risk among exposed.
- `p2`: risk among unexposed.
- `n1`: number of patients in exposed group.
- `r`: allocation ratio (relative size of unexposed and exposed cohort (`n2/n1`).
- `conf.width`: precision (the full width of the confidence interval).
- `conf.level`: confidence level.
- `method`: Exactly one of `indip_smooth` (default), `gart`, or `woolf`. Methods can be abbreviated.
- ... other arguments to `uniroot` (e.g. `tol`).

Details

Exactly one of the parameters `n1` or `conf.width` must be passed as NULL, and that parameter is determined from the other.

Woolf (`woolf`), Gart (`gart`), and Independence-smoothed logit (`indip_smooth`) belong to a general family of adjusted confidence intervals, adding 0 (`woolf`) to each cell, 0.5 (`gart`) to each cell, or an adjustment for each cell based on observed data (independence-smoothed). In gart and `indip_smooth`, estimate of the CI is not possible if `p1 = 0`, in which case the OR becomes 0, but the lower level of the CI is > 0. Further, if `p1 = 1` and `p2 < 1`, or if `p1 > 0` and `p2 = 0`, the OR becomes $\infty$, but the upper limit of the CI is finite. For the approximate intervals, `gart` and `indip_smooth` are the recommended intervals (Fagerland et al. 2011).

`uniroot` is used to solve `n` for the `woolf`, `gart`, and `indip_smooth` method.

Value

Object of class "presize", a list of arguments (including the computed one) augmented with method and note elements.

References


Examples

```r
# 10% events in one group, 15% in the other, 200 participants total
# (= 100 in each group), estimate confidence interval width
prec_or(p1 = .1, p2 = .15, n1 = 200/2)
# formula by Gart
prec_or(p1 = .1, p2 = .15, n1 = 200/2, method = "gart")
# formula by Woolf
prec_or(p1 = .1, p2 = .15, n1 = 200/2, method = "woolf")

# 10% odds in one group, 15% in the other, desired CI width of 0.1,
# estimate N
```
prec_or(p1 = .1, p2 = .15, conf.width = .1)
# formula by Gart
prec_or(p1 = .1, p2 = .15, conf.width = .1, method = "gart")
# formula by Woolf
prec_or(p1 = .1, p2 = .15, conf.width = .1, method = "woolf")

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**prec_prop**

**Sample size or precision for a proportion**

**Description**

prec_prop returns the sample size or the precision for the provided proportion.

**Usage**

```r
prec_prop(
  p,
  n = NULL,
  conf.width = NULL,
  conf.level = 0.95,
  method = c("wilson", "agresti-coull", "exact", "wald"),
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

- **p**: proportion.
- **n**: number of observations.
- **conf.width**: precision (the full width of the confidence interval).
- **conf.level**: confidence level.
- **method**: The method to use to calculate precision. Exactly one method may be provided. Methods can be abbreviated.
- **...**: other arguments to uniroot (e.g. `tol`).

**Details**

Exactly one of the parameters `n` or `conf.width` must be passed as `NULL`, and that parameter is determined from the other.

The wilson, agresti-coull, exact, and wald method are implemented. The wilson method is suggested for small `n` (< 40), and the agresti-coull method is suggested for larger `n` (see reference). The wald method is not suggested, but provided due to its widely distributed use.

`uniroot` is used to solve `n` for the agresti-coull, wilson, and exact methods. Agresti-coull can be abbreviated by `ac`. 
Value

Object of class "presize", a list of arguments (including the computed one) augmented with method and note elements. In the wilson and agresti-coull formula, the p from which the confidence interval is calculated is adjusted by a term (i.e. \( p + \text{term} \pm \text{ci} \)). This adjusted p is returned in padj.

References


See Also

binom.test, binom.confint in package binom, and binconf in package Hmisc

Examples

# CI width for 15% with 50 participants
prec_prop(0.15, n = 50)
# number of participants for 15% with a CI width of 0.2
prec_prop(0.15, conf.width = 0.2)
# confidence interval width for a range of scenarios between 10 and 90% with
# 100 participants via the wilson method
prec_prop(p = 1:9 / 10, n = 100, method = "wilson")
# number of participants for a range of scenarios between 10 and 90% with
# a CI of 0.192 via the wilson method
prec_prop(p = 1:9 / 10, conf.width = .192, method = "wilson")

prec_rate

Sample size or precision for a rate

Description

prec_rate returns the sample size or the precision for the provided rate.

Usage

prec_rate(
  r, 
  x = NULL, 
  conf.width = NULL, 
  conf.level = 0.95, 
  method = c("score", "vs", "exact", "wald"), 
  ... 
)
Arguments

- `r` rate or rate ratio.
- `x` number of events.
- `conf.width` precision (the full width of the confidence interval). Should not exceed 5 times `r`.
- `conf.level` confidence level.
- `method` The method to use to calculate precision. Exactly one method may be provided. Methods can be abbreviated.
- `...` other arguments to `uniroot` (e.g. `tol`).

Details

Exactly one of the parameters `r` or `conf.width` must be passed as NULL, and that parameter is determined from the other.

The score, variance stabilizing (`vs`), exact, and wald method are implemented to calculate the rate and the precision. For few events `x` (<5), the exact method is recommended.

If more than one method is specified or the method is miss-specified, the 'score' method will be used.

`uniroot` is used to solve `n` for the score and exact method.

Value

Object of class "presize", a list of arguments (including the computed one) augmented with method and note elements.

References


See Also

`poisson.test`

Examples

```r
# confidence interval width for a rate of 2.5 events per unit and 20 events,
# using the score method
prec_rate(2.5, x = 20, met = "score")
# number of events to yield a CI width of 2.243 for a rate of 2.5 events per
# unit and 20 events, using the score method
prec_rate(2.5, conf.width = 2.243, met = "score")
# confidence interval width for a rate of 2.5 events per unit and 20 events,
# using the exact method
prec_rate(2.5, x = 20, met = "exact")
# vs and wald have the same conf.width, but different lwr and upr
```
prec_rateratio

prec_rate(2.5, x = 20, met = "vs")
prec_rate(2.5, x = 20, met = "wald")

prec_rateratio

Sample size or precision for a rate ratio

Description

prec_rateratio returns the sample size or the precision for the provided proportions.

Usage

prec_rateratio(
    n1 = NULL,
    rate1 = NULL,
    rate2 = 2 * rate1,
    prec.level = NULL,
    r = 1,
    conf.level = 0.95
)

Arguments

n1 number of patients in exposed group.
rate1 event rate in the exposed group.
rate2 event rate in the unexposed group.
prec.level ratio of the upper limit over the lower limit of the rate ratio confidence interval.
r allocation ratio (relative size of unexposed and exposed cohort (n2 / n1)).
conf.level confidence level.

Details

Exactly one of the parameters n1 or conf.width must be passed as NULL, and that parameter is determined from the other. Event rates in the two groups should also be provided (rate1,rate2). If only rate1 is provided, rate2 is assumed to be 2 times rate1.

References


Examples

# 20 participants, a rate of 50\% against a rate of 300\%
prec_rateratio(20, .5, 3)
# sample size required to attain a CI whose upper limit is not more than 3.81 larger
# than the lower limit
prec_rateratio(rate1 = .5, rate2 = 3, prec.level = 3.81)
Description

`prec_riskdiff` returns the risk difference and the sample size or the precision for the provided proportions.

Usage

```r
prec_riskdiff( p1, p2, n1 = NULL, conf.width = NULL, r = 1, conf.level = 0.95, method = c("newcombe", "mn", "ac", "wald"), ...
)
```

Arguments

- `p1` risk among exposed.
- `p2` risk among unexposed.
- `n1` number of patients in exposed group.
- `conf.width` precision (the full width of the confidence interval).
- `r` allocation ratio (relative size of exposed and unexposed cohort (n1 / n2)).
- `conf.level` confidence level.
- `method` Exactly one of `newcombe` (default), `mn` (Miettinen-Nurminen), `ac` (Agresti-Caffo), `wald`. Methods can be abbreviated.
- `...` other options to `uniroot` (e.g. `tol`)

Details

Exactly one of the parameters `n1` or `conf.width` must be passed as `NULL`, and that parameter is determined from the other.

Newcombe (`newcombe`) proposed a confidence interval based on the wilson score method for the single proportion (see `prec_prop`). The confidence interval without continuity correction is implemented from equation 10 in Newcombe (1998).

Miettinen-Nurminen (`mn`) provide a closed from equation for the restricted maximum likelihood estimate. The implementation is based on code provided by Yongyi Min on [http://users.stat.ufl.edu/~aa/cda/R/two-sample/R2/index.html](http://users.stat.ufl.edu/~aa/cda/R/two-sample/R2/index.html).

Agresti-Caffo (`ac`) confidence interval is based on the Wald confidence interval, adding 1 success to each cell of the 2 x 2 table (see Agresti and Caffo 2000).

`uniroot` is used to solve `n` for the newcombe, ac, and mn method.
References


Examples

# proportions of 40 and 30\%, 50 participants, how wide is the CI?
prec_riskdiff(p1 = .4, p2 = .3, n1 = 50)

# proportions of 40 and 30\%, 50 participants, how many participants for a CI 0.2 wide?
prec_riskdiff(p1 = .4, p2 = .3, conf.width = .2)

# Validate Newcombe (1998)
prec_riskdiff(p1 = 56/70, p2 = 48/80, n1 = 70, r = 70/80, met = "newcombe") # Table IIa
prec_riskdiff(p1 = 10/10, p2 = 0/10, n1 = 10, met = "newcombe") # Table IIh

# multiple scenarios
prec_riskdiff(p1 = c(56/70, 9/10, 6/7, 5/56),
              p2 = c(48/80, 3/10, 2/7, 0/29),
              n1 = c(70, 10, 7, 56),
              r = c(70/80, 1, 1, 56/29),
              method = "wald")

Description

prec_riskratio returns the risk ratio and the sample size or the precision for the provided proportions.

Usage

prec_riskratio(
    p1,
    p2,
    n1 = NULL,
    r = 1,
Arguments

- **p1** risk among exposed.
- **p2** risk among unexposed.
- **n1** number of patients in exposed group.
- **r** allocation ratio (relative size of unexposed and exposed cohort \((n2 / n1)\)).
- **conf.width** precision (the full width of the confidence interval).
- **conf.level** confidence level.
- **method** Exactly one of koopman (default), katz. Methods can be abbreviated.
- **...** other arguments to uniroot (e.g. tol).

Details

Exactly one of the parameters n1 or conf.width must be passed as NULL, and that parameter is determined from the other.

Koopman (koopman) provides an asymptotic score confidence interval that is always consistent with Pearsons chi-squared test. It is the recommended interval (Fagerland et al.).

Katz (katz) use a logarithmic transformation to calculate the confidence interval. The CI cannot be computed if one of the proportions is zero. If both proportions are 1, the estimate of the standard error becomes zero, resulting in a CI of [1, 1].

`uniroot` is used to solve n for the katz, and koopman method.

References


Examples

```r
# Validate function with example in Fagerland et al. (2015), Table 5.
prec_riskratio(p1 = 7/34, p2 = 1/34, n1 = 34, r = 1, met = "katz")
# 7 (0.91 to 54)
prec_riskratio(p1 = 7/34, p2 = 1/34, n1 = 34, r = 1, met = "koopman")
# 7 (1.21 to 43)

# Validate the Koopman method with example in Koopman (1984)
```
prec_riskratio(p1 = 36/40, p2 = 16/80, n1 = 40, r = 2, met = "koopman")
# 4.5 (2.94 to 7.15)

Description
Because sensitivity and specificity are simple proportions, these functions act as wrappers for prec_prop.

Usage
prec_sens(
  sens,
  n = NULL,
  ntot = NULL,
  prev = NULL,
  conf.width = NULL,
  round = "ceiling",
  ...
)

prec_spec(
  spec,
  n = NULL,
  ntot = NULL,
  prev = NULL,
  conf.width = NULL,
  round = "ceiling",
  ...
)

Arguments
sens, spec  proportions.
n  number of observations.
ntot  total sample size.
prev  prevalence of cases/disease (i.e. proportion of ntot with the disease).
conf.width  precision (the full width of the confidence interval).
round  string, round calculated n up (ceiling) or down (floor).
...  options passed to prec_prop (e.g. method, conf.width, conf.level).

Details
If ntot and prev are given, they are used to calculate n.
Value

Object of class "presize", a list of arguments (including the computed one) augmented with method and note elements.

Note

Calculated \( n \) can take on non-integer numbers, but \texttt{prec\_prop} requires integers, so the calculated \( n \) is rounded according to the approach indicated in \texttt{round}.

See Also

\texttt{prec\_prop}

Examples

# confidence interval width with \( n \)
\texttt{prec\_sens(.6, 50)}
# confidence interval width with \( n_{tot} \) and prevalence (assuming 50\% prev)
\texttt{prec\_sens(.6, ntot = 100, prev = .5)}
# sample size with confidence interval width
\texttt{prec\_sens(.6, conf.width = .262)}
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