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# **Description**

Compare multiple data frames on a bivariate level and plot them together.

```
biv_compare(
 dfs,
 benchmarks,
 variables = NULL,
  corrtype = "r",
 data = TRUE,
  id = NULL,
 weight = NULL,
  strata = NULL,
  id_bench = NULL,
 weight_bench = NULL,
  strata_bench = NULL,
  p_value = NULL,
 p_adjust = NULL,
  varlabels = NULL,
  plot_title = NULL,
 plots_label = NULL,
 diff_perc = TRUE,
```

```
diff_perc_size = 4.5,
perc_diff_transparance = 0,
note = FALSE,
order = NULL,
breaks = NULL,
colors = NULL,
mar = c(0, 0, 0, 0),
grid = "white",
gradient = FALSE,
sum_weights = NULL,
missings_x = TRUE,
remove_nas = "pairwise",
ncol_facet = 3,
nboots = 0,
parallel = FALSE,
adjustment_weighting = "raking",
adjustment_vars = NULL,
raking_targets = NULL,
post_targets = NULL
```

#### **Arguments**

dfs

A character vector containing the names of data frames to compare against the benchmarks.

benchmarks

A character vector containing the names of benchmarks to compare the dfs against, or the names of a list. If it is a list, it has to be of the form, as the output of rcorr, with a Pearson's r matrix in the first position, a n-matrix (matrix of n for every correlation) in the second position and a p-matrix in the third position. The vector must either be the same length as dfs, or length 1. If it has length one every survey will be compared against the same benchmark.

variables

A character vector that containes the names of the variables for the comparison. If it is NULL, all variables that are named similarly in both the dfs and the benchmarks will be compared. Variables missing in one of the dfs or the benchmarks will be neglected for this comparison.

corrtype

A character string, indicating the type of the bivariate correlation. It can either be "r" for Pearson's r or "rho" for Spearman's "rho". At the moment, rho is only applicable to unweighted data.

data

If TRUE, a biv\_compare object is returned, containing the results of the comparison.

strata, strata\_bench

A character vector that determines strata variables that are used to weigh the dfs or benchmarks with the help of the survey package. It has to be part of the respective data frame. If fewer characters strings are provided, than in dfs, the first input is used to weigh every df or benchmark, where no input is provided.

id\_bench, id

A character vector determining id variables used to weigh the dfs or benchmarks with the help of the survey package. They have to be part of the respective data

frame. If less characters strings are provided, than in dfs, the first input is used to weigh every df or benchmark, where no input is provided.

weight\_bench, weight

A character vector that determines variables to weigh the dfs of benchmarks. They have to be part of the respective data frame. If fewer characters strings are provided, than in dfs, the first input is used to weigh every df or benchmark, where no input is provided. If a weight variable is provided also an id variable is needed. For weighting, the survey package is used.

p\_value A number between zero and one to determine the maximum significance niveau.

p\_adjust Can be either TRUE or a character string indicating an adjustment method. If

<code>p\_adjust</code> = TRUE the <code>p\_values</code> will be adjusted with the Bonferroni adjustment method, by default, to account for the problem of multiple comparisons. All adjustment methods available in <code>p.adjust</code> can be used here, with the same char-

acter strings.

varlabels A character string or vector of character strings containing the new names of

variables that is used in the plot.

plot\_title A character string containing the title of the plot.

plots\_label A character string or vector of character strings containing the new names of the

data frames that are used in the plot.

the plot.

diff\_perc\_size A number to determine the size of the displayed percental difference between

surveys in the plot.

perc\_diff\_transparance

A number to determine the transparency of the displayed percental difference

between surveys in the plot.

note If note = TRUE, a note will be displayed to describe the plot.

order A character vector to determine in which order the variables should be displayed

in the plot.

breaks A vector to label the color scheme in the legend.

colors A vector to determine the colors in the plot.

A vector that determines the margins of the plot.

grid A color string, that determines the color of the lines between the tiles of the

heatmap.

gradient If gradient = TRUE, colors in the heatmap will be more or less transparent, de-

pending on the difference in Pearson's r of the data frames of comparison.

sum\_weights A vector containing information for every variable to weigh them in the dis-

played percental-difference calculation. It can be used if some variables are

over- or underrepresented in the analysis.

missings\_x If TRUE, missing pairs in the plot will be marked with an X.

remove\_nas A character string, that indicates how missing values should be removed, can

either be "all", to remove all cases that contain NA in any of the variables, or "pairwise", to remove NAs separately for every variable pair when calculating

Pearson's r.

ncol\_facet The number of columns used in faced\_wrap() for the plots.

nboots A numeric value indicating the number of bootstrap replications. If nboots =

0 no bootstrapping will be performed. Else nboots must be >2. Note, that bootstrapping can be very computationally heavy and can therefore take a while.

parallel Can be either FALSE or a number of cores that should be used in the function. If

it is FALSE, only one core will be used and otherwise the given number of cores

will be used.

adjustment\_weighting

A character vector indicating if adjustment weighting should be used. It can

either be "raking" or "post\_start".

adjustment\_vars

Variables used to adjust the survey when using raking or post-stratification.

raking\_targets A list of raking targets that can be given to the rake function of rake, to rake the

dfs.

post\_targets A list of post\_stratification targets that can be given to the postStratify func-

tion, to post-stratify the dfs.

#### **Details**

The plot shows a heatmap of a correlation matrix, where the colors are determined by the similarity of the Pearson's r values in both sets of respondents. Leaving default breaks and colors,

- Same (green) indicates, that the Pearson's r correlation is not significant > 0 in the related data frame or benchmark or the Pearson's r correlations are not significantly different, between data frame and benchmark.
- Small Diff (yellow) indicates that the Pearson's r correlation is significant > 0 in the related data frame or benchmark and the Pearson's r correlations are significantly different, between data frame and benchmark.
- Large Diff (red) indicates, that the same conditions of yellow are fulfilled, and the correlations are either in opposite directions, or one is double the size of the other.

# Value

A object generated with the help of ggplot2::ggplot2() visualizes the differences between the data frames and benchmarks. If data = TRUE instead of the plot a list will be returned containing information of the analyses. This biv\_compare object can be used in plot\_biv\_compare to build a plot, or in biv\_compare\_table, to get a table.

## **Examples**

```
## Get Data for comparison
require(wooldridge)
card<-wooldridge::card

south <- card[card$south==1,]
north <- card[card$south==0,]
black <- card[card$black==1,]
white <- card[card$black==0,]</pre>
```

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biv\_compare\_table

Returns a table based on the information of a biv\_compare\_object which can be outputted as HTML or LaTex Table, for example with the help of the stargazer function.

## **Description**

Returns a table based on the information of a biv\_compare\_object which can be outputted as HTML or LaTex Table, for example with the help of the stargazer function.

## Usage

```
biv_compare_table(
  biv_compare_object,
  type = "diff",
  comparison_number = 1,
  ndigits = 2
)
```

## **Arguments**

biv\_compare\_object

A object returned by the biv\_compare function.

type

A character string, to choose what matrix should be printed.

- If "dfs", a correlation matrix of all variables of comparison in the chosen dataframe will be returned.
- If "benchmarks", a correlation matrix of all variables of comparison in the chosen benchmark will be returned.
- if "diff", a matrix indicating the difference between the chosen dataframe and benchmark will be returned.

comparison\_number

A number indicating the data of which data frame, benchmark or comparison should be displayed. The maximum length is equal to the length of the dfs vector that is used to generate the biv\_compare\_object.

ndigits

Number of digits shown in the table.

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## Value

A correlation matrix, or difference matrix based on information of a biv\_compare\_object.

## **Examples**

biv\_per\_variable

Returns a table based on the information of a biv\_compare\_object that indicates the proportion of biased variables. It can be outputted as HTML or LaTex Table, for example with the help of the stargazer function.

## **Description**

Returns a table based on the information of a biv\_compare\_object that indicates the proportion of biased variables. It can be outputted as HTML or LaTex Table, for example with the help of the stargazer function.

```
biv_per_variable(
  biv_compare_object,
  ndigits = 1,
  varlabels = NULL,
  label_df = NULL
)
```

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#### **Arguments**

label\_df

biv\_compare\_object
A object returned by the biv\_compare function.

ndigits
Number of digits that is shown in the table.

varlabels
A character vector containing labels for the variables.

#### Value

A matrix, that indicates the proportion of bias for every individual variable. This is given separately for every comparison, as well as averaged over comparisons.

A character vector containing labels for the data frames.

# **Examples**

dataequalizer

Equalize dataframes

## **Description**

dataequalizer compares two data frames and looks if both data frames contain columns with the same Name. A copy of source\_df is returned, containing only columns named identical in target\_df and source\_df data frames. The function is mainly used in the other functions of the package.

```
dataequalizer(target_df, source_df, variables = NULL, silence = FALSE)
```

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# **Arguments**

target_df	A data frame
source_df	A data frame containing some column-names named equally in target_df
variables	A vector to indicate variable names that should be in the copy of the source_df if they are also in the target_df.
silence	A logic value. If FALSE, warnings will be returned indicating, what variables where removed, from the survey.

## Value

Returns a copy of source\_df containing only variables with names contained also in the target\_df data frame

# **Examples**

```
## Get Data to equalize
card<-wooldridge::card

##reduce data frame
card2<-card[c("id", "age", "educ", "fatheduc", "motheduc", "IQ", "wage")]

card_equalized<-sampcompR::dataequalizer(card2, card, variables=c("age", "educ", "IQ", "wage"))
card_equalized[1:20,]</pre>
```

descriptive\_table

Get a Descriptive Table for Every Data Frame

# Description

Get a Descriptive Table for every Data Frame, to easy document your Data

```
descriptive_table(
  dfs,
  variables,
  varlabels = NULL,
  weight = NULL,
  strata = NULL,
  id = NULL,
  value = "mean",
  digits = 3
)
```

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## **Arguments**

dfs	A character vector, containing the names of the data frames.
variables	A character vector containing the variables in the data frame that should be described.
varlabels	A character vector containing the Labels for every variable in variables.
weight	A character vector, containing either the name of a weight in the respective data frame, or NA, if no weighting should be performed for this data frame.
strata	A character vector, containing either the name of a strata in the respective data frame, or NA, if no strata should be used when weighting this data frame.
id	A character vector, containing either the name of a id in the respective data frame, or NA, if every row is unique for this data frame.
value	A character vector indicating what descriptive value should be displayed for the data frame. It can either be "mean", "percent", "total", or "total_percent".
digits	A numeric value indicating the number of digits that the Descriptive table should be rounded to.

## Value

Returns a matrix of Descriptive information. Output depends on value.

multi_compare	Compares data frames using different regression methods.

# Description

multi\_compare compares data frames using regression models based on differing methods. All glm Models can be compared.

```
multi_compare(
    df,
    benchmark,
    independent = NULL,
    dependent = NULL,
    formula_list = NULL,
    family = "ols",
    rm_na = "pairwise",
    out_output_list = TRUE,
    out_df = FALSE,
    out_models = FALSE,
    print_p = FALSE,
    print_se = FALSE,
    weight = NULL,
```

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```
id = NULL,
  strata = NULL,
 nest = FALSE,
 weight_bench = NULL,
  id_bench = NULL,
  strata_bench = NULL,
 nest_bench = FALSE,
  robust_se = FALSE,
 p_adjust = NULL,
 names_df_benchmark = NULL,
  silence_summary = FALSE,
  nboots = 0,
  parallel = FALSE,
  adjustment_vars = NULL,
  raking_targets = NULL,
  post_targets = NULL
)
```

#### **Arguments**

df, benchmark A dat

A data frame containing the set of respondents or benchmark set of respondents to compare, or a character string containing the name of the set of respondents or benchmark set of respondents. All independent and dependent variables must be inside both data frames.

independent

A list of strings containing the independent variables (x) for comparison. Every independent variable will be used in every model to estimate the dependent variable (y). When a formula\_list is provided, independent will be ignored.

dependent

A list of strings containing the dependent variables (y) for comparison. One model will be computed for every dependent variable (y) provided. When a formula\_list is provided, dependent will be ignored.

formula\_list

A list of formulas to use in the regression models. If given, dependent and independent parameters will be ignored.

family

A family input, that can be given to glm or svyglm. Additionally, if "ols" is given, gaussian(link = "identity"), and if "logit" is given, binomial(link = "logit") is used.

rm\_na

A character to determine how to handle missing values. For this two options are supported. If rm\_na = "pairwise" NAs will be removed separately for every model. Only cases containing NA on one of the variables used in the respective model will be removed (all independent variables but only the respective dependent variable). If rm\_na = "listwise" all cases containing NA on one of the dependent or independent variables are removed.

out\_output\_list

A logical value. If out\_output\_list = TRUE, a list will be returned, containing the separate interaction models calculated with the glm function or svyglm in case of weighting, as well as a summary object for every model. Standard errors and p-values of these models are always calculated without robustness methods.

out\_df

If TRUE, the used data frames will also be part of the output list.

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out\_models If True, GLM model objects will be part of the returned object.

print\_p If TRUE, in addition to the difference in Average Discrete Change (ADC), p-

values will be printed.

print\_se If TRUE, additionally standard errors will be printed.

weight, weight\_bench

A character vector containing the name of the weight variable in the respective data frame. If provided the data frame will be weighted using the svydesign function. Also id must be provided

function. Also id must be provided.

id, id\_bench A character vector containing the name of the id variable in the respectiv data

frame. Only needed for weighting.

strata, strata\_bench

A character vector containing the name of the strata variable in the respective data frame. It is used in the svydesign function for weighting.

nest, nest\_bench

A logical vector that is used in the svydesign function for the respective data

frame.

robust\_se A logical value If TRUE instead of normal standard errors, heteroscedasticity-

consistent standard errors will be used in the analysis to calculate them the

vcovHC and coeftest packages are used.

p\_adjust A logical input or character string indicating an adjustment method usable in the

method parameter of p. adjust. If set to TRUE the Bonferroni adjusted p-values

are used in inference.

names\_df\_benchmark

A vector containing first the name of df and benchmark.

silence\_summary

A logical value, to indicate if the printed summary should not be printed instead.

nboots A numeric value indicating the number of bootstrap replications. If nboots =

0 no bootstrapping will be performed. Else nboots must be >2. Note, that bootstrapping can be very computationally heavy and can therefore take a while.

parallel If TRUE, all detected cores will be used in bootstrapping.

adjustment\_vars

Variables used to adjust the survey when using raking or post-stratification.

raking\_targets A List of raking targets that can be given to the rake function of rake, to rake

the df.

post\_targets A List of post stratification targets that can be given to the rake function of

postStratify, to post stratificatify the df.

## Value

A table is printed showing the difference between the set of respondents for each model, as well as an indicator, if they differ significantly from each other. It is generated using the chosen method. Ifout\_output\_list = TRUE, also a list with additional information will be returned that can be used in some additional packages of this function to reprint the summary or to visualize the results.

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## **Examples**

```
#Example 1
## Make a comparison specifiying dependent and independent variables.
## Get Data for comparison
require(wooldridge)
card<-wooldridge::card</pre>
south <- card[card$south==1,]</pre>
north <- card[card$south==0,]</pre>
## use the function to plot the data
multi_data1<-sampcompR::multi_compare(df = north,</pre>
                                        bench = south,
                                        independent = c("age", "fatheduc", "motheduc", "IQ"),
                                        dependent = c("educ", "wage"),
                                        family="ols")
plot_multi_compare("multi_data1")
#Example 2
## Make a comparison with a formula_list
card<-wooldridge::card
south <- card[card$south==1,]</pre>
north <- card[card$south==0,]</pre>
form_list<-list(formula(educ~age+fatheduc+motheduc+IQ),</pre>
                 formula(wage~age+fatheduc+motheduc+IQ))
multi_data2 <- sampcompR::multi_compare(df = north,</pre>
                                           bench = south,
                                           formula_list = form_list,
                                           family="ols")
plot_multi_compare("multi_data2")
```

## **Description**

 $\verb|multi_compare_merge| combines two \verb|multi_compare_objects| to plot them together.$ 

```
multi_compare_merge(multi_reg_object1, multi_reg_object2, p_adjust = FALSE)
```

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#### **Arguments**

p\_adjust

A logical input or character string indicating an adjustment method that is usable in the method parameter of p.adjust. If set to TRUE the Bonferroni adjusted p-values are used in inference.

#### Value

A combined multi\_reg\_object that can be used in plot functions to create a visualization.

## **Examples**

```
## Get Data for comparison
card<-wooldridge::card
south <- card[card$south==1,]</pre>
north <- card[card$south==0,]</pre>
black <- card[card$black==1,]</pre>
white <- card[card$black==0,]</pre>
## use the function to plot the data
multi_data1 <- sampcompR::multi_compare(df = north,</pre>
                                           bench = south,
                                         independent = c("age", "fatheduc", "motheduc", "IQ"),
                                           dependent = c("educ"),
                                           family = "ols")
multi_data2 <- sampcompR::multi_compare(df = black,</pre>
                                           bench = white,
                                         independent = c("age", "fatheduc", "motheduc", "IQ"),
                                           dependent = c("wage"),
                                           family = "ols")
 ### merge two objects ###
 merged_object<-multi_compare_merge(multi_data1,multi_data2)</pre>
 ### Plot the merged object ###
 plot_multi_compare("merged_object")
```

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Create an Output-Table of a multi\_compare\_object

## Description

Returns a table based on the information of a multi\_compare\_object which can be outputted as HTML or LaTex Table, for example with the help of the stargazer function.

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## Usage

```
multi_compare_table(
  multi_compare_objects,
  type = "diff",
  names = NULL,
  ndigits = 3,
  envir = parent.frame()
)
```

## Arguments

multi\_compare\_objects

One or more object that were returned by multi\_compare.

type

A character string, to determine the type of regression table.

- If "dfs" a regression table based on the data frame(s) is returned.
- If "benchmarks" a regression table based on the benchmark(s) is returned.
- If "diff" a table indicating the difference between the df(s) and the benchmark(s) is returned.

names A character vector to rename the data frames of comparison.

ndigits The Number of digits that is shown in the table.

envir The environment, where the multi\_core\_objects can be found.

#### Value

A table containing information on the multivariate comparison based on the multi\_compare function.

## **Examples**

```
## Get Data for comparison
require(wooldridge)
card<-wooldridge::card
south <- card[card$south==1,]</pre>
north <- card[card$south==0,]</pre>
black <- card[card$black==1,]</pre>
white <- card[card$black==0,]</pre>
## use the function to plot the data
multi_data1 <- sampcompR::multi_compare(df = north,</pre>
                                             bench = south,
                                          independent = c("age", "fatheduc", "motheduc", "IQ"),
                                             dependent = c("educ", "wage"),
                                             family = "ols")
multi_data2 <- sampcompR::multi_compare(df = black,</pre>
                                             bench = white,
                                         independent = c("age", "fatheduc", "motheduc", "IQ"),
                                             dependent = c("educ", "wage"),
```

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```
family = "ols")
table<-multi_compare_table(c("multi_data1","multi_data2"),type="diff")</pre>
noquote(table)
```

multi\_per\_variable

Returns a table based on the information of a multi\_compare\_object that indicates the proportion of biased variables. It can be outputted as HTML or LaTex Table, for example with the help of the stargazer function.

## **Description**

Returns a table based on the information of a multi\_compare\_object that indicates the proportion of biased variables. It can be outputted as HTML or LaTex Table, for example with the help of the stargazer function.

## Usage

```
multi_per_variable(
 multi_compare_objects,
  type = "coefs",
  label_df = NULL,
  lables_coefs = NULL,
 lables_models = NULL,
  ndigits = 1
)
```

## **Arguments**

multi\_compare\_objects

A object returned by the multi\_compare function. Object can either be inserted

as single object or as a character string containing the names of multiple objects.

The type of table, can either be "coefs", "models", or "complete". When type

> coefs is chosen, the average bias of the coefficients is outputted, when models is chosen, the average bias for the models is outputted, and when complete is

chosen, both are outputted.

label\_df A character vector containing labels for the data frames. lables\_coefs A character vector containing labels for the coefficients. lables\_models A character vector containing labels for the models.

ndigits Number of digits that is shown in the table. plot\_biv\_compare 17

# Value

A matrix, that indicates the proportion of bias for every individual coefficient or model for multivariate comparisons. This is given separately for every comparison, as well as averaged over comparisons.

## **Examples**

```
require(wooldridge)
card<-wooldridge::card
south <- card[card$south==1,]</pre>
north <- card[card$south==0,]</pre>
black <- card[card$black==1,]</pre>
white <- card[card$black==0,]</pre>
## use the function to plot the data
multi_data1 <- sampcompR::multi_compare(df = north,</pre>
                                           bench = south,
                                         independent = c("age", "fatheduc", "motheduc", "IQ"),
                                           dependent = c("educ", "wage"),
                                           family = "ols")
multi_data2 <- sampcompR::multi_compare(df = black,</pre>
                                           bench = white,
                                         independent = c("age", "fatheduc", "motheduc", "IQ"),
                                           dependent = c("educ", "wage"),
                                           family = "ols")
table<-sampcompR::multi_per_variable(multi_compare_objects = c("multi_data1","multi_data2"))
noquote(table)
```

plot\_biv\_compare

Plot Comparison of Multiple Data Frames on a Bivariate Level

## **Description**

Plot a object generated by biv\_compare function.

```
plot_biv_compare(
   biv_data_object,
   plot_title = NULL,
   plots_label = NULL,
   p_value = NULL,
   varlabels = NULL,
   mar = c(0, 0, 0, 0),
   note = FALSE,
```

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```
grid = "white",
  diff_perc = TRUE,
  diff_perc_size = 4.5,
  perc_diff_transparance = 0,
  gradient = FALSE,
  sum_weights = NULL,
  missings_x = TRUE,
  order = NULL,
  breaks = NULL,
  colors = NULL,
  ncol_facet = 3
)
```

## **Arguments**

biv\_data\_object

A object generated by the biv\_compare function.

plot\_title A character string containing the title of the plot.

plots\_label A character string or vector of character strings containing the new labels of the

data frames that are used in the plot.

p\_value A number between 0 and one to determine the maximum significance niveau.

varlabels A character string or vector of character strings containing the new labels of

variables that are used in the plot.

mar A vector that determines the margins of the plot.

note If note = TRUE, a note will be displayed to describe the plot.

grid A character string, that determines the color of the lines between the tiles of the

heatmap.

played in the plot.

diff\_perc\_size A number to determine the size of the displayed percental difference between

surveys in the plot.

perc\_diff\_transparance

A number to determine the transparency of the displayed percental-difference

between surveys in the plot.

gradient If gradient = TRUE, colors in the heatmap will be more or less transparent,

depending on the difference in Pearson's r of the data frames of comparison.

sum\_weights A vector containing information for every variable to weigh them in the dis-

played percental difference calculation. It can be used if some variables are

over- or underrepresented in the analysis.

missings\_x If TRUE, missing pairs in the plot will be marked with an X.

order A character vector to determine in which order the variables should be displayed

in the plot.

breaks A vector to label the color scheme in the legend.

colors A vector to determine the colors in the plot.

ncol\_facet Number of columns used in faced\_wrap() for the plots.

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#### **Details**

The plot shows a heatmap of a correlation matrix, where the colors are determined by the similarity of the Pearson's r value in both sets of respondents. Leaving default breaks and colors,

- Same (green) indicates, that the Pearson's r correlation is not significant > 0 in the related data frame or benchmark or the Pearson's r correlations are not significant different, between data frame and benchmark.
- Small Diff (yellow) indicates that the Pearson's r correlation is significant > 0 in the related data frame or benchmark and the Pearson's r correlations are significant different, between data frame and benchmark.
- Large Diff (red) indicates, that the same coditions of yellow are fulfilled, and the correlations are either in opposite directions,or one is double the size of the other.

#### Value

A object generated with the help of ggplot2::ggplot2(), used to visualize the differences between the data frames and benchmarks.

## **Examples**

plot\_multi\_compare

Plot Multiple multi\_compare\_objects

#### **Description**

plot\_multi\_compare plots multipe multi\_compare\_objects together.

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## Usage

```
plot_multi_compare(
 multi_compare_objects,
  plots_label = NULL,
 plot_title = NULL,
 p_value = 0.05,
  breaks = NULL,
  plot_data = FALSE,
  colors = NULL,
  variant = "one",
  p_adjust = NULL,
  note = FALSE,
  grid = "white",
  diff_perc = TRUE,
  diff_perc_size = 4.5,
  ncol_facet = 3,
  perc_diff_transparance = 0,
  diff_perc_position = "top_right",
  gradient = FALSE,
  sum_weights_indep = NULL,
  sum_weights_dep = NULL,
  label_x = NULL,
  label_y = NULL,
 missings_x = TRUE
)
```

## **Arguments**

multi\_compare\_objects

A character vector containing the names of one or more multi\_compare\_objects. Every object will be displayed separately in facet\_wrap of ggplot.

plots\_label A character vector of the same lengths as multi\_compare\_objects, to name

the different objects in facet\_wrap of ggplot.

plot\_title A string containing the title of the visualization.

p\_value A number between zero and one, that is used as p-value in significance analyses.

breaks A vector, containing several of strings, to rename the categories in the legend.

Its possible length depends on the variant.

plot\_data A logical value. If TRUE, instead of a plot a data frame will be returned, that is

used for the plot.

colors A vector of colors, usable in ggplot, for every break. It's possible length depends

on the variant.

variant Variant can be either "one", "two", "three", "four", "five", or "six".

variant = "one" The plot will show whether the coefficients in the regression models are significantly different from each other (Diff). When they are, it will also show if they differ in strength (one is twice the size of the other)

or direction as well (Large Diff).

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variant = "two" The plot will show whether coefficients in the regression models differ significantly from each other (Large Diff). If not it will show whether they still differ in direction (Diff in Direction) or whether one is significant while the other is not (Diff in Significance).

variant = "three" The plot will show whether coefficients in the regression models differ from each other in various aspects. Whether one is significant, while the other is not (Diff in Significance), whether they differ in direction (Diff in Direction) or whether one is double the size of the other (Diff in Strength). When variables meet the criteria for multiple categories they will classified in the latest fitting category.

variant = "four" The plot will show if the coefficient in the df is significant, while the coefficient is not significant in the benchmark or the other way around (Diff in Significance).

variant = "five" The plot will show if the coefficient in the df is positive, while the coefficient in the benchmark is negative or the other way around (Diff in Direction).

variant = "six" The plot will show if the coefficient in the df is double the size of the coefficient in the benchmark or the other way around (Diff in Strength).

depend on the method used to generate the multi\_compare\_objects.

note A logical value. If TRUE, a note will be displayed under the plot describing the

variant.

grid A string, that can either be "none" or a color, for the edges of every tile. If

"none", no grid will be displayed.

diff\_perc A logical value. If TRUE, the percent of the differing categories, decided by the

variant, will be displayed in the corner of the plot.

diff\_perc\_size A number to decide the size of the text in diff\_perc.

ncol\_facet A number of columns used in faced\_wrap() for the plots.

perc\_diff\_transparance

A number between zero and one, to decide the background transparency of diff\_perc.

diff\_perc\_position

A character string, to choose the position of diff\_perc Can either be "top\_right" (default), "bottom\_right", "bottom\_left", or "top\_left".

gradient A logical Value. If TRUE, the transparency of the tiles depends on the coefficient.

sum\_weights\_indep, sum\_weights\_dep

A vector of weights for every dependent or independent variable. Must be NULL, or the same length as the dependent variables or independent variables.

label\_x, label\_y

A character string or vector of character strings containing a label for the x-axis and y-axis.

missings\_x If TRUE, missing pairs in the plot will be marked with an X.

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#### Value

Returns a a heat matrix-like plot created with ggplot, to visualize the multivariate differences. If multiple objects are used, they will be displayed separately with ggplot's facet\_wrap function. On the y-axis, the independent variables are displayed, while on the x-axis the independent variables are displayed. Depending on the variant, the displayed tile colors must be interpreted differently. FALSEor more information on interpretation look at variant.

## **Examples**

```
## Get Data for comparison
require(wooldridge)
card<-wooldridge::card
south <- card[card$south==1,]</pre>
north <- card[card$south==0,]</pre>
black <- card[card$black==1,]</pre>
white <- card[card$black==0,]</pre>
## use the function to plot the data
multi_data1 <- sampcompR::multi_compare(df = north,</pre>
                                           bench = south,
                                         independent = c("age", "fatheduc", "motheduc", "IQ"),
                                           dependent = c("educ", "wage"),
                                           family = "ols")
multi_data2 <- sampcompR::multi_compare(df = black,</pre>
                                           bench = white,
                                         independent = c("age", "fatheduc", "motheduc", "IQ"),
                                           dependent = c("educ", "wage"),
                                           family = "ols")
plot_multi_compare(c("multi_data1","multi_data2"))
```

plot\_uni\_compare

plot univar data

## **Description**

plot\_uni\_compare This uses ggplot2 to generate a plot based on an object generated by the uni\_compare function.

```
plot_uni_compare(
  uni_compare_objects,
  name_dfs = NULL,
  name_benchmarks = NULL,
```

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```
summetric = NULL,
colors = NULL,
shapes = NULL,
legendlabels = NULL,
legendtitle = NULL,
label_x = NULL,
label_y = NULL,
summet_size = NULL,
plot_title = NULL,
conf_adjustment = FALSE,
varlabels = NULL,
ndigits = 3
```

## **Arguments**

uni\_compare\_objects

A object generated by the uni\_compare function.

name\_dfs, name\_benchmarks

A character string or vector of character strings containing the new names of the data frames and the benchmarks, that are used in the plot.

summetric

If "avg1", "avg2", "mse1", "mse2", "rmse1", "rmse2", or "R" the respective measure is calculated for the biases of each survey. The values "avg1", "mse1" and "rmse1" lead to similar results as in "avg2", "mse2" and "rmse2", with slightly different visualization in the plot. If summetric = "none", no summetric will be displayed in the plot, and if summetric = NULL the summetric specified in the uni\_compare\_object is used.

colors

A vector of colors that is used in the plot for the different comparisons.

shapes

A vector of shapes applicable in ggplot2::ggplot2() that is used in the plot

for the different comparisons.

legendlabels

A character string or vector of strings containing a label for the legend.

legendtitle

A character string containing the title of the legend.

label\_x, label\_y

A character string or vector of character strings containing a label for the x-axis and y-axis.

 $summet\_size$ 

A number to determine the size of the displayed summetric in the plot.

plot\_title

A character string containing the title of the plot.

conf\_adjustment

If conf\_adjustment = TRUE the confidence level of the confidence interval will be adjusted with a Bonferroni adjustment, to account for the problem of multiple comparisons.

varlabels

A character string or vector of character strings containing the new names of the variables, also used in plot.

ndigits

The number of digits to round the numbers in the plot.

## Value

Plot of a uni\_compare object using ggplot2::ggplot2() which shows the difference between two or more data frames.

## **Examples**

```
## Get Data for comparison
require(wooldridge)
card<-wooldridge::card
south <- card[card$south==1,]</pre>
north <- card[card$south==0,]</pre>
black <- card[card$black==1,]</pre>
white <- card[card$black==0,]</pre>
## use the function to plot the data
univar_data<-sampcompR::uni_compare(dfs = c("north","white"),</pre>
                                       benchmarks = c("south","black"),
                             variables= c("age", "educ", "fatheduc", "motheduc", "wage", "IQ"),
                                       funct = "abs_rel_mean",
                                       nboots=0,
                                       summetric="rmse2",
                                       data=TRUE)
sampcompR::plot_uni_compare(univar_data)
```

R\_indicator

Calculate the R-Indicator

## **Description**

Calculates the R-Indicator of the (weighted) data frame.

```
R_indicator(
   dfs,
   response_identificators,
   variables,
   id = NULL,
   weight = NULL,
   strata = NULL,
   get_r2 = FALSE
)
```

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## **Arguments**

dfs	A character vector containing the names of data frames to calculate the R indi-
	cator

response\_identificators

A character vector, naming response identificators for every df. Response identificators should indicate if respondents are part of the set of respondents (respondents = 1) or not part of the set of respondents. (non-respondents = 0). If only one

character is provided, the same variable is used in every df.

variables A character vector with the names of variables that should be used in the model

to calculate the R indicator.

id A character vector that determines id variables that are used to weight the dfs

with the help of the survey package. They have to be part of the respective data frame. If only one character is provided, the same variable is used to weight

every df.

weight A character vector that determines variables to weight the dfs. They have to be

part of the respective data frame. If only one character is provided, the same variable used to weight every df. If a weight variable is provided also an id

variable is needed. For weighting, the survey package is used.

strata A character vector that determines strata variables that are used to weight the

dfs with the help of the survey package. They have to be part of the respective data frame. If only one character is provided, the same variable is used to weight

every df.

get\_r2 If true, Pseudo R-squared of the propensity model will be returned, based on the

method of McFadden.

## Value

A list containing the R-indicator, and its standard error for every data frame.

# Note

The calculated R-indicator is based on Shlomo et al., (2012).

#### References

• Shlomo, N., Skinner, C., & Schouten, B. (2012). Estimation of an indicator of the representativeness of survey response. Journal of Statistical Planning and Inference, 142(1), 201–211. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jspi.2011.07.008

## **Examples**

```
require(wooldridge)
card<-wooldridge::card

# For the purpose of this example, we assume that only respondents living in
# the south or only white respondents have participated in the survey.
sampcompR::R_indicator(dfs=c("card","card"),</pre>
```

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```
response_identificators = c("south","black"),
variables = c("age","educ","fatheduc","motheduc","wage","IQ"),
weight = c("weight","weight"))
```

sampcompR

sampcompR: A package for the comparison of samples

## **Description**

Easily analyze and visualize differences between samples (e.g., benchmark comparisons, nonresponse comparisons in surveys) on three levels. The comparisons can be univariate, bivariate or multivariate. On univariate level the variables of interest of a survey and a comparison survey (i.e. benchmark) are compared, by calculating one of several difference measures (e.g., relative difference in mean), and an average difference between the surveys. On bivariate level a function can calculate significant differences in correlations for the surveys. And on multivariate levels a function can calculate significant differences in model coefficients between the surveys of comparison. All of those differences can be easily plotted and outputted as a table. Visualization is based on ggplot and can be edited as other plots of ggplot afterwards. For more detailed information on the methods and example use see: Rohr, B., Silber, H., & Felderer, B. (2024). "Comparing the Accuracy of Univariate, Bivariate, and Multivariate Estimates across Probability and Non-Probability Surveys with Population Benchmarks" https://doi.org/10.31235/osf.io/n6ehf.

## sampcompR functions

```
uni_compare Compare Datasets Univariate and Plot Differences

plot_uni_compare Plot uni_compare objects

uni_compare_table Get a table output of a uni_compare object

R_indicator Calculate the R_indicator for several surveys

biv_compare Compare Datasets Bivariate and Plot Differences

plot_biv_compare Plot biv_compare objects

biv_compare_table Get a table output of a biv_compare object

multi_compare Compare two Datasets on a Multivariate Level (Any GLM Model)

plot_multi_compare Plot multi_compare objects

multi_compare_table Get a table output of multi_compare objects

multi_compare_merge Combine two multi_compare objects, to plot them together

descriptive_table Get a Descriptive Table for Every Data Frame

dataequalizer Equalize dataframes
```

#### uni\_compare function

uni\_compare Returns data or a plot showing the difference of two or more data frames The differences are calculated on the base of differing metrics, chosen in the funct argument. Results can be visualized using plot\_uni\_compare.

## biv\_compare function

biv\_compare Returns data or heatmap of difference between two or more data frames, by comparing their correlation matrices. The comparison is based on Pearson's r, calculated using the rcorr function. Results can be visualized using plot\_biv\_compare.

## multi\_compare function

multi\_compare Returns data of difference between two data frames on a multivariate level. Similar (multivariate) regression models are compared between the surveys. Only GLM models are possible. Results can be visualized using plot\_multi\_compare.

## dataequalizer function

dataequalizer compares two data frames and looks if data frames contain columns with the same name. A copy of y is returned, containing only columns named identical in x and y data frames. The function is mainly used in the other functions of the package.

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uni\_compare

Compare data frames and Plot Differences

## **Description**

Returns data or a plot showing the difference of two or more data frames The differences are calculated on the base of differing metrics, chosen in the funct argument. All used data frames must contain at least one column named equal in all data frames, that has equal values.

```
uni_compare(
  dfs,
  benchmarks.
  variables = NULL,
  nboots = 2000,
  funct = "rel_mean",
  data = TRUE,
  type = "comparison",
  legendlabels = NULL,
  legendtitle = NULL,
  colors = NULL,
  shapes = NULL,
  summetric = "rmse2",
  label_x = NULL,
  label_y = NULL,
  plot_title = NULL,
  varlabels = NULL,
```

```
name_dfs = NULL,
  name_benchmarks = NULL,
  summet_size = 4,
  silence = TRUE,
  conf_level = 0.95,
  conf_adjustment = NULL,
 weight = NULL,
  id = NULL,
  strata = NULL,
 weight_bench = NULL,
  id_bench = NULL,
  strata_bench = NULL,
  adjustment_weighting = "raking",
  adjustment_vars = NULL,
  raking_targets = NULL,
  post_targets = NULL,
  ndigits = 3
)
```

#### **Arguments**

dfs

A character vector containing the names of data frames to compare against the benchmarks.

benchmarks

A character vector containing the names of benchmarks to compare the data frames against. The vector must either be the same length as dfs, or length 1. If it has length 1 every df will be compared against the same benchmark. Benchmarks can either be the name of data frames or the name of a list of tables. The tables in the list need to be named as the respective variables in the data frame of comparison.

variables

A character vector containing the names of the variables for the comparison. If NULL, all variables named similarly in both the dfs and the benchmarks will be compared. Variables missing in one of the data frames or the benchmarks will be neglected for this comparison.

nboots

The number of bootstraps used to calculate standard errors. Must either be >2 or 0. If >2 bootstrapping is used to calculate standard errors with nboots iterations. If 0, SE is calculated analytically. We do not recommend using nboots =0 because this method is not yet suitable for every funct used and every method. Depending on the size of the data and the number of bootstraps, uni\_compare can take a while.

funct

A character string, indicating the function to calculate the difference between the data frames.

Predefined functions are:

- "d\_mean", "ad\_mean" A function to calculate the (absolute) difference in mean of the variables in dfs and benchmarks with the same name. Only applicable for metric variables.
- "d\_prop", "ad\_prop" A function to calculate the (absolute) difference in proportions of the variables in dfs and benchmarks with the same name. Only applicable for dummy variables.

• "rel\_mean", "abs\_rel\_mean" A function to calculate the (absolute) relative difference in mean of the variables in dfs and benchmarks with the same name. #' For more information on the formula for difference and analytic variance, see Felderer et al. (2019). Only applicable for metric variables.

• "rel\_prop", "abs\_rel\_prop" A function to calculate the (absolute) relative difference in proportions of the variables in dfs and benchmarks with the same name. It is calculated similar to the relative difference in mean (see Felderer et al., 2019), however the default label for the plot is different. Only applicable for dummy variables.

If TRUE, a uni\_compare\_object is returned, containing results of the comparison.

type Define the type of comparison. Can either be "comparison" or "nonresponse".

legendlabels A character string or vector of strings containing a label for the legend.

legendtitle A character string containing the title of the legend.

colors A vector of colors, that is used in the plot for the different comparisons.

shapes A vector of shapes applicable in ggplot2::ggplot2(), that is used in the plot

for the different comparisons.

summetric If "avg1", "mse1", "rmse1", or "R" the respective measure is calculated for the

biases of each survey. The values "mse1" and "rmse1" lead to similar results as in "mse2" and "rmse2", with slightly different visualization in the plot. If summetric = NULL, no summetric will be displayed in the Plot. When "R" is

chosen, also response\_identificator is needed.

label\_x, label\_y

data

A character string or vector of character strings containing a label for the x-axis and y-axis.

plot\_title A character string containing the title of the plot.

varlabels A character string or vector of character strings containing the new names of

variables, also used in plot.

name\_dfs, name\_benchmarks

A character string or vector of character strings containing the new names of the dfs and benchmarks, that is also used in plot.

summet\_size A number to determine the size of the displayed summetric in the plot.

silence If silence = FALSE a warning will be displayed, if variables a re excluded from

either the data frame or benchmark, for not existing in both.

conf\_level A numeric value between zero and one to determine the confidence level of the

confidence interval.

conf\_adjustment

If conf\_adjustment = TRUE the confidence level of the confidence interval will be adjusted with a Bonferroni adjustment, to account for the problem of multiple comparisons.

weight, weight\_bench

A character vector determining variables to weight the dfs or benchmarks. They have to be part of the respective data frame. If only one character is provided, the same variable is used to weigh every df or benchmark. If a weight

variable is provided also an id variable is needed. For weighting, the survey package is used.

id, id\_bench

A character vector determining id variables used to weigh the dfs or benchmarks with the help of the survey package. They have to be part of the respective data frame. If only one character is provided, the same variable is used to weigh every df or benchmark.

strata, strata\_bench

A character vector determining strata variables used to weigh the dfs or benchmarks with the help of the survey package. They have to be part of the respective data frame. If only one character is provided, the same variable is used to weight every df or benchmark.

adjustment\_weighting

A character vector indicating if adjustment weighting should be used. It can either be "raking" or "post\_start".

adjustment\_vars

Variables used to adjust the survey when using raking or post stratification.

raking\_targets A list of raking targets that can be given to the rake function of rake, to rake the

dfs.

post\_targets A list of post-stratification targets that can be given to the postStratify func-

tion, to post-stratify the dfs.

ndigits The number of digits to round the numbers in the plot.

#### Value

A plot based on ggplot2::ggplot2() (or data frame if data==TRUE) which shows the difference between two or more data frames on predetermined variables, named identical in both data frames.

## References

Felderer, B., Kirchner, A., & Kreuter, FALSE. (2019). The Effect of Survey Mode on Data Quality: Disentangling Nonresponse and Measurement Error Bias. Journal of Official Statistics, 35(1), 93–115. https://doi.org/10.2478/jos-2019-0005

## **Examples**

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```
nboots=200,
summetric="rmse2",
data=FALSE)
```

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uni\_compare\_table

Create an Output-Table of a uni\_compare\_object

## Description

Returns a table based on the information of an uni\_compare\_object which can be outputted as HTML or LaTex Table, for example with the help of the stargazer function.

## Usage

```
uni_compare_table(
  uni_compare_object,
  conf_adjustment = FALSE,
  df_names = NULL,
  varlabels = NULL,
  ci_line = TRUE,
  ndigits = 3
)
```

## **Arguments**

uni\_compare\_object

A object returned by uni\_compare.

 ${\tt conf\_adjustment}$ 

A logical parameter determining if adjusted confidence intervals should be re-

turned.

df\_names A character vector to relabel the data frames of comparison.

varlabels A character vector to relabel the variables in the table.

ci\_line If TRUE, confidence intervals will be displayed in a separate line, otherwise, they

are shown in the same line instead.

ndigits The number of digits to round the numbers in table.

#### Value

A table containing information on the univariate comparison based on the uni\_compare function.

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## **Examples**

```
## Get Data for comparison
require(wooldridge)
card<-wooldridge::card</pre>
south <- card[card$south==1,]</pre>
north <- card[card$south==0,]</pre>
black <- card[card$black==1,]</pre>
white <- card[card$black==0,]</pre>
## use the function to plot the data
univar_data<-sampcompR::uni_compare(dfs = c("north","white"),</pre>
                                       benchmarks = c("south","black"),
                             variables= c("age", "educ", "fatheduc", "motheduc", "wage", "IQ"),
                                       funct = "abs_rel_mean",
                                       nboots=0,
                                       summetric="rmse2",
                                       data=TRUE)
table<-sampcompR::uni_compare_table(univar_data)</pre>
noquote(table)
```

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