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`calculate_rse`*Calculate the Relative Standard Error of a numeric vector*

Description

Calculates relative standard error of a vector of numbers.

Usage

```
calculate_rse(x)
```

Arguments

`x` The numeric vector of numbers from which relative standard error should be calculated.

Details

Relative standard error is returned as a proportion. It is sometimes also referred to as "proportional standard error."

Relative standard error is the standard error divided by the mean:

$$RelativeStandardError = \frac{\frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}}{\bar{x}}$$

Value

This function returns a single value that is the relative standard error of a vector of numbers.

Author(s)

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References

Malvestuto, S. P. 1996. Sampling the recreational creel. Pages 591-623 in B. R. Murphy and D. W. Willis, editors. Fisheries techniques, 2nd edition. American Fisheries Society, Bethesda, Maryland.

Examples

```
calculate_rse(rnorm(100, 10, 3))
```

check_times	<i>Check that start, wait, or end times for a surveyor are provided and reasonable</i>
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Description

This is a helper function used in `get_total_value` to check that surveyor for `start_time`, `wait_time`, `end_time`, and `fishing_day_length` are valid.

Usage

```
check_times(
  start_time = NULL,
  wait_time = NULL,
  end_time = NULL,
  fishing_day_length = NULL
)
```

Arguments

<code>start_time</code>	The start time of the clerk. An int between 0 and <code>fishing_day_length</code> . The default is NULL.
<code>wait_time</code>	the wait time of the clerk. The default is NULL. The default is NULL
<code>end_time</code>	the end time of the clerk. An int between 0 and <code>fishing_day_length</code> . The default is NULL.
<code>fishing_day_length</code>	the total length of the fishing day, in hours, as int. 0800hrs to 2000hrs = fishing_day_length of 12 hours.

Details

Two of the three `start_time`, `wait_time`, or `end_time` must be provided. The third will be calculated.

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Examples

```
library(dplyr)
set.seed(256)

start_time <- NULL
end_time <- NULL
wait_time <- NULL

# Will return error
```

```
## Not run: check_times(start_time = start_time, end_time = end_time, wait_time = wait_time,
fishing_day_length = 12)
## End(Not run)

start_time <- 2
end_time <- NULL
wait_time <- NULL

# Will return an error
## Not run: check_times(start_time = start_time, end_time = end_time, wait_time = wait_time,
fishing_day_length = 8)
## End(Not run)

start_time <- 2
end_time <- 6
wait_time <- NULL
fishing_day_length <- 8

check_times(start_time = start_time, end_time = end_time, wait_time = wait_time,
fishing_day_length = 8)
```

conduct_multiple_surveys

Conduct multiple simulations of a survey

Description

This function leverages `make_anglers`, `get_total_values`, and `simulate_bus_route` to conduct multiple bus-route or traditional access point creel surveys (from the number provided to the `n_sims` argument) of a population of anglers.

Usage

```
conduct_multiple_surveys(n_sims, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>n_sims</code>	The number of simulations to be conducted in the simulation of interest.
<code>...</code>	Arguments to be passed to other subfunctions

Details

Because this function is merely a wrapper for the `simulate_bus_route` code, the user still needs to set two of `start_time`, `wait_time`, and `end_time`, `n_anglers`, `n_sites`, and `fishing_day_length` as objects. These can be passed through the `...` argument.

Value

Estimate catch ($\hat{E}$), the catch rate calculated by the ratio of means, the true, observed catch, and the actual catch rate ($\hat{\lambda}$).

Author(s)

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See Also

[make_anglers](#)
[check_times](#)
[get_total_values](#)
[simulate_bus_route](#)

Examples

```
#Simulation 1
start_time <- c(1, 3.5, 5.75)
wait_time <- c(2, 2, 1)
n_anglers <- c(10,10,50)
n_sites <- 3
fishing_day_length <- 12
mean_catch_rate <- 3

n_sims <- 10

set.seed(256)

conduct_multiple_surveys(n_sims = n_sims, start_time = start_time,
                        wait_time = wait_time, n_anglers = n_anglers,
                        n_sites = n_sites, mean_catch_rate = mean_catch_rate,
                        fishing_day_length = fishing_day_length)

#Simulation 2
start_time <- 0
wait_time <- 8
n_anglers <- 100
n_sites <- 1
fishing_day_length <- 10
mean_catch_rate <- 2.5

#One survey/week for a year
conduct_multiple_surveys(n_sims = 52, start_time = start_time,
                        wait_time = wait_time, n_anglers = n_anglers,
                        n_sites = n_sites, mean_catch_rate = mean_catch_rate,
                        fishing_day_length = fishing_day_length)
```

estimate_ehat_variance

Calculate within-day variance of estimated effort (Ehat)

Description

This function multiple outputs from [simulate_bus_route](#) to estimate the variance in estimated effort, $\hat{E}$.

Usage

```
estimate_ehat_variance(data)
```

Arguments

`data` A dataframe of output from [simulate_bus_route](#).

Details

The total variance in $\hat{E}$ is estimated from multiple simulated surveys on a single theoretical day. The variance is estimated by

$$\frac{1}{n(n-1)} \sum (\hat{T}_{ph} - \bar{\hat{T}}_{ph})^2$$

where $\hat{T}_{ph}$ is the total estimated party hours for an individual survey (i.e., $\hat{E}$), and $\bar{\hat{T}}_{ph}$ is the mean of the $\hat{E}$, and n is how many simulations were run. The equation above matches the variables used in Robson and Jones (1989) and Jones et al. (1990).

Jones et al. (1990) stated that estimating within-day variance would require several crews conducting two or more randomized surveys along a given route on the same day. Thus, this is total variance. They use this conservative estimator of variance for building confidence intervals around the estimates of effort.

Value

The total variance in estimated effort, Ehat ($\hat{E}$), from Robson and Jones (1989) and Jones et al. (1990).

Author(s)

Steven H. Ranney

References

Jones, C. M., D. Robson, D. Otis, S. Gloss. 1990. Use of a computer model to determine the behavior of a new survey estimator of recreational angling. Transactions of the American Fisheries Society 119:41-54.

Robson, D., and C. M. Jones. 1989. The theoretical basis of an access site angler survey design. Biometrics 45:83-98.

Examples

```
#Set up a simulation to run repeatedly
## Not run:
start_time = c(0, 1.5)
wait_time = c(1, 6.5)
fishing_day_length <- 12
n_anglers = c(50, 300)
n_sites = 2
sampling_prob <- sum(wait_time)/fishing_day_length
mean_catch_rate <- 2.5

# Simulate the creel survey n times
times <- 100

sims <-
  matrix(data = NA, nrow = times, ncol = 5) %>%
  as.data.frame()

names(sims) = c("Ehat", "catch_rate_ROM", "true_catch", "true_effort", "mean_lambda")

for(i in 1:times){

sims[i, ] <- simulate_bus_route(start_time, wait_time, n_anglers, n_sites,
                               sampling_prob, mean_catch_rate)

}

estimate_ehat_variance(sims)

## End(Not run)
```

get_total_values

Conduct a creel survey of a population of anglers at an access site.

Description

This function uses the output from make_anglers to conduct a bus-route or traditional access point creel survey of the population of anglers from make_anglers and provide clerk-observed counts of anglers and their effort.

Usage

```

get_total_values(
  data,
  start_time = NULL,
  end_time = NULL,
  wait_time = NULL,
  circuit_time = 8,
  fishing_day_length = NULL,
  mean_catch_rate = NULL,
  scale = 1,
  ...
)

```

Arguments

data	A dataframe returned from make_anglers
start_time	The start time of the clerk.
end_time	The end time of the clerk.
wait_time	The wait time of the clerk.
circuit_time	The total time it takes a surveyor to complete their sampling circuit.
fishing_day_length	The length of the fishing day, in hours.
mean_catch_rate	The mean catch rate for the fishery.
scale	The scale parameter must be positive and is passed to the rgamma function to randomly generate angler trip lengths
...	Arguments to be passed to other functions.

Details

Total effort is the sum of the trip lengths from data

The total number of anglers is equal to the `nrow()` of the dataframe in data

Catch rates are assigned to anglers based upon the Gamma distribution with a mean of `mean_catch_rate`

If both `end_time=NULL` and `wait_time=NULL` then `wait_time` will be 0.5 (one-half hour). If a value is passed to `end_time`, then `wait_time` becomes `end_time - start_time`.

If `start_time=NULL`, then a `start_time` is generated from the uniform distribution between 0 and `fishing_day_length - 0.5` hours into the fishing day.

If `end_time=NULL`, then `end_time = start_time+wait_time`

Incomplete trip effort is observed two ways: 1) by counting anglers that were at the site for the entire time that the surveyor was at the site and 2) counting anglers that arrived after the surveyor arrived at the site and remained at the site after the surveyor left. These anglers are counted and their effort calculated based upon surveyor `start_time` and `end_time`.

Completed trip effort is observed two ways: 1) by interviewing anglers that left while the surveyor was at the site. The surveyor can determine effort and catch. 2) by interviewing anglers that both

arrived and departed while the surveyor was on site. When wait_time is short, these cases are rare; however, when wait_time is long (e.g., all day), then these cases are much more likely.

Trip lengths of observed trips (both incomplete and complete) are scaled by the sampling_prob value. The sampling_prob is used to estimate effort and catch.

Author(s)

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References

Pollock, K. H., C. M. Jones, and T. L. Brown. 1994. Angler survey methods and their applications in fisheries management. American Fisheries Society, Special Publication 25, Bethesda, Maryland.

Examples

```
library(dplyr)
set.seed(256)

start_time <- .001 #start of fishing day
end_time <- 12 #end of fishing day
mean_catch_rate <- 0.1 #this will cause VERY few fish to be caught!
fishing_day_length <- 12

make_anglers(100) %>%
  get_total_values(start_time = start_time,
                   end_time = end_time, mean_catch_rate = mean_catch_rate,
                   fishing_day_length = fishing_day_length)

start_time <- .001 #start of fishing day
end_time <- 6 #halfway through the fishing day
mean_catch_rate <- 0.1 #this will cause VERY few fish to be caught!
fishing_day_length <- 12

make_anglers(100) %>%
  get_total_values(start_time = start_time, end_time = end_time,
                   mean_catch_rate = mean_catch_rate,
                   fishing_day_length = fishing_day_length)
```

make_anglers

Create a population of anglers.

Description

Creates a population of n_anglers with trip length and fishing day length provided by the user.

Usage

```
make_anglers(
  n_anglers = 100,
  mean_trip_length = 3.88,
  fishing_day_length = 12,
  scale = 1
)
```

Arguments

<code>n_anglers</code>	The number of anglers in the population
<code>mean_trip_length</code>	The mean trip length to be used in the function. 3.88 is the default. The default is from data from the 2008 Lake Roosevelt (WA) Fishing Evaluation Program.
<code>fishing_day_length</code>	The fishing day length to be used in the function. Anglers are not be allowed to be fishing past this day length. The default here is set to 12 hours, which may not be a suitable day length for fisheries at higher latitudes (i.e., sunrise-sunset is > 12 hours) or during shorter seasons.
<code>scale</code>	The scale parameter must be positive and is passed to the rgamma function to randomly generate angler trip lengths

Details

All trip lengths will be limited so that anglers have finished their fishing trip by the end of the fishing day. The function uses a while loop to ensure that the number of anglers = `n_anglers` provided in the function argument. `fishing_day_length` is passed to the argument. The default is set to 12 hours.

`starttimes` are assigned by the uniform ([runif](#)) distribution

`triplengths` are assigned by the gamma distribution where the default mean value comes from the 2008 Lake Roosevelt Fisheries Evaluation Program data.

Value

A data frame called that includes variables `start_time`, `trip_length`, and `departure_time`. Summing the `trip_length` field returns the true fishing effort.

Author(s)

Steven H. Ranney

Examples

```
make_anglers(100, mean_trip_length = 4, fishing_day_length = 10)
#make_anglers(10000)
```

simulate_bus_route	<i>Simulate a bus route survey</i>
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Description

This function uses the output from `make_anglers` and `get_total_values` to conduct a bus-route or traditional access point creel survey of the population of anglers from `make_anglers` and provide clerk-observed counts of anglers and their effort.

Usage

```
simulate_bus_route(
  start_time,
  wait_time,
  n_anglers,
  n_sites,
  mean_catch_rate,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

<code>start_time</code>	The start time of the surveyor at each site. This can be a vector of start times to simulate a bus route or one <code>start_time</code> to simulate a traditional access survey.
<code>wait_time</code>	The wait time of the surveyor at each site. This can be a vector of wait times to simulate a bus route or one <code>wait_time</code> to simulate a traditional access survey.
<code>n_anglers</code>	the number of anglers at each site, either a vector or a single number for single sites
<code>n_sites</code>	The number of sites being visited.
<code>mean_catch_rate</code>	The mean catch rate for the fishery
<code>...</code>	Arguments to be passed to other subfunctions, specifically to the <code>make_anglers</code> function, including <code>mean_trip_length</code> and <code>fishing_day_length</code> .

Details

Effort and catch are estimated from the the Bus Route Estimator equation in Robson and Jones (1989), Jones and Robson (1991; eqn. 1) and Pollock et al. 1994.

The bus route estimator is

$$\hat{E} = T \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{w_i} \sum_{j=1}^m e_{ij}$$

where E = estimated total party-hours of effort; T = total time to complete a full circuit of the route, including traveling and waiting; w_i = waiting time at the i^{th} site (where $i = 1, \dots, n$ sites); e_{ij} = total time that the j^{th} car is parked at the i^{th} site while the agent is at that site (where $j = 1, \dots, n$ sites).

Catch rate is calculated from the Ratio of Means equation (see Malvestuto (1996) and Jones and Pollock (2012) for discussions).

The Ratio of means is calculated by

$$\widehat{R}_1 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n c_i/n}{\sum_{i=1}^n L_i/n}$$

where c_i is the catch for the i^{th} sampling unit and L_i is the length of the fishing trip at the time of the interview. For incomplete surveys, L_i represents in incomplete trip.

Value

Estimated effort (Ehat) from the bus route estimator, the catch rate calculated by the ratio of means, the total catch from all anglers, the total effort from all anglers, and the actual catch rate (mean_lambda).

Author(s)

Steven H. Ranney

References

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See Also

[make_anglers](#)
[get_total_values](#)

Examples

```
# To simulate one bus route survey that takes place in the morning, these values are used
#start time at access sites
start_time_am <- c(1, 2,3,4,5)
wait_time_am <- c(.5, .5, .5, .5, 2)
n_anglers_am <- c(10,10,10,10,50)
n_sites_am <- 5
mean_catch_rate <- 2.5
```

```
fishing_day_length <- 12

simulate_bus_route(start_time = start_time_am,
                   wait_time = wait_time_am, n_anglers = n_anglers_am,
                   n_sites = n_sites_am, mean_catch_rate = mean_catch_rate,
                   fishing_day_length)

# To simulate one traditional access point survey where the creel clerk arrives,
# counts anglers, and interviews anglers that have completed their trips
start_time = 0.001
wait_time = 8
n_anglers = 1000
n_sites = 1
mean_catch_rate <- 5
fishing_day_length <- 12

simulate_bus_route(start_time = start_time, wait_time = wait_time,
                   n_anglers = n_anglers, n_sites = n_sites,
                   mean_catch_rate = mean_catch_rate,
                   fishing_day_length = fishing_day_length)
```

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