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as_dist_structure.dist_structure
Coerce to dist_structure

Description

Wraps a plain algebraic.dist distribution in a 1-component [series_dist](#) so that it satisfies the dist_structure protocol. Useful for polymorphic code that operates on dist_structure inputs but is also handed unwrapped distributions. A dist_structure is returned unchanged.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'dist_structure'
as_dist_structure(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'dist'
as_dist_structure(x, ...)

as_dist_structure(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x	A dist or dist_structure.
...	Reserved for methods.

Value

A [dist_structure](#) object.

birnbaum_importance *Birnbaum reliability importance*

Description

The Birnbaum importance of component j at component reliabilities p is $dR/dp_j = R(p \text{ with } p_j = 1) - R(p \text{ with } p_j = 0)$. Measures how much the system reliability changes if j moves between certain failure and certain success (and, by monotonicity, the rate of change at any intermediate p_j).

Usage

```
birnbaum_importance(x, j, p)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'dist_structure'
birnbaum_importance(x, j, p)
```

Arguments

x A `dist_structure` object.
 j Component index.
 p Numeric vector of length `ncomponents(x)` or a scalar in $[0, 1]$.

Value

Numeric scalar in $[0, 1]$.

bridge_dist *Bridge system distribution*

Description

The classical 5-component bridge reliability network with minimal path sets $\{1, 4\}$, $\{2, 5\}$, $\{1, 3, 5\}$, $\{2, 3, 4\}$. Components 1 and 2 are the input side, 4 and 5 the output side, and 3 the cross-link. The bridge is a canonical non-series, non-parallel example used throughout the reliability literature; see Barlow and Proschan (1975, "Statistical Theory of Reliability and Life Testing") for the standard treatment.

Usage

```
bridge_dist(components)
```

Arguments

`components` List of 5 `dist` objects.

Value

A `bridge_dist` inheriting from `coherent_dist`.

<code>coherent_dist</code>	<i>Coherent system distribution from minimal path sets</i>
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Description

General-purpose constructor. Users supply a list of minimal path sets (each a vector of component indices) and a list of component distributions (each an `algebraic.dist::dist` object with parameters baked in). The resulting object is a `dist_structure` and `dist`.

Usage

```
coherent_dist(min_paths, components, m = NULL)
```

Arguments

<code>min_paths</code>	List of integer vectors; each is a minimal path set.
<code>components</code>	List of <code>dist</code> objects, length <code>m</code> . Each is a fully-parameterized component lifetime distribution.
<code>m</code>	Optional integer. Inferred from <code>components</code> and <code>min_paths</code> if omitted.

Value

An object of class `c("coherent_dist", "dist_structure", "univariate_dist", "dist")`.

Examples

```
# A bridge network with exponential components
sys <- coherent_dist(
  min_paths = list(c(1, 4), c(2, 5), c(1, 3, 5), c(2, 3, 4)),
  components = replicate(5, algebraic.dist::exponential(1), simplify = FALSE)
)
reliability(sys, 0.9)
```

cold_standby_dist *Cold-standby system distribution*

Description

Constructs a distribution representing a cold-standby system: one component active at a time with perfect, instantaneous switching to the next spare upon failure. System lifetime equals the sum of independent component lifetimes.

Estimates $S(t) = P(T_1 + \dots + T_m > t)$ by simulating `mc` system lifetimes and computing the empirical fraction exceeding `t`. The returned closure caches its sample vector: the first call generates `mc` samples, subsequent calls reuse them as long as `mc` is unchanged (a different `mc` triggers a fresh draw). This makes repeated $S(t)$ calls deterministic given the same `mc`.

Computes the CDF by deferring to a fresh `surv` closure. The CDF closure has its own sample cache (independent of any external `surv` closure), so $\text{cdf}(x)(t) + \text{surv}(x)(t)$ is generally not exactly 1 unless callers reuse a single `surv` closure: prefer `S <- surv(x)`; `F_t <- 1 - S(t)` over computing both independently.

Usage

```
cold_standby_dist(components)

## S3 method for class 'cold_standby_dist'
sampler(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'cold_standby_dist'
surv(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'cold_standby_dist'
cdf(x, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>components</code>	List of <code>dist</code> objects representing per-stage component lifetimes.
<code>x</code>	A <code>cold_standby_dist</code> object.
<code>...</code>	Ignored.

Details

Cold standby is not a coherent system in the structure-function sense (its topology is temporal succession, not an order statistic), so the returned object does not inherit `dist_structure`. It IS a `dist` (with `surv`, `cdf`, `sampler`, `mean` available) and exposes `ncomponents()` and `component()` for inspection.

Defaults: `sampler` is exact (sample each component independently and sum); `mean` is exact when every component implements `mean()` (otherwise falls back to Monte Carlo via the `sampler`); `surv` and `cdf` use Monte Carlo with a default of $1e5$ simulated lifetimes (override via the `mc` argument).

The returned `surv` / `cdf` closures cache their samples after the first call so subsequent evaluations at different `t` values are deterministic given the same `mc`.

Methods inherited from `algebraic.dist::univariate_dist` that require density or sup (notably `expectation`, `vcov`) are NOT supported on cold-standby objects out of the box; specialized subclasses with closed-form aggregate distributions (e.g., iid exponential collapses to `Gamma(m, rate)`) should provide their own methods.

For reproducibility across calls to `surv()` itself (i.e., between separately constructed closures), set the RNG seed externally via `set.seed()` before invoking `surv(x)`. Override the method on a subclass with an exact aggregate distribution (e.g., iid exponential collapses to `Gamma(m, rate)`) when an analytic form is available.

Value

An object of class `c("cold_standby_dist", "univariate_dist", "continuous_dist", "dist")`.

Examples

```
# Cold standby of 3 iid Exp(1) components: aggregate is Gamma(3, 1)
sys <- cold_standby_dist(replicate(3,
  algebraic.dist::exponential(1), simplify = FALSE))
mean(sys) # = 3
```

component

The j-th component as a dist

Description

Returns the `j`-th component as an `algebraic.dist::dist` object with parameters baked in (so `sampler`, `surv`, etc. work directly on it).

Usage

```
component(x, j, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	A <code>dist_structure</code> object.
<code>j</code>	Integer component index in <code>1:ncomponents(x)</code> .
<code>...</code>	Implementation-specific arguments (e.g., parameter overrides for lazily parameterized systems).

Value

An object inheriting from `dist`.

```
compose_systems.dist_structure
```

Compose systems hierarchically

Description

Produce a new [dist_structure](#) by replacing each component of outer with a sub-system (either a [dist_structure](#) or a plain dist). The composed system's components are the flattened inner components; its min_paths enumerate the Cartesian products of inner min_paths within each outer min_path.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'dist_structure'
compose_systems(outer, inner_list)

compose_systems(outer, inner_list)
```

Arguments

outer	A dist_structure object.
inner_list	A list of length ncomponents(outer). Each element is either a dist_structure or a dist (single-component sub-system).

Details

Computational note: the composed minimal-path enumeration takes the Cartesian product of inner-path choices over each outer path. For an outer system with p paths each of length q, where each inner has r paths, the candidate count grows as $O(p * r^q)$ before deduplication. Bridge-of-bridges and similar deeply nested compositions can produce hundreds of candidates; if you find the call slow, build the composed coherent_dist directly with a hand-curated min_paths list.

Value

A coherent_dist representing the composed system.

```
consecutive_k_dist      Consecutive-k-out-of-n system distribution (type G)
```

Description

The consecutive-k-out-of-n:G system functions when at least one block of k consecutive components all function. Minimal path sets are the $n - k + 1$ consecutive blocks of size k. (Note: this is the :G variant; the :F variant, "fails when any k consecutive fail", has different minimal paths.)

Usage

```
consecutive_k_dist(k, components)
```

Arguments

k Block size.
components List of dist objects (length n).

Value

A `consecutive_k_dist` inheriting from `coherent_dist`.

`critical_states.dist_structure`
Critical states of a component

Description

Critical states of a component

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'dist_structure'  
critical_states(x, j)  
  
critical_states(x, j)
```

Arguments

x A [dist_structure](#) object.
j Component index.

Value

Integer matrix with $m - 1$ columns; rows are the states of the other components for which j is critical.

criticality_importance

Criticality (Fussell) importance at time t

Description

Probability that component j has failed AND is critical given that the system has failed by time t. Equals $I_B(j; S(t)) * F_j(t) / F_{sys}(t)$.

Usage

```
criticality_importance(x, j, t)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'dist_structure'
criticality_importance(x, j, t)
```

Arguments

x	A <code>dist_structure</code> object.
j	Component index.
t	Scalar time.

Value

Numeric scalar in $[0, 1]$.

dual.coherent_dist *Dual of a coherent_dist: swap cuts and paths*

Description

Overrides the lazy-wrapper default with a proper coherent_dist: $\text{min_paths}(\text{dual}(x)) = \text{min_cuts}(x)$.

Returns a `dual_of_system` object carrying the original structure. $\text{phi_dual}(\text{state}) = 1 - \text{phi}(\text{original}, 1 - \text{state})$ is evaluated on demand. All other generics fall through to `dist_structure` defaults.

The dual structure satisfies $\text{phi_dual}(\text{state}) = 1 - \text{phi}(1 - \text{state})$. The dual of a series system is parallel; the dual of k-out-of-n is (n - k + 1)-out-of-n.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'coherent_dist'
dual(x)

## S3 method for class 'dist_structure'
dual(x)

## S3 method for class 'dual_of_system'
dual(x)

dual(x)
```

Arguments

x A [dist_structure](#) object.

Value

A [dist_structure](#) object representing the dual.

exp_kofn	<i>k-out-of-n system of independent exponential components (closed form)</i>
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Description

Constructs a `dist_structure` for a k-out-of-m system whose components are independent exponentials. Closed-form methods are provided for `surv`, `cdf`, `sampler`, `density`, and `hazard`. `mean` falls back to numerical integration via the `dist_structure` default.

Usage

```
exp_kofn(k, rates)

## S3 method for class 'exp_kofn'
surv(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'exp_kofn'
sampler(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'exp_kofn'
hazard(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'exp_kofn'
density(x, ...)
```

Arguments

k	Minimum number of functioning components for system operation.
rates	Positive numeric vector of length m with $m \geq k$.
x	An exp_kofn object.
...	Ignored.

Value

exp_kofn() returns an object of class c("exp_kofn", "kofn_dist", "coherent_dist", "dist_structure", "univariate_dist", "continuous_dist", "dist").

The associated S3 methods return:

- surv(), density(), hazard(): a closure function(t, ...).
- cdf() is derived via the dist_structure default and returns a closure function(t, ...) equal to $1 - \text{surv}(x)(t)$.
- sampler(): a closure function(n, ...) returning n random variates from the system life-time distribution.

Examples

```
sys <- exp_kofn(k = 2, rates = c(1, 2, 3))
algebraic.dist::surv(sys)(1)
```

exp_parallel	<i>Parallel of exponential components (closed form)</i>
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Description

Constructs a dist_structure representing a parallel system whose components are independent exponentials. Closed-form methods are provided for surv, cdf, sampler, and mean (the last via inclusion-exclusion over the $2^m - 1$ non-empty component subsets).

Usage

```
exp_parallel(rates)

## S3 method for class 'exp_parallel'
surv(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'exp_parallel'
sampler(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'exp_parallel'
mean(x, ...)
```

Arguments

rates	Positive numeric vector of length m.
x	An exp_parallel object.
...	Ignored.

Value

exp_parallel() returns an object of class c("exp_parallel", "parallel_dist", "coherent_dist", "dist_structure", "univariate_dist", "continuous_dist", "dist").

The associated S3 methods return:

- surv(): a closure function(t, ...).
- cdf() is derived via the dist_structure default and returns a closure function(t, ...) equal to 1 - surv(x)(t).
- sampler(): a closure function(n, ...) returning n random variates from the system lifetime distribution.
- mean(): a numeric scalar (the mean system lifetime, computed in closed form via inclusion-exclusion).

Examples

```
sys <- exp_parallel(c(1, 2, 3))
algebraic.dist::surv(sys)(1)
```

exp_series	<i>Series of exponential components (closed form)</i>
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Description

Constructs a dist_structure representing a series system whose components are independent exponentials. The system lifetime is itself an Exp(sum(rates)) distribution; all dist-level queries have closed-form expressions that bypass the general default methods.

Usage

```
exp_series(rates)

## S3 method for class 'exp_series'
surv(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'exp_series'
sampler(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'exp_series'
mean(x, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'exp_series'
density(x, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'exp_series'
hazard(x, ...)
```

Arguments

rates	Positive numeric vector of length m: per-component exponential rates.
x	An exp_series object.
...	Ignored.

Value

exp_series() returns an object of class c("exp_series", "series_dist", "coherent_dist", "dist_structure", "univariate_dist", "continuous_dist", "dist").

The associated S3 methods return:

- surv(), density(), hazard(): a closure function(t, ...) evaluating the named quantity at t.
- cdf() is derived via the dist_structure default and returns a closure function(t, ...) equal to 1 - surv(x)(t).
- sampler(): a closure function(n, ...) returning n random variates from the system lifetime distribution.
- mean(): a numeric scalar (the mean system lifetime).

Examples

```
sys <- exp_series(c(0.5, 0.3, 0.2))
algebraic.dist::surv(sys)(1) # equals exp(-sum(rates) * 1)
mean(sys)                   # equals 1 / sum(rates)
```

format.dist_structure *Format a dist_structure object*

Description

Format a dist_structure object

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'dist_structure'
format(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x A `dist_structure` object.
 ... Ignored.

Value

Character vector suitable for `cat()`.

gamma_series	<i>Series of independent Gamma components (closed form)</i>
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Description

Constructs a `dist_structure` for a series system whose components are independent Gammas. Closed-form `surv` is evaluated by the product of per-component upper-tail probabilities; `cdf` is $1 - \text{surv}$; `sampler` generates m independent Gammas and takes the min.

Usage

```
gamma_series(shapes, rates)

## S3 method for class 'gamma_series'
surv(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'gamma_series'
sampler(x, ...)
```

Arguments

shapes Positive numeric vector of length m : per-component Gamma shape parameters.
 rates Positive numeric vector of length m : per-component Gamma rate parameters.
 x A `gamma_series` object.
 ... Ignored.

Value

`gamma_series()` returns an object of class `c("gamma_series", "series_dist", "coherent_dist", "dist_structure", "univariate_dist", "continuous_dist", "dist")`.

The associated S3 methods return:

- `surv()`: a closure function(t, \dots).
- `cdf()` is derived via the `dist_structure` default and returns a closure function(t, \dots) equal to $1 - \text{surv}(x)(t)$.
- `sampler()`: a closure function(n, \dots) returning n random variates from the system life-time distribution.

Examples

```
sys <- gamma_series(shapes = c(2, 3), rates = c(1, 2))
algebraic.dist::surv(sys)(1)
```

```
is_coherent.dist_structure
```

Coherence axiom check

Description

Coherence axiom check

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'dist_structure'
is_coherent(x)

is_coherent(x)
```

Arguments

x A [dist_structure](#) object.

Value

TRUE if monotone and every component relevant.

```
is_dist_structure
```

Predicate for dist_structure objects

Description

Predicate for dist_structure objects

Usage

```
is_dist_structure(x)
```

Arguments

x Any object.

Value

TRUE if x inherits from "dist_structure".

kofn_dist	<i>k-out-of-n system distribution</i>
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Description

A k -out-of- n system functions if at least k of its m components function. Equivalent to the $(m - k + 1)$ -th order statistic of component lifetimes.

Usage

```
kofn_dist(k, components)
```

Arguments

<code>k</code>	Minimum functioning components for system operation (:G).
<code>components</code>	List of dist objects (length m).

Details

This constructor uses the **:G** convention: k is the number of components that must remain **functioning** for the system to function. $k = 1$ is parallel; $k = m$ is series. The companion `kofn` package (which depends on `dist.structure`) uses the **:F** convention, where k is the number of failures that trigger system failure; conversion is $k_dist = m - k_kofn + 1$. When in doubt, draw a small example: `kofn_dist(k = 2, ...)` for $m = 3$ functions until two of the three components have failed.

Value

A `kofn_dist` inheriting from `coherent_dist`.

See Also

[order_statistic\(\)](#) for the closely-related order-statistic parameterization.

lognormal_series	<i>Series of independent Lognormal components (closed form)</i>
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Description

Constructs a `dist_structure` for a series system whose components are independent Lognormals. Closed-form `surv` is the product of per-component upper-tail probabilities; `cdf` is $1 - \text{surv}$; `sampler` generates m independent Lognormals and takes the min.

Usage

```
lognormal_series(meanlogs, sdlogs)

## S3 method for class 'lognormal_series'
surv(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'lognormal_series'
sampler(x, ...)
```

Arguments

meanlogs	Numeric vector of length m : per-component meanlog parameters.
sdlogs	Positive numeric vector of length m : per-component sdlog parameters.
x	A lognormal_series object.
...	Ignored.

Value

lognormal_series() returns an object of class `c("lognormal_series", "series_dist", "coherent_dist", "dist_structure", "univariate_dist", "continuous_dist", "dist")`.

The associated S3 methods return:

- `surv()`: a closure function(t, \dots).
- `cdf()` is derived via the `dist_structure` default and returns a closure function(t, \dots) equal to $1 - \text{surv}(x)(t)$.
- `sampler()`: a closure function(n, \dots) returning n random variates from the system life-time distribution.

Examples

```
sys <- lognormal_series(meanlogs = c(0, 1), sdlogs = c(1, 0.5))
algebraic.dist::surv(sys)(1)
```

max_iid

Parallel system of m iid components

Description

Equivalent to the maximum of m iid random variables from d . Preserves the parallel topology for structural queries.

Usage

```
max_iid(d, m)
```

Arguments

d A dist object.
 m Number of components.

Value

A parallel_dist.

mean.cold_standby_dist

Mean of a cold-standby system: sum of component means

Description

Computes $\sum_j E[T_j]$ exactly when every component implements a mean() method. Falls back to a Monte Carlo estimate from the sampler when any component lacks an exact mean (e.g., a dist_structure component whose mean would route through algebraic.dist::univariate_dist and require density / sup, which are not provided on dist_structure by default).

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'cold_standby_dist'
mean(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x A cold_standby_dist object.
 ... Passed to the Monte Carlo fallback as mc (default 1e5).

Value

Numeric scalar.

min_cuts.dist_structure

Minimal cut sets

Description

Minimal cut sets

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'dist_structure'
min_cuts(x)

min_cuts(x)
```

Arguments

x A `dist_structure` object.

Value

A list of integer vectors.

min_iid	<i>Series system of m iid components</i>
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Description

Equivalent to the minimum of m iid random variables from d . Unlike `min` in the base distribution algebra, `min_iid` preserves the series topology so structural queries (`phi`, `min_paths`, `structural_importance`) remain available.

Usage

```
min_iid(d, m)
```

Arguments

d A `dist` object (the common component distribution).

m Number of components (positive integer).

Value

A `series_dist`.

Examples

```
sys <- min_iid(algebraic.dist::exponential(1), m = 3)
# System survival at t=0.5 equals (exp(-t))^3 = exp(-1.5)
```

min_paths.dist_structure
Minimal path sets

Description

Returns the minimal subsets of 1:m whose joint functioning is sufficient for the system to function. min_paths and [phi\(\)](#) are dual primitives in the dist_structure protocol: providing one is enough, the other has an enumerative default.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'dist_structure'
min_paths(x)

min_paths(x)
```

Arguments

x A [dist_structure](#) object.

Value

A list of integer vectors.

See Also

[phi\(\)](#) for the dual primitive; [min_cuts\(\)](#) for the dual topology query (minimal subsets whose joint failure causes system failure).

ncomponents *Number of components*

Description

Number of components

Usage

```
ncomponents(x)
```

Arguments

x A [dist_structure](#) object.

Value

A positive integer m, the number of components.

order_statistic	<i>k-th order statistic of m iid components</i>
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Description

Constructs a `kofn_dist` whose system lifetime equals $T_-(k)$, the k -th order statistic of m iid draws from d . Under the k -of- m parametrization, the system fails at the $(m - k + 1)$ -th component failure; setting the threshold to $m - k + 1$ makes the system lifetime equal $T_-(k)$.

Usage

```
order_statistic(d, k, m)
```

Arguments

<code>d</code>	A dist object.
<code>k</code>	The order statistic index ($1 = \min$, $m = \max$).
<code>m</code>	Number of iid components.

Details

The internal call is `kofn_dist(m - k + 1, ...)`: this maps the order-statistic index k (where $k = 1$ is the minimum, $k = m$ is the maximum) to the `:G` convention used by `kofn_dist` (where the `k_dist` argument is the number of functioning components required).

Value

A `kofn_dist`.

Examples

```
# Median of 5 iid exponentials
sys <- order_statistic(algebraic.dist::exponential(1), k = 3, m = 5)
```

parallel_dist	<i>Parallel system distribution</i>
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Description

A parallel system fails only when all components fail. Equivalent to `max(components)` but preserves topology.

Usage

```
parallel_dist(components)
```

Arguments

components List of dist objects.

Value

A parallel_dist inheriting from coherent_dist.

phi.dist_structure *Structure function*

Description

Evaluate the coherent structure function $\text{phi}: \{0, 1\}^m \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ at a component state vector state. By convention $\text{state}[j] = 1$ means component j is functioning; $\text{phi}(\text{state}) = 1$ means the system is functioning.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'dist_structure'
phi(x, state)

phi(x, state)
```

Arguments

x A [dist_structure](#) object.
state Integer or logical vector of length $n\text{components}(x)$ in $\{0, 1\}$.

Details

phi and [min_paths\(\)](#) are dual primitives: if a subclass provides only $\text{phi}.\langle\text{class}\rangle()$, the default [min_paths.dist_structure\(\)](#) enumerates minimal subsets via phi; if a subclass provides only $\text{min_paths}.\langle\text{class}\rangle()$, the default [phi.dist_structure\(\)](#) checks whether state covers any minimal path. Subclasses providing both must keep them consistent.

Value

Integer scalar, 0 or 1.

See Also

[min_paths\(\)](#) for the dual primitive; [validate_dist_structure\(\)](#) for construction-time checking.

```
print.dist_structure Print a dist_structure object
```

Description

Print a dist_structure object

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'dist_structure'
print(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x A [dist_structure](#) object.
... Passed to `format()`.

Value

x, invisibly.

```
reliability.dist_structure
                          System reliability polynomial
```

Description

$R(p) = E[\phi(X)]$ where $X_j \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p_j)$ independent. The multilinear extension of ϕ to component reliabilities.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'dist_structure'
reliability(x, p)
```

```
reliability(x, p)
```

Arguments

x A [dist_structure](#) object.
p Numeric vector of length `ncomponents(x)` or a scalar recycled to all components; values in $[\theta, 1]$.

Value

Numeric scalar in $[\theta, 1]$.

series_dist	<i>Series system distribution</i>
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Description

A series system fails if any single component fails. Equivalent to `min(components)` as random variables; unlike `min` in the base algebra, `series_dist` preserves the component decomposition so topology queries work.

Usage

```
series_dist(components)
```

Arguments

`components` List of dist objects.

Value

A `series_dist` inheriting from `coherent_dist`.

Examples

```
sys <- series_dist(replicate(3, algebraic.dist::exponential(1), simplify = FALSE))
algebraic.dist::surv(sys)(0.5)
```

structural_importance.dist_structure	<i>Birnbaum structural importance</i>
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Description

Fraction of the $2^{(m-1)}$ states of the other components for which component `j` is critical.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'dist_structure'
structural_importance(x, j)

structural_importance(x, j)
```

Arguments

`x` A `dist_structure` object.
`j` Component index.

Value

Numeric scalar in $[0, 1]$.

substitute_component.dist_structure
Substitute a component

Description

Return a new [dist_structure](#) with the j -th component replaced by `new_component`. Topology is preserved; the returned object is a `coherent_dist` with the same `min_paths` and the modified component list.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'dist_structure'
substitute_component(x, j, new_component)

substitute_component(x, j, new_component)
```

Arguments

`x` A [dist_structure](#) object.
`j` Component index.
`new_component` A dist-compatible object to install at position j .

Value

A new [dist_structure](#) object.

surv.dist_structure *System survival via reliability composition*

Description

Returns a closure function(`t, ...`) where `surv(x)(t)` equals `reliability(x, surv(component(x, j))(t))` for each j . This is the classical identity $S_{\text{sys}}(t) = R(S(t))$ realized as a composition.

Returns a closure function(`n, ...`) that draws n system lifetimes by sampling each component independently and applying `system_lifetime()` to combine.

`dist_structure` is the virtual S3 class for distributions whose random variable has internal component structure: coherent reliability systems decomposed into components arranged by a structure function. Every concrete implementation (`coherent_dist`, `series_dist`, `parallel_dist`, `kofn_dist`, `bridge_dist`, or user-defined subclasses) should include "`dist_structure`", the algebraic `dist` ancestor "`univariate_dist`", and "`dist`" in its class vector.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'dist_structure'
surv(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'dist_structure'
cdf(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'dist_structure'
sampler(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x	A dist_structure object.
...	Ignored.

Details

Concrete implementations provide S3 methods for the generics in this package. The minimum required methods are [ncomponents\(\)](#), [component\(\)](#), and one of [phi\(\)](#) or [min_paths\(\)](#); every other generic has a default method on `dist_structure` that composes the primitives.

If both `phi.<class>()` and `min_paths.<class>()` are provided, the implementor is responsible for keeping them consistent: `phi` derives the in-package generics `reliability`, `critical_states`, and `is_coherent`; `min_paths` derives `min_cuts` and `system_signature`. Inconsistent implementations produce silently inconsistent results.

Value

This help topic documents the virtual base class together with the three distribution-algebra default methods that compose component distributions through the topology:

- [surv.dist_structure\(\)](#) returns a closure function(`t, ...`) that evaluates the system survival function via the reliability identity $S_{\text{sys}}(t) = R(S_1(t), \dots, S_m(t))$.
- [cdf.dist_structure\(\)](#) returns a closure function(`t, ...`) equal to $1 - \text{surv}(x)(t)$.
- [sampler.dist_structure\(\)](#) returns a closure function(`n, ...`) that draws `n` independent system lifetimes by sampling each component and combining via [system_lifetime\(\)](#).

Concrete subclasses override any of these for closed-form speed; see the closed-form specializations under the See Also entries.

See Also

[validate_dist_structure\(\)](#) for an implementor-side construction-time validator. [phi\(\)](#) and [min_paths\(\)](#) for the bidirectional protocol primitives. The closed-form families ([exp_series\(\)](#), [wei_kofn\(\)](#), etc.) for reference implementations.

system_censoring.dist_structure

Per-component censoring from system observation

Description

Per-component censoring from system observation

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'dist_structure'  
system_censoring(x, times)
```

```
system_censoring(x, times)
```

Arguments

x A [dist_structure](#) object.

times Non-negative numeric vector of length `ncomponents(x)`.

Value

A list with `system_time` (scalar) and `component_status` (character vector of length `m`, values in "exact", "left", "right").

system_lifetime.dist_structure

System lifetime from component times

Description

System lifetime from component times

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'dist_structure'  
system_lifetime(x, times)
```

```
system_lifetime(x, times)
```

Arguments

x A [dist_structure](#) object.

times Non-negative numeric vector of length `ncomponents(x)`.

Value

Scalar system lifetime.

system_signature.dist_structure
System signature

Description

Samaniego's signature: $s = (s_1, \dots, s_m)$ where s_k is the probability the system fails at the k -th component failure under i.i.d. absolutely-continuous component lifetimes. Only depends on the structure (ϕ), not on the component distribution. A default method on `dist_structure` enumerates the $m!$ orderings; this is feasible for m up to about 8 or 9. Specialized subclasses should override with closed-form expressions.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'dist_structure'
system_signature(x)

system_signature(x)
```

Arguments

`x` A `dist_structure` object.

Value

Numeric vector of length `ncomponents(x)` summing to 1.

validate_dist_structure
Validate that an object satisfies the dist_structure protocol

Description

Checks that `x` declares "dist_structure" in its class chain and provides the three required generics: `ncomponents()`, `component()`, and at least one of `phi()` or `min_paths()`.

Usage

```
validate_dist_structure(x)
```

Arguments

`x` An object claiming to satisfy the `dist_structure` protocol.

Details

Useful in subclass constructors to fail fast with a clear error message rather than at first method dispatch (where the user sees opaque "no applicable method" errors). A typical pattern:

```
my_subclass <- function(...) {
  obj <- structure(list(...), class = c("my_subclass", "dist_structure",
                                       "univariate_dist", "continuous_dist", "dist"))
  validate_dist_structure(obj)
  obj
}
```

Value

TRUE (invisibly) if all checks pass. Stops with an informative error otherwise.

Examples

```
# Success: a valid dist_structure (any built-in topology shortcut works).
validate_dist_structure(series_dist(replicate(3,
  algebraic.dist::exponential(1), simplify = FALSE)))

# Failure: an object that declares dist_structure but provides no
# primitives. Wrapped in tryCatch for the example's success status.
bad <- structure(list(),
  class = c("not_a_real_class", "dist_structure",
            "univariate_dist", "continuous_dist", "dist"))
tryCatch(validate_dist_structure(bad),
  error = function(e) conditionMessage(e))
```

vesely_fussell_importance

Vesely-Fussell importance at time t

Description

Probability that at least one minimal cut set containing j has all its components failed, given the system has failed by time t . Computed exactly via inclusion-exclusion over subsets of cuts that contain j .

Usage

```
vesely_fussell_importance(x, j, t)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'dist_structure'
vesely_fussell_importance(x, j, t)
```

Arguments

x	A dist_structure object.
j	Component index.
t	Scalar time.

Value

Numeric scalar in $[0, 1]$.

wei_homogeneous_series

Series of Weibull components with common shape (closed form as a Weibull)

Description

Constructs a `dist_structure` for a series of Weibull components sharing a common shape parameter. By the standard identity, the system lifetime is itself Weibull with the common shape and an aggregate scale $(\sum(1 / \text{scale}^{\text{shape}}))^{(-1 / \text{shape})}$. Methods for `surv`, `cdf`, `sampler`, and `mean` forward to this aggregate Weibull, giving exact closed-form values.

Usage

```
wei_homogeneous_series(shape, scales)

## S3 method for class 'wei_homogeneous_series'
surv(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'wei_homogeneous_series'
sampler(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'wei_homogeneous_series'
mean(x, ...)
```

Arguments

shape	Positive scalar: common Weibull shape.
scales	Positive numeric vector: per-component Weibull scales.
x	A <code>wei_homogeneous_series</code> object.
...	Ignored.

Value

wei_homogeneous_series() returns an object of class c("wei_homogeneous_series", "wei_series", "series_dist", "coherent_dist", "dist_structure", "univariate_dist", "continuous_dist", "dist").

The associated S3 methods return:

- surv(): a closure function(t, ...).
- cdf() is derived via the dist_structure default and returns a closure function(t, ...) equal to 1 - surv(x)(t).
- sampler(): a closure function(n, ...) returning n random variates from the system lifetime distribution.
- mean(): a numeric scalar (the mean system lifetime, aggregate_scale * gamma(1 + 1 / shape)).

Examples

```
sys <- wei_homogeneous_series(shape = 2, scales = c(1, 2, 3))
# System lifetime is Weibull(shape = 2, scale = aggregate_scale)
algebraic.dist::surv(sys)(1)
```

wei_kofn

k-out-of-n system of independent Weibull components (closed form)

Description

Constructs a dist_structure for a k-out-of-m system whose components are independent (possibly heterogeneous) Weibulls. Closed-form surv, cdf, sampler, density, and hazard via subset enumeration, the critical-state density formula, and component order statistics.

Usage

```
wei_kofn(k, shapes, scales)

## S3 method for class 'wei_kofn'
surv(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'wei_kofn'
sampler(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'wei_kofn'
hazard(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'wei_kofn'
density(x, ...)
```

Arguments

k	Minimum functioning components for system operation.
shapes	Positive numeric vector of length m.
scales	Positive numeric vector of length m.
x	A wei_kofn object.
...	Ignored.

Value

wei_kofn() returns an object of class c("wei_kofn", "kofn_dist", "coherent_dist", "dist_structure", "univariate_dist", "continuous_dist", "dist").

The associated S3 methods return:

- surv(), density(), hazard(): a closure function(t, ...).
- cdf() is derived via the dist_structure default and returns a closure function(t, ...) equal to 1 - surv(x)(t).
- sampler(): a closure function(n, ...) returning n random variates from the system lifetime distribution.

Examples

```
sys <- wei_kofn(k = 2, shapes = c(1, 2, 3), scales = c(1, 2, 3))
algebraic.dist::surv(sys)(1)
```

wei_series	<i>Series of heterogeneous Weibull components (closed form)</i>
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Description

Constructs a dist_structure representing a series system whose components are independent Weibull distributions with possibly different shapes and scales. Closed-form methods are provided for surv, cdf, sampler, and algebraic.dist::hazard.

Usage

```
wei_series(shapes, scales)

## S3 method for class 'wei_series'
surv(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'wei_series'
sampler(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'wei_series'
hazard(x, ...)
```

Arguments

shapes	Positive numeric vector of length m : Weibull shape parameters per component.
scales	Positive numeric vector of length m (same length as shapes): Weibull scale parameters per component.
x	A wei_series object.
...	Ignored.

Value

wei_series() returns an object of class c("wei_series", "series_dist", "coherent_dist", "dist_structure", "univariate_dist", "continuous_dist", "dist").

The associated S3 methods return:

- surv(), hazard(): a closure function(t, ...).
- cdf() is derived via the dist_structure default and returns a closure function(t, ...) equal to $1 - \text{surv}(x)(t)$.
- sampler(): a closure function(n, ...) returning n random variates from the system lifetime distribution.

Examples

```
sys <- wei_series(shapes = c(1, 2, 3), scales = c(1, 2, 3))
algebraic.dist::surv(sys)(1)
```

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