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Title Rasch Model Parameters by Pairwise Algorithm

Description The package pairwise offers functions for the explicit calculation -- not estimation! -- of the Rasch item parameters for dichotomous and polytomous item responses, using a pairwise comparison approach. Person parameters (WLE) are calculated according to Warm's weighted likelihood approach.

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`pairwise-package` *Rasch Model Parameters with pairwise*

Description

The package `pairwise` performs the explicit calculation – not estimation! – of the Rasch item parameters for dichotomous and polytomous response formats using a pairwise comparison approach (Choppin, 1968, 1985). On the basis of the item parameters, person parameters (WLE) are calculated according to Warm's weighted likelihood approach (Warm, 1989). Item- and person fit statistics and several functions for plotting are available.

Details

In case of dichotomous answer formats the item parameter calculation for the Rasch Model (Rasch, 1960), is based on the construction of a pairwise comparison matrix M*nij* with entries f*ij* representing the number of respondents who got item *i* right and item *j* wrong according to Choppin's (1968, 1985) conditional pairwise algorithm.

For the calculation of the item thresholds and difficulty in case of polytomous answer formats, according to the Partial Credit Model (Masters, 1982), a generalization of the pairwise comparison algorithm is used. The construction of the pairwise comparison matrix is therefore extended to the comparison of answer frequencies for each category of each item. In this case, the pairwise comparison matrix M*nicjc* with entries f*icjc* represents the number of respondents who answered to item *i* in category *c* and to item *j* in category *c-1* widening Choppin's (1968, 1985) conditional pairwise algorithm to polytomous item response formats. Within R this algorithm is simply realized by matrix multiplication.

In general, for both polytomous and dichotomous response formats, the benefit in applying this algorithm lies in it's capability to return stable item parameter 'estimates' even when using data with a relative high amount of missing values, as long as the items are still proper linked together.

The recent version of the package 'pairwise' computes item parameters for dichotomous and polytomous item responses – and a mixture of both – according the partial credit model using the function `pair`.

Based on the explicit calculated item parameters for a dataset, the person parameters may thereupon be estimated using any estimation approach. The function `pers` implemented in the package uses Warm's weighted likelihood approach (WLE) for estimation of the person parameters (Warm, 1989). When assessing person characteristics (abilities) using (rotated) booklet designs an 'incidence' matrix should be used, giving the information if the respective item was in the booklet (coded 1) given to the person or not (coded 0). Such a matrix can be constructed (out of a booklet allocation table) using the function `make.incidenz`.

Item- and person fit statistics, see functions `pairwise.item.fit` and `pairwise.person.fit` respectively, are calculated based on the squared and standardized residuals of observed and the expected person-item matrix. The implemented procedures for calculating the fit indices are based on the formulas given in Wright & Masters, (1982, p. 100), with further clarification given at `http://www.rasch.org/rmt/rmt34e.htm`.

Further investigation of item fit can be done by using the function `ptbis` for point biserial correlations. For a graphical representation of the item fit, the function `gif` for plotting empirical and model derived category probability curves, or the function `esc` for plotting expected (and empirical) score curves, can be used.

The function `iff` plots or returns values of the item information function and the function `tff` plots or returns values of the test information function.

To detect multidimensionality within a set of Items a rasch residual factor analysis proposed by Wright (1996) and further discussed by Linacre (1998) can be performed using the function `rfa`.

For a 'heuristic' model check the function `grm` makes the basic calculations for the graphical model check for dicho- or polytomous item response formats. The corresponding S3 plotting method is `plot.grm`.

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`bfiN` *5 polytomous personality items*

Description

Data from 2800 subjects answering to 5 neuroticism items with 6 answer categories (0-5) of the bfi dataset originally included in the R-package `{psych}`.

Usage

```
data(bfiN)
```

Format

A data frame containing 5 variables and 2800 obsevations.

Details

The other variables from the original bfi dataset were skipped to have a simple example data frame. For further Information on the original dataset see R-package `{psych}`.

Source

http://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/psych/index.html

References

Revelle, William (2012), psych: Procedures for Psychological, Psychometric, and Personality Research.*R package version 1.2.12*

Examples

```
data(bfiN)
dim(bfiN)
#################################################################
names(bfiN) # show all variable names of data.frame bfiN
range(bfiN,na.rm=TRUE) # checking the valid response range
```

`bfiN_miss` *5 polytomous personality items*

Description

Data from 2800 subjects answering to 5 neuroticism items with 6 answer categories (0-5) of the bfi dataset originally included in the R-package `{psych}` with artificial missing data (see details).

Usage

```
data(bfiN_miss)
```

Format

A data frame containing 5 variables and 2800 obsevations.

Details

This dataset is the same like the dataset `{bfiN}` included in this package, exept for the amount of missing data, which were additional created in that way, having aprox. 15% missing for each of the 5 variables by random.

The other variables from the original bfi dataset were skipped to have a simple example data frame. For further Information on the original dataset see R-package `{psych}`.

Source

http://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/psych/index.html

References

Revelle, William (2012), psych: Procedures for Psychological, Psychometric, and Personality Research.*R package version 1.2.12*

Examples

```
data(bfiN_miss)
dim(bfiN_miss)
#################################################################
names(bfiN_miss) # show all variable names of data.frame bfiN_miss
range(bfiN_miss,na.rm=TRUE) # checking the valid response range
colSums(is.na(bfiN_miss))/dim(bfiN_miss)[1] # percentage of missing per variable
```

`catprob` *Category Probability Plots*

Description

plotting function for plotting category probability curves.

Usage

```
catprob(pair_obj, itemnumber = 1, ra = 4, plot = TRUE,
  ...)
```

Arguments

`pair_obj`	an object of class `"pair"` as a result from function `pair`.
`itemnumber`	an integer, defining the number of the item to plot the respective category probability for. This is set to an arbitrary default value of `itemnumber = 1` to avoid error messages when you forget to choose an item to plot the expected score curves for.
`ra`	an integer, defining the (logit) range for x-axis
`plot`	a logical (default `plot = TRUE`), defining wether to supress plotting an just return a matrix of category probabilities
`...`	arguments passed to plot

Details

no details in the moment.

Value

a plot or a matrix with category probabilities.

Examples

```
########
data(sim200x3)
result <- pair(sim200x3)
catprob(pair_obj = result, itemnumber = 2 )
data(bfiN)
result <- pair(bfiN)
catprob(pair_obj = result, itemnumber = 3 )
```

`cog` *Math PISA (2003) data*

Description

Data from the german sample of the PISA 2003 survey, containing 31 dichotomous items from the math task.

Usage

```
data(cog)
```

Format

A data frame containing 34 variables and 4660 obsevations.

Details

The first 3 variables are ID variables. For further Information on variables and their meaning see the codebook PDF file available at http://pisa2003.acer.edu.au/downloads.php

Source

http://pisa2003.acer.edu.au/downloads.php

References

Database - PISA 2003, *Downloadable Data*, http://pisa2003.acer.edu.au/downloads.php

Examples

```
data(cog)
dim(cog)
###############################################################
names(cog) # show all variable names of data.frame cog
names(cog[,4:34]) # show the variable names of the math items
names(cog[,1:3]) # show the variable names of the ID variables
```

`cogBOOKLET` *Booklet allocation table for Math PISA (2003) data*

Description

a `data.frame` containing a booklet allocation table for the cognitive Data `cog` in this package, which holds 31 dichotomous items from the math task from the german sample of the PISA 2003 survey.

Usage

```
data(cogBOOKLET)
```

Format

A `data.frame` containing 31 rows.

Details

For further Information on variables and their meaning see the codebook PDF file available at http://pisa2003.acer.edu.au/downloads.php

Source

http://pisa2003.acer.edu.au/downloads.php

References

Database - PISA 2003, *Downloadable Data*, http://pisa2003.acer.edu.au/downloads.php

Examples

```
data(cogBOOKLET)
cogBOOKLET
```

`DEU_PISA2012` *Data from PISA 2012 - German Sample*

Description

Selectetd data for 5001 'subjects' who participated in the PISA 2012 survey.

Usage

```
data(DEU_PISA2012)
```

Format

A list containing ... .

Details

The data is based on freely down loadable data on the official OECD page - see source. The general structure of the data in list format, is described in an PDF document available in the User guides, package vignettes and other documentation section.

Source

http://pisa2012.acer.edu.au/downloads.php

References

To come ...

Examples

```
################################################################
data(DEU_PISA2012)
str(DEU_PISA2012)
```

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esc *Expected Score Curves Plots*

Description

plotting function for plotting expected score curves.

Usage

```
  esc(pers_obj, itemnumber = 1, integ = 6, ra = 4,
    nodes = 100, lwd = 2, ...)
```

Arguments

`pers_obj`	an object of class `"pers"` as a result from function `pers`.
`itemnumber`	an integer, defining the number of the item to plot the respective categoy probability for. This is set to an arbitrary default value of `itemnumber = 1` to avoid error messages when you forget to choose an item to plot the expected score curves for.
`integ`	either an integer defining the number of (ability) groups to integrate the empirical theta vector or the character expression `"all"` to plot the empirical theta distribution at the respective item score using symbols (see example).
`ra`	an integer, defining the (logit) range for x-axis
`nodes`	numer of integration nodes
`lwd`	see `plot`
`...`	arguments passed to plot

Details

no details in the moment.

Examples

```
########
data(bfiN)
result <- pers(pair(bfiN))
esc(pers_obj=result,1,lwd=2) # plot for first item
esc(pers_obj=result,2,lwd=2) # plot for second item
for(i in 1:5){esc(pers_obj=result,i,lwd=2)}
#########
esc(pers_obj=result,2,integ="all",lwd=2) # plot for secod item
```

`ftab` *Tabulating Answer Categories in Data*

Description

function tabulating (answer) categories in `X`.

Usage

```
ftab(X, catgories = NULL, na.omit = FALSE)
```

Arguments

`X`	Data as a `"matrix"`, a `"data.frame"` or even a `"vector"` or `"factor"`. `"vector"` or `"factor"` are coerced to a `"data.frame"` with one column.
`catgories`	optional a vector (`"numeric"` or `"character"`) containig the categories to tabulate. At default (`catgories=NULL`) the fuction looks for unique categories in `X`.
`na.omit`	logical (default: `na.omit=FALSE`) wether to return frequencies for missing values, `NA`s.

Details

`X` can either be a (`"numeric"` or `"character"`) `"matrix"` containing response vectors of persons (rows) or a `"data.frame"` containing `"numeric"`, `"character"` or `"factor"` variables (columns).

Value

a `"matrix"` with category frequencies

Examples

```
########
data(bfiN)
ftab(bfiN)
data(sim200x3)
ftab(sim200x3)
```

`gif` *Graphical Item Fit Plots*

Description

plotting function for plotting empirical and model derived category probability curves.

Usage

```
gif(pers_obj, itemnumber = 1, ra = 4, integ = "raw",
  kat = "all", ...)
```

Arguments

`pers_obj`	an object of class `"pers"` as a result from function `pers`.
`itemnumber`	an integer, defining the number of the item to plot the respective categoy probability for. This is set to an arbitrary default value of `itemnumber = 1` to avoid error messages when you forget to choose an item to plot the expected score curves for.
`ra`	an integer, defining the (logit) range for x-axis
`integ`	either an integer, defining the number of integration points along the (logit) range on the x-axis to integrate the empirical theta values, or the character expression `"raw"` (default) which will use the rawscore groups as integration points.
`kat`	either an integer, defining for which category the empirical category probabilities should be plotted over the model derived category probability curves, or the character expression `"all"` (default) which will plot the empirical category probabilities for all categories.
`...`	arguments passed to plot

Details

no details in the moment.

Value

a plot with category probabilities.

Examples

```
########
data(bfiN)
pers_obj <- pers(pair(bfiN))
#### plot empirical category probabilities
gif(pers_obj = pers_obj, itemnumber = 1 )
gif(pers_obj = pers_obj, itemnumber = 1 , integ=8) # integration over 8 points
gif(pers_obj = pers_obj, itemnumber = 1 , integ=8, kat=1) # only for category number 1
```

`grm` *Graphical Model Check*

Description

This function makes the basic calculations for the graphical model check for dicho- or polytomous item response formats. It is more or less a wraper function, internaly calling the function `pairSE`. Several splitting options are available (see arguments).

Usage

```
grm(daten, m = NULL, split = "random", splitseed = "no",
  verbose = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

`daten`	daten a data matrix with optionaly named colums (names of items) or a data.frame, potentially with missing values, comprising polytomous responses of respondents (rows) on some items (colums) coded starting with 0 for lowest category to m-1 for highest category, with m beeing the number of categories for all items.
`m`	number of response categories for all items - by default m is defined as `m = max(daten,na.rm=TRUE)+1`.
`split`	Specifies the splitting criterion. Basically there are three different options available - each with several modes - which are controlled by passing the corresponding character expression to the argument. 1) Using the rawscore for splitting into subsamples with the following modes: `split = "median"` median raw score split - high score group and low score group; `split = "mean"` mean raw score split - high score group and low score group; `split = "score"` splitting `daten` into as many subsamples as there are raw score groups (discarding min and max score group) 2) Dividing the persons in `daten` into subsamples with equal size by random allocation with the following modes: `split = "random"` (which is equivalent to `split = "random.2"`) divides persons into two subsamples with equal size. In general the number of desired subsamples must be expressed after the dot in the character expression - e.g. `split = "random.6"` divides persons into 6 subsamples (with equal size) by random allocation etc. 3) The third option is using a manifest variable as a splitting criterion. In this case a vector with the same length as number of cases in `daten` must be passed to the argument grouping the data into subsamples. This vector should be coded as `"factor"` or a `"numeric"` integer vector with min = 1.
`splitseed`	numeric, used for `set.seed(splitseed)` for random splitting - see argument `split`.
`verbose`	logical, if `verbose = TRUE` (default) a message about subsampling is sent to console when calculating standard errors.
`...`	additional arguments `nsample`, `size`, `seed`, `pot` for caling `pairSE` are passed through - see description for `pairSE`.

Details

The data is splitted in two or more subsamples and then item thresholds, the parameter (Sigma) and their standard errors (SE) for the items according the PCM are calculated for each subsample. Additional arguments (see description of function `pairSE`) for parameter calculation are passed through.

WARNING: When using data based on booklet designs with systematically missing values (by design) you have to ensure that in each of the booklet the maximum raw value to reach is equal while using the raw value as splitting criterion.

Value

A (list) object of class `"grm"` containing the item difficulty parameter sigma and their standard errors for two or more subsamples.

A note on standard errors

Estimation of standard errors is done by repeated calculation of item parameters for subsamples of the given data. This procedure is mainly controlled by the arguments `nsample` and `size` (see arguments). With regard to calculation time, the argument `nsample` is the 'time killer'. On the other hand, things (estimation of standard errors) will not necessarily get better when choosing large values for `nsample`. For example choosing `nsample=400` will only result in minimal change for standard error estimation in comparison to (`nsample=30`) which is the default setting (see examples).

References

description of function `pairSE{pairwise}`.

Examples

```
data(bfiN) # loading example data set

# calculating itemparameters and SE for two random allocated subsamples
grm_med<-grm(daten=bfiN, split = "median")
summary(grm_med)
plot(grm_med)

grm_ran<-grm(daten=bfiN, split = "random")

summary(grm_ran)

# some examples for plotting options
# plotting item difficulties for two subsamples against each other
# with elipses for a CI = 95% .
plot(grm_ran)

# using triangles as plotting pattern
plot(grm_ran,pch=2)

#plotting without CI ellipses
plot(grm_ran,ci=0,pch=2)

# plotting with item names
plot(grm_ran,itemNames=TRUE)

# Changing the size of the item names
plot(grm_ran,itemNames=TRUE, cex.names = 1.3)

# Changing the color of the CI ellipses
plot(grm_ran,itemNames=TRUE, cex.names = .8, col.error="green")

###### example from details section 'Some Notes on Standard Errors' ########
grm_def<-grm(daten=bfiN, split = "random",splitseed=13)
plot(grm_def)
######
grm_400<-grm(daten=bfiN, split = "random", splitseed=13 ,nsample=400)
plot(grm_400)
```

`iff` *Item information function*

Description

plotting function for plotting the Item information function(IIF).

Usage

```
iff(pair_obj, itemnumber = 1, x = NULL, plot = TRUE,
  cat = FALSE, lwd = 2, col = 1, ...)
```

Arguments

`pair_obj`	an object of class `"pair"` as a result from function `pair`.
`itemnumber`	an integer, defining the number of the item to plot the respective item information function for. This is set to an arbitrary default value of `itemnumber = 1` to avoid error messages when you forget to choose an item to plot the item information function for.
`x`	The value(s) of the latent variable, at which the IIF will be evaluated. `x` should be either a numeric vector of theta values or a single numeric value. If `x` is given as a single numeric value plotting is supressed. If not given (default), 99 values spaced evenly between -4 and +4 will be used, handy for plotting.
`plot`	a logical (default `plot = TRUE`), defining wether to supress plotting an just return a matrix of the values of the Item information function.
`cat`	a logical (default `cat = FALSE`), defining wether to plot or return the values of the Item information function based on item categories.
`lwd`	see parameters for `plot`
`col`	see parameters for `plot`
`...`	arguments passed to plot

Details

no details in the moment.

Value

a plot, a matrix or a single numeric with values of the Item information function.

Examples

```
########
data(sim200x3)
result <- pair(sim200x3)
# IFF plot for Item No. 2
iff(pair_obj = result, itemnumber = 2 )
# IFF plot for Categories of Item No. 2
iff(pair_obj = result, itemnumber = 2 ,cat=TRUE)
# IFF at theta=0 for Item No. 2
iff(pair_obj = result, itemnumber = 2 ,x=0)
# IFF at theta=0 for Categories of Item No. 2
iff(pair_obj = result, itemnumber = 2 ,x=0,cat=TRUE)
# IFF of Item No. 2 for a given range of thetas
iff(pair_obj = result, itemnumber = 2 ,x=seq(0,4,.1))
# ... etc.
iff(pair_obj = result, itemnumber = 2 ,x=seq(0,4,.1),cat=TRUE)
```

```
##### examples with other data ...
data(bfiN)
result <- pair(bfiN)
iff(pair_obj = result, itemnumber = 3 )
iff(pair_obj = result, itemnumber = 3 ,cat=TRUE)
```

`kft5` *Dichotomous example data in Rost 2004*

Description

Data for 300 subjects answering to 5 dichotomous items out of 'Kognitiver Fähigkeits Test' [Cognitive Skills Test] (KFT - Gaedike & Weinläder, 1976) . This data is used as an example in the textbook by J. Rost (2004) to demonstrate some principles of rasch measurement.

Usage

```
data(kft5)
```

Format

A `"matrix"` containing 5 columns (variables) and 300 rows (obsevations).

Details

The instrument KFT and the data are described in Rost (2004) at page 95.

References

Rost, J. (2004). *Lehrbuch Testtheorie - Testkonstruktion* (2 nd Ed.) Huber: Bern.

Heller, K, Gaedike, A.-K & Weinläder, H. (1976). *Kognitiver Fähigkeits-Test (KFT 4-13).* Weinheim: Beltz.

Examples

```
data(kft5)
dim(kft5)
###########
# frequencies
ftab(kft5)
# Itemparameter to be compared with Rost (2004), page 120.
summary(pair(kft5))
# Itemparameter to be compared with Rost (2004), page 120.
summary(pers(pair(kft5)))
```

`logLik.pers` *S3 logLik for Object of class "pers"*

Description

S3 logLik method to extract the Log-Likelihood for object of class`"pers"`

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'pers'
logLik(object, sat = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

`object`	object of class`"pers"`
`sat`	a "logical" with default set to `sat=FALSE` to return the Log-Likelihood of the data for the unrestricted modell based on parameters estimated with function `pers`. If set to `sat=TRUE` the Log-Likelihood of the saturated model is returned instead.
`...`	not used jet.

`make.incidenz` *Converting a booklet allocation table into a incidence matrix*

Description

This function converts a booklet allocation table (like in `cogBOOKLET`) into a incidence matrix used in the function `pers`.

Usage

```
make.incidenz(tab, bookid, item_order = NULL,
  info = FALSE)
```

Arguments

`tab`	a booklet allocation table as a `data.frame`. The first column is assumed to contain the item names as a character vector (not a factor!) the other columns must be integer vectors containing the information in which booklet(s) the respective item is allocated.
`bookid`	a integer vector with the same length as the number of persons in the response data giving the information which booklet was assigned to each person.
`item_order`	optional a character vector with the item names in the order of the items in the response data (from first to last column in the response data). By default it is assumend that the item order in the booklet allocation table is already the same as in the response data.
`info`	logical default: `info=FALSE` to return just the incidence matrix. If set to `info=TRUE` more detailed information about the booklet design ist returned.

Details

It is assumed that there is an equal replicate factor for each item used, when constructing the bookletdesign - so every items occures with the same frequency over all booklets of the entire set of booklets.

Value

an incidence matrix as an object of class "matrix" with 0,1 coding or a "list" with detailed information.

Examples

```
#########################
data(cog);data(cogBOOKLET) # loading reponse and allocation data
table(cog$BOOKID)# show n persons per booklet
names(table(c(as.matrix(cogBOOKLET[,2:5])))) # show booklets in allocation data
d<-(cog[cog$BOOKID!=14,]) # skip persons which got booklet No.14.
inc<-make.incidenz(tab=cogBOOKLET, bookid=d$BOOKID) # make just the incidence matrix
inc
make.incidenz(tab=cogBOOKLET, bookid=d$BOOKID, info=TRUE) # get some info too
# in this case not necessary but just to show
# using the (item) names in cog to secure the item order in incidence matrix:
make.incidenz(tab=cogBOOKLET, bookid=d$BOOKID, item_order=names(cog)[4:34])
#######################
```

`Neoffi5` *Polytomous example data in Rost 2004*

Description

Data for 1000 subjects answering to 5 polytomous items assessing neuroticism contained in the german version of the NEO–five–factor–inventory (NEOFFI) by Borkenau and Ostendorf (1991). This data is used as an example in the textbook by J. Rost (2004) to demonstrate some principles of rasch measurement.

Usage

```
data(Neoffi5)
```

Format

A `"matrix"` containing 5 columns (variables) and 1000 rows (obsevations).

Details

An detailed description of the data can be found in Rost (2004) at page 202.

References

Rost, J. (2004). *Lehrbuch Testtheorie - Testkonstruktion* (2 nd Ed.) Huber: Bern.

Borkenau. P. & Ostendorf F. (1991). Ein Fragebogen zur Erfassung fünf robuster Persönlichkeitsfaktoren. *Diagnostica, 37*, (1), 29–41.

Examples

```
data(Neoffi5)
dim(Neoffi5)
###########
# frequencies
ftab(Neoffi5)
# Itemparameter to be compared with Rost (2004), page 211.
summary(pair(Neoffi5))
# Itemparameter to be compared with Rost (2004), page 213.
summary(pers(pair(Neoffi5)))
```

`pair` *Rasch Item Parameter (Main Function)*

Description

This is the (new) main function for calculation of the item parameter for the dichotomous Rasch Model (Rasch, 1960) and its extension for polytomous items (thurstonian thresholds) according to the Partial Credit Model (Masters, 1982), using a generalization of the pairwise comparison algorithm (Choppin, 1968, 1985; Wright & Masters, 1982). The number of (response) categories may vary accross items. Missing values up to an high amount in data are allowed, as long as items are proper linked together.

Usage

```
pair(daten, m = NULL, pot = TRUE, zerocor = TRUE,
  ccf = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

`daten`	a `data.frame` or `matrix` with optionaly named colums (names of items), potentially with missing values, comprising polytomous or dichotomous (or mixted category numbers) responses of `n` respondents (rows) on `k` items (colums) coded starting with 0 for lowest category to *m*-1 for highest category, with *m* beeing a vector (with length k) with the number of categories for the respective item.
`m`	an integer (will be recycled to a vector of length k) or a vector giving the number of response categories for all items - by default `(m = NULL)`, `m` is calculated from data, assuming that every response category is at least once present in data. For *'sparse' data* it is *strongly recomended* to explicitly *define the number of categories* by defining this argument.
`pot`	logical, if TRUE (default) a power of three of the pairwise comparison matrix is used for further calculations.
`zerocor`	logical, if TRUE (default) unobserved combinations (1-0, 0-1) in data for each pair of items are given a frequency of one conf. proposal by Alexandrowicz (2011, p.373).
`ccf`	logical with default `ccf=FALSE` to perform normal item parameter calculation, if set to `ccf=TRUE` just the conditional item (category) frequencies are returned.
`...`	additional parameters passed through.

Details

Parameter calculation is based on the construction of a paired comparison matrix M*nicjc* with entries f*icjc* representing the number of respondents who answered to item *i* in category *c* and to item *j* in category *c-1* widening Choppin's (1968, 1985) conditional pairwise algorithm to polytomous item response formats. This algorithm is simply realized by matrix multiplication.

To avoid numerical problems with off diagonal zero's when constructing the pairwise comparison matrix M*nij*, powers of the M*nicjc* matrix, can be used (Choppin, 1968, 1985). Using powers *k* of M*nicjc* - argument `pot=TRUE` (default), replaces the results of the direct comparisons between *i* and *j* with the sum of the indirect comparisons of *i* and *j* through an intermediate *k*.

In general, it is recommended to use the argument with default value `pot=TRUE`.

For a graphic representation of the item 'estimates' the plotting S3 method `plot.pair` is available. For plotting the item category probabilities the function `catprob` can be used.

Value

A (list) object of class `"pair"` containing the item category thresholds and difficulties sigma, also called item location.

References

Alexandrowicz, R. W. (2011). 'GANZ RASCH': A Free Software for Categorical Data Analysis. *Social Science Computer Review, 30*(3), 369-379.

Choppin, B. (1968). Item Bank using Samplefree Calibration. *Nature, 219*(5156), 870-872.

Choppin, B. (1985). A fully conditional estimation procedure for Rasch model parameters. *Evaluation in Education, 9*(1), 29-42.

Masters, G. (1982). A Rasch model for partial credit scoring. *Psychometrika, 47*(2), 149–174.

Rasch, G. (1960). *Probabilistic models for some intelligence and attainment tests.* Copenhagen: Danmarks pædagogiske Institut.

Wright, B. D., & Masters, G. N. (1982). *Rating Scale Analysis.* Chicago: MESA Press.

Examples

```
data(bfiN) # loading example data set
# calculating itemparameters for 5 neuroticism items with 6 answer categories (0-5).
neuro_itempar<-pair(daten = bfiN, m = 6)
summary(neuro_itempar)
summary(neuro_itempar, sortdif=TRUE) # ordered by difficulty
# plotting threshold profiles for 5 neuroticism items.
plot(neuro_itempar)
plot(neuro_itempar, sortdif=TRUE) # plotting ordered by difficulty
################ with unequal number of categories
data(sim200x3)
res<-pair(sim200x3)
summary(res)
plot(res)
```

`pairSE` *Item Parameter calculation with Standard Errors for polytomous Partial Credit Model*

Description

Calculation of the item parameters for dichotomous (difficulty) or polytomous items (thurstonian thresholds) and their standard errors (SE) respectively. All parameters are calculated using a generalization of the pairwise comparison algorithm (Choppin, 1968, 1985). Missing values up to an high amount in data matrix are allowed, as long as items are proper linked together.

Usage

```
pairSE(daten, m = NULL, nsample = 30, size = 0.5,
  seed = "no", pot = TRUE, zerocor = TRUE,
  verbose = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

`daten`	a data.frame or matrix with optionaly named colums (names of items), potentially with missing values, comprising polytomous or dichotomous (or mixted category numbers) responses of `n` respondents (rows) on `k` items (colums) coded starting with 0 for lowest category to m-1 for highest category, with m beeing a vector (with length k) with the number of categories for the respective item.
`m`	an integer (will be recycled to a vector of length k) or a vector giving the number of response categories for all items - by default `m = NULL`, `m` is calculated from data, assuming that every response category is at least once present in data. For sparse data it is strongly recomended to explicitly define the number of categories by defining this argument.
`nsample`	numeric specifying the number of subsamples sampled from data, which is the number of replications of the parameter calculation. WARNING! specifying high values for `nsample` (> 100) may result in long computing time without leading to "better" estimates for SE. This may also be the case when choosing argument `size="jack"` (see argument `size`) in combination with large datasets ($N > 5000$).
`size`	numeric with valid range between 0 and 1 (but not exactly 0 or 1) specifying the size of the subsample of `data` when bootstraping for SE estimation. As an alternative, `size` can be set to the character `"jack"` (`size="jack"`). This will set the subsample size to N-1 and set `nsample=N` (see argument `nsample`), with N beeing the number of persons in `daten`.
`seed`	numeric used for `set.seed(seed)`.
`pot`	logical, if TRUE (default) a power of three of the pairwise comparison matrix is used for further calculations.
`zerocor`	logical, if TRUE (default) unobserved combinations (1-0, 0-1) in data for each pair of items are given a frequency of one conf. proposal by Alexandrowicz(2011, p.373).
`verbose`	logical, if `verbose = TRUE` (default) a message about subsampling is sent to console when calculating standard errors.
`...`	additional parameters passed through.

Details

Parameter calculation is based on the construction of a paired comparison matrix M*nicjc* with entries f*icjc*, representing the number of respondents who answered to item *i* in category *c* and to item *j* in category *c-1* widening Choppin's (1968, 1985) conditional pairwise algorithm to polytomous item response formats. This algorithm is simply realized by matrix multiplication.

Estimation of standard errors is done by repeated calculation of item parameters for subsamples of the given data.

To avoid numerical problems with off diagonal zeros when constructing the pairwise comparison matrix M*nicjc*, powers of the M*nicjc* matrix, can be used (Choppin, 1968, 1985). Using powers *k* of M*nicjc*, argument `pot=TRUE` (default), replaces the results of the direct comparisons between *i* and *j* with the sum of the indirect comparisons of *i* and *j* through an intermediate *k*.

In general, it is recommended to use the argument with default value `pot=TRUE`.

Value

A (list) object of class "pairSE" containing the item category thresholds, difficulties sigma and their standard errors.

A note on standard errors

Estimation of standard errors is done by repeated calculation of item parameters for subsamples of the given data. This procedure is mainly controlled by the arguments `nsample` and `size` (see arguments). With regard to calculation time, the argument `nsample` may be the 'time killer'. On the other hand, things (estimation of standard errors) will not necessarily get better when choosing large values for `nsample`. For example choosing `nsample=400` will only result in minimal change for standard error estimation in comparison to (`nsample=30`) which is the default setting (see examples).

References

Choppin, B. (1968). Item Bank using Samplefree Calibration. *Nature, 219*(5156), 870-872.

Choppin, B. (1985). A fully conditional estimation procedure for Rasch model parameters. *Evaluation in Education, 9*(1), 29-42.

Examples

```
data(bfiN) # loading example data set

# calculating itemparameters and their SE for 5 neuroticism items with 6 answer categories (0-5).
neuro_itempar<-pairSE(daten = bfiN, m = 6)
summary(neuro_itempar) # summary for result

# plotting item thresholds with with their CI = 95%
plot(neuro_itempar)
plot(neuro_itempar,sortdif=TRUE)

###### example from details section 'Some Notes on Standard Errors' ########
neuro_itempar_400<-pairSE(daten = bfiN, m = 6,nsample=400)
plot(neuro_itempar)
plot(neuro_itempar_400)
```

`pairwise.item.fit` *Item Fit Indices*

Description

function for calculating item fit indices. The procedures for calculating the fit indices are based on the formulas given in Wright & Masters, (1982, P. 100), with further clarification given in `http://www.rasch.org/rmt/rmt34e.htm`.

Usage

```
pairwise.item.fit(pers_obj, na_treat = NA)
```

Arguments

`pers_obj`	an object of class `"pers"` as a result from function `pers`
`na_treat`	value to be assigned to residual cells which have missing data in the original response matrix. default is set to `na_treat=NA` to ignore these cells in further calculations. An option is to set these residuals to 0 using `na_treat=0`, which implys that they are imputed as 'fitting data', i.e., zero residuals. This can attenuate contrasts (see. http://www.rasch.org/rmt/rmt142m.htm).

Details

contrary to many IRT software using Ml based item parameter estimation, `pairwise` will not exclude persons, showing perfect response vectors (e.g. c(0,0,0) for dataset with three variables), prior to the scaling. Therefor the fit statistics computed with `pairwise` may deviate somewhat from the fit statistics produced by IRT software using Ml based item parameter estimation (e.g. R-package `eRm`), depending on the amount of persons with perfect response vectors in the data.

Value

an object of class `c("pairwise_item_fit", "data.frame")` containing item fit indices.

References

Wright, B. D., & Masters, G. N. (1982). *Rating Scale Analysis.* Chicago: MESA Press.

Examples

```
########
data(sim200x3)
result <- pers(pair(sim200x3))
pairwise.item.fit(pers_obj=result) # item fit statistic
```

`pairwise.person.fit` *Person Fit Indices*

Description

function for calculating person fit indices. The procedures for calculating the fit indices are based on the formulas given in Wright & Masters, (1982, P. 100), with further clarification given in `http://www.rasch.org/rmt/rmt34e.htm`.

Usage

```
pairwise.person.fit(pers_obj, na_treat = NA)
```

Arguments

`pers_obj`	an object of class `"pers"` as a result from function `pers`.
`na_treat`	value to be assigned to residual cells which have missing data in the original response matrix. default is set to `na_treat=NA` to ignore these cells in further calculations. An option is to set these residuals to 0 using `na_treat=0`, which implys that they are imputed as 'fitting data', i.e., zero residuals. This can attenuate contrasts (see. http://www.rasch.org/rmt/rmt142m.htm).

Details

contrary to many IRT software using ML based item parameter estimation, `pairwise` will not exclude persons, showing perfect response vectors (e.g. c(0,0,0) for dataset with three variables), prior to scaling. Therefor the fit statistics computed with `pairwise` may deviate somewhat from the fit statistics produced by IRT software using ML based item parameter estimation (e.g. R-package `eRm`), depending on the amount of persons with perfect response vectors in the data.

Value

an object of class `c("pairwise_person_fit", "data.frame")` containing person fit indices

Examples

```
########
data(sim200x3)
result <- pers(pair(sim200x3))
pairwise.person.fit(pers_obj=result) # item fit statistic
```

`pers` *WLE - Rasch Person Parameter*

Description

This is the (new) main function for calculation of person estimates based on answering dichotomous or polytomous items according theRasch Model (Rasch, 1960) and Partial Credit Model (Masters, 1982), given the item parameters (object of class `"pair"` - as a result of `pair()`) and and the datamatrix (argument `daten`) containing the person respose vectors (rows), using an WL approach, introduced by Warm (1989).

Usage

```
pers(itempar, daten = NULL, incidenz = NULL,
  na_treat = NULL, limit = 1e-05, iter = 50,
  Nrel = FALSE, tecout = FALSE)
```

Arguments

`itempar`	The item parameter prior calculated or estimated. A list object of class `"pair"` as a result of applying the function `pair()` to the data. Or an 'ordinary' `"matrix"` with `nrow = k` (number of items) and `ncol = m` (maximum number of thresholds), holding the 'thurstonian' thresholds of the respective item. Some matrix entries may be `NA`, depending on the number of categories of the respective item.
`daten`	A `"matrix"` (or `"data.frame"`) optionaly with named colums (names of items) and named rows (person IDs). This argument can be left empty when the argument itempar (above) is of class `"pair"`. `daten` holds polytomous or dichotomous (or mixted category numbers) responses of `n` respondents (rows) on `k` items (colums) coded starting with 0 for lowest category to `m-1` for highest category, with m beeing a vector (with length k) with the number of categories for the respective item. Responses in `daten` must be stored as `"integers"` (not `"factors"` !) and may have missing values.
`incidenz`	This argument is only relevant when items are assigned to different booklets. For such a booklet-design a `"matrix"` should be assigned to this argument, with the same dimensions like `daten`, containig 0 and 1 integer codes, giving the information (for every person) if the respective item was in the respective booklet (coded 1) given to the person or not (coded 0).
`na_treat`	optionaly an integer (vector) defining the type of treatment to missing responses in the argument `daten`. If set to `na_treat=NULL` (default) missing responses are treated as missings and the respective person is assigned to an corresponding missing group for estimation. An option is to set `na_treat` to any integer value between 0 (lowest category) and the numeric code for the maximum ctaegory of the respective item.
`limit`	numeric giving the limit at which accuracy the WL-algorithm stops.
`iter`	numeric giving the maximum numer of iteration to perform.
`Nrel`	logical with default set to `Nrel=FALSE` to include persons with perfect response vectors for calculating WLE reliability. If set to `Nrel=TRUE` persons with perfect response vectors are excluded for calculating WLE reliability.

`tecout`	logical default set to `FALSE`. If set to `TRUE` the result will be a (very) long list with estimation details for every case in `daten`. In case of a booklet-design the list entries will be divided by "booklet".

Details

no detail in the moment.

Value

An object of class `c("pers", "data.frame")` or a (very long) `"list"` (when setting on `techout=TRUE`) containing the person parameters.

References

Masters, G. (1982). A Rasch model for partial credit scoring. *Psychometrika, 47*(2), 149–174.

Rasch, G. (1960). *Probabilistic models for some intelligence and attainment tests.* Copenhagen: Danmarks pædagogiske Institut.

Warm, T. A. (1989). Weighted likelihood estimation of ability in item response theory. *Psychometrika, 54*(3), 427–450.

Examples

```
############
data(sim200x3)
result <- pers(itempar=pair(sim200x3))
summary(result)
plot(result)
logLik(result) # Log-Likelihood for 'estimated' model
logLik(result, sat=TRUE) # Log-Likelihood for saturated model
AIC(logLik(result)) # AIC for 'estimated' model
AIC(logLik(result, sat=TRUE)) # AIC for saturated model
BIC(logLik(result)) # BIC for 'estimated' model
BIC(logLik(result, sat=TRUE)) # BIC for saturated model
###### following example requires package eRm ######
# require(eRm)
# # itemparameter with eRm:
# itempar_eRm <- thresholds(PCM(sim200x3))$ threshtable[[1]][,2:3]
# # pairwise personparameter with eRm-itemparameter and data:
# summary(pers(itempar=itempar_eRm,daten=sim200x3))
# # eRm personparameter:
# person.parameter(PCM(sim200x3))
# # personparameter with pairwise:
# summary(pers(pair(sim200x3)))
```

`plot.grm` *S3 Plotting Graphical Model Check*

Description

S3 plotting Method for object of class`"grm"`

Usage

```
 ## S3 method for class 'grm'
plot(x, xymin = NULL, xymax = NULL,
   ci = 2, main = NULL, col.error = "blue",
   itemNames = FALSE, cex.names = 0.8, type = "b",
   xlab = NULL, ylab = NULL, pch = 43, las = 3,
   cex.axis = 0.5, ...)
```

Arguments

`x`	object of class`"grm"`
`xymin`	optional lower limit for xy-axis
`xymax`	optional upper limit for xy-axis
`ci`	numeric defining confidence intervall for point estimator
`main`	see `plot`
`col.error`	vector of colors for error bars
`itemNames`	logical wether to plot itemnames
`cex.names`	magnification factor for itemnames
`type`	see `plot`
`xlab`	see `plot`
`ylab`	see `plot`
`pch`	see `plot`
`las`	see `plot`
`cex.axis`	see `plot`
`...`	other parameters passed to plot

`plot.pair` *S3 Plotting Thustonian Thresholds*

Description

S3 plotting Method for object of class`"pair"`

Usage

```
 ## S3 method for class 'pair'
plot(x, sortdif = FALSE, ra = "auto",
   main = NULL, col.lines = (1:dim(x$threshold)[2]),
   type = "b", xlab = "items", ylab = "logits",
   pch = (1:dim(x$threshold)[2]), las = 3, cex.axis = 0.8,
   ...)
```

Arguments

`x`	object of class`"pair"`
`sortdif`	logical wether to order items by difficulty
`ra`	either the character `"auto"` (default) or an numeric, defining the (logit) range for y-axis
`main`	see `plot`
`col.lines`	vector of colors for threshold profile lines
`type`	see `plot`
`xlab`	see `plot`
`ylab`	see `plot`
`pch`	see `plot`
`las`	see `plot`
`cex.axis`	see `plot`
`...`	other parameters passed to plot

`plot.pairSE` *S3 Plotting Thustonian Thresholds with SE*

Description

S3 plotting method for object of class`"pairSE"`

Usage

```
 ## S3 method for class 'pairSE'
plot(x, ci = 2, sortdif = FALSE,
   ra = "auto", main = NULL,
   col.lines = 1:(dim(x$parameter)[2] - 1),
   col.error = 1:(dim(x$parameter)[2] - 1), type = "b",
   xlab = "items", ylab = "logits", pch = 20, las = 3,
   cex.axis = 0.8, ...)
```

Arguments

`x`	object of class`"pairSE"`
`sortdif`	logical wether to order items by difficulty
`ra`	either the character `"auto"` (default) or an numeric, defining the (logit) range for y-axis
`ci`	numeric defining confidence intervall for point estimator
`main`	see `plot`
`col.lines`	vector of colors for threshold profile lines
`col.error`	vector of colors for error bars
`type`	see `plot`
`xlab`	see `plot`

`ylab`	see `plot`
`pch`	see `plot`
`las`	see `plot`
`cex.axis`	see `plot`
`...`	other parameters passed to plot

`plot.pers` *S3 Plotting Person - Item Map*

Description

S3 plotting method for object of class`"pers"`

Usage

```
 ## S3 method for class 'pers'
plot(x, ra = NULL, sortdif = FALSE,
   main = NULL, ylab = "Logits", fillCol = "grey60",
   lineCol = "grey40", cex = 0.7, pos = 4,
   breaks = "Sturges", ...)
```

Arguments

`x`	object of class`"pers"`
`ra`	an integer, defining the (logit) range for y-axis
`sortdif`	logical wether to order items by difficulty
`main`	see `plot`
`ylab`	see `plot`
`fillCol`	color for bar filling of the ability histogram
`lineCol`	color for bar lines of the ability histogram
`cex`	see `text`
`pos`	see `text`
`breaks`	see `hist`
`...`	other parameters passed to `hist` and `text`.

`plot.rfa` *S3 Plotting Rasch Residual Factor Analysis*

Description

S3 plotting Method for object of class`"rfa"`

Usage

```
 ## S3 method for class 'rfa'
plot(x, com = 1, ra = "auto", main = NULL,
   labels = NULL, xlab = "logits", ylab = "loadings",
   srt = 0, cex.axis = 0.8, cex.text = 0.8,
   col.text = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

`x`	object of class`"rfa"`
`com`	an integer giving the number of the principal component used for plotting
`ra`	either the character `"auto"` (default) or an numeric, defining the (logit) range for x-axis
`main`	see `plot`
`labels`	a character vector specifying the plotting pattern to use. see `text`. At default the itemnames are used.
`xlab`	see `plot`
`ylab`	see `plot`
`srt`	see `text` or `par`
`cex.axis`	see `plot`
`cex.text`	see argument `cex` in function `text`
`col.text`	see argument `col` in function `text`
`...`	other parameters passed through.

`ptbis` *Point Biserial Correlations*

Description

Calculation of the point biserial correlations for dicho- or polytomous item categories with total scale (person parameter).

Usage

```
ptbis(y, daten = NULL)
```

Arguments

`y`	either an object of class `"pers"`, or an numeric vector as an result of any scaling approach (WLE, MLE, Rawscore, etc.) relating to the Items (columns) in `daten`.
`daten`	if argument y is not an object of class `"pers"`, a `"data.frame"`, potentially with missing values, comprising dicho- or polytomous items (columns).

Details

no details in the moment.

Value

An object of class `c("data.frame", "ptbis")` containing item statistics.

Examples

```
#######################
########
data(sim200x3) # loading reponse data
y <- rowSums(sim200x3)
ptbis(y=y, daten=sim200x3)
####
result <- pers(pair(sim200x3))
ptbis(y= result)
```

`rfa` *Rasch Residual Factor Analysis*

Description

Calculation of the rasch residual factor analysis proposed by Wright (1996) and further discussed by Linacre (1998) to detect multidimensionality.

Usage

```
  rfa(pers_obj, na_treat = 0, tr = FALSE,
    use = "complete.obs", res = "stdr", method = "pearson",
    cor = TRUE)
```

Arguments

`pers_obj`	an object of class `"pers"` as a result from function `pers`.
`na_treat`	value to be assigned to residual cells which have missing data in the original response matrix. default is set to `na_treat=0` to set the residuals to 0, which implys that they are imputed as 'fitting data', i.e., zero residuals. This can attenuate contrasts (see. http://www.rasch.org/rmt/rmt142m.htm). An option is to set it to `na_treat=NA`.
`tr`	a logical value indicating whether the data (the residual matrix) is transposed prior to calculation. This would perform a person analysis rather than a item analysis. The default is set to item analysis.

`use`	a character string as used in function `cor` or `cov`, giving a method for computing covariances or correlations in the presence of missing values. This must be (an abbreviation of) one of the strings "everything", "all.obs", "complete.obs", "na.or.complete", or "pairwise.complete.obs". The default is set to `use="complete.obs"` which will exclude cases by listwise deletion to keep the correlation matrix positive definit.
`res`	a character string defining which type of (rasch–) residual to analyze when computing covariances or correlations. This must be (exactly) one of the strings "sr" for score residuals , "stdr" for standardised residuals, "srsq" for score residuals squared, or "stdrsq" for standardised residuals squared. The default is set to `res="stdr"` refering to Linacre (1998).
`method`	a character string as used in function `cor` or `cov`, indicating which correlation coefficient (or covariance) is to be computed. One of "pearson" (default), "kendall", or "spearman", can be abbreviated. The default is set to `method="pearson"`.
`cor`	a logical value indicating whether the calculation should use the correlation matrix or the covariance matrix.The default is set to `cor=TRUE` to use the correlation matrix.

Details

no details in the moment.

Value

An object of class `c("rfa","list")`.

References

Wright, B. D. (1996). Comparing Rasch measurement and factor analysis. *Structural Equation Modeling: A Multidisciplinary Journal, 3*(1), 3–24.

Linacre, J. M. (1998). Detecting multidimensionality: which residual data-type works best? *Journal of outcome measurement, 2*, 266–283.

Examples

```
######################
########
data(bfiN) # loading reponse data
pers_obj <- pers(pair(bfiN))
result <- rfa(pers_obj)
summary(result)
plot(result)
####
```

`sim200x3` *Simulated Data*

Description

Simulated data for 200 ’subjects’ ’answering’ to 3 items with unequal number of categories – one dichotomous and two polytoumous items.

Usage

```
data(sim200x3)
```

Format

A data.frame containing 3 variables and 200 obsevations.

Details

This simulated data is used as an example in the rasch module of the 'ALMO - Statistiksystem'.

Source

http://www.almo-statistik.de/

References

Holm, K. (2014). ALMO Statistik-System. *P14.8 Das allgemeine ordinale Rasch-Modell* http://www.almo-statistik.de/download/Ordinales_Rasch_Modell.pdf

Examples

```
data(sim200x3)
dim(sim200x3)
##############################################################
apply(sim200x3,2,table)
```

`summary.pers` *S3 Summary for Thetas*

Description

S3 summary method for object of class`"pers"`

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'pers'
summary(object, short = TRUE,
  sortwle = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

`object`	object of class`"pers"`
`short`	logical with default `short=TRUE` - if set to `short=FALSE` a "data.frame" with WLE estimates (and their respective standard errors) for every row (person) in the original dataset will be returned.
`sortwle`	logical wether to order persons by ability - ignored when `short=TRUE`
`...`	other parameters passed trough

`tff` *Test information function*

Description

plotting function for plotting the test information function (TIF).

Usage

```
tff(pair_obj, items = NULL, x = NULL,
  main = "Test Information Function", plot = TRUE,
  cat = FALSE, lwd = 2, col = 1, ...)
```

Arguments

`pair_obj`	an object of class `"pair"` as a result from function `pair`.
`items`	optional a vector (character or numeric) identifying the items (according their order in the data) to use for plotting the test information function.
`x`	The value(s) of the latent variable, at which the TIF will be evaluated. `x` should be either a numeric vector of theta values or a single numeric value. If `x` is given as a single numeric value plotting is supressed. If not given (default), 99 values spaced evenly between -4 and +4 will be used, handy for plotting.
`main`	see parameters for `plot`
`plot`	a logical (default `plot = TRUE`), defining wether to supress plotting an just return a matrix of the values of the Item information function.
`cat`	a logical (default `cat = FALSE`), defining wether to plot as an overlay to the Test information function the item category information functions based on item categories. If `cat = TRUE` and `plot = FALSE` the values of the item category information functions are returned.
`lwd`	see parameters for `plot`
`col`	see parameters for `plot`
`...`	arguments passed to plot

Details

no details in the moment.

Value

a plot, a "data.frame" or a single numeric with values of the Test information function.

Examples

```
########
data(sim200x3)
result <- pair(sim200x3)
tff(pair_obj = result) # TIF plot
tff(pair_obj = result, cat=TRUE) # TIF plot
tff(pair_obj = result, items=c("V1","V3"), cat=TRUE) # TIF plot
tff(pair_obj = result, x=0) # TIF at theta=0
```

```
tff(pair_obj = result, x=seq(0,4,.1)) # TIF for a given range of Thetas
##### examples with other data ...
data(bfiN)
result <- pair(bfiN)
tff(pair_obj = result)
tff(pair_obj = result, cat=TRUE) # TIF plot
```

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