# Package: brisk (via r-universe)

September 16, 2024

Title Bayesian Benefit Risk Analysis

Version 0.1.0.9000

Description Quantitative methods for benefit-risk analysis help to condense complex decisions into a univariate metric describing the overall benefit relative to risk. One approach is to use the multi-criteria decision analysis framework (MCDA), as in Mussen, Salek, and Walker (2007) <doi:10.1002/pds.1435>. Bayesian benefit-risk analysis incorporates uncertainty through posterior distributions which are inputs to the benefit-risk framework. The brisk package provides functions to assist with Bayesian benefit-risk analyses, such as MCDA. Users input posterior samples, utility functions, weights, and the package outputs quantitative benefit-risk scores. The posterior of the benefit-risk scores for each group can be compared. Some plotting capabilities are also included.

License MIT + file LICENSE

**Imports** dplyr (>= 1.0), ellipsis (>= 0.3), ggplot2 (>= 3.3), hitandrun (>= 0.5), purrr (>= 0.3), rlang (>= 1.0), tidyr (>= 1.1)

**Encoding** UTF-8

LazyData true

**Roxygen** list(markdown = TRUE)

RoxygenNote 7.2.1

Suggests knitr, fs (>= 1.5), testthat (>= 3.0.0), tibble (>= 3.1), rmarkdown

Config/testthat/edition 3

VignetteBuilder knitr

URL https://rich-payne.github.io/brisk/

BugReports https://github.com/rich-payne/brisk/issues

**Repository** https://rich-payne.r-universe.dev

RemoteUrl https://github.com/rich-payne/brisk

RemoteRef HEAD

RemoteSha 7cd40d4d047dadcf6bfa2851371e8d3c18865457

#### benefit

# Contents

benefit		
br_group		3
pbrisk	4	4
plot.brisk_br		5
plot_utility	′	7
sim_weights		8
summary.brisk_br	9	9
	1	1

# Index

benefit

Bayesian Benefit Risk

#### Description

**Bayesian Benefit Risk** 

#### Usage

benefit(name, fun, weight)

risk(name, fun, weight)

br(...)

mcda(...)

#### Arguments

name	a string indicating the name of the benefit or risk.
fun	a utility function which maps a parameter value to a utility value.
weight	the weight of the benefit/risk.
	calls to benefit(), risk(), and br_group() to define the utility functions and treatment groups.

#### Details

The br() function allows the user to define an arbitrary number of "benefits" and "risks". Each benefit/risk requires a utility function (fun) and a weight. The utility function maps the benefit/risk parameter to a utility score. The br\_group() function supplies samples from the posterior distribution for each benefit risk for a specific group (e.g. treatment arm).

The br() function then calculates the posterior distribution of the overall utility for each group. The overall utility is a weighted sum of the utilities for each benefit/risk.

The mcda() function is the same as br(), but has extra checks to ensure that the total weight of all benefits and risks is 1, and that the utility functions produce values between 0 and 1 for all posterior samples.

# br\_group

# Value

A named list with posterior summaries of utility for each group and the raw posterior utility scores.

# Examples

```
set.seed(1132)
ilogit <- function(x) 1 / (1 + exp(-x))
out <- mcda(</pre>
  benefit("CV", function(x) ilogit(x), weight = .75),
  risk("DVT", function(x) ilogit(- .5 * x), weight = .25),
  br_group(
   label = "PBO",
   CV = rnorm(1e4, .1),
   DVT = rnorm(1e4, .1)
  ),
  br_group(
   label = "TRT",
   CV = rnorm(1e4, 2),
   DVT = rnorm(1e4, 1)
  )
)
out
summary(out, probs = c(.025, .5, .975))
summary(out, reference = "PBO")
plot(out)
plot(out, reference = "PBO")
plot_utility(out)
plot_utility(out, reference = "PBO")
plot_utility(out, stacked = TRUE)
```

br\_group

Posterior Samples for a Benefit/Risk Group

#### Description

Posterior Samples for a Benefit/Risk Group

#### Usage

br\_group(label, ...)

#### Arguments

label	a string indicating the name of the group.
	named arguments which correspond to the names of the benefits/risks specified
	by benefit() and risk() in a call to br().

#### Details

This function is intended to be used as an input argument to the br() function.

# Value

A named list with the posterior samples and an assigned S3 class.

# Examples

```
set.seed(1132)
out <- br(
  benefit("CV", function(x) x, weight = 1),
  risk("DVT", function(x) - .5 * x, weight = 1),
  br_group(
   label = "PBO",
   CV = rnorm(1e4, .1),
   DVT = rnorm(1e4, .1)
  ),
  br_group(
   label = "TRT",
   CV = rnorm(1e4, 2),
   DVT = rnorm(1e4, 1)
  )
)
out
summary(out, probs = c(.025, .5, .975))
summary(out, reference = "PBO")
plot(out)
# adjusted relative to PBO
plot(out, reference = "PBO")
plot_utility(out)
plot_utility(out, reference = "PBO")
plot_utility(out, stacked = TRUE)
```

```
pbrisk
```

Calculate Quantiles and Probabilities

#### Description

Calculates posterior quantiles and probabilities on benefit-risk scores.

#### Usage

```
pbrisk(x, q, reference = NULL, direction = c("upper", "lower"))
qbrisk(x, p, reference = NULL)
```

# plot.brisk\_br

#### Arguments

х	<pre>output from a call to brisk::br() or brisk::mcda().</pre>
q	vector of quantiles.
reference	a string indicating which group is the reference group which is used to subtract scores from other groups.
direction	the direction of the posterior probability to compute.
р	a vector of probabilities from which to compute posterior quantiles.

# Value

A tibble with the quantile and posterior probability of the benefit-risk score for each group.

#### Examples

```
set.seed(1132)
out <- br(
  benefit("CV", function(x) x, weight = 1),
  risk("DVT", function(x) - .5 * x, weight = 1),
  br_group(
   label = "PBO",
   CV = rnorm(1e4, .1),
   DVT = rnorm(1e4, .1)
  ),
  br_group(
   label = "TRT",
   CV = rnorm(1e4, 2),
   DVT = rnorm(1e4, 1)
  )
)
pbrisk(out, q = c(.03, .04))
pbrisk(out, q = c(.03, .04), direction = "lower")
pbrisk(out, q = c(.03, .04), reference = "PBO")
qbrisk(out, p = c(.025, .975))
qbrisk(out, p = c(.025, .975), reference = "PBO")
```

plot.brisk\_br Plot Benefit/Risk Posterior Scores

#### Description

Plot Benefit/Risk Posterior Scores

#### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'brisk_br'
plot(x, reference = NULL, ...)
```

#### Arguments

х	output from a call to br() or mcda().
reference	a string indicating which group is the reference group which is used to subtract scores from other groups.
	additional arguments throw an error.

#### Value

A ggplot object plotting the posterior densities of the weighted utility scores.

#### See Also

Other plots: plot\_utility()

# Examples

```
set.seed(1132)
ilogit <- function(x) 1 / (1 + exp(-x))
out <- mcda(
  benefit("CV", function(x) ilogit(x), weight = .75),
  risk("DVT", function(x) ilogit(- .5 * x), weight = .25),
  br_group(
   label = "PBO",
   CV = rnorm(1e4, .1),
   DVT = rnorm(1e4, .1)
  ),
  br_group(
   label = "TRT",
   CV = rnorm(1e4, 2),
   DVT = rnorm(1e4, 1)
  )
)
out
summary(out, probs = c(.025, .5, .975))
summary(out, reference = "PBO")
plot(out)
plot(out, reference = "PBO")
plot_utility(out)
plot_utility(out, reference = "PBO")
plot_utility(out, stacked = TRUE)
```

plot\_utility

#### Description

Plot Posterior Mean Utility Scores

#### Usage

plot\_utility(x, reference = NULL, stacked = FALSE)

# Arguments

х	output from a call to br() or mcda().
reference	a string indicating which group is the reference group which is used to subtract scores from other groups.
stacked	logical indicating if a stacked version of the barplot should be produced.

# Value

A ggplot barplot of the posterior mean weighted utility scores.

#### See Also

Other plots: plot.brisk\_br()

#### Examples

```
set.seed(1132)
ilogit <- function(x) 1 / (1 + exp(-x))
out <- mcda(</pre>
  benefit("CV", function(x) ilogit(x), weight = .75),
  risk("DVT", function(x) ilogit(- .5 * x), weight = .25),
  br_group(
   label = "PBO",
   CV = rnorm(1e4, .1),
   DVT = rnorm(1e4, .1)
  ),
  br_group(
   label = "TRT",
   CV = rnorm(1e4, 2),
   DVT = rnorm(1e4, 1)
  )
)
out
summary(out, probs = c(.025, .5, .975))
summary(out, reference = "PBO")
```

```
plot(out)
plot(out, reference = "PBO")
plot_utility(out)
plot_utility(out, reference = "PBO")
plot_utility(out, stacked = TRUE)
```

sim\_weights

# Simulate Normalized Weights

#### Description

Simulate Normalized Weights

#### Usage

sim\_weights(n, ...)

#### Arguments

n	number of weights to simulate.
	vectors of length 2 indicating the lower and upper bound (respectively) of the un-normalized weights. At least one set of bounds must be equal to each other
	(e.g. $c(1, 1)$ ) and be the largest set of bounds in the set specified.

# Details

The weights are normalized relative to a set of bounds which are equal to each other (e.g. c(1, 1)), and also are the largest set of bounds in the set specified. See Example.

#### Value

A tibble with weights for each argument supplied to  $\ldots$ . Each column represents the weights, and each row (total of n rows) is a set of random weights across groups. Column names are obtained from the argument names of  $\ldots$ , if supplied.

# Examples

```
w <- sim_weights(1e4, a = c(1, 1), b = c(.4, .6), c = c(.2, .3))
# ratio of b to a is between c(.4, .6) / c(1, 1)
summary(w$b / w$a)
# ratio of c to a is between c(.2, .3) / c(1, 1)
summary(w$c / w$a)
# Weights can be used to add uncertainty to the benefit/risk analysis
set.seed(1132)
ilogit <- function(x) 1 / (1 + exp(-x))
out <- mcda(</pre>
```

8

# summary.brisk\_br

```
benefit("CV", function(x) ilogit(x), weight = w$a),
risk("DVT", function(x) ilogit(- .5 * x), weight = w$b),
risk("MI", function(x) ilogit(- .5 * x), weight = w$c),
br_group(
    label = "PBO",
    CV = rnorm(1e4, .1),
    DVT = rnorm(1e4, .1),
    MI = rnorm(1e4, .1)
),
br_group(
    label = "TRT",
    CV = rnorm(1e4, 2),
    DVT = rnorm(1e4, 1),
    MI = rnorm(1e4, 0.5)
)
```

summary.brisk\_br Summarize Bayesian Benefit-Risk Scores

#### Description

)

Summarize Bayesian Benefit-Risk Scores

#### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'brisk_br'
summary(object, probs = c(0.025, 0.975), reference = NULL, ...)
```

# Arguments

object	output from a call to brisk::br() or brisk::mcda().
probs	a vector of probabilities used to obtain quantiles of the posterior of the weighted utilities for each group.
reference	a string indicating which group is the reference group which is used to subtract scores from other groups.
	Additional arguments which throw an error if specified.

#### Value

A named list with the posterior summary, and the scores from the object object (which are adjusted if reference is specified).

# Examples

```
set.seed(1132)
out <- br(
 benefit("CV", function(x) x, weight = 1),
  risk("DVT", function(x) - .5 * x, weight = 1),
  br_group(
   label = "PBO",
   CV = rnorm(1e4, .1),
   DVT = rnorm(1e4, .1)
  ),
 br_group(
   label = "TRT",
   CV = rnorm(1e4, 2),
   DVT = rnorm(1e4, 1)
 )
)
out
summary(out, probs = c(.025, .5, .975))
summary(out, reference = "PBO")
plot(out)
# adjusted relative to PBO
plot(out, reference = "PBO")
plot_utility(out)
plot_utility(out, reference = "PBO")
plot_utility(out, stacked = TRUE)
```

10

# Index

\* plots
 plot.brisk\_br,5
 plot\_utility,7
benefit,2
br (benefit),2
br\_group,3
mcda (benefit),2

pbrisk, 4
plot.brisk\_br, 5, 7
plot\_utility, 6, 7

qbrisk (pbrisk), 4

 $\texttt{risk}\,(\texttt{benefit}),\,2$ 

sim\_weights, 8
summary.brisk\_br, 9