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Supplementary Materials: Numerical predictions for serial, parallel and coactive logical
rule-based models of categorization response time

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Abstract

This document provides the supplementary materials to Little (2012; Numerical predictions for serial, parallel and coactive logical rule-based models of categorization response time). This supplement includes: i) MATLAB code for the coactive, serial and parallel models described in the main paper, and ii) a description of MATLAB code which can be used to estimate parameters for the models. MATLAB files can be downloaded from

[http://www.psych.unimelb.edu.au/research/labs/knowlab/documents/LogicalRuleModels.zip.](http://www.psych.unimelb.edu.au/research/labs/knowlab/documents/LogicalRuleModels.zip)

**Supplementary Materials: Numerical predictions for serial,
parallel and coactive logical rule-based models of
categorization response time**

This section contains MATLAB code for the coactive, serial and parallel logical-rule models.

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1 function [pA, pN] = rw(varargin)
2 % function [pA, pN] = RW(M, boundaries, N, driftdist, startdist, startdistparms)
3 % [pUPPER, pN] = RW(M, BOUNDS, N) takes inputs M, BOUNDS, N and returns pUPPER,
4 % the probability of a random walk terminating at the UPPER boundary, and pN, the
5 % probability of a random walk terminating at step N.
6 %
7 % M is a scalar, which gives the average probability of taking a
8 % step towards the UPPER boundary (1 - M is the average probability of
9 % taking a step towards the LOWER boundary).
10 %
11 % BOUNDS, is a vector of UPPER and LOWER boundary positions. NUMEL(BOUNDS)
12 % should equal 2. Both BOUNDS should be positive; however, the function
13 % will check that BOUNDS(2) – the LOWER bound – is positive and negate it
14 % if necessary.
15 %
16 % N is a vector of step indexes to compute probabilities.
17 %
18 % Default parameters are: M = .5, BOUNDS = [10 10], N = 3000
19 %
20 %% Set up input
21 numvarargs = length(varargin);
22 if numvarargs > 7
23     error('variableStartDrift.randomwalk:TooManyInputs',...
24           'requires at most 7 optional inputs');
25 end
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27 % set defaults for optional inputs
28 optargs = { .5, [10 10], 3000 };
29 % skip any new inputs if they are empty
30 newVals = cellfun(@(x) ~isempty(x), varargin);
31 % now put these defaults into the valuesToUse cell array, and overwrite the ones
32 % specified in varargin.
33 optargs(newVals) = varargin(newVals);
34 % Place optional args in memorable variable names
35 [M, boundaries, N] = optargs{ : };
36
37 %%
38 % Starting location = 0, so center boundary positions
39 A = boundaries(1);
40 B = boundaries(2);
41
42 A = ceil(A);           % Upper boundary
43 if sign(B) > 0
44     B = -ceil(B);      % Lower boundary – if B is positive, round up to the
45 % nearest integer and negate
46 else
47     B = floor(B);    % If B is already negative, round down to the
48 % nearest negative integer
49 end
50
51 m = (A - B) - 1;      % Number of transient steps
52
53 p = M;
54 q = 1 - p;
55 probp = 1;
56
57 i = -B; % Index row of starting position
58
59 % Variable starting point
60 Z = zeros(1, m);
61 Z(i) = 1;
62 Zidx = find(Z > 0);
63

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64 %% Compute probability of ending at boundary B and A
65 pN = 0; pA = 0;
66 dpA = nan(1, numel(p));
67 pAA = nan(1, numel(Zidx));
68
69 zbounds = [m - Zidx' + 1, Zidx']; % Upper and Lower boundaries for sampling
70
71 for idx = 1:numel(Zidx)
72     startingsteps(1) = zbounds(idx, 1) - 1;
73     startingsteps(2) = zbounds(idx, 2) - 1;
74     Nsteps{1} = startingsteps(1):max(N); % Number of steps for which
75 % to calculate probabilities
76     Nsteps{2} = startingsteps(2):max(N);
77     % This should range from the minimum finishing time to maxN
78
79     % Probability of ending at the upper boundary
80     dpA(p == q) = Zidx(idx)./(m + 1);
81     % Probability of ending at the upper boundary
82     dpA(p ≠ q) = (1 - (q(p ≠ q)./p(p ≠ q)).^Zidx(idx))./...
83         (1 - (q(p ≠ q)./p(p ≠ q)).^(m+1));
84     pAA(idx) = probp * dpA';
85
86     %% Compute probability of ending after N steps
87     % Compute first part of the function
88     % This gives a matrix of computations that is numel(p) x numel(Nsteps)
89     f1_A = repmat(-log(m + 1) + (Nsteps{1} + 1) * log(2), numel(p), 1) +...
90         (((Nsteps{1} + 1)/2)' * log(p .* q))' +...
91     repmat(((m + 1 - Zidx(idx))/2) * log(p./q))', 1, numel(Nsteps{1}));
92
93     f1_B = repmat(-log(m + 1) + (Nsteps{2} + 1) * log(2), numel(p), 1) +...
94         (((Nsteps{2} + 1)/2)' * log(p .* q))' +...
95     repmat(((Zidx(idx)/2) * log(q./p))', 1, numel(Nsteps{2}));
96
97     % Compute the second part of the function
98     f2_A = 0; f2_B = 0; % Initialize
99     for j = 1:m % Sum over each transient step
100        f2_A = f2_A + cos((pi * j)/(m + 1)).^Nsteps{1} * ...

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101 sin((pi * j * (m + 1 - Zidx(idx)))/(m + 1)) *...
102 sin((pi * j)/(m + 1));
103 f2_B = f2_B + cos((pi * j)/(m + 1)).^Nsteps{2} *...
104 sin((pi * j * Zidx(idx))/(m + 1)) *...
105 sin((pi * j)/(m + 1));
106 end
107
108 % Combine parts 1 and 2
109 pN_A = exp(f1_A) .* repmat(f2_A, numel(p), 1);
110 pN_B = exp(f1_B) .* repmat(f2_B, numel(p), 1);
111
112 % Note you need to add one extra zero for the step to the absorbing boundary
113 % Keep RT distributions at each boundary separated
114 pN_A = [zeros(numel(p), startingsteps(1)+1) pN_A];
115 pN_B = [zeros(numel(p), startingsteps(2)+1) pN_B];
116 zpN(:,:,idx) = [probP * pN_A; probP * pN_B];
117
118 % Accumulate for starting point
119 pN = pN + Z(Zidx(idx)) * zpN(:,:,idx);
120 pA = pA + Z(Zidx(idx)) * pAA(idx);
121 end
122 pN(pN < eps) = 0; % If the probability is less than machine precision, set to zero

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1 % Logical Rule Model – Serial
2 function [pData, pCorrect, nRT, pRT, eRT] =
3 RWserial(parms, correctBoundary, nondtdist, rtdata, selfterm)
4 % parms = [driftrates, boundaries, residuals, pXfirst, rwScale]
5 % driftrates – pStep to upper for each process
6 % boundaries – upper and lower positions (the self-terminating boundary
7 % should be the lower boundary)
8 % pXfirst – probability that the process that process X is run before process Y
9 % rwScale – scaling factor to change steps to msec
10
11 M = parms(1:2); % Mean drift rate
12 boundaries = parms(3:4); % Criterion Upper/Lower

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13 rwScale = parms(5); % Scaling parameter for steps to msec
14 residuals = parms(6:7); % Residual mean and variance
15 pXfirst = parms(8);
16
17 N = 0:3000;
18
19 nProcesses = numel(M); % Currently only set up for 2 processes (X & Y)
20 if nProcesses ≠ 2; error('RWserial not set up for nProcesses ≠ 2'); end
21
22 %% Preallocate probabilities for each process
23 ppA = zeros(1, nProcesses); % Probability that the process
24 % ends at the upper boundary
25 ppN = zeros(2, numel(N)+1, nProcesses); % N boundaries, N steps + 1, N processes
26
27 %% Process pidx
28 % ppA is 1 x nProcesses
29 % pN is 2 (Upper, Lower) x N x nProcesses
30 for pidx = 1:nProcesses
31 [ppA(1,pidx), ppN(:,:,pidx)] = rw(M(pidx), boundaries, N);
32 end
33 % The upper/A boundary is exhaustive, the lower/B boundary is
34 % self-terminating
35
36 %% Normalize distributions
37 % Hack to avoid divide by zero
38 ppA(ppA == 0) = 1e-10;
39 ppA(ppA == 1) = 1 - 1e-10;
40
41 % First process probability of ending after N steps at the upper boundary
42 pN(1,:,:1) = ppN(1,:,:1)./ppA(1);
43 % First process probability of ending after N steps at the lower boundary
44 pN(2,:,:1) = ppN(2,:,:1)./(1-ppA(1));
45 % Second process probability of ending after N steps at the upper boundary
46 pN(1,:,:2) = ppN(1,:,:2)./ppA(2);
47 % Second process probability of ending after N steps at the lower boundary
48 pN(2,:,:2) = ppN(2,:,:2)./(1-ppA(2));
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50 %% Outcome probabilities – currently only set up for nProcesses = 2
51 % Probability that all processes end at the upper boundary
52 pAA = prod(ppA);
53 % Probability that process one ends at the upper boundary
54 pAB = ppA(1) * (1 - ppA(2));
55 % Probability that process two ends at the upper boundary
56 pBA = (1 - ppA(1)) * ppA(2);
57 % Probability that both processes end at the lower boundary
58 pBB = prod(1 - ppA);
59
60 %% Convolutions of step probabilities for each processes
61 cAA = fftConv(pN(1, :, 1), pN(1, :, 2)); cAA = cAA(1:(numel(N)+1)); % pxN_A + pyN_A
62 cAB = fftConv(pN(1, :, 1), pN(2, :, 2)); cAB = cAB(1:(numel(N)+1)); % pxN_A + pyN_B
63 cBA = fftConv(pN(2, :, 1), pN(1, :, 2)); cBA = cBA(1:(numel(N)+1)); % pxN_B + pyN_A
64 cBB = fftConv(pN(2, :, 1), pN(2, :, 2)); cBB = cBB(1:(numel(N)+1)); % pxN_B + pyN_B
65
66 %% Distribution of decision times for serial model
67 if selfterm
68     if correctBoundary == 2 % Self-terminating item
69         ps = pBB * (pXfirst * pN(2,:,1) + (1 - pXfirst) * pN(2,:,2)) + ...
70             pBA * (pXfirst * pN(2,:,1) + (1 - pXfirst) * cBA) + ...
71             pAB * (pXfirst * cAB + (1 - pXfirst) * pN(2,:,2));
72         pCorrect = pBB + pBA + pAB;
73     else % correctBoundary == 1 % Exhaustive item
74         ps = pAA * cAA;
75         pCorrect = pAA;
76     end
77 else % Exhaustive
78     if correctBoundary == 2 % Self-terminating item
79         ps = pBB * cBB + pBA * cBA + pAB * cAB;
80         pCorrect = pBB + pBA + pAB;
81     else
82         ps = pAA * cAA; % Exhaustive item
83         pCorrect = pAA;
84     end
85 end
86

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87 %% Insert scaled steps into larger array
88 if rwScale < 1; rwScale = 1; end
89 scaledDTsteps = round((1:numel(ps)) * rwScale - rwScale);
90 dt = [(0:max(scaledDTsteps))', zeros(max(scaledDTsteps) + 1, 1)];
91 dt(ismember(dt(:,1), scaledDTsteps), 2) = ps;
92 % The first column is x, the second column is dt
93
94 %% Convolve decision and nondecision times
95 switch nondtdist
96 case 'uniform'
97 ndt = unifpdf(dt(:,1), residuals(1), residuals(2));
98 case 'lognormal' % Non-decision time is log normal
99 ndt = (1./dt(:,1)) .* normpdf(log(dt(:,1)), residuals(1), residuals(2));
100 case 'normal'
101 ndt = normpdf(dt(:,1), residuals(1), residuals(2));
102 case 'none'
103 ndt = ones(size(dt,1),1);
104 pRT = dt(:,2)';
105 end
106
107 if ~strcmp(nondtdist, 'none')
108 ndt(1) = 0; % Set first ndt to zero, as log(0) is bad
109 pRT = fftConv(dt(:,2), ndt); % Do FFT convolution
110 end
111 nRT = ((1:numel(pRT)) - 1); % Get new time index
112 pRT(pRT < eps) = 0;
113 pRT = pRT./pCorrect;
114 eRT = sum(nRT .* pRT); % Expected RT
115 cRT = cumsum(pRT);
116
117 %% Compute probability of the data
118 if exist('rtdata', 'var') == 1
119 pData = zeros(numel(rtdata, 1)); % Initialize vector
120 else
121 rtdata = [];
122 pData = [];
123 end

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124 if ~isempty(rtdata)
125     for i = 1:numel(rtdata)
126         rtidx = find(rtdata(i) ≤ nRT, 1, 'first');
127         if ~isempty(rtidx)
128             pData(1,i) = cRT(rtidx); % Find appropriate probabilities
129         else
130             pData(1,i) = NaN;
131         end
132     end
133 end

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1 % Logical Rule Model - Parallel
2 function [pData, pCorrect, nRT, pRT, eRT] =
3 RWparallel(parms, correctBoundary, nondtdist, rtdata, selfterm)
4 % parms = [driftrates, boundaries, residuals, pXfirst, rwScale]
5 % driftrates - pStep to upper for each process
6 % boundaries - upper and lower positions (the self-terminating
7 % boundary should be the lower boundary)
8 % rwScale - scaling factor to change steps to msec
9
10 M = parms(1:2); % Mean drift rate
11 boundaries = parms(3:4); % Criterion Upper/Lower
12 rwScale = parms(5); % Scaling parameter for steps to msec
13 residuals = parms(6:7); % Residual mean and variance
14
15 N = 0:3000;
16
17 nProcesses = numel(M); % Currently only set up for 2 processes (X & Y)
18 if nProcesses ≠ 2; error('RWparallel not set up for nProcesses ≠ 2'); end
19
20
21 %% Preallocate probabilities for each process
22 ppA = zeros(1, nProcesses); % Probability that the process ends at A
23 ppN = zeros(2, numel(N)+1, nProcesses); % N boundaries, N steps + 1, N processes
24

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25 %% Process pidx
26 % ppA is 1 x nProcesses
27 % pN is 2 (Upper, Lower) x N x nProcesses
28 for pidx = 1:nProcesses
29     [ppA(1,pidx), ppN(:,:,pidx)] = rw(M(pidx), boundaries, N);
30 end
31
32 %% Normalize distributions
33 % Hack to avoid divide by zero
34 ppA(ppA == 0) = 1e-10;
35 ppA(ppA == 1) = 1 - 1e-10;
36
37 pN(1,:,1) = ppN(1,:,1)./ppA(1);
38 pN(2,:,1) = ppN(2,:,1)./(1-ppA(1));
39 pN(1,:,2) = ppN(1,:,2)./ppA(2);
40 pN(2,:,2) = ppN(2,:,2)./(1-ppA(2));
41
42 %% Outcome probabilities – currently only set up for nProcesses = 2
43 % Probability that all processes end at the upper boundary
44 pAA = prod(ppA);
45 % Probability that process one ends at the upper boundary
46 pAB = ppA(1) * (1 - ppA(2));
47 % Probability that process two ends at the upper boundary
48 pBA = (1 - ppA(1)) * ppA(2);
49 % Probability that both processes end at the lower boundary
50 pBB = prod(1 - ppA);
51
52 %% Minimum distribution for pBB – when the correct boundary is the upper boundary
53 % When both processes hit the lower boundary the rt is the minimum rt
54 mincdf1 = ((1-cumsum(pN(2,:,1))) .* (1-cumsum(pN(2,:,2)))); 
55 minpdf1 = abs([0, (diff(mincdf1))]);
56
57 % Minimum distribution for pBB – when the correct boundary is the upper boundary
58 mincdf2 = ((1-cumsum(pN(1,:,1))) .* (1-cumsum(pN(1,:,2)))); % For the second comparison
59 minpdf2 = abs([0, (diff(mincdf2))]);
60
61 %% Maximum distribution for pAA for when the correct boundary is the lower boundary

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62 maxcdf1 = ((cumsum(pN(2,:,:1))) .* (cumsum(pN(2,:,:2))));  

63 maxpdf1 = abs([0, (diff(maxcdf1))]);  

64  

65 % Maximum distribution for pAA for when the correct boundary is the upper boundary  

66 maxcdf2 = ((cumsum(pN(1,:,:1))) .* (cumsum(pN(1,:,:2))));  

67 maxpdf2 = abs([0, (diff(maxcdf2))]);  

68  

69 %% Distribution of decision times for parallel model  

70 if selfterm  

71     if correctBoundary == 2 % Self-terminating item  

72         ps = pBB * minpdf1 + pBA * pN(2,:,:1) + pAB * pN(2,:,:2);  

73         pCorrect = pBB + pBA + pAB;  

74     else  

75         ps = pAA * maxpdf2;  

76         pCorrect = pAA;  

77     end  

78 else  

79     if correctBoundary == 1  

80         ps = maxpdf1;  

81         pCorrect = pBB + pBA + pAB;  

82     else  

83         ps = maxpdf2;  

84         pCorrect = pAA;  

85     end  

86 end  

87  

88 %% Insert scaled steps into larger array  

89 if rwScale < 1; rwScale = 1; end  

90 scaledDTsteps = round((1:numel(ps)) * rwScale - rwScale);  

91 dt = [(0:max(scaledDTsteps))', zeros(max(scaledDTsteps) + 1, 1)];  

92 dt(ismember(dt(:,1), scaledDTsteps), 2) = ps;  

93 % The first column is x, the second column is dt  

94  

95 %% Convolve decision and nondecision times  

96 switch nondtdist  

97     case 'uniform'  

98         ndt = unifpdf(dt(:,1), residuals(1), residuals(2));

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99      case 'lognormal' % Non-decision time is log normal
100         ndt = (1./dt(:,1)) .* normpdf(log(dt(:,1)), residuals(1), residuals(2));
101     case 'normal'
102         ndt = normpdf(dt(:,1), residuals(1), residuals(2));
103     case 'none'
104         ndt = ones(size(dt,1),1);
105         pRT = dt(:,2)';
106 end
107
108 if ~strcmp(nondtdist, 'none')
109     ndt(1) = 0; % Set first ndt to zero, as log(0) is bad
110     pRT = fftConv(dt(:,2), ndt); % Do FFT convolution
111 end
112 nRT = ((1:numel(pRT)) - 1); % Get new time index
113 pRT(pRT < eps) = 0;
114 pRT = pRT./pCorrect;
115 eRT = sum(nRT .* pRT); % Expected RT
116 cRT = cumsum(pRT);
117
118 %% Compute probability of the data
119 if exist('rtdata', 'var') == 1
120     pData = zeros(numel(rtdata), 1); % Initialize vector
121 else
122     rtdata = [];
123     pData = [];
124 end
125 if ~isempty(rtdata)
126     for i = 1:numel(rtdata)
127         rtidx = find(rtdata(i) <= nRT, 1, 'first');
128         if ~isempty(rtidx)
129             pData(1,i) = cRT(rtidx); % Find appropriate probabilities
130         else
131             pData(1,i) = NaN;
132         end
133     end
134 end

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1 % Logical Rule Model - Coactive
2 function [pData, pCorrect, nRT, pRT, eRT] =
3 RWcoactive parms, correctBoundary, nondtdist, rtdata)
4 % [pData, pUPPER, pRT] = RWcoactive(PARMS, NONDTDIST, RTDATA) takes
5 % inputs PARMs, CORRECTBOUNDARY, NONDTDIST, and RTDATA and returns pData, the
6 % probability of RT given the parameters in PARMs, pA, the probability of the process
7 % ending at the upper boundary, and pRT, the full distribution of RT
8 % probabilities
9 %
10 % PARMs is a vector containing the following parameters in the following
11 % order:
12 % 1) M - Mean drift rate (or ALPHA if driftdist = 'beta')
13 % 3) BOUNDARIES - Upper and Lower Boundary Locations
14 % 4) RWSCALE - Scanling parameter to scale random walk to msec (must be > 1)
15 % 5) RESIDUALS - Log-normal residual mean and variance
16 %
17 % If you want to use the defaults for any of these parameters, just set
18 % them to be empty vectors (e.g., startdist = [])
19 %
20 % RTDATA is a vector of RTDATA in msecs
21
22 M = parms(1); % Mean drift rate
23 boundaries = parms(2:3); % Criterion Upper/Lower
24 rwScale = parms(4); % Scaling parameter for steps to msec
25 residuals = parms(5:6); % Residual mean and variance
26
27 N = 0:3000;
28
29 [pCorrect, pN] = rw(M, boundaries, N);
30
31 %% Insert scaled steps into larger array (1 msec)
32 ps = pN(correctBoundary,:); % Take correct boundary only
33 if correctBoundary == 2; pCorrect = 1 - pCorrect; end
34
35 % Scale the decision time
36 scaledDTsteps = round((1:numel(ps)) * rwScale - rwScale);

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37 % Make two columns of times and likelihoods
38 dt = [(0:max(scaledDTsteps))', zeros(max(scaledDTsteps) + 1, 1)];
39 % Insert the likelihoods at the appropriate time
40 dt(ismember(dt(:,1), scaledDTsteps), 2) = ps;
41
42 %% Convolve decision and nondecision times
43 switch nondtdist
44     case 'uniform'
45         ndt = unifpdf(dt(:,1), residuals(1), residuals(2));
46     case 'lognormal' % Non-decision time is log normal
47         ndt = (1./dt(:,1)) .* normpdf(log(dt(:,1)), residuals(1), residuals(2));
48     case 'normal'
49         ndt = normpdf(dt(:,1), residuals(1), residuals(2));
50     case 'none'
51         ndt = ones(size(dt,1),1);
52         pRT = dt(:,2)';
53 end
54
55 if ~strcmp(nondtdist, 'none')
56     ndt(1) = 0; % Set first ndt to zero, as log(0) is bad
57     pRT = fftConv(dt(:,2), ndt); % Do FFT convolution
58 end
59 nRT = ((1:numel(pRT)) - 1); % Get new time index
60 pRT(pRT < eps) = 0;
61 pRT = pRT./pCorrect;
62 eRT = sum(nRT .* pRT); % Expected RT
63
64 %% Compute probability of the data
65 if exist('rtdata', 'var') == 1
66     pData = zeros(numel(rtdata), 1); % Initialize vector
67 else
68     rtdata = [];
69     pData = [];
70 end
71 if ~isempty(rtdata)
72     for i = 1:numel(rtdata)
73         rtidx = find(rtdata(i) ≤ nRT, 1, 'first');

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74     if ~isempty(rtidx)
75         pData(i,1) = pRT(rtidx); % Find appropriate probabilities
76     else
77         pData(i,1) = NaN;
78     end
79 end
80 end

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1 % Compute drift rate (p(Step to A)) given dimension boundaries, means and variances
2 function [p] = DBT_driftrate(x, dx, sx, coactive)
3
4 if ~coactive
5     if size(x, 1) > 1
6         dx = repmat(dx, size(x, 1), 1);
7         sx = repmat(sx, size(x, 1), 1);
8     end
9
10    zx = ((dx - x)./sx);
11    p = normcdf(zx, 0, 1);
12
13    % Truncate drift rate
14    p(p<.00001) = .00001;
15    p(p>.99999) = .99999;
16
17 else
18
19     % B | D
20     % -----
21     % A | C
22
23     aRegion = [-inf -inf; dx(1) dx(2)];
24     bRegion = [-inf dx(2); dx(1) inf];
25     cRegion = [dx(1) -inf; inf dx(2)];
26     dRegion = [dx(1) dx(2); inf inf];
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28     for i = 1:size(x, 1)
29         p(i,:) = mvncdf(aRegion(1,:), aRegion(2, :), x(i,:), diag(sx)) + ...
30             mvncdf(bRegion(1,:), bRegion(2, :), x(i,:), diag(sx)) + ...
31             mvncdf(cRegion(1,:), cRegion(2, :), x(i,:), diag(sx));
32     end
33 end

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Model Fitting Example

This section contains a brief description of a parameter estimation routine for fitting a serial logical rule models described in Little (2012; Numerical predictions for serial, parallel and coactive logical rule-based models of categorization response time).

The file 'fitSerial.m' calls the 'fminsearch' function, which is passed a function called 'ruleRTserial'. 'ruleRTserial' is a wrapper function which calls the function 'RWserial' shown in the first part of the supplementary materials. 'ruleRTserial' compares the predictions returned by 'RWserial' for a given set of parameters, compares these predictions to the data, and returns the estimated fit value.

The parameters, all of which are identifiable within the model, are estimated using the Nelder-Mead SIMPLEX algorithm (Nelder & Mead, 1965) using the fminsearch.m MATLAB function. Model predictions are compared to the data using a quantile-based maximum likelihood function (Heathcote, Brown, & Mewhort, 2002); the negative of the log of this likelihood function is minimized to find the best fitting parameters. Further details of the QMLE procedure can be found in Little, Nosofsky, and Denton (2011).

The data were generated by simulating RTs from a mixed-order serial model. Further information is provided in the comments within the MATLAB files.

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