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Compute Standardized Mean Difference

Description

smd

Computes the standardized mean differnce (SMD) between two groups.

$$d = \sqrt{D'S^{-1}D}$$

where D is a vector of differences between group 1 and 2 and S is the covariance matrix of these differences. If D is length 1, the result is multiplied by sign(D).

In the case of a numeric or integer variable, this is equivalent to:

$$d = \frac{\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2}{\sqrt{(s_1^2 + s_2^2)/2}}$$

where \bar{x}_g is the sample mean for group g and s_g^2 is the sample variance.

For a logical or factor with only two levels, the equation above is $\bar{x}_g = \hat{p}_g$, i.e. the sample proportion and $s_g^2 = \hat{p}_g(1 - \hat{p}_g)$.

Usage

```
smd(x, g, w, std.error = FALSE, na.rm = FALSE, gref = 1L)
## S4 method for signature 'character, ANY, missing'
smd(x, g, w, std.error = FALSE, na.rm = FALSE, gref = 1L)
## S4 method for signature 'character, ANY, numeric'
smd(x, g, w, std.error = FALSE, na.rm = FALSE, gref = 1L)
## S4 method for signature 'logical, ANY, missing'
smd(x, g, w, std.error = FALSE, na.rm = FALSE, gref = 1L)
## S4 method for signature 'logical, ANY, numeric'
smd(x, g, w, std.error = FALSE, na.rm = FALSE, gref = 1L)
## S4 method for signature 'matrix, ANY, missing'
smd(x, g, w, std.error = FALSE, na.rm = FALSE, gref = 1L)
## S4 method for signature 'matrix, ANY, numeric'
smd(x, g, w, std.error = FALSE, na.rm = FALSE, gref = 1L)
## S4 method for signature 'list, ANY, missing'
smd(x, g, w, std.error = FALSE, na.rm = FALSE, gref = 1L)
## S4 method for signature 'list, ANY, numeric'
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smd(x, g, w, std.error = FALSE, na.rm = FALSE, gref = 1L)
## S4 method for signature 'data.frame,ANY,missing'
smd(x, g, w, std.error = FALSE, na.rm = FALSE, gref = 1L)
## S4 method for signature 'data.frame,ANY,numeric'
smd(x, g, w, std.error = FALSE, na.rm = FALSE, gref = 1L)
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Arguments

x	a vector or matrix of values
g	a vector of at least 2 groups to compare. This should coercable to a factor.
W	a vector of numeric weights (optional)
std.error	$Logical\ indicator\ for\ computing\ standard\ errors\ using\ {\it compute_smd_var}.\ Defaults\ to\ {\it FALSE}.$
na.rm	Remove NA values from x? Defaults to FALSE.
gref	an integer indicating which level of g to use as the reference group. Defaults to

Value

a data.frame containing standardized mean differences between levels of g for values of x. The data.frame contains the columns:

- term: the level being comparing to the reference level
- estimate: SMD estimates
- std.error: (if std.error = TRUE) SMD standard error estimates

Examples

```
x <- rnorm(100)
g <- rep(1:2, each = 50)
smd(x, g)</pre>
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