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| eq_predicate | <i>Fuzzy predicate poverty estimation</i> |
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## Description

This function takes as input a numeric vector representing a predicate variable and turns it into its equivalised version using different equivalence scales.

## Usage

```
eq_predicate(predicate, ncomp, age, scale.eq, newscale)
```

## Arguments

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| predicate | A numeric vector representing the poverty predicate (i.e. income or expenditure)  |
| ncomp     | A numerical vector of the total number of components for the j-th family.   |
| age       | A numerical vector of the number of components for the j-th family less than 16 years-old   |
| scale.eq  | The equivalence scale. Options are: Carbonaro, n.par (non parametric), OECD7050, modifiedOECD or new  |
| newscale  | a data.frame with two columns: "ncomp" defining the number of components and "s.eq" that define the corresponding value of equivalent people. It is to define only if scale.eq ="new" |

## Value

A data.frame containing the equivalised predicate variable.

## References

- Bernini, C., Emili, S., & Ferrante, M. R. (2024). Regional disparities in the sensitivity of wellbeing to poverty measures. In *Spatial Inequalities and Wellbeing* (pp. 136-157). Edward Elgar Publishing.
- Betti, G. (1999). Nonparametric equivalence scales with application to Poland. *Statistics Research Report*.
- Chanfreau, J., & Burchardt, T. (2008). *Equivalence scales: rationales, uses and assumptions*. Edinburgh: Scottish Government.

## Examples

```

pred=runif(100, 0, 1000) #predicate

ncomp=rep(c(1,3,5,7,4),20)

age16=ncomp-1

eq_predicate(predicate=pred, ncomp=ncomp, scale.eq="carbonaro") #carbonaro

eq_predicate(predicate=pred, ncomp=ncomp, scale.eq="n.par") #non-parametric

eq_predicate(predicate=pred, ncomp=ncomp, age=age16, scale.eq="OECD7050") #OECD7050

eq_predicate(predicate=pred, ncomp=ncomp, age=age16, scale.eq="modifiedOECD") #modifiedOECD

#Define a new scale

newscal=data.frame("ncomp"=c(1:9), "s.eq"=runif(9,1,10)) # new

ncomp=rep(c(10,3,5,7,4),20)

eq_predicate(predicate=pred, ncomp=ncomp, scale.eq="new", newscal=newscal)

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eusilc

*Eusilc data*

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## Description

Eusilc data

## Usage

```
data(eusilc)
```

**Format**

An object of class "data.frame"

**HB020** Country of residence

**ID** ID

**HY022** Total disposable household income before social transfer

**HS040** Capacity to afford paying for one week annual holiday

**HS050** Capacity to afford a meal with meat

**HS060** Capacity to face unexpected financial expenses

**HS070** Ownership of a telephone

**HS080** Ownership of a color TV

**HS090** Ownership of a computer

**HS100** Ownership of a washing machine

**HS110** Ownership of a car

**HS120** Ability to make ends meet

**HS160** Problems with the dwelling: too dark, not enough light

**HS170** Noise from neighbors or from the street

**HS180** Pollution, crime or other environmental problems

**HS190** Crime violence or vandalism in the area

**HH010** Dwelling type

**HH020** Tenure Status

**HH040** Leaking roof, damp walls, floors, foundation

**HH050** Ability to keep home adequately warm

**HH081** Bath or shower in dwelling

**HH091** Indoor flushing toilet for sole use of household

**HX040** Household size

**DB090** Household cross-sectional weight

**db040** Sub-domain

**stratum** Stratum

**psu** Primary selection unit

**ncomp** Size of the household

**age16** Number of household members aged less than 16 year

**eq\_income** Equivalised income

**Source**

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| fm_construct | <i>Fuzzy monetary poverty estimation</i> |
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## Description

fm\_construct constructs fuzzy monetary poverty estimates.

## Usage

```
fm_construct(
  predicate,
  weight = NULL,
  fm = "verma",
  ID = NULL,
  HCR,
  interval = c(1, 10),
  alpha = NULL,
  hh.size,
  z_min,
  z_max,
  z1,
  z2,
  b,
  z,
  breakdown = NULL,
  data = NULL,
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

## Arguments

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| predicate | A numeric vector representing the poverty predicate (i.e. income or expenditure)  |
| weight    | A numeric vector of sampling weights of the same length of predicate. if NULL weights will set equal to n (n = sample size)   |
| fm        | The membership function (default is "verma". Other options are "ZBM", "belhadj2015", "belhadj2011", "chakravarty", "cerioli", "verma1999" and "TFR". See Betti et. al., 2023) |
| ID        | A numeric or character vector of IDs. if NULL (the default) it is set as the row sequence   |
| HCR       | If fm="verma" or fm="verma1999" or fm="TFR" . The value of the head count ratio used to compute alpha so that the membership function equals the HCR                          |
| interval  | If fm="verma" or fm="verma1999" or fm="TFR". A numeric vector of length two to look for the value of alpha (if not supplied)  |
| alpha     | The value of the exponent in equations of "verma", "verma1999" and "TFR". If NULL it is calculated so that it equates the expectation of the membership function to HCR.      |

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| hh.size   | If fm="ZBM". A numeric vector of household size   |
| z_min     | A parameter of the membership function if fm="belhadj2011", i.e. the $z_{\min}$ : $\mu=1$ for $0 < y_i < z_{\min}$ (see: See Betti et al., 2023)  |
| z_max     | A parameter of the membership function if fm="belhadj2011", i.e. the $z_{\max}$ : $\mu=0$ for $y_i > z_{\max}$ (see: See Betti et al., 2023)  |
| z1        | A parameter of the membership function if fm="belhadj2015" or fm="cerioli". For "belhadj2015" $z1$ : $\mu=1$ for $y_i < z1$ while for "cerioli" $\mu=1$ for $0 < y_i < z1$ (see: See Betti et al., 2023)        |
| z2        | A parameter of the membership function if fm="belhadj2015" or fm="cerioli". For "belhadj2015" $z2$ : $\mu=0$ for $y_i > z2$ while for "cerioli" the $z1$ : $\mu=0$ for $y_i > z2$ (see: See Betti et al., 2023) |
| b         | A parameter of the membership function if fm="belhadj2015". The shape parameter (if $b=1$ the mf is linear between $z1$ and $z2$ )  |
| z         | A parameter of the membership function if fm="chakravarty", i.e. $\mu=0$ for $y_i \geq z$ (see: See Betti et al., 2023)   |
| breakdown | A factor of sub-domains to calculate estimates for (using the same alpha)   |
| data      | An optional data frame containing the variables to be used  |
| verbose   | Logical. whether to print the proceeding of the procedure   |

### Details

It implements the fuzzy set approach to monetary poverty measurement where the usual dichotomy poor (1) not-poor(0) is replaced with a continuum score in  $(0,1)$

### Value

an object of class FuzzyMonetary containing the (fuzzy) membership function for each individual in the sample, the estimated expected value (estimate) of the function and the parameters of the membership functions (supplied or calculated). If breakdown is supplied it gives an output for each level.

### References

- Belhadj, B. (2011). A new fuzzy unidimensional poverty index from an information theory perspective. *Empirical Economics*, 40(1):687–704.
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Cheli, B. and Lemmi, A. (1995). A 'totally' fuzzy and relative approach to the multidimensional analysis of poverty. *24(1):115–134*.

Zedini, A. and Belhadj, B. (2015). A new approach to unidimensional poverty analysis: Application to the Tunisian case. *Review of Income and Wealth*, 61(3):465–476.

## Examples

```
#The following examples are based on the dataset eusilc
#include in the package.

#fm = "verma"

fm_construct(predicate = eusilc$eq_income, weight = eusilc$DB090,
             fm = "verma", HCR = 0.154, ID = eusilc$ID)

#fm = "verma1999"
#In this example we set alpha=4.5

fm_construct(predicate = eusilc$eq_income, weight = eusilc$DB090,
             fm = "verma1999", alpha = 4.5, ID = eusilc$ID)

#fm = "TFR"
#In this example we do not use the sample weights. alpha = 4.5

fm_construct(predicate = eusilc$eq_income,
             fm = "TFR", alpha = 4.5)

#fm = "belhadj2015"

fm_construct(predicate = eusilc$eq_income, weight = eusilc$DB090,
             z1=100, z2=15000, b=2,
             fm = "belhadj2015")

#fm = "cerioli"

fm_construct(predicate = eusilc$eq_income, weight = eusilc$DB090,
             z1=100, z2=10000, fm= "cerioli")

#fm = "belhadj2011"

fm_construct(predicate = eusilc$eq_income, weight = eusilc$DB090,
             z_min=1000, z_max=8000, fm= "belhadj2011")

#fm = "chakravarty"
```

```

fm_construct(predicate = eusilc$eq_income, weight = eusilc$DB090,
             z=8000, fm= "chakravarty")

#fm = "ZBM"
#For this index have to use the household size

fm_construct(predicate = eusilc$eq_income, weight = eusilc$DB090,
             hh.size=eusilc$ncomp , fm= "ZBM")

#####'#####
##Including breakdown##
#####'#####

#fm = "verma"

fm_construct(predicate = eusilc$eq_income, weight = eusilc$DB090,
             fm = "verma", HCR = 0.154, ID = eusilc$ID,
             breakdown = eusilc$db040)

#fm = "verma1999"
#In this example we set alpha=4.5

fm_construct(predicate = eusilc$eq_income, weight = eusilc$DB090,
             fm = "verma1999", alpha = 4.5, ID = eusilc$ID,
             breakdown = eusilc$db040)

#fm = "TFR"
#In this example we do not use the sample weights. alpha = 4.5

fm_construct(predicate = eusilc$eq_income,
             fm = "TFR", alpha = 4.5,
             breakdown = eusilc$db040)

#fm = "belhadj2015"

fm_construct(predicate = eusilc$eq_income, weight = eusilc$DB090,
             z1=100, z2=15000, b=2,
             fm = "belhadj2015", breakdown = eusilc$db040)

#fm = "cerioli"

fm_construct(predicate = eusilc$eq_income, weight = eusilc$DB090,
             z1=100, z2=10000, fm= "cerioli", breakdown = eusilc$db040)

#fm = "belhadj2011"

fm_construct(predicate = eusilc$eq_income, weight = eusilc$DB090,
             z_min=1000, z_max=8000, fm= "belhadj2011",
             breakdown = eusilc$db040)

#fm = "chakravarty"

```



```

fm_construct(predicate = eusilc$eq_income, weight = eusilc$DB090,
             z=8000, fm= "chakravarty", breakdown = eusilc$db040)

#fm = "ZBM"
#For this index we have to use the household size

fm_construct(predicate = eusilc$eq_income, weight = eusilc$DB090,
             hh.size=eusilc$ncomp , fm= "ZBM",
             breakdown = eusilc$db040)

```

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fm\_mu

*Fuzzy monetary poverty estimation*


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### Description

This function calculates the fuzzy membership function as defined in Betti et. al, 2018.

### Usage

```
fm_mu(predicate.ord, weight.ord, alpha)
```

### Arguments

predicate.ord A sorted vector of a predicate variable (in ascending order).  
weight.ord A sorted vector of weights (in the same order of s.ord)  
alpha The value of the exponent parameter to use in the non-linear equation as of Betti et. al, 2018.

### Value

A numeric vector containing the estimated membership function.

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fm\_objective

*Fuzzy monetary poverty estimation.*


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### Description

Fuzzy monetary poverty estimation.

### Usage

```
fm_objective(predicate.ord, weight.ord, alpha, HCR, fm, verbose)
```

**Arguments**

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| predicate.ord | A sorted vector of a predicate variable (in ascending order).                                   |
| weight.ord    | A sorted vector of weights (in the same order of s.ord)   |
| alpha         | The value of the exponent parameter to use in the non-linear equation as of Betti et. al, 2018. |
| HCR           | The head count ratio.   |
| fm            | the type of membership function to use  |
| verbose       | prints the proceeding of the routine.   |

**Value**

The value of the objective function

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| fm_var | <i>Fuzzy monetary poverty estimation</i> |
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**Description**

This function estimates the variance of the fuzzy monetary poverty index

**Usage**

```
fm_var(
  predicate,
  weight,
  fm,
  ID = NULL,
  type = "bootstrap_naive",
  R = 100,
  M = NULL,
  stratum,
  psu,
  f = 0.01,
  verbose = FALSE,
  HCR,
  interval = c(1, 10),
  alpha = NULL,
  hh.size,
  z_min,
  z_max,
  z1,
  z2,
  b,
  z,
  Xs,
```

```

    total,
    breakdown = NULL,
    data = NULL
  )

```

### Arguments

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| predicate | A numeric vector representing the poverty predicate (i.e. income or expenditure)  |
| weight    | A numeric vector of sampling weights of the same length of predicate. if NULL weights will set equal to n (n = sample size)   |
| fm        | The membership function (default is "verma". Other options are "ZBM", "belhadj2015", "belhadj2011", "chakravarty", "cerioli", "verma1999" and "TFR". See Betti et. al., 2023)                               |
| ID        | A numeric or character vector of IDs. if NULL (the default) it is set as the row sequence   |
| type      | The variance estimation method chosen. One between bootstrap_naive (default), bootstrap_calibrated or jackknife   |
| R         | The number of bootstrap replicates. Default is 500  |
| M         | The size of bootstrap samples. Default is nrow(data)  |
| stratum   | The vector identifying the stratum (if 'jackknife' is chosen as variance estimation technique)  |
| psu       | The vector identifying the psu (if 'jackknife' is chosen as variance estimation technique)  |
| f         | The finite population correction fraction (if 'jackknife' is chosen as variance estimation technique)   |
| verbose   | Logical. whether to print the proceeding of the variance estimation procedure   |
| HCR       | If fm="verma" or fm="verma1999" or fm="TFR". The value of the head count ratio used to compute alpha so that the membership function equals the HCR   |
| interval  | If fm="verma" or fm="verma1999" or fm="TFR". A numeric vector of length two to look for the value of alpha (if not supplied)  |
| alpha     | The value of the exponent in equations of "verma", "verma1999" and "TFR". If NULL it is calculated so that it equates the expectation of the membership function to HCR.                                    |
| hh.size   | If fm="ZBM". A numeric vector of household size   |
| z_min     | A parameter of the membership function if fm="belhadj2011", i.e. the z_min: $\mu=1$ for $0 < y_i < z_{\min}$ (see: See Betti et. al, 2023)  |
| z_max     | A parameter of the membership function if fm="belhadj2011", i.e. the z_max: $\mu=0$ for $y_i > z_{\max}$ (see: See Betti et. al, 2023)  |
| z1        | A parameter of the membership function if fm="belhadj2015" or fm="cerioli". For "belhadj2015" z1: $\mu=1$ for $y_i < z_1$ while for "cerioli" $\mu=1$ for $0 < y_i < z_1$ (see: See Betti et. al, 2023)     |
| z2        | A parameter of the membership function if fm="belhadj2015" or fm="cerioli". For "belhadj2015" z2: $\mu=0$ for $y_i > z_2$ while for "cerioli" the z1: $\mu=0$ for $y_i > z_2$ (see: See Betti et. al, 2023) |

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|-----------|---|
| b         | A parameter of the membership function if fm="belhadj2015". The shape parameter (if b=1 the mf is linear between z1 and z2) |
| z         | A parameter of the membership function if fm="chakravarty", i.e. $\mu=0$ for $y_i \geq z$ (see: See Betti et. al, 2023)     |
| Xs        | A matrix (i x j) of calibration variables. i number of units, j number of variables   |
| total     | A Vector of population totals of dimension 1 x j  |
| breakdown | A factor of sub-domains to calculate estimates for (using the same alpha). If numeric will be coerced to a factor           |
| data      | An optional data frame containing the variables to be used  |

### Value

An object of class FuzzyMonetary containing the estimate of variance with the method selected. If breakdown is not NULL, the variance is estimated for each sub-domain.

### References

- Belhadj, B. (2011). A new fuzzy unidimensional poverty index from an information theory perspective. *Empirical Economics*, 40(1):687–704.
- Belhadj, B. (2015). Employment measure in developing countries via minimum wage and poverty new fuzzy approach. *Opsearch*, 52(1):329–339.
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- Betti, G., Gagliardi, F., & Verma, V. (2018). Simplified Jackknife variance estimates for fuzzy measures of multidimensional poverty. *International Statistical Review*, 86(1), 68-86.

**Examples**

```

#The following examples are based on the dataset eusilc
#include in the package.

#Example 1 using bootstrap and breakdown

#fm = "verma"

fm_var(predicate = eusilc$eq_income, weight = eusilc$DB090,
        fm = "verma", breakdown = eusilc$db040, type = "bootstrap_calibrated",
        alpha = 4, Xs = eusilc[,4:6], total = c(20, 30, 40))

#fm = "belhadj2015"

fm_var(predicate = eusilc$eq_income, weight = eusilc$DB090,
        fm = "belhadj2015", breakdown = eusilc$db040, type = "bootstrap_naive",
        z1 = 100, z2 = 15000, b = 2)

#Example 2 using jackknife without breakdown

#fm = "verma1999"

fm_var(predicate = eusilc$eq_income, weight = eusilc$DB090,
        fm = "verma1999", type = "jackknife",
        stratum = eusilc$stratum, psu = eusilc$psu,
        alpha = 4)

#fm = "cerioli"

fm_var(predicate = eusilc$eq_income, weight = eusilc$DB090,
        fm = "cerioli", type = "jackknife",
        stratum = eusilc$stratum, psu = eusilc$psu,
        z1 = 1000, z2 = 12000)

```

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fs\_construct

*Fuzzy supplementary poverty estimation (Step 7)*


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**Description**

Step 7. Constructs the fuzzy supplementary poverty measure based on Steps 1-6.

**Usage**

```
fs_construct(steps4_5, weight, alpha, breakdown = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

steps4\_5            The results from fs\_equate.

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| weight    | A numeric vector of sampling weights of length nrow(step1). if NULL weights will set equal to n (n = sample size)                            |
| alpha     | The value of the exponent in the FM equation. If NULL it is calculated so that it equates the expectation of the membership function to HCR. |
| breakdown | A Dimension of sub-domains to calculate estimates for (using the same alpha). If numeric will be coerced to a Dimension.                     |

### Value

An object of class FuzzySupplementary containing the fuzzy membership function for each unit, the point estimate (i.e. the expected value of the function), and the alpha parameter.

### References

Betti, G., Gagliardi, F., Lemmi, A., & Verma, V. (2015). Comparative measures of multidimensional deprivation in the European Union. *Empirical Economics*, 49(3), 1071-1100.

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### Examples

```
#This example is based on the dataset eusilc included in the package
#The FS index is compute without and with breakdown and using an HCR = 0.12
#The step 2-5 are the following (step 1 is the eusilc dataset)
#For more on each step see the ad hoc function included in the package

#Step 2

step2 = fs_transform(eusilc[,4:23], weight = eusilc$DB090, ID = eusilc$ID)

#Step 3 is the definition of the dimension.
#For more about the step see Betti et al. (2018)

dimensions = c(1,1,1,1,2,2,2,2,2,3,3,3,3,4,4,4,4,5,5,5)

#Step 4-5 finding weights

steps4_5 = fs_weight(dimensions, step2 = step2, rho = NULL)

#Step 6 computation of alpha parameter

alpha <- fs_equate(steps4_5 = steps4_5,
                  weight = eusilc$DB090, HCR = 0.12,
                  interval = c(1,10))

#Step 7 the FS index without breakdown

fs_results = fs_construct(steps4_5 = steps4_5,
                        weight = eusilc$DB090, alpha = alpha, breakdown = NULL)

#Step 7 the FS index with breakdown
```

```
fs_results = fs_construct(steps4_5 = steps4_5,
                        weight = eusilc$DB090, alpha = alpha, breakdown = eusilc$db040)
```

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fs\_construct\_all      *Fuzzy supplementary poverty estimation (all steps)*

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### Description

Step 1-7. Constructs the fuzzy supplementary poverty measure based without step-by-step functions.

### Usage

```
fs_construct_all(
  data,
  weight = NULL,
  ID = NULL,
  dimensions,
  rho = NULL,
  HCR,
  interval = c(1, 10),
  alpha = NULL,
  breakdown = NULL
)
```

### Arguments

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| data       | A matrix or a data frame of identified items (see Step 1 of Betti et. al, 2018)   |
| weight     | A numeric vector of sampling weights. if NULL weights will set equal to n (n = sample size)   |
| ID         | A numeric or character vector of IDs. if NULL (the default) it is set as the row sequence   |
| dimensions | A numeric vector (of length ncol(data)) of assignments of items in data to dimensions   |
| rho        | Optional critical value to be used for calculation of weights in the Kendall correlation matrix. If NULL rho is set equal to the point of largest gap between the ordered set of correlation values encountered (see Betti and Verma, 2008) |
| HCR        | The value of the head count ratio used to compute alpha so that the expected value of the membership function equals HCR  |
| interval   | A numeric vector of length two to look for the value of alpha (if not supplied)   |
| alpha      | The value of the exponent in equations of "verma", "verma1999" and "TFR". If NULL it is calculated so that it equates the expectation of the membership function to HCR.  |
| breakdown  | A Dimension of sub-domains to calculate estimates for (using the same alpha). If numeric will be coerced to a Dimension   |

**Value**

An object of class FuzzySupplementary containing the fuzzy membership function for each unit, the point estimate (i.e. the expected value of the function), and the alpha parameter.

**References**

Betti, G., & Verma, V. (2008). Fuzzy measures of the incidence of relative poverty and deprivation: a multi-dimensional perspective. *Statistical Methods and Applications*, 17, 225-250.

Betti, G., Gagliardi, F., Lemmi, A., & Verma, V. (2015). Comparative measures of multidimensional deprivation in the European Union. *Empirical Economics*, 49(3), 1071-1100.

Betti, G., Gagliardi, F., & Verma, V. (2018). Simplified Jackknife variance estimates for fuzzy measures of multidimensional poverty. *International Statistical Review*, 86(1), 68-86.

**Examples**

```
#This example is based on the dataset eusilc included in the package
#The FS index is compute with breakdown and using an HCR = 0.12
#with summary and plot

FS <- fs_construct_all(data = eusilc[,4:23], weight = eusilc$DB090, # step 2
  dimensions = c(1,1,1,1,2,2,2,2,3,3,3,3,4,4,4,4,5,5,5), # step 3
  rho = NULL, # steps 4 and 5
  HCR = .12, # step 6
  breakdown = eusilc$db040) # step 7 with breakdowns

summary(FS)
plot(FS)
```

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|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| fs_equate | <i>Fuzzy supplementary poverty estimation, finding the alpha parameter (step 6)</i> |
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**Description**

Step 6. This function solves  $E(\mu)^{(\alpha-1)} = HCR$  for alpha.

**Usage**

```
fs_equate(steps4_5, weight, HCR, interval = c(1, 10), verbose = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| steps4_5 | The results obtained from fs_weight.   |
| weight   | A numeric vector of sampling weights. if NULL weights will set equal to n (n = sample size)            |
| HCR      | The value of the head count ratio used to compute alpha so that the membership function equals the HCR |



interval        The range to look for the value of alpha.  
 verbose        Logical. whether to print the proceeding of the procedure.

### Value

The alpha parameter that solves the non-linear equation  $E(\mu) = HCR$

### References

Betti, G., Gagliardi, F., Lemmi, A., & Verma, V. (2015). Comparative measures of multidimensional deprivation in the European Union. *Empirical Economics*, 49(3), 1071-1100.

Betti, G., Gagliardi, F., & Verma, V. (2018). Simplified Jackknife variance estimates for fuzzy measures of multidimensional poverty. *International Statistical Review*, 86(1), 68-86.

### Examples

```
#This example is based on the dataset eusilc included in the package
#The Step 6 of the FS index is computed
#The step 2-5 are the following (step 1 is the eusilc dataset)
#For more on each step see the ad hoc function included in the package

#Step 2

step2 = fs_transform(eusilc[,4:23], weight = eusilc$DB090, ID = eusilc$ID)

#Step 3 is the definition of the dimension.
#For more about the step see Betti et al. (2018)

dimensions = c(1,1,1,1,2,2,2,2,2,3,3,3,3,4,4,4,4,5,5,5)

#Step 4-5 finding weights

steps4_5 = fs_weight(dimensions, step2 = step2, rho = NULL)

#Step 6 computation of alpha parameter

fs_equate(steps4_5 = steps4_5,
          weight = eusilc$DB090,
          HCR = 0.12, interval = c(1,10))
```

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 fs\_order

*Fuzzy monetary poverty estimation (Step 1)*


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### Description

Detects and inverts deprivation items for FS

### Usage

```
fs_order(data, vec_order)
```

**Arguments**

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| data      | a data-set of n columns with the considered items   |
| vec_order | a vector of length n with TRUE or FALSE. True if the order of the variable is to be inverted, False otherwise |

**Value**

A data.frame with the same item of data with inverted order for those with vec\_order==TRUE

**References**

Betti, G., Gagliardi, F., Lemmi, A., & Verma, V. (2015). Comparative measures of multidimensional deprivation in the European Union. *Empirical Economics*, 49(3), 1071-1100.

Betti, G., Gagliardi, F., & Verma, V. (2018). Simplified Jackknife variance estimates for fuzzy measures of multidimensional poverty. *International Statistical Review*, 86(1), 68-86.

**Examples**

```
#Create data
data=data.frame("X"=rep(c(1,2,3,4),20), "Y"=rep(c(7,8,9,1),20))

#Crete vec_order
vec_order=c(TRUE,FALSE)

fs_order(data=data, vec_order)
```

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|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| fs_transform | <i>Fuzzy supplementary poverty estimation (Step 2)</i> |
|--------------|--|

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**Description**

Step 2. This function maps a set of answers to binary or categorical items to the (0,1) interval.

**Usage**

```
fs_transform(data, weight = NULL, ID = NULL, depr.score = "s", ...)
```

**Arguments**

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| data       | A matrix or a data frame of identified items (see Step 1 of Betti et. al, 2018)                                   |
| weight     | A numeric vector of sampling weights of length nrow(step1). if NULL weights will set equal to n (n = sample size) |
| ID         | A numeric or character vector of IDs. if NULL (the default) it is set as the row sequence                         |
| depr.score | The deprivation score to be used (see d or s in Betti et al (2018))   |
| ...        | other parameters  |

**Details**

The function calculates deprivation score. To obtain consistent measures of supplementary poverty it is important that items are in the right order. Lower levels of the items have to correspond to more deprivation while higher levels of the items to a less deprivation.

**Value**

An object of class FuzzySupplementary containing a matrix of the same dimension of data with items mapped into the (0,1) interval

**References**

Betti, G., Gagliardi, F., Lemmi, A., & Verma, V. (2015). Comparative measures of multidimensional deprivation in the European Union. *Empirical Economics*, 49(3), 1071-1100.

Betti, G., Gagliardi, F., & Verma, V. (2018). Simplified Jackknife variance estimates for fuzzy measures of multidimensional poverty. *International Statistical Review*, 86(1), 68-86.

**Examples**

```
#This example is based on the dataset eusilc included in the package
#step 1 is the choice of the eusilc dataset

#Step 2

step2 = fs_transform(eusilc[,4:23], weight = eusilc$DB090, ID = eusilc$ID)
```

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 fs\_var

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*Fuzzy supplementary poverty estimation.*


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**Description**

Fuzzy supplementary poverty estimation.

**Usage**

```
fs_var(
  data,
  weight = NULL,
  ID = NULL,
  dimensions,
  HCR,
  breakdown = NULL,
  alpha,
  rho = NULL,
  type = "bootstrap_naive",
  R = 500,
```

```

M = NULL,
stratum,
psu,
f = 0.01,
Xs,
total,
verbose = TRUE
)

```

### Arguments

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| data       | A matrix or data frame of items   |
| weight     | A numeric vector of sampling weights of length nrow(step1). if NULL weights will set equal to n (n = sample size)   |
| ID         | A numeric or character vector of IDs. if NULL (the default) it is set as the row sequence   |
| dimensions | A numeric vector (of length ncol(data)) of assignments of items in data to dimensions   |
| HCR        | The value of the head count ratio used to compute alpha so that the expected value of the membership function equals HCR  |
| breakdown  | A factor of sub-domains to calculate estimates for (using the same alpha). If numeric will be coerced to a factor   |
| alpha      | The value of the exponent in equations of "verma", "verma1999" and "TFR". If NULL it is calculated so that it equates the expectation of the membership function to HCR.  |
| rho        | Optional critical value to be used for calculation of weights in the Kendall correlation matrix. If NULL rho is set equal to the point of largest gap between the ordered set of correlation values encountered (see Betti and Verma, 2008) |
| type       | The variance estimation method chosen. One between bootstrap_naive (default), bootstrap_calibrated or jackknife   |
| R          | The number of bootstrap replicates. Default is 500  |
| M          | The size of bootstrap samples. Default is nrow(data)  |
| stratum    | The vector identifying the stratum (if 'jackknife' is chosen as variance estimation technique)  |
| psu        | The vector identifying the psu (if 'jackknife' is chosen as variance estimation technique)  |
| f          | The finite population correction fraction (if 'jackknife' is chosen as variance estimation technique)   |
| Xs         | A matrix (i x j) of calibration variables. i number of units, j number of variables   |
| total      | A Vector of population totals of dimension 1 x j  |
| verbose    | Logical. whether to print the proceeding of the variance estimation procedure   |

### Value

An object of class FuzzySupplementary containing the estimated variance.

## References

- Betti, G., & Verma, V. (2008). Fuzzy measures of the incidence of relative poverty and deprivation: a multi-dimensional perspective. *Statistical Methods and Applications*, 17, 225-250.
- Betti, G., Gagliardi, F., Lemmi, A., & Verma, V. (2015). Comparative measures of multidimensional deprivation in the European Union. *Empirical Economics*, 49(3), 1071-1100.
- Betti, G., Gagliardi, F., & Verma, V. (2018). Simplified Jackknife variance estimates for fuzzy measures of multidimensional poverty. *International Statistical Review*, 86(1), 68-86.

## Examples

```
#This example is based on the dataset eusilc included in the package
#The variance of the FS index is compute without breakdown
#and using an alpha = 2

#####
##Bootstrap##
#####

fs_var(data = eusilc[,4:23], weight = eusilc$DB090, ID = NULL,
        dimensions = c(1,1,1,1,2,2,2,2,2,3,3,3,3,3,4,4,4,4,5,5,5),
        breakdown = NULL, alpha = 2,
        rho = NULL, type = 'bootstrap_naive', M = NULL, R = 2, verbose = TRUE)
```

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fs\_weight

*Fuzzy supplementary poverty estimation (Steps 4 and 5)*

---

## Description

Step 4 and Step 5. Calculates the weights of dimensions discovered after Dimension analysis.

## Usage

```
fs_weight(dimensions, step2, rho = NULL)
```

## Arguments

- |            |   |
|------------|---|
| dimensions | A numeric vector (of length ncol(data)) of assignments of items in data to dimensions   |
| step2      | The data frame resulting from step2   |
| rho        | Optional critical value to be used for calculation of weights in the Kendall correlation matrix. If NULL rho is set equal to the point of largest gap between the ordered set of correlation values encountered (see Betti and Verma, 2008) |

**Details**

This function calculates the two set of weights  $w_a$  and  $w_b$  (see References)

**Value**

An object of class `FuzzySupplementary` with calculated weights and deprivation scores in each dimension identified.

**References**

Betti, G., & Verma, V. (2008). Fuzzy measures of the incidence of relative poverty and deprivation: a multi-dimensional perspective. *Statistical Methods and Applications*, 17, 225-250.

Betti, G., Gagliardi, F., & Verma, V. (2018). Simplified Jackknife variance estimates for fuzzy measures of multidimensional poverty. *International Statistical Review*, 86(1), 68-86.

**Examples**

```
#This example is based on the dataset eusilc included in the package
#The step 2-3 are the following (step 1 is the eusilc dataset)
#For more on each step see the ad hoc function included in the package

#Step 2

step2 = fs_transform(eusilc[,4:23], weight = eusilc$DB090, ID = eusilc$ID)

#Step 3 is the definition of the dimension.
#For more about the step see Betti et al. (2018)

dimensions = c(1,1,1,1,2,2,2,2,2,3,3,3,3,4,4,4,4,5,5,5)

#Step 4-5 finding weights

steps4_5 = fs_weight(dimensions, step2 = step2, rho = NULL)
```

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FuzzyPoverty

*s3 class fuzzy poverty*

---

**Description**

s3 class fuzzy poverty

**Usage**

```
FuzzyPoverty(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    an object

**Value**

an object of class FuzzyPoverty

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FuzzySupplementary     *s3 class fuzzy poverty*

---

**Description**

s3 class fuzzy poverty

**Usage**

FuzzySupplementary(x)

**Arguments**

x                    an object

**Value**

an object of class FuzzyPoverty

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HCR                    *Head Count Ratio (HCR)*

---

**Description**

This function calculates the head count ratio.

**Usage**

HCR(predicate, weight = NULL, p = 0.5, q = 0.6, poverty.line = NULL)

**Arguments**

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| predicate    | A numeric vector of a predicate variable (i.e. income or expenditure)                     |
| weight       | A numeric vector of sampling weights. if NULL simple random sampling weights will be used |
| p            | The quantile to be calculated from the predicate variable. Default is the median          |
| q            | The percentage of the quantile to be used in determining the poverty line. default is 0.6 |
| poverty.line | The poverty line. If it is NULL it is estimated from data.                                |

**Details**

The head count ration is defined as the sum of the sampling weight of statistical units whose value of the predicate variable is below the poverty line. The poverty line is usually defined as a fraction of a weighted quantile (in official statistics the median) of the predicate distribution

**Value**

A list containing the classification of the units as poor (TRUE) and not-poor (FALSE), the estimated Head Count Ratio, and the poverty line

**Examples**

```
N <- 100
p <- 0.5
q <- 0.6
predicate <- rchisq(N, 15) # predicate variable
HCR(predicate)
```

---

plot.FuzzyMonetary      *The plot of a FuzzyMonetary object*

---

**Description**

plot method for class "FuzzyMonetary"

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'FuzzyMonetary'
plot(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|     |                                    |
|-----|------------------------------------|
| x   | An object of class "FuzzyMonetary" |
| ... | Additional options                 |

**Value**

The plot

**Examples**

```
#The following example is based on the dataset eusilc
#included in the package.
```

```
#fm = "verma"
```



```
index = fm_construct(predicate = eusilc$eq_income, weight = eusilc$DB090,  
                    fm = "verma", HCR = 0.154, ID = eusilc$ID)  
  
plot(index)
```

---

plot.FuzzySupplementary

*The plot of a FuzzySupplementary object*

---

### Description

plot method for class "FuzzySupplementary"

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'FuzzySupplementary'  
plot(x, ...)
```

### Arguments

|     |   |
|-----|---|
| x   | An object of class "FuzzySupplementary" |
| ... | Additional options                      |

### Value

The plot

### Examples

```
#This example is based on the dataset eusilc included in the package  
#The plot of the FS index is compute with breakdown and using an HCR = 0.12  
  
FS <- fs_construct_all(data = eusilc[,4:23], weight = eusilc$DB090, # step 2  
                      dimensions = c(1,1,1,1,2,2,2,2,2,3,3,3,3,4,4,4,4,5,5,5), # step 3  
                      rho = NULL, # steps 4 and 5  
                      HCR = .12, # step 6  
                      breakdown = eusilc$db040) # step 7 with breakdowns  
  
plot(FS)
```

---

summary.FuzzyMonetary *The summary of a FuzzyMonetary object*

---

### Description

Summary method for class "FuzzyMonetary"

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'FuzzyMonetary'
summary(object, ...)
```

### Arguments

|        |                                    |
|--------|------------------------------------|
| object | An object of class "FuzzyMonetary" |
| ...    | Additional options                 |

### Value

The summary method for class "FuzzyMonetary"

### Examples

```
#The following example is based on the dataset eusilc
#include in the package.

#fm = "verma"

index = fm_construct(predicate = eusilc$eq_income, weight = eusilc$DB090,
                    fm = "verma", HCR = 0.154, ID = eusilc$ID)

summary(index)
```

---

summary.FuzzySupplementary  
*The summary of a FuzzySupplementary object*

---

### Description

Summary method for class "FuzzySupplementary"

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'FuzzySupplementary'  
summary(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

```
object      An object of class "FuzzySupplementary"  
...        Additional options
```

**Value**

The summary method for class "FuzzySupplementary"

**Examples**

```
#This example is based on the dataset eusilc included in the package  
#The summary of FS index is compute with breakdown and using an HCR = 0.12  
  
FS <- fs_construct_all(data = eusilc[,4:23], weight = eusilc$DB090, # step 2  
                      dimensions = c(1,1,1,1,2,2,2,2,3,3,3,3,4,4,4,4,5,5,5), # step 3  
                      rho = NULL, # steps 4 and 5  
                      HCR = .12, # step 6  
                      breakdown = eusilc$db040) # step 7 with breakdowns  
  
summary(FS)
```

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