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ageperiod_group	<i>Get the cohort index matrix for any age and period groups</i>
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## Description

This function returns the cohort index matrix for any age and period groups. The cohort index matrix will then be used to extract the cohort effects.

## Usage

```
ageperiod_group(age_range, period_range,
age_interval, period_interval,
age_group = NULL, period_group = NULL)
```

## Arguments

age\_range, period\_range

Numeric vector indicating the actual age and period range (e.g., 10 to 59 years old from 2000 to 2019).

age\_interval, period\_interval, age\_group, period\_group

Numeric values or character vectors indicating how age and period are grouped. age\_interval and period\_interval are numbers indicating the width of age and period groups respectively. age\_group and period\_group are character vectors explicitly listing all potential age and period groups. Either age\_interval(period\_interval) or age\_group (period\_group) have to be defined when unequal\_interval is TRUE.

## Value

It returns a matrix representing the relationship among age, period, and cohort groups under the current setting.

**Examples**

```
## age and period groups have equal width
ageperiod_group(age_range = 10:59, period_range = 2000:2019,
  age_interval = 5, period_interval = 5)
ageperiod_group(age_range = 10:59, period_range = 2000:2019,
  age_group = c("10-14", "15-19", "20-24", "25-29",
    "30-34", "35-39", "40-44", "45-49",
    "50-54", "55-59"),
  period_group = c("2000-2004", "2005-2009", "2010-2014", "2015-2019"))

## age and period groups have unequal width
ageperiod_group(age_range = 10:59, period_range = 2000:2019,
  age_interval = 10, period_interval = 5)
ageperiod_group(age_range = 10:59, period_range = 2000:2019,
  age_group = c("10-19", "20-29", "30-39", "40-49", "50-59"),
  period_group = c("2000-2004", "2005-2009", "2010-2014", "2015-2019"))
```

apci

*Run apci model***Description**

run APC-I model

**Arguments**

outcome	An object of class character containing the name of the outcome variable. The outcome variable can be continuous, categorical, or count.
age	An object of class character representing the age group index taking on a small number of distinct values in the data. Usually, the vector should be converted to a factor (or the terms of "category" and "enumerated type").
period	An object of class character, similar to the argument of age, representing the time period index in the data.
cohort	An optional object of class character representing cohort membership index in the data. Usually, the cohort index can be generated from the age group index and time period index in the data because of the intrinsic relationship among these three time-related indices.
weight	An optional vector of sample weights to be used in the model fitting process. If non-NULL, the weights will be used in the first step to estimate the model. Observations with negative weights will be automatically dropped in modeling.
covariate	An optional vector of characters, representing the name(s) of the user-specified covariate(s) to be used in the model. If the variable(s) are not found in data, there will be an error message reminding the users to check the data again.
data	A data frame containing the outcome variable, age group indicator, period group indicator, and covariates to be used in the model. If the variable(s) are not found in data, there will be an error message reminding the users to check the input data again.

family	Used to specify the statistical distribution of the error term and link function to be used in the model. Usually, it is a character string naming a family function. For example, family can be "binomial", "multinomial", or "gaussian". Users could also check R package glm for more details of family functions.
dev.test	Logical, specifying if the global F test (step 1) should be implemented before running the APC-I model. If TRUE, apci will first run the global F test and report the test results; otherwise, apci will skip this step and return NULL. The default setting is TRUE. But users should be careful that the algorithm will not automatically stop even if there is no significant cohort average deviation.
print	Logical, specifying if the intermediate results should be displayed on the screen in running the model. The default setting is TRUE in order to show the results explicitly although it can be too clumpy when the intermediate results are shown on the screen.
gee	logical, indicating if the data is cross-sectional data or longitudinal/panel data. If TRUE, the generalized estimating equation will be used to correct the standard error estimates. The default is FALSE, indicating that the data are cross-sectional.
id	A vector of character, specifying the cluster index in longitudinal data. It is required when gee is TRUE. The length of the vector should be the same as the number of observations.
corstr	a character string, specifying a possible correlation structure in the error terms when gee is TRUE. The following are allowed: independence, fixed, stat\M\_dep, non\_stat\M\_dep, exchangeable, AR-M and unstructured. The default value is exchangeable.
unequal_interval	Logical, indicating if age and period groups are of the same width. The default is set as TRUE.
age_range, period_range	Numeric vector indicating the actual age and period range (e.g., 10 to 59 years old from 2000 to 2019).
age_interval, period_interval, age_group, period_group	Numeric values or character vectors indicating how age and period are grouped. age_interval and period_interval are numbers indicating the width of age and period groups respectively. age_group and period_group are character vectors explicitly listing all potential age and period groups. Either age_interval(period_interval) or age_group (period_group) have to be defined when unequal_interval is TRUE.
...	

### Value

model	A summary of the fitted generalized linear regression. It displays the coefficients, standard errors, etc.
dev_global	The results of the global F test. It shows that if the interaction terms are significant as a component of the generalized linear regression model.
intercept	The overall intercept.
age_effect	A vector, representing the estimated age effect for each age group.

- period\_effect A vector, representing the estimated period effect for each time period.
- cohort\_average A vector, representing the cohort average effects for comparing inter-cohort differences.
- cohort\_slope A vector, representing intra-cohort life-course changes.

## Examples

```
library("APCI")
## load data
test_data <- APCI::women9017
test_data$acc <- as.factor(test_data$acc)
test_data$pcc <- as.factor(test_data$pcc)
## run APCI model
APC_I <- apci(outcome = "inlfc",
              age = "acc",
              period = "pcc",
              cohort = "ccc",
              weight = "wt",
              data = test_data, dev.test=FALSE,
              family = "gaussian")

## check model results
summary(APC_I)

APC_I$model
APC_I$dev_global
APC_I$dev_local
APC_I$intercept
APC_I$age_effect
APC_I$period_effect
APC_I$cohort_average
APC_I$cohort_slope
```

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apci.bar

*make bar plot*

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## Description

make barplot for cohort effect

## Usage

```
apci.bar(model, age, period, outcome_var,
         cohort_label = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

model	A list, inheriting the corresponding results generated by function apci.
age	A vector, representing the age group index taking on a small number of distinct values in the data. Usually, the vector should be converted to a factor (or the terms of "category" and "enumerated type").
period	An object of class character, similar to the argument of age, representing the time period index in the data.
outcome_var	An object of class character representing the name of the outcome variable used in APC-I model. The outcome variable itself can be numerical and categorical.
cohort_label	A vector, representing the labels of cohort groups in the x axis.
...	

**Examples**

```
library("APCI")
## load data
test_data <- APCI::women9017
test_data$acc <- as.factor(test_data$acc)
test_data$pcc <- as.factor(test_data$pcc)

## run APCI model
APC_I <- apci(outcome = "inlfc",
              age = "acc",
              period = "pcc",
              cohort = "ccc",
              weight = "wt",
              data = test_data, dev.test=FALSE,
              family = "gaussian")

## plot the bar plot
apci.bar(model = APC_I, age = "acc", period = "pcc")
```

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apci.plot

*plot*


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**Description**

plotting raw scores or APC-I model results

**Usage**

```
apci.plot(model, age, period, outcome_var,
          type = "model", quantile = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

model	A list, inheriting the corresponding results generated by function apci.
outcome_var	An object of class character representing the name of the outcome variable used in APC-I model. The outcome variable itself can be numerical and categorical.
age	An object of class character representing the age group index taking on a small number of distinct values in the data. Usually, the vector should be converted to a factor (or the terms of "category" and "enumerated type").
period	An object of class character, similar to the argument of age, representing the time period index in the data.
type	Character, "explore" or "model". If type is "explore", plots for age and period raw scores will be generated. If type is "model", model results will be plotted. The default setting is "model".
quantile	A number between 0 and 1, representing the percentiles to be used in visualizing the data or model. If NULL, the original magnitude will be used.
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apci.plot.heatmap      *plot the heatmap for APC-I model*

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**Description**

plot the heatmap to show cohort effects

**Usage**

```
apci.plot.heatmap(model, age, period, color_map = NULL,
  color_scale = NULL, quantile = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

model	A list, inheriting the corresponding results generated by function apci.
age	A vector, representing the age group index taking on a small number of distinct values in the data. Usually, the vector should be converted to a factor (or the terms of "category" and "enumerated type").
period	An object of class character, similar to the argument of age, representing the time period index in the data.
color_map	A vector, representing the color palettes to be used in the figure. The default setting is greys if color_map is NULL. Alternations, for example, can be c("blue", "yellow"), blues, etc.
color_scale	A vector including two numbers indicating the limit of the values to be plotted. The first number is the minimum value to be visualized and the second is the maximum value to be visualized. If NULL, the algorithm will automatically select the limits from the data (estimation results) to set up the scale.
quantile	A number between 0 and 1, representing the percentiles to be used in visualizing the data or model. If NULL, the original magnitude will be used.
...	

## Examples

```

library("APCI")
## load data
test_data <- APCI:women9017
test_data$acc <- as.factor(test_data$acc)
test_data$pcc <- as.factor(test_data$pcc)

## run APCI model
APC_I <- apci(outcome = "inlfc",
              age = "acc",
              period = "pcc",
              cohort = "ccc",
              weight = "wt",
              data = test_data, dev.test=FALSE,
              family = "gaussian")

## plot heatmap
apci.plot.heatmap(model = APC_I, age = "acc", period = 'pcc',
                  color_map = c('blue', 'yellow'))

```

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apci.plot.hexagram     *plot the hexagram heatmap*

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## Description

plot the cohort effect in the style of hexagram

## Usage

```

apci.plot.hexagram(model, age, period, first_age,
                  first_period, interval, first_age_isoline = NULL,
                  first_period_isoline = NULL, isoline_interval = NULL,
                  color_scale = NULL, color_map = NULL, line_width = 0.5,
                  line_color = "grey", label_size = 0.5,
                  label_color = "black", scale_units = "Quintile",
                  wrap_cohort_labels = TRUE, quantile = NULL)

```

## Arguments

model	A list, inheriting the corresponding results generated by function apci.
age	An object of class character representing the age group index taking on a small number of distinct values in the data. Usually, the vector should be converted to a factor (or the terms of "category" and "enumerated type").
period	An object of class character, similar to the argument of age, representing the time period index in the data.

color_scale	A vector including two numbers indicating the limit of the values to be plotted. The first number is the minimum value to be visualized and the second is the maximum value to be visualized. If NULL, the algorithm will automatically select the limits from the data (estimation results) to set up the scale.
color_map	A vector, representing the color palettes to be used in the figure. The default setting is greys if color_map is NULL. Alternations, for example, can be c("blue", "yellow"), blues, etc.
first_age	
first_period	
interval	
first_age_isoline	
first_period_isoline	
isoline_interval	
line_width	
line_color	
label_size	
label_color	
scale_units	
wrap_cohort_labels	
quantile	

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apci.plot.raw

*plot the raw scores*


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### Description

plot the raw scores in each age and period square

### Usage

```
apci.plot.raw(data, outcome_var, age, period, ...)
```

### Arguments

data	A data frame containing the outcome variable, age group indicator, period group indicator, and covariates to be used in the model. If the variable(s) are not found in data, there will be an error message reminding the users to check the input data again.
outcome_var	An object of class character containing the name of the outcome variable. The outcome variable can be continuous, categorical, or count.

age	An object of class character representing the age group index taking on a small number of distinct values in the data. Usually, the vector should be converted to a factor (or the terms of "category" and "enumerated type").
period	An object of class character, similar to the argument of age, representing the time period index in the data.
...	

**Examples**

```
# plot the raw scores
apci.plot.raw(data = simulation, outcome_var = "y",
              age = "age", period = "period")
```

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blackmen

*Black Men*


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**Description**

the dataset for black men

**Usage**

```
data("blackmen")
```

**Format**

A data frame with 10000 observations on the following 7 variables.

asecwt weight

year a factor indicating period groups with levels 1 2 3 4 5 6

age a factor indicating age groups with levels 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

labforce labor Force participation rate

educ education level

educr education level

educc education level

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blackwomen	<i>Black Women</i>
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**Description**

Dataset for black women

**Usage**

```
data("blackwomen")
```

**Format**

A data frame with 10000 observations on the following 7 variables.

asecwt weight  
year a factor indicating period groups  
age a factor indicating age groups  
labforce labor Force participation rate  
educ education level  
educr education level  
educc education level

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cohortdeviation	<i>calculate cohort deviation</i>
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**Description**

calculate cohort deviation

**Usage**

```
cohortdeviation(A,  
  P,  
  C,  
  model = temp6,  
  weight = "wt",  
  covariate,  
  gee=FALSE,  
  unequal_interval = FALSE,  
  age_range = NULL,  
  period_range = NULL,  
  age_interval = NULL,  
  period_interval = NULL,  
  age_group = NULL,  
  period_group = NULL,  
  ...)
```

**Arguments**

A, P, C	The numbers of age groups, period groups, and cohort groups separately.
model	A generalized linear regression model generated from the internal function temp_model
weight	An optional vector of sample weights to be used in the model fitting process. If non-NULL, the weights will be used in the first step to estimate the model. Observations with negative weights will be automatically dropped in modeling.
covariate	An optional vector of characters, representing the name(s) of the user-specified covariate(s) to be used in the model. If the variable(s) are not found in data, there will be an error message reminding the users to check the data again.
gee	logical, indicating if the data is cross-sectional data or longitudinal/panel data. If TRUE, the generalized estimating equation will be used to correct the standard error estimates. The default is FALSE, indicating that the data are cross-sectional.
unequal_interval	Logical, indicating if age and period groups are of the same width. The default is set as TRUE.
age_range, period_range	Numeric vector indicating the actual age and period range (e.g., 10 to 59 years old from 2000 to 2019).
age_interval, period_interval, age_group, period_group	Numeric values or character vectors indicating how age and period are grouped. age_interval and period_interval are numbers indicating the width of age and period groups respectively. age_group and period_group are character vectors explicitly listing all potential age and period groups. Either age_interval(period_interval) or age_group (period_group) have to be defined when unequal_interval is TRUE.
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compute\_xcoordinate    *calculate x coordinate value*

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**Description**

Calculate x coordinate value for the hexagram. This is an intermediate function.

**Usage**

```
compute_xcoordinate(p)
```

**Arguments**

p

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compute\_ycoordinate    *calculate y coordinate value*

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**Description**

Calculate y coordinate value for the hexagram. This is an intermediate function.

**Usage**

```
compute_ycoordinate(p, a)
```

**Arguments**

p

a

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cpsmen                    *Labor force participation data for men from 1990 to 1979 in CPS*

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**Description**

the dataset for men

**Usage**

```
data("cpsmen")
```

**Format**

A data frame with 10000 observations on the following 7 variables.

asecwt weight

year a factor indicating period groups with levels 1 2 3 4 5 6

age a factor indicating age groups with levels 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

labforce labor Force participation rate

educ education level

educr education level

educc education level

---

 cpswomen

*Labor force participation data for women from 1990 to 1979 in CPS*


---

**Description**

the dataset for women

**Usage**

```
data("cpswomen")
```

**Format**

A data frame with 10000 observations on the following 7 variables.

asecwt weight

year a factor indicating period groups with levels 1 2 3 4 5 6

age a factor indicating age groups with levels 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

labforce labor Force participation rate

educ education level

educr education level

educc education level

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 maineffect

*estimate age effect and period effect*


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**Description**

estimate age and period effect from APCI model

**Usage**

```
maineffect(A, P, C, model = temp6, data, gee=FALSE,
...)
```

**Arguments**

A, P, C

The numbers of age groups, period groups, and cohort groups separately.

model

A generalized linear regression model generated from the internal function temp\_model

data

A data frame containing the outcome variable, age group indicator, period group indicator, and covariates to be used in the model. If the variable(s) are not found in data, there will be an error message reminding the users to check the input data again.

gee logical, indicating if the data is cross-sectional data or longitudinal/panel data. If TRUE, the generalized estimating equation will be used to correct the standard error estimates. The default is FALSE, indicating that the data are cross-sectional.

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simulation	<i>Simulated Dataset</i>
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### Description

A simulated dataset for APC-I analysis.

### Usage

```
data("simulation")
```

### Format

A data frame with 10000 observations on the following 3 variables.

y a numeric  
age a numeric  
period a numeric

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temp_model	<i>Estimate APC-I model</i>
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### Description

Estimate the APCI original model. This is a generalized linear regression model.

### Usage

```
temp_model(data,
  outcome = "inlfc",
  age = "acc",
  period = "pcc",
  cohort = NULL,
  weight = NULL,
  covariate = NULL,
  family = "quasibinomial",
  gee = FALSE,
  id = NULL,
  corstr = "exchangeable",
  ...)
```

**Arguments**

data	A data frame containing the outcome variable, age group indicator, period group indicator, and covariates to be used in the model. If the variable(s) are not found in data, there will be an error message reminding the users to check the input data again.
outcome	An object of class character containing the name of the outcome variable. The outcome variable can be continuous, categorical, or count.
age	An object of class character representing the age group index taking on a small number of distinct values in the data. Usually, the vector should be converted to a factor (or the terms of "category" and "enumerated type").
period	An object of class character, similar to the argument of age, representing the time period index in the data.
cohort	An optional object of class character representing cohort membership index in the data. Usually, the cohort index can be generated from the age group index and time period index in the data because of the intrinsic relationship among these three time-related indices.
weight	An optional vector of sample weights to be used in the model fitting process. If non-NULL, the weights will be used in the first step to estimate the model. Observations with negative weights will be automatically dropped in modeling.
covariate	An optional vector of characters, representing the name(s) of the user-specified covariate(s) to be used in the model. If the variable(s) are not found in data, there will be an error message reminding the users to check the data again.
family	Used to specify the statistical distribution of the error term and link function to be used in the model. Usually, it is a character string naming a family function. For example, family can be "binomial", "multinomial", or "gaussian". Users could also check R package glm for more details of family functions.
gee	logical, indicating if the data is cross-sectional data or longitudinal/panel data. If TRUE, the generalized estimating equation will be used to correct the standard error estimates. The default is FALSE, indicating that the data are cross-sectional.
id	A vector of character, specifying the cluster index in longitudinal data. It is required when gee is TRUE. The length of the vector should be the same as the number of observations.
corstr	a character string, specifying a possible correlation structure in the error terms when gee is TRUE. The following are allowed: independence, fixed, stat\_M\_dep, non\_stat\_M\_dep, exchangeable, AR-M and unstructured. The default value is exchangeable.
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tests

*local and global F test*


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**Description**

implement local and global F test for APCI model

**Usage**

```
tests(model, age = "acc", period = "pcc",
       cohort = "ccc", A, P, C, data, weight = "wt",
       family, outcome, ...)
```

**Arguments**

model	A generalized linear regression model generated from the internal function <code>temp_model</code>
age	An object of class character representing the age group index taking on a small number of distinct values in the data. Usually, the vector should be converted to a factor (or the terms of "category" and "enumerated type").
period	An object of class character, similar to the argument of age, representing the time period index in the data.
cohort	An optional object of class character representing cohort membership index in the data. Usually, the cohort index can be generated from the age group index and time period index in the data because of the intrinsic relationship among these three time-related indices.
A, P, C	The numbers of age groups, period groups, and cohort groups separately.
data	A data frame containing the outcome variable, age group indicator, period group indicator, and covariates to be used in the model. If the variable(s) are not found in data, there will be an error message reminding the users to check the input data again.
weight	An optional vector of sample weights to be used in the model fitting process. If non-NULL, the weights will be used in the first step to estimate the model. Observations with negative weights will be automatically dropped in modeling.
family	Used to specify the statistical distribution of the error term and link function to be used in the model. Usually, it is a character string naming a family function. For example, family can be "binomial", "multinomial", or "gaussian". Users could also check R package <code>glm</code> for more details of family functions.
outcome	An object of class character containing the name of the outcome variable. The outcome variable can be continuous, categorical, or count.
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whitemen

*White Men*


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**Description**

A dataset for white men.

**Usage**

```
data("whitemen")
```

**Format**

A data frame with 10000 observations on the following 7 variables.

asecwt weight  
year a factor indicating period groups  
age a factor indicating age groups  
labforce labor Force participation rate  
educ education level  
educr education level  
educc education level

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whitewomen

*White Women*

---

**Description**

A dataset for white women.

**Usage**

```
data("whitewomen")
```

**Format**

A data frame with 10000 observations on the following 7 variables.

asecwt weight  
year a factor indicating period groups  
age a factor indicating age groups  
labforce labor Force participation rate  
educ education level  
educr education level  
educc education level

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women9017

women9017

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**Description**

A sample dataset

**Usage**

women9017

**Format**

A data frame with 1000 observations on the following 23 variables.

ac a numeric vector  
acc a numeric vector  
age a numeric vector  
cc a numeric vector  
ccc a numeric vector  
cohort a numeric vector  
educ a numeric vector  
educc a numeric vector  
educr a numeric vector  
inlfc a numeric vector  
labforce a numeric vector  
lfc a numeric vector  
marst a numeric vector  
marstc a numeric vector  
marstr a numeric vector  
nc a numeric vector  
ncc a numeric vector  
nchild a numeric vector  
pc a numeric vector  
pcc a numeric vector  
wt a numeric vector  
wtsupp a numeric vector  
year a numeric vector

**Details**

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**Source**

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Luo and Hodges (2019)

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