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**Description** A statistical disclosure control tool to protect tables by suppression using the Gaussian elimination secondary suppression algorithm. A suggestion is to start by working with functions SuppressSmallCounts() and SuppressDominantCells(). These functions use primary suppression functions for the minimum frequency rule and the dominance rule, respectively. Novel functionality for suppression of disclosive cells is also included. General primary suppression functions can be supplied as input to the general working horse function, GaussSuppressionFromData(). Suppressed frequencies can be replaced by synthetic decimal numbers as described in Langsrud (2019) <doi:10.1007/s11222-018-9848-9>.

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Additional Suppression Gauss Suppression from data and suppressed data

# Description

Extended version of GaussSuppressionFromData that takes into account suppression pattern in suppressed data sent as input

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## **Usage**

```
AdditionalSuppression(
  data,
    ...,
  fun = GaussSuppressionFromData,
  primary = GetDefault(fun, "primary"),
  suppressedData = NULL,
  makePrimary = TRUE,
  makeForced = TRUE,
  forceNotPrimary = TRUE
)
```

## **Arguments**

data Input data as a data frame
... Further parameters to GaussSuppressionFromData

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 $fun \hspace{1cm} A \hspace{0.1cm} function: \hspace{0.1cm} Gauss \hspace{0.1cm} Suppression \hspace{0.1cm} From \hspace{0.1cm} Data \hspace{0.1cm} or \hspace{0.1cm} one \hspace{0.1cm} of \hspace{0.1cm} its \hspace{0.1cm} wrappers \hspace{0.1cm} such \hspace{0.1cm} as \hspace{0.1cm} Suppress \hspace{0.1cm} Small \hspace{0.1cm} Counts \hspace{0.1cm} as \hspace{0.1cm} Suppress \hspace{0.1cm} Small \hspace{0.1cm} Small$ 

and SuppressDominantCells.

primary As input to GaussSuppressionFromData before possible extension caused by

suppressedData. Supply NULL if all primary suppressions are retrieved form

suppressedData.

suppressedData A data frame or a list of data frames as output from GaussSuppressionFromData.

makePrimary When TRUE, suppression in suppressedData is preserved.

makeForced When TRUE, non-suppression in suppressedData is preserved. An exception

is possible primary suppression which has priority over forced. Use forceNot-

Primary to avoid this exception.

forceNotPrimary

When TRUE, non-suppression in suppressedData is forced to be not primary

suppressed.

# **Details**

This function is an easy alternative to using PrimaryFromSuppressedData and the relating functions manually. See the examples of PrimaryFromSuppressedData. By default, the suppression pattern in suppressedData is preserved. The behavior can be tuned by the parameters.

Note that the variables used in suppressedData in addition to "suppressed" are those with matching names in crossTable. Others are ignored. See examples (d3, d4, d5). NOW A FIX IS INCLUDED by attribute totCode. EXAMPLES NOT YET CHANGED.

## Value

Aggregated data with suppression information

## **Examples**

```
z1 <- SSBtoolsData("z1")</pre>
z2 <- SSBtoolsData("z2")</pre>
z3 <- SSBtoolsData("z3")</pre>
# Ordinary suppressions
a <- GaussSuppressionFromData(z1, 1:2, 3, maxN = 5)
b <- GaussSuppressionFromData(z2, 1:4, 5, maxN = 1)</pre>
# As b and also suppression pattern in a preserved
b1 <- AdditionalSuppression(z2, 1:4, 5, maxN = 1, suppressedData = a)
# Rows with differences
cbind(b, b1)[b1$suppressed != b$suppressed, ]
# All primary from a
b2 <- AdditionalSuppression(z2, 1:4, 5, suppressedData = a, primary = NULL, singleton = NULL)
# Rows with suppression
b2[b2$suppressed, ]
# All primary from b2
d1 <- AdditionalSuppression(data = z3, 1:6, 7, suppressedData = b2, primary = NULL,
                             singleton = NULL)
# No suppression since no common codes
d1[d1$suppressed, ]
# Use another coding of fylke
z3$fylke_ <- z3$fylke - 4
d2 <- AdditionalSuppression(data = z3, c(1, 3:6, 8), 7, suppressedData = b2, primary = NULL,
                             singleton = NULL)
# Two primary found in b2 -> several secondary
d2[d2$suppressed,]
# Examples demonstrating limitations of Additional Suppression
# Variable mnd in suppressedData is not used
# No suppression since unsuppressed rows used by makeForced and forceNotPrimary
d3 <- AdditionalSuppression(data = z3, c(1, 3:4, 8), 7, suppressedData = d2, primary = NULL,
                             singleton = NULL)
d3[d3$suppressed, ]
# Now suppression, but not too much
d4 <- AdditionalSuppression(data = z3, c(1, 3:4, 8), 7, suppressedData = d2,
                             forceNotPrimary = FALSE, primary = NULL, singleton = NULL)
d4[d4$suppressed, ]
# The correct way is to limit the input
```

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```
d5 <- AdditionalSuppression(data = z3, c(1, 3:4, 8), 7, suppressedData = d2[d2mnd = "Total", ], primary = NULL, singleton = NULL) d5[d5suppressed, ]
```

CandidatesDefault

Candidates functions

# Description

Function for GaussSuppressionFromData

# Usage

```
CandidatesDefault(freq, x, secondaryZeros = FALSE, weight, ...)

CandidatesNum(
    secondaryZeros = FALSE,
    freq = NULL,
    num,
    weight,
    x,
    candidatesVar = NULL,
    removeCodes = character(0),
    removeCodesForCandidates = TRUE,
    data,
    charVar,
    ...
)
```

#### **Arguments**

freq Vector of output frequencies

x The model matrix

secondaryZeros When TRUE, cells with zero frequency or value are prioritized to be published

so that they are not secondary suppressed. This is achieved by this function by

having the zero frequency indices first in the retuned order.

weight Vector of output weights

... Unused parameters

num Data frame of output aggregates calculated from numVar. When several vari-

ables, and without specifying candidates Var, only first is used.

candidatesVar One of the variable names from numVar to be used in the calculations. Specify-

ing candidatesVar helps avoid warnings when multiple numVar variables are

present.

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removeCodes Same parameter as used in suppression rules, e.g. NContributorsRule. It is of-

ten assumed that cells where all contributors (charVar) are present in removeCodes should be published. Here, such cells will be prioritized to achieve this. Note that this functionality is redundant if the same cells are specified by forced.

removeCodesForCandidates

removeCodes ignored when set to FALSE.

data Input data as a data frame (needed for removeCodes calculations)

charVar Variable(s) with contributor codes (needed for removeCodes calculations)

## **Details**

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CandidatesDefault orders the indices decreasingly according to freq or, when weight is non-NULL, (freq+1)\*weight. Ties are handled by prioritizing output cells that are calculated from many input cells. In addition, zeros are handled according to parameter secondaryZeros. When freq is negative (special hierarchy), abs(freq)\*weight is used.

CandidatesNum orders the indices decreasingly according to absolute values of the numeric variable (according to abs(num[[1]])). In practice this is done by running CandidatesDefault with manipulated weights.

#### Value

candidates, GaussSuppression input

ChainedSuppression

Repeated GaussSuppression with forwarding of previous results

# **Description**

Additional Suppression is called several times. Each time with all previous results as suppressedData.

# Usage

```
ChainedSuppression(..., withinArg = NULL)
ChainedSuppressionHi(..., hierarchies)
ChainedSuppressionHi1(..., hierarchies)
```

#### **Arguments**

... Arguments to Additional Suppression/Gauss SuppressionFromData that are

kept constant.

withinArg A list of named lists. Arguments to Additional Suppression/Gauss SuppressionFromData

that are not kept constant. List elements with suppressed data are also allowed.

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hierarchies

In the wrapper ChainedSuppressionHi, this argument will be used to generate the withinArg to ChainedSuppression with the same length (see examples). Then, element number i of withinArg is list(hierarchies = hierarchies[1:i]). In the similar wrapper, ChainedSuppressionHi1, withinArg has always two elements: list(hierarchies = hierarchies[1]) and list(hierarchies = hierarchies).

#### Value

List of data frames. The wrappers, ChainedSuppressionHi and ChainedSuppressionHi1, return a single data frame, which is the last list item.

## **Examples**

```
z1 <- SSBtoolsData("z1")</pre>
z2 <- SSBtoolsData("z2")</pre>
z2b <- z2[3:5]
names(z2b)[1] <- "region"</pre>
# As GaussSuppressionFromData when a single element within withinArg
a1 <- ChainedSuppression(z1, 1:2, 3, maxN = 5)
a2 <- ChainedSuppression(z1, withinArg = list(list(dimVar = 1:2, freqVar = 3, maxN = 5)))
identical(a1, a2[[1]])
# b[[3]] include results from b[[1]] and b[[2]]
b <- ChainedSuppression(z1, freqVar = 3, withinArg = list(
       list(dimVar = 1, maxN = 55),
       list(dimVar = 2, maxN = 55),
       list(dimVar = 1:2, maxN = 5)))
# d[[2]] is same as b1 in AdditionalSuppression examples
d <- ChainedSuppression(withinArg = list(</pre>
       list(data = z1, dimVar = 1:2, freqVar = 3, maxN = 5),
       list(data = z2, dimVar = 1:4, freqVar = 5, maxN = 1)))
# Common variable names important.
# Therefore kostragr renamed to region in z2b.
f <- ChainedSuppression(withinArg = list(</pre>
       list(data = z1, dimVar = 1:2, freqVar = 3, maxN = 5),
       list(data = z2b, dimVar = 1:2, freqVar = 3, maxN = 5),
       list(data = z2, dimVar = 1:4, freqVar = 5, maxN = 1)))
# Parameters so that only suppressions are forwarded.
# This is first iteration in linked tables by iterations.
e <- ChainedSuppression(withinArg = list(</pre>
       list(data = z1, dimVar = 1:2, freqVar = 3, maxN = 5),
       list(data = z2b, dimVar = 1:2, freqVar = 3, maxN = 5),
       list(data = z2, dimVar = 1:4, freqVar = 5, maxN = 1)),
       makeForced = FALSE, forceNotPrimary = FALSE)
# "A" "annet"/"arbeid" could be suppressed here, but not in f since f[[1]]
```

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ComputeIntervals

Function for calculating intervals for suppressed tables.

# **Description**

This function solves linear programs to determine interval boundaries for suppressed cells.

## Usage

```
ComputeIntervals(
    x,
    z,
    primary,
    suppressed,
    minVal = NULL,
    lpPackage = "lpSolve",
    gaussI = TRUE,
    allInt = FALSE,
    sparseConstraints = TRUE
)
```

#### Arguments

- x ModelMatrix, as output from SSBtools::ModelMatrix
- z numerical vector with length ncol(x). Corresponds to table cell values

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primary	Vector indicating primary suppressed cells. Can be logical or integer. If intervector, indicates the columns of x which are considered primary suppressed			
suppressed	Vector indicating all suppressed cells. Can be logical or integer. If integer vector, indicates the columns of x which are considered suppressed.			
minVal	a known minimum value for table cells. Default NULL. Note that 'minVal' is interpreted as the limiting value for all suppressed cells. Specifying 'minVal=0' would be redundant, as a minimum value of 0 is anyway assumed for inner cells (see details).			
lpPackage	The name of the package used to solve linear programs. Currently, 'lpSolve' (default), 'Rsymphony', 'Rglpk' and 'highs' are supported.			
gaussI	Boolean vector. If TRUE (default), GaussIndependent is used to reduce size of linear program.			
allInt	Integer variables when TRUE. See all.int parameter in lpSolve and types parameter in Rsymphony and Rglpk.			
sparseConstrai	nts			

When TRUE, a sparse constraint matrix will be input to the solver. In the case of lpSolve, the sparse matrix is represented in triplet form as a dense matrix with three columns, and the dense.const parameter is utilized.

## **Details**

This function is still experimental.

Default in for bounds parameter in Rsymphony\_solve\_LP and Rglpk\_solve\_LP: The default for each variable is a bound between 0 and Inf. Details in lpSolve: Note that every variable is assumed to be >= 0!

## Author(s)

Øyvind Langsrud and Daniel Lupp

FindDominantCells	Method for finding dominant cells according to (possibly multiple) n,k dominance rules.
	aominance ruies.

## **Description**

Supports functionality for grouping contributions according to holding variables, as well as calculating dominance in surveys with a given sampling weight. Two methods are implemented, depending on whether the sampling weights sum to total population. The parameter tauArgusDominance determines this. If FALSE, unweighted contributions are compared to weighted cell values. If TRUE, the method described in in the book "Statistical Disclosure Control" (Hundepool et al 2012, p. 151) is used.

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## Usage

```
FindDominantCells(
    x,
    inputnum,
    num,
    n,
    k,
    charVar_groups,
    samplingWeight,
    tauArgusDominance = FALSE,
    returnContrib = FALSE
)
```

## **Arguments**

X	model matrix describing relationship between input and published cells

inputnum vector of numeric contributions for each of the input records num vector of numeric values for each of the published cells

n vector of integers describing n parameters in n,k rules. Must be same length as

k parameter.

k vector of numeric values describing k parameters in n,k rules, where percentages

are described as numbers less than 100. Must be same length as n parameter.

charVar\_groups vector describing which input records should be grouped

samplingWeight vector of sampling weights associated to input records

tauArgusDominance

logical value, default FALSE. determines how to handle sampling weights in the

dominance rule (see details).

returnContrib logical value, default FALSE. If TRUE return value is the percentage of the first n

contributors

#### Value

logical vector describing which publish-cells need to be suppressed.

FixRiskyIntervals

New primary cells to fix risky intervals

## **Description**

Indices to new primary cells are returned

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# Usage

```
FixRiskyIntervals(
    x,
    z,
    primary,
    suppressed,
    candidates = NULL,
    minVal = NULL,
    lpPackage = "lpSolve",
    gaussI = FALSE,
    allInt = FALSE,
    sparseConstraints = TRUE,
    rangeLimits
)
```

# Arguments

X	ModelMatrix, as output from SSBtools::ModelMatrix		
z	numerical vector with length ncol(x). Corresponds to table cell values		
primary	Vector indicating primary suppressed cells. Can be logical or integer. If integer vector, indicates the columns of x which are considered primary suppressed.		
suppressed	Vector indicating all suppressed cells. Can be logical or integer. If integer vector, indicates the columns of x which are considered suppressed.		
candidates	candidates as indices		
minVal	a known minimum value for table cells. Default NULL. Note that 'minVal' is interpreted as the limiting value for all suppressed cells. Specifying 'minVal=0' would be redundant, as a minimum value of 0 is anyway assumed for inner cells (see details).		
lpPackage	The name of the package used to solve linear programs. Currently, 'lpSolve' (default), 'Rsymphony', 'Rglpk' and 'highs' are supported.		
gaussI	Boolean vector. If TRUE (default), GaussIndependent is used to reduce size of linear program.		
allInt	Integer variables when TRUE. See all.int parameter in lpSolve and types parameter in Rsymphony and Rglpk.		
sparseConstrai	nts		
	When TRUE, a sparse constraint matrix will be input to the solver. In the case of 1pSolve, the sparse matrix is represented in triplet form as a dense matrix		

with three columns, and the dense.const parameter is utilized.

# **Details**

 ${\tt rangeLimits}$ 

Code in this function started from a copy of ComputeIntervals

As computed by RangeLimitsDefault

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GaussSuppressDec Cell suppression with synthetic decimal numbers

# Description

GaussSuppressionFromData is run and decimal numbers are added to output by a modified (for sparse matrix efficiency) version of SuppressDec.

# Usage

```
GaussSuppressDec(
  data,
  . . . ,
 output = NULL,
 digits = 9,
 nRep = NULL,
  rmse = pi/3,
  sparseLimit = 500,
  rndSeed = 123,
  runIpf = FALSE,
  eps = 0.01,
  iter = 100,
 mismatchWarning = TRUE,
 whenDuplicatedInner = NULL,
 whenMixedDuplicatedInner = warning
)
```

# **Arguments**

data	Input daata as a data frame
	Further parameters to GaussSuppressionFromData
output	NULL (default), "publish", "inner", "publish_inner", or "publish_inner_x" (x also).
digits	Parameter to RoundWhole. Values close to whole numbers will be rounded.
nRep	NULL or an integer. When >1, several decimal numbers will be generated.
rmse	Desired root mean square error of decimal numbers. Variability around the expected, according to the linear model, inner frequencies. The expected frequencies are calculated from the non-suppressed publishable frequencies.
sparseLimit	Limit for the number of rows of a reduced x-matrix within the algorithm. When exceeded, a new sparse algorithm is used.
rndSeed	If non-NULL, a random generator seed to be used locally within the function without affecting the random value stream in R.
runIpf	When TRUE, additional frequencies are generated by iterative proportional fitting using Mipf.

```
eps Parameter to Mipf.
iter Parameter to Mipf.
mismatchWarning
```

Whether to produce the warning "Mismatch between whole numbers and suppression", when relevant. When nRep>1, all replicates must satisfy the whole number requirement for non-suppressed cells. When mismatchWarning is integer (>0), this will be used as parameter digits to RoundWhole when doing mismatch checking (can be quite low when nRep>1).

whenDuplicatedInner

Function to be called when default output and when cells marked as inner correspond to several input cells (aggregated) since they correspond to published cells

whenMixedDuplicatedInner

Function to be called in the case above when some inner cells correspond to published cells (aggregated) and some not (not aggregated).

#### Value

A data frame where inner cells and cells to be published are combined or output according to parameter output.

#### Author(s)

Øyvind Langrsud

#### **Examples**

```
z1 <- SSBtoolsData("z1")
GaussSuppressDec(z1, 1:2, 3)
GaussSuppressDec(z1, freqVar = "ant", formula = ~ region + hovedint, maxN = 10)</pre>
```

GaussSuppressionFromData

Cell suppression from input data containing inner cells

## **Description**

Aggregates are generated followed by primary suppression followed by secondary suppression by Gaussian elimination by GaussSuppression

# Usage

```
GaussSuppressionFromData(
  data,
  dimVar = NULL,
  freqVar = NULL,
  ...,
```

```
numVar = NULL,
weightVar = NULL,
charVar = NULL,
hierarchies = NULL,
formula = NULL,
maxN = suppressWarnings(formals(c(primary)[[1]])$maxN),
protectZeros = suppressWarnings(formals(c(primary)[[1]])$protectZeros),
secondaryZeros = suppressWarnings(formals(candidates)$secondaryZeros),
candidates = CandidatesDefault,
primary = PrimaryDefault,
forced = NULL,
hidden = NULL,
singleton = SingletonDefault,
singletonMethod = ifelse(secondaryZeros, "anySumNOTprimary", "anySum"),
printInc = TRUE,
output = "publish",
x = NULL,
crossTable = NULL,
preAggregate = is.null(freqVar),
extraAggregate = preAggregate & !is.null(charVar),
structuralEmpty = FALSE,
extend0 = FALSE,
spec = NULL,
specLock = FALSE,
freqVarNew = rev(make.unique(c(names(data), "freq")))[1],
nUniqueVar = rev(make.unique(c(names(data), "nUnique")))[1],
forcedInOutput = "ifNonNULL",
unsafeInOutput = "ifForcedInOutput",
lpPackage = NULL
```

# Arguments

)

data	Input data as a data frame
dimVar	The main dimensional variables and additional aggregating variables. This parameter can be useful when hierarchies and formula are unspecified.
freqVar	A single variable holding counts (name or number).
• • •	Further arguments to be passed to the supplied functions and to ModelMatrix (such as inputInOutput and removeEmpty).
numVar	Other numerical variables to be aggregated
weightVar	weightVar Weights (costs) to be used to order candidates for secondary suppression
charVar	Other variables possibly to be used within the supplied functions
hierarchies	List of hierarchies, which can be converted by AutoHierarchies. Thus, the variables can also be coded by "rowFactor" or "", which correspond to using

the categories in the data.

formula A model formula

maxN Suppression parameter. Cells with frequency <= maxN are set as primary sup-

pressed. Using the default primary function, maxN is by default set to 3. See

details.

protectZeros Suppression parameter. When TRUE, cells with zero frequency or value are set

as primary suppressed. Using the default primary function, protectZeros is

by default set to TRUE. See details.

secondaryZeros Suppression parameter. When TRUE, cells with zero frequency or value are pri-

oritized to be published so that they are not secondary suppressed. Using the default candidates function, secondaryZeros is by default set to FALSE. See

details.

candidates GaussSuppression input or a function generating it (see details) Default: CandidatesDefault

primary GaussSuppression input or a function generating it (see details) Default: PrimaryDefault

forced GaussSuppression input or a function generating it (see details)
hidden GaussSuppression input or a function generating it (see details)

singleton GaussSuppression input or a function generating it (see details) Default: SingletonDefault

singletonMethod

GaussSuppression input. The default value depends on parameter secondaryZeros

which depends on candidates (see details).

printInc GaussSuppression input

output One of "publish" (default), "inner", "publish\_inner", "publish\_inner\_x",

"publish\_x", "inner\_x", "input2functions" (input to supplied functions),

"inputGaussSuppression", "inputGaussSuppression\_x", "outputGaussSuppression"

"outputGaussSuppression\_x", "primary", "secondary" and "all". Here "inner" means input data (possibly pre-aggregated) and "x" means dummy matrix (as input parameter x). All input to and output from GaussSuppression, except ..., are returned when "outputGaussSuppression\_x". Excluding x and only input are also possible. The code "all" means all relevant output after all the calculations. Currently, this means the same as "publish\_inner\_x" extended with the matrices (or NULL) xExtraPrimary and unsafe. The former matrix is usually made by KDisclosurePrimary. This latter matrix contains the columns representing unsafe primary suppressions. In addition to x columns corresponding to unsafe in ordinary output (see parameter unsafeInOutput below), possible columns from xExtraPrimary may also be included in the unsafe

matrix (see details).

x (modelMatrix) and crossTable can be supplied as input instead of generating

it from ModelMatrix

crossTable See above.

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preAggregate When TRUE, the data will be aggregated within the function to an appropri-

ate level. This is defined by the dimensional variables according to dimVar,

hierarchies or formula and in addition charVar.

extraAggregate When TRUE, the data will be aggregated by the dimensional variables accord-

ing to dimVar, hierarchies or formula. The aggregated data and the corresponding x-matrix will only be used as input to the singleton function and

GaussSuppression. This extra aggregation is useful when parameter charVar is used. Supply "publish\_inner", "publish\_inner\_x", "publish\_x" or "inner\_x" as output to obtain extra aggregated results. Supply "inner" or "input2functions" to obtain other results.

structuralEmpty

When TRUE, output cells with no contributing inner cells (only zeros in column of x) are forced to be not primary suppressed. Thus, these cells are considered as structural zeros. When structuralEmpty is TRUE, the following error message is avoided: Suppressed cells with empty input will not be protected. Extend input data with zeros?. When removeEmpty is TRUE (see "..." below), structuralEmpty is superfluous

extend0 Data is automatically extended by Extend0 when TRUE. Can also be set to "all"

which means that input codes in hierarchies are considered in addition to those in data. Parameter extend0 can also be specified as a list meaning parameter

varGroups to Extend0.

spec NULL or a named list of arguments that will act as default values.

specLock When TRUE, arguments in spec cannot be changed.

freqVarNew Name of new frequency variable generated when input freqVar is NULL and

 $\verb|preAggregate| is TRUE. Default is "freq" provided this is not found in names (data).$ 

nUniqueVar Name of variable holding the number of unique contributors. This variable will

be generated in the extraAggregate step. Default is "nUnique" provided this is not found in names(data). If an existing variable is passed as input, this variable will apply only when preAggregate/extraAggregate is not done.

forcedInOutput Whether to include forced as an output column. One of "ifNonNULL" (de-

fault), "always", "ifany" and "no". In addition, TRUE and FALSE are allowed

as alternatives to "always" and "no".

unsafeInOutput Whether to include usafe as an output column. One of "ifForcedInOutput"

(default), "always", "ifany" and "no". In addition, TRUE and FALSE are al-

lowed as alternatives to "always" and "no". see details.

1pPackage

- 1pPackage: When non-NULL, intervals by ComputeIntervals will be included in the output. See its documentation for valid parameter values for 'lpPackage'. If, additionally, at least one of the two RangeLimitsDefault parameters below is specified, further suppression will be performed to satisfy the interval width requirements. Then, the values in the output variable suppressed\_integer means: no suppression (0), primary suppression (1), secondary suppression (2), additional suppression applied by an interval algorithm limited to linearly independent cells (3), and further suppression according to the final gauss algorithm (4). Intervals, [lo\_1, up\_1], are intervals calculated prior to additional suppression.
  - rangePercent: Required interval width expressed as a percentage
  - rangeMin: Minimum required width of the interval

Please note that interval calculations may have a different interface in future versions.

#### **Details**

The supplied functions for generating GaussSuppression input takes the following arguments: crossTable, x, freq, num, weight, maxN, protectZeros, secondaryZeros, data, freqVar, numVar, weightVar, charVar, dimVar and . . . . where the two first are ModelMatrix outputs (modelMatrix renamed to x). The vector, freq, is aggregated counts (t(x) %\*% data[[freqVar]]). In addition, the supplied singleton function also takes nUniqueVar and (output from) primary as input.

Similarly, num, is a data frame of aggregated numerical variables. It is possible to supply several primary functions joined by c, e.g. (c(FunPrim1, FunPrim2)). All NAs returned from any of the functions force the corresponding cells not to be primary suppressed.

The effect of maxN, protectZeros and secondaryZeros depends on the supplied functions where these parameters are used. Their default values are inherited from the default values of the first primary function (several possible) or, in the case of secondaryZeros, the candidates function. When defaults cannot be inherited, they are set to NULL. In practice the function formals are still used to generate the defaults when primary and/or candidates are not functions. Then NULL is correctly returned, but suppressWarnings are needed.

Singleton handling can be turned off by singleton = NULL or singletonMethod = "none". Both of these choices are identical in the sense that singletonMethod is set to "none" whenever singleton is NULL and vice versa.

Information about uncertain primary suppressions due to forced cells can be found as described by parameters unsafeInOutput and output (= "all"). When forced cells affect singleton problems, this is not implemented. Some information can be seen from warnings. This can also be seen by choosing output = "secondary" together with unsafeInOutput = "ifany" or unsafeInOutput = "always". Then, negative indices from GaussSuppression using unsafeAsNegative = TRUE will be included in the output. Singleton problems may, however, be present even if it cannot be seen as warning/output. In some cases, the problems can be detected by GaussSuppressDec.

In some cases, cells that are forced, hidden, or primary suppressed can overlap. For these situations, forced has precedence over hidden and primary. That is, if a cell is both forced and hidden, it will be treated as a forced cell and thus published. Similarly, any primary suppression of a forced cell will be ignored (see parameter when Primary Forced to Gauss Suppression). It is, however, meaningful to combine primary and hidden. Such cells will be protected while also being assigned the NA value in the suppressed output variable.

#### Value

Aggregated data with suppression information

## Author(s)

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## **Examples**

```
z1 <- SSBtoolsData("z1")
GaussSuppressionFromData(z1, 1:2, 3)
z2 <- SSBtoolsData("z2")</pre>
```

```
GaussSuppressionFromData(z2, 1:4, 5, protectZeros = FALSE)
# Data as in GaussSuppression examples
df \leftarrow data.frame(values = c(1, 1, 1, 5, 5, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 0, 0, 0, 7, 7),
                 var1 = rep(1:3, each = 5), var2 = c("A", "B", "C", "D", "E"))
GaussSuppressionFromData(df, c("var1", "var2"), "values")
GaussSuppressionFromData(df, c("var1", "var2"), "values", formula = ~var1 + var2, maxN = 10)
GaussSuppressionFromData(df, c("var1", "var2"), "values", formula = ~var1 + var2, maxN = 10,
    protectZeros = TRUE, # Parameter needed by SingletonDefault and default not in primary
      primary = function(freq, crossTable, maxN, ...)
                   which(freq <= maxN & crossTable[[2]] != "A" & crossTable[, 2] != "C"))</pre>
# Combining several primary functions
# Note that NA & c(TRUE, FALSE) equals c(NA, FALSE)
GaussSuppressionFromData(df, c("var1", "var2"), "values", formula = ~var1 + var2, maxN = 10,
       primary = c(function(freq, maxN, protectZeros = TRUE, ...) freq >= 45,
                   function(freq, maxN, ...) freq <= maxN,</pre>
                   function(crossTable, ...) NA & crossTable[[2]] == "C",
                   function(crossTable, ...) NA & crossTable[[1]]== "Total"
                                                  & crossTable[[2]]== "Total"))
# Similar to GaussSuppression examples
GaussSuppressionFromData(df, c("var1", "var2"), "values", formula = ~var1 * var2,
       candidates = NULL, singleton = NULL, protectZeros = FALSE, secondaryZeros = TRUE)
GaussSuppressionFromData(df, c("var1", "var2"), "values", formula = ~var1 * var2,
       singleton = NULL, protectZeros = FALSE, secondaryZeros = FALSE)
\label{eq:GaussSuppressionFromData} GaussSuppressionFromData(df, c("var1", "var2"), "values", formula = ~var1 * var2,
       protectZeros = FALSE, secondaryZeros = FALSE)
# Examples with zeros as singletons
z < -data.frame(row = rep(1:3, each = 3), col = 1:3, freq = c(0, 2, 5, 0, 0, 6:9))
GaussSuppressionFromData(z, 1:2, 3, singleton = NULL)
GaussSuppressionFromData(z, 1:2, 3, singletonMethod = "none") # as above
GaussSuppressionFromData(z, 1:2, 3)
GaussSuppressionFromData(z, 1:2, 3, protectZeros = FALSE, secondaryZeros = TRUE, singleton = NULL)
GaussSuppressionFromData(z, 1:2, 3, protectZeros = FALSE, secondaryZeros = TRUE)
```

GaussSuppressionTwoWay

Two-way iteration variant of GaussSuppressionFromData

## Description

Internally, data is organized in a two-way table.

Use parameter colVar to choose hierarchies for columns (others will be rows). Iterations start by column by column suppression. The algorithm utilizes HierarchyCompute2.

With two-way iterations, larger data can be handled, but there is a residual risk. The method is a special form of linked-table iteration. Separately, the rows and columns are protected by GaussSuppression and they have common suppressed cells.

## Usage

```
GaussSuppressionTwoWay(
  data,
  dimVar = NULL,
  freqVar = NULL,
  numVar = NULL,
 weightVar = NULL,
  charVar = NULL,
  hierarchies,
  formula = NULL,
  maxN = suppressWarnings(formals(c(primary)[[1]])$maxN),
  protectZeros = suppressWarnings(formals(c(primary)[[1]])$protectZeros),
  secondaryZeros = suppressWarnings(formals(candidates)$secondaryZeros),
  candidates = CandidatesDefault,
  primary = PrimaryDefault,
  forced = NULL,
  hidden = NULL,
  singleton = SingletonDefault,
  singletonMethod = ifelse(secondaryZeros, "anySumNOTprimary", "anySum"),
  printInc = TRUE,
  output = "publish",
  preAggregate = is.null(freqVar),
  colVar = names(hierarchies)[1],
  removeEmpty = TRUE,
  inputInOutput = TRUE,
  candidatesFromTotal = TRUE,
  structuralEmpty = FALSE,
  freqVarNew = rev(make.unique(c(names(data), "freq")))[1],
)
```

#### **Arguments**

data	Input data as a data frame
dimVar	The main dimensional variables and additional aggregating variables. This parameter can be useful when hierarchies and formula are unspecified.
freqVar	A single variable holding counts (name or number).
numVar	Other numerical variables to be aggregated
weightVar	weightVar Weights (costs) to be used to order candidates for secondary suppression
charVar	Other variables possibly to be used within the supplied functions

hierarchies List of hierarchies, which can be converted by AutoHierarchies. Thus, the

variables can also be coded by "rowFactor" or "", which correspond to using

the categories in the data.

formula A model formula

maxN Suppression parameter. See GaussSuppressionFromData.
protectZeros Suppression parameter. See GaussSuppressionFromData.
secondaryZeros Suppression parameter. See GaussSuppressionFromData.

candidates GaussSuppression input or a function generating it (see details) Default: CandidatesDefault

primary GaussSuppression input or a function generating it (see details) Default: PrimaryDefault

forced GaussSuppression input or a function generating it (see details) hidden GaussSuppression input or a function generating it (see details)

singleton NULL or a function generating GaussSuppression input (logical vector not pos-

sible) Default: SingletonDefault

singletonMethod

GaussSuppression input

printInc GaussSuppression input

output One of "publish" (default), "inner". Here "inner" means input data (possibly

pre-aggregated).

preAggregate When TRUE, the data will be aggregated within the function to an appropri-

ate level. This is defined by the dimensional variables according to dimVar,

hierarchies or formula and in addition charVar.

colVar Hierarchy variables for the column groups (others in row group).

removeEmpty When TRUE (default) empty output corresponding to empty input is removed.

When NULL, removal only within the algorithm (x matrices) so that such empty

outputs are never secondary suppressed.

inputInOutput Logical vector (possibly recycled) for each element of hierarchies. TRUE means

that codes from input are included in output. Values corresponding to "rowFactor"

or "" are ignored.

candidatesFromTotal

When TRUE (default), same candidates for all rows and for all columns, com-

puted from row/column totals.

structuralEmpty

 $See\ {\tt GaussSuppressionFromData}.$ 

freqVarNew Name of new frequency variable generated when input freqVar is NULL and

preAggregate is TRUE. Default is "freq" provided this is not found in names (data).

... Further arguments to be passed to the supplied functions.

## **Details**

The supplied functions for generating GaussSuppression input behave as in GaussSuppressionFromData with some exceptions. When candidatesFromTotal is TRUE (default) the candidate function will be run locally once for rows and once for columns. Each time based on column or row totals. The

global x-matrix will only be generated if one of the functions supplied needs it. Non-NULL singleton can only be supplied as a function. This function will be run locally within the algorithm before each call to GaussSuppression.

Note that a difference from GaussSuppressionFromData is that parameter removeEmpty is set to TRUE by default.

Another difference is that duplicated combinations is not allowed. Normally duplicates are avoided by setting preAggregate to TRUE. When the charVar parameter is used, this can still be a problem. See the examples for a possible workaround.

#### Value

Aggregated data with suppression information

#### **Examples**

```
z3 <- SSBtoolsData("z3")</pre>
dimListsA <- SSBtools::FindDimLists(z3[, 1:6])</pre>
dimListsB <- SSBtools::FindDimLists(z3[, c(1, 4, 5)])</pre>
set.seed(123)
z \leftarrow z3[sample(nrow(z3), 250),]
## Not run:
out1 <- GaussSuppressionTwoWay(z, freqVar = "ant", hierarchies = dimListsA,
                                colVar = c("hovedint"))
## End(Not run)
out2 <- GaussSuppressionTwoWay(z, freqVar = "ant", hierarchies = dimListsA,</pre>
                                colVar = c("hovedint", "mnd"))
out3 <- GaussSuppressionTwoWay(z, freqVar = "ant", hierarchies = dimListsB,
                                colVar = c("region"))
out4 <- GaussSuppressionTwoWay(z, freqVar = "ant", hierarchies = dimListsB,
                                colVar = c("hovedint", "region"))
# "mnd" not in hierarchies -> duplicated combinations in input
# Error when preAggregate is FALSE: Index method failed. Duplicated combinations?
out5 <- GaussSuppressionTwoWay(z, freqVar = "ant", hierarchies = dimListsA[1:3],</pre>
                        protectZeros = FALSE, colVar = c("hovedint"), preAggregate = TRUE)
# charVar needed -> Still problem when preAggregate is TRUE
# Possible workaround by extra hierarchy
out6 <- GaussSuppressionTwoWay(z, freqVar = "ant", charVar = "mnd2",
                         hierarchies = c(dimListsA[1:3], mnd2 = "Total"), # include charVar
                              inputInOutput = c(TRUE, TRUE, FALSE), # FALSE -> only Total
                                protectZeros = FALSE, colVar = c("hovedint"),
                                preAggregate = TRUE,
                                hidden = function(x, data, charVar, ...)
                       as.vector((t(x) %*% as.numeric(data[[charVar]] == "M06M12")) == 0))
```

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KDisclosurePrimary Construct primary suppressed difference matrix

## **Description**

Function for constructing model matrix columns representing primary suppressed difference cells

## Usage

```
KDisclosurePrimary(
  data,
  x,
  crossTable,
  freqVar,
  mc_hierarchies = NULL,
  coalition = 1,
  upper_bound = Inf,
  ...
)
```

## **Arguments**

data a data.frame representing the data set ModelMatrix generated by parent function crossTable crossTable generated by parent function freqVar name of the frequency variable in data mc\_hierarchies a hierarchy representing meaningful combinations to be protected. Default value is NULL. coalition numeric vector of length one, representing possible size of an attacking coalition. This parameter corresponds to the parameter k in the definition of kdisclosure. upper\_bound numeric value representing minimum count considered safe. Default set to Inf parameters passed to children functions

#### Value

dgCMatrix corresponding to primary suppressed cells

## Author(s)

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LazyLinkedTables	Linked tables by full GaussSuppressionFromData iterations	
LazyLinkedTables	Linked tables by full GaussSuppressionFromData iterations	

## **Description**

Additional Suppression is called several times as in Chained Suppression

## Usage

```
LazyLinkedTables(..., withinArg = NULL, maxIterLinked = 1000)
```

## **Arguments**

... Arguments to GaussSuppressionFromData that are kept constant.

withinArg A list of named lists. Arguments to GaussSuppressionFromData that are not

kept constant.

maxIterLinked Maximum number of GaussSuppressionFromData calls for each table.

#### **Details**

This function is created as a spin-off from Additional Suppression and Chained Suppression. The calculations run Gauss Suppression From Data from the input each time. There is no doubt that this can be done more efficiently.

A consequence of this lazy implementation is that, in output, primary and suppressed are identical.

Note that there is a residual risk when suppression linked tables by iterations.

## Value

List of data frames

## Note

In this function, the parameters makeForced and forceNotPrimary to AdditionalSuppression are forced to be FALSE.

# **Examples**

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MagnitudeRule

Dominance (n,k) or p% rule for magnitude tables

# **Description**

Supports application of multiple values for n and k. The function works on magnitude tables containing negative cell values by calculating contribution based on absolute values.

# Usage

```
MagnitudeRule(
  data,
  Х,
  numVar,
  n = NULL
  k = NULL,
  pPercent = NULL,
  protectZeros = FALSE,
  charVar = NULL,
  removeCodes = character(0),
  sWeightVar = NULL,
  domWeightMethod = "default",
  allDominance = FALSE,
  outputWeightedNum = !is.null(sWeightVar),
  dominanceVar = NULL,
)
DominanceRule(data, n, k, protectZeros = FALSE, ...)
PPercentRule(data, pPercent, protectZeros = FALSE, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

data the dataset

x ModelMatrix generated by parent function

numVar vector containing numeric values in the data set

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n parameter n in dominance rule.k parameter k in dominance rule.

pPercent Parameter in the p% rule, when non-NULL. Parameters n and k will then be ig-

nored. Technically, calculations are performed internally as if n = 1:2. The results of these intermediate calculations can be viewed by setting allDominance

= TRUE.

protectZeros parameter determining whether cells with value 0 should be suppressed.

charVar Variable in data holding grouping information. Dominance will be calculated

after aggregation within these groups.

removeCodes A vector of charVar codes that are to be excluded when calculating dominance

percentages. Essentially, the corresponding numeric values from dominanceVar or numVar are set to zero before proceeding with the dominance calculations. With empty charVar row indices are assumed and conversion to integer is per-

formed.

sWeightVar variable with sampling weights to be used in dominance rule

domWeightMethod

character representing how weights should be treated in the dominance rule. See

Details.

allDominance Logical parameter. If TRUE, adds primary columns for each pair of parameters

n,k in the dominance rules

outputWeightedNum

logical value to determine whether weighted numerical value should be included

in output. Default is TRUE if sWeightVar is provided.

dominanceVar When specified, dominanceVar is used in place of numVar. Specifying dominanceVar

is beneficial for avoiding warnings when there are multiple numVar variables. Typically, dominanceVar will be one of the variables already included in numVar.

... unused parameters

#### Details

This method only supports suppressing a single numeric variable. There are multiple ways of handling sampling weights in the dominance rule. the default method implemented here compares unweighted sample values with the corresponding weighted cell totals. if domWeightMethod is set to "tauargus", the method implemented in tauArgus is used. For more information on this method, see "Statistical Disclosure Control" by Hundepool et al (2012, p. 151).

#### Value

logical vector that is TRUE in positions corresponding to cells breaching the dominance rules.

#### Note

Explicit protectZeros in wrappers since default needed by GaussSuppressionFromData

# Author(s)

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## **Examples**

```
set.seed(123)
z <- SSBtools::MakeMicro(SSBtoolsData("z2"), "ant")</pre>
z$value <- sample(1:1000, nrow(z), replace = TRUE)</pre>
GaussSuppressionFromData(z, dimVar = c("region", "fylke", "kostragr", "hovedint"),
numVar = "value", candidates = CandidatesNum, primary = DominanceRule, preAggregate = FALSE,
singletonMethod = "sub2Sum", n = c(1, 2), k = c(65, 85), allDominance = TRUE)
num <- c(100,
         90, 10,
         80, 20,
         70, 30,
         50, 25, 25,
         40, 20, 20, 20,
         25, 25, 25, 25)
v1 <- c("v1",
        rep(c("v2", "v3", "v4"), each = 2),
        rep("v5", 3),
        rep(c("v6", "v7"), each = 4))
sw \leftarrow c(1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 1, 2, 1, 1, 1, 2, 1, 1, 1)
d <- data.frame(v1 = v1, num = num, sw = sw)</pre>
# without weights
GaussSuppressionFromData(d, formula = ~v1 - 1,
 numVar = "num", n = c(1,2), k = c(80,70),
 preAggregate = FALSE, allDominance = TRUE, candidates = CandidatesNum,
  primary = DominanceRule)
# with weights, standard method
GaussSuppressionFromData(d, formula = ~v1 - 1,
 numVar = "num", n = c(1,2), k = c(80,70), sWeightVar = "sw",
 preAggregate = FALSE, allDominance = TRUE, candidates = CandidatesNum,
 primary = DominanceRule)
# with weights, tauargus method
GaussSuppressionFromData(d, formula = ~v1 - 1,
 numVar = "num", n = c(1,2), k = c(80,70), sWeightVar = "sw",
 preAggregate = FALSE, allDominance = TRUE, candidates = CandidatesNum,
 primary = DominanceRule, domWeightMethod = "tauargus")
```

MaxContribution

Find major contributions to aggregates

#### **Description**

Assuming aggregates are calculated via a dummy matrix by z = t(x) % % y, the n largest contributions are found (value or index) for each aggregate.

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## Usage

```
MaxContribution(
    x,
    y,
    n = 1,
    decreasing = TRUE,
    index = FALSE,
    groups = NULL,
    return2 = FALSE
)
```

## **Arguments**

X	A (sparse) dummy matrix
у	Vector of input values (contributors)
n	Number of contributors to be found
decreasing	Ordering parameter. Smallest contributors found when FALSE.
index	Indices to y returned when TRUE
groups	When non-NULL, major contributions after aggregation within groups. Cannot be combined with index = TRUE. The missing group category is excluded.
return2	When TRUE, two matrices are returned, value and id. The latter contains indices when group is NULL and otherwise a character matrix of groups.

## Value

Matrix with lagest contributions in first column, second largest in second column and so on. Alternative output when using parameters index or return2.

## Author(s)

Øyvind Langsrud

#### See Also

ModelMatrix

# **Examples**

```
library(SSBtools)

z <- SSBtoolsData("sprt_emp_withEU")
z$age[z$age == "Y15-29"] <- "young"
z$age[z$age == "Y30-64"] <- "old"

a <- ModelMatrix(z, formula = ~age + geo, crossTable = TRUE)

cbind(as.data.frame(a$crossTable), MaxContribution(a$modelMatrix, z$ths_per, 1))
cbind(a$crossTable, MaxContribution(a$modelMatrix, z$ths_per, 10))</pre>
```

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```
cbind(a$crossTable, MaxContribution(a$modelMatrix, z$ths_per, 10, index = TRUE))
# Both types of output can be achieved with return2 = TRUE)
identical(MaxContribution(a$modelMatrix, z$ths_per, 10, return2 = TRUE),
          list(value = MaxContribution(a$modelMatrix, z$ths_per, 10),
               id = MaxContribution(a$modelMatrix, z$ths_per, 10, index = TRUE)))
b <- ModelMatrix(z[, -4], crossTable = TRUE, inputInOutput = c(TRUE, FALSE, TRUE))
k <- cbind(b$crossTable, MaxContribution(b$modelMatrix, z$ths_per, 10))</pre>
gr18 <- paste0("g", 1:18)
                                                     # Each row is a group
k18 <- cbind(b$crossTable, MaxContribution(b$modelMatrix, z$ths_per, 10, groups = gr18))
identical(k, k18) # TRUE
gr9 <- paste0("g", as.integer(10 * z$ths_per)%%10) # 9 groups from decimal</pre>
k9 <- cbind(b$crossTable, MaxContribution(b$modelMatrix, z$ths_per, 10, groups = gr9))</pre>
k18[c(4, 13, 17, 33), ]
k9[c(4, 13, 17, 33), ]
# Group info obtained with return2 = TRUE
k9_id <- cbind(b$crossTable, MaxContribution(b$modelMatrix, z$ths_per, 10, groups = gr9,</pre>
                                              return2 = TRUE)$id)
k9_id[c(4, 13, 17, 33), ]
# Verify similarity
z$y <- z$ths_per + (1:nrow(z))/100 # to avoid equal values
id1 <- MaxContribution(b$modelMatrix, z$y, 10, index = TRUE)</pre>
id1[!is.na(id1)] <- paste0("g", id1[!is.na(id1)])</pre>
mc2 <- MaxContribution(b$modelMatrix, z$y, 10, groups = gr18, return2 = TRUE)</pre>
id2 \leftarrow mc2$id
identical(id1, id2)
```

Ncontributors

Find the number of unique groups contributing to aggregates

# Description

Assuming aggregates are calculated via a dummy matrix by z = t(x) %%, the the number of unique contributing groups, according to a grouping variable, are found for each aggregate. The missing group category is not counted.

## Usage

Ncontributors(x, groups)

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## **Arguments**

x A (sparse) dummy matrix groups Vector of group categories

## Value

Vector of numbers of unique groups

## Author(s)

Øyvind Langsrud

## See Also

ModelMatrix

## **Examples**

```
library(SSBtools)

z <- SSBtoolsData("sprt_emp_withEU")
z$age[z$age == "Y15-29"] <- "young"
z$age[z$age == "Y30-64"] <- "old"
z$groups <- c("A", "A", "B", "A", "B", "C")

a <- ModelMatrix(z, formula = ~age*eu + geo + year, crossTable = TRUE)

cbind(as.data.frame(a$crossTable), nGroups = Ncontributors(a$modelMatrix, z$groups))
cbind(as.data.frame(a$crossTable), nYears = Ncontributors(a$modelMatrix, z$year))
cbind(as.data.frame(a$crossTable), nUnique_ths_per = Ncontributors(a$modelMatrix, z$ths_per))</pre>
```

NcontributorsHolding Ncontributors with holding-indicator

# Description

The aggregates (columns of x) are grouped by a holding indicator. Within each holding group, the number of unique groups (output) is set to be equal.

## Usage

```
NcontributorsHolding(x, groups, holdingInd = NULL)
```

## **Arguments**

x A (sparse) dummy matrixgroups Vector of group categories

holdingInd Vector of holding group categories

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## **Details**

A representative within the holding group is used to calculate output by Ncontributors. The one with maximal column sum of x is chosen as the representative. Normally this will be an aggregate representing the holding group total. When holdingInd is NULL (default), the function is equivalent to Ncontributors.

#### Value

Vector of numbers of unique groups

#### Author(s)

Øyvind Langsrud

NContributorsRule

Number of contributors suppression rule

## **Description**

The number of contributors is the number unique contributing 'charVar' codes.

## Usage

```
NContributorsRule(
  data,
  freq,
  numVar,
  x,
  maxN = 3,
  protectZeros = FALSE,
  charVar = NULL,
  removeCodes = character(0),
  remove0 = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

## **Arguments**

data	Input data as a data frame		
freq	Vector of aggregate frequencies		
numVar Numerical variables. When several variables, only first is use			
X	Model matrix generated by parent function		
maxN	Primary suppression when number of contributors <= maxN.		
protectZeros	Suppression parameter. Only TRUE (default) is used implemented.		

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charVar Variable(s) with contributor codes. When empty, unique contributor in each row

is assumed. When several variables, see details.

removeCodes Vector of codes to be omitted when counting contributors. With empty charVar

row indices are assumed and conversion to integer is performed.

remove0 When set to TRUE (default), data rows in which the first numVar (if any) is zero

are excluded from the count of contributors. Alternatively, remove@can be specified as one or more variable names. In this case, all data rows with a zero in any of the specified variables are omitted from the contributor count. Specifying remove@as variable name(s) is useful for avoiding warning when there are

multiple numVar variables.

... unused parameters

#### **Details**

When several charVar variables, the rule is applied independently to each variable. Primary suppression in at least one case results in primary suppression in the output. It is possible to specify maxN and removeCodes independently for each charVar by using a named list as input with charVar as names. E.g. maxN = list(char1 = 3, char2 = 2).

#### Value

List where first element is logical vector defining primary suppressions. The second element is data frame where nRule is number contributors used in rule and where nAll is similar, but without omitting codes in removeCodes.

PackageSpecs

Function for viewing built-in GaussSuppression specs

## **Description**

Functions to retrieve the built-in specs. These can be retrieved using either numerical indices or by specifying the spec name, see Details.

## Usage

```
PackageSpecs(x = NULL, printTable = FALSE)
```

#### Arguments

x the character name or index of the spec to be returned. If NULL (default), returns

list of all specs

printTable Logical value (default FALSE). If TRUE, prints a table description of all specs.

Primarily used for documentation purposes.

#### **Details**

The following table summarizes the built-in specs. Columns represent different specs, and rows represent the parameter settings.

PrimaryDefault

	smallCountSpec	dominanceSpec	fewContributorsSpec	kDisclosureSpec
primary	PrimaryDefault	DominanceRule	NContributorsRule	KDisclosurePrima
protectZeros	TRUE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
candidates	CandidatesDefault	CandidatesNum	CandidatesNum	DirectDisclosure(
singleton	SingletonDefault	SingletonUniqueContributor	SingletonUniqueContributor	SingletonDefault
extend0	TRUE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE
preAggregate	is.null(freqVar)	!is.null(charVar)	!is.null(charVar)	is.null(freqVar)
extraAggregate	FALSE	TRUE	TRUE	FALSE
secondaryZeros	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	1
domWeightMethod		"default"		
singletonMethod		"numttHTT"	"numttHTT"	"anySumNOTprin

## Value

returns a spec (if !is.null(x)), list of all specs (if is.null(x) and printTable = FALSE), or markdown table describing all specs (if printTable = TRUE).

# **Examples**

```
PackageSpecs()
PackageSpecs(1)
PackageSpecs("smallCountSpec")
PackageSpecs(printTable = TRUE)
```

PrimaryDefault Default primary function

# **Description**

 $Function\ for\ {\tt GaussSuppressionFromData}$ 

## Usage

```
PrimaryDefault(freq, maxN = 3, protectZeros = TRUE, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

freq Vector of output frequencies

maxN Cells with frequency <= maxN are set as primary suppressed.

protectZeros When TRUE, cells with zero frequency are set as primary suppressed.

... Unused parameters

# Value

primary, GaussSuppression input

PrimaryFromSuppressedData

primary and forced from suppressed data

## Description

Function for GaussSuppressionFromData

## Usage

```
PrimaryFromSuppressedData(
    x,
    crossTable,
    suppressedData,
    forcedData = FALSE,
    totCode = FindTotCode2(x, crossTable),
    ...
)

ForcedFromSuppressedData(..., forcedData = TRUE)

NotPrimaryFromSuppressedData(..., forcedData = TRUE)
```

#### **Arguments**

x A (sparse) dummy matrix

crossTable crossTable generated by parent function

suppressedData A data frame or a list of data frames as output from GaussSuppressionFromData.

If the variable suppressed is not included, all rows are considered suppressed.

forcedData When TRUE, the suppressed coding is swapped.

totCode A named list of totals codes

... Unused parameters

#### **Details**

ForcedFromSuppressedData uses forcedData = TRUE and hence a vector to be use as forced is generated. NotPrimaryFromSuppressedData is similar, but TRUE elements are replaced by NA's. Hence the result can be used as an extra primary vector to ensure that code combinations not suppressed according to suppressedData are forced not to be primary suppressed.

The variables used in suppressedData in addition to "suppressed" are those with matching names in crossTable. Others are ignored. For variables in crossTable not in suppressedData, only totals are considered. Others rows are ignored when mathing with suppressedData.

When suppressedData is a list, the final result is the union of individual results of each data frame.

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#### Value

Logical vector to be used as GaussSuppression input

#### **Examples**

```
z2 <- SSBtoolsData("z2")</pre>
# Data to be used as suppressedData
a <- GaussSuppressionFromData(z2, c(1, 3, 4), 5, protectZeros = FALSE)
# For alternative ways to suppress the same table
b1 <- GaussSuppressionFromData(z2, 1:4, 5)
b2 <- GaussSuppressionFromData(z2, 1:4, 5, primary = c(PrimaryDefault, PrimaryFromSuppressedData),
                                suppressedData = a)
b3 <- GaussSuppressionFromData(z2, 1:4, 5, primary = c(PrimaryDefault, PrimaryFromSuppressedData),
                                suppressedData = a, forced = ForcedFromSuppressedData)
b4 <- GaussSuppressionFromData(z2, 1:4, 5,
         primary = c(PrimaryDefault, PrimaryFromSuppressedData, NotPrimaryFromSuppressedData),
                                suppressedData = a, forced = ForcedFromSuppressedData)
# Reducing data to rows mathing a
b1r <- b1[SSBtools::Match(a[1:2], b1[1:2]), ]</pre>
b2r <- b2[SSBtools::Match(a[1:2], b2[1:2]), ]</pre>
b3r <- b3[SSBtools::Match(a[1:2], b3[1:2]), ]
b4r <- b4[SSBtools::Match(a[1:2], b4[1:2]), ]
# Look at rows where new suppression is different from that in a
# Both TRUE and FALSE changed
cbind(a, b1r)[b1r$suppressed != a$suppressed, c(1:5, 9:10)]
# Only FALSE changed to TRUE (suppression is preserved)
cbind(a, b2r)[b2r$suppressed != a$suppressed, c(1:5, 9:10)]
# Only change is due to new primary suppression rule (protectZeros = TRUE)
cbind(a, b3r)[b3r$suppressed != a$suppressed, c(1:5, 9:10)]
# No changes
cbind(a, b4r)[b4r$suppressed != a$suppressed, c(1:5, 9:10)]
```

PrimaryRemoveWg

Special functions for the avoidance of suppression

## **Description**

The SSBtools function WildcardGlobbing is utilized

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## Usage

```
PrimaryRemoveWg(wg = NULL, ..., crossTable)
CandidatesNumWg(wg = NULL, ..., crossTable)
ForcedWg(crossTable, wg = NULL, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

```
wg data.frame with wildcard/globbing. A parameter to WildcardGlobbing unused parameters
crossTable crossTable generated by parent function
```

#### **Details**

CandidatesNumWg is a generalization of CandidatesNumWg

## Value

logical vector or row indices

## **Examples**

```
dataset <- SSBtoolsData("magnitude1")</pre>
a1 <- SuppressDominantCells(data = dataset, numVar = "value",
       dimVar = c("sector4", "geo"), n = 1:2, k = c(77, 99))
a1
wg <- data.frame(sector4 = "Ind*", geo = c("Ice????", "Portugal"))</pre>
wg
# Industry:Portugal not primary, but suppressed
a2 <- SuppressDominantCells(data = dataset, numVar = "value",</pre>
       dimVar = c("sector4", "geo"), n = 1:2, k = c(77, 99),
       wg = wg, primary = c(DominanceRule, PrimaryRemoveWg))
a2
# Industry:Portugal not primary and not suppressed
a3 <- SuppressDominantCells(data = dataset, numVar = "value",
       dimVar = c("sector4", "geo"), n = 1:2, k = c(77, 99),
       wg = wg, primary = c(DominanceRule, PrimaryRemoveWg),
       candidates = CandidatesNumWg)
а3
# Industry:Portugal primary, but not suppressed
a4 <- SuppressDominantCells(data = dataset, numVar = "value",</pre>
       dimVar = c("sector4", "geo"), n = 1:2, k = c(77, 99),
       wg = wg, forced = ForcedWg, whenPrimaryForced = message)
```

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RangeLimitsDefault Default range limit function

# Description

Preliminary function

# Usage

```
RangeLimitsDefault(
    ...,
    rangePercent = 0,
    rangeMin = 0,
    primary,
    num,
    freq,
    freqVar,
    dominanceVar = NULL,
    intervalVar = NULL
)
```

## **Arguments**

.. Unused parameters

rangePercent Required interval width expressed as a percentage

rangeMin Minimum required width of the interval

primary primary
num num
freq freqVar freqVar

dominanceVar dominanceVar

intervalVar Numerical variable(s) for interval calculations. When NULL, dominanceVar, first

numVar or freqVar will be used.

## Value

matrix with named columns

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# **Examples**

```
dat <- SSBtoolsData("magnitude1")</pre>
dat["num2"] <- 1:nrow(dat)</pre>
SuppressDominantCells(data = dat,
    numVar = "value",
    formula = ~sector2 * geo + sector4 * eu,
    contributorVar = "company",
    n = 1:2, k = c(80, 99),
    output = RangeOutputFunction, rangePercent = 10, rangeMin = 1)
SuppressDominantCells(data = dat,
    numVar = c("value", "num2"),
    formula = ~sector2 * geo + sector4 * eu,
    contributorVar = "company",
    n = 1:2, k = c(80, 99),
    output = RangeOutputFunction,
    intervalVar = c("value", "freq", "num2"),
    rangePercent = c(10, 10, 30), rangeMin = c(1, 0.2222, 2.222))
```

SingletonDefault

Default singleton function

# **Description**

Function for GaussSuppressionFromData

### Usage

```
SingletonDefault(data, freqVar, protectZeros, secondaryZeros, ...)
```

# Arguments

```
data Input data, possibly pre-aggregated within GaussSuppressionFromData freqVar A single variable holding counts (input to GaussSuppressionFromData) protectZeros Suppression parameter (see GaussSuppressionFromData)
```

secondaryZeros Suppression parameter (see GaussSuppressionFromData)
Suppression parameter (see GaussSuppressionFromData)

... Unused parameters

# **Details**

This function marks input cells as singletons according to the input frequencies (freqVar). Zero frequencies are set to singletons when protectZeros or secondaryZeros is TRUE. Otherwise, ones are set to singletons. Empty freqVar is treated as all frequencies being ones.

#### Value

```
singleton, GaussSuppression input
```

SingletonUniqueContributor

Unique contributor singleton function

# **Description**

Function for GaussSuppressionFromData

# Usage

```
SingletonUniqueContributor(
   data,
   freqVar = NULL,
   nUniqueVar = NULL,
   charVar = NULL,
   removeCodes = character(0),
   integerSingleton = length(charVar) > 0,
    x,
   primary = integer(0),
   whenPrimaryMatters = warning,
   whenNoVar = TRUE,
   specialMultiple = TRUE,
   ...
)
SingletonUniqueContributor0(data, numVar, dominanceVar = NULL, ...)
```

# **Arguments**

data Input data, possibly pre-aggregated within GaussSuppressionFromData freqVar A single variable holding counts (input to GaussSuppressionFromData)

nUniqueVar A single variable holding the number of unique contributors.

charVar Variable with contributor codes.

removeCodes Vector, list or data frame of codes considered non-singletons. Single element

lists and single column data frames behave just like vectors. In other cases, charVar-names must be used. With empty charVar a vector of row indices is

assumed and conversion to integer is performed. See examples.

integerSingleton

Integer output when TRUE. See details.

x ModelMatrix generated by parent function

primary Vector (integer or logical) specifying primary suppressed cells. It will be en-

sured that any non-suppressed inner cell is not considered a singleton.

whenPrimaryMatters

Function to be called when primary caused non-singleton. Supply NULL to do nothing.

whenNoVar When TRUE, and without nUniqueVar and freqVar in input, all cells will be

marked as singletons.

specialMultiple

When TRUE, and when integer Singleton & length(charVar) > 1 & length(nUniqueVar),

a special method is used. By re-coding to single charVar and by re-calculating nUnique. To be unique (nUnique=1), uniqueness is only required for a single

charvar. Otherwise, the charvar combination must be unique.

... Unused parameters

numVar vector containing numeric values in the data set

dominanceVar When specified, dominanceVar is used in place of numVar. Specifying dominanceVar

is beneficial for avoiding warnings when there are multiple numVar variables. Typically, dominanceVar will be one of the variables already included in numVar.

#### **Details**

This function marks input cells as singletons according to ones in data[[nUniqueVar]], if available, and otherwise according to data[[freqVar]]. The output vector can be logical or integer. When, integer, singletons are given as positive values. Their unique values represent the unique values/combinations of data[[charVar]].

### Value

logical or integer vector

## Note

SingletonUniqueContributor0 is a special version that produces singleton as a two-element list. See GaussSuppression and SuppressDominantCells.

```
S <- function(data, ...) {</pre>
 cbind(data, singleton = SingletonUniqueContributor(data, ...))
d2 <- SSBtoolsData("d2")</pre>
d <- d2[d2\$freq < 5, ]
d$nUnique <- round((5 - d$freq)/3)
d$freq <- round(d$freq/2)
d[7:8, 2:4] \leftarrow NA
rownames(d) <- NULL
S(d, freqVar = "freq", integerSingleton = FALSE)
S(d, freqVar = "freq", nUniqueVar = "nUnique", integerSingleton = TRUE, charVar = "main_income")
S(d, nUniqueVar = "nUnique", integerSingleton = TRUE, charVar = c("main_income", "k_group"))
S(d, freqVar = "freq", nUniqueVar = "nUnique", integerSingleton = FALSE,
 charVar = "main_income", removeCodes = "other")
S(d, nUniqueVar = "nUnique", integerSingleton = FALSE, charVar = c("main_income", "k_group"),
 removeCodes = c("other", "400"))
S(d, nUniqueVar = "nUnique", integerSingleton = FALSE, charVar = c("main_income", "k_group"),
  removeCodes = data.frame(anyname = c("other", "400")))
```

```
S(d, nUniqueVar = "nUnique", integerSingleton = FALSE, charVar = c("main_income", "k_group"),
    removeCodes = list(main_income = c("other", "pensions"), k_group = "300"))
S(d, nUniqueVar = "nUnique", integerSingleton = FALSE, charVar = c("main_income", "k_group"),
    removeCodes = data.frame(main_income = "other", k_group = "400"))
S(d, nUniqueVar = "nUnique", integerSingleton = FALSE, removeCodes = 1:5)

x <- SSBtools::ModelMatrix(d, hierarchies = list(region = "Total"))
which(colSums(x) == 1)
which(rowSums(x[, colSums(x) == 1]) > 0)
# columns 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 correspond to inner cells: rows 3, 4, 5, 6, 8
# with 2:4 not primary rows 3:5 are forced non-singleton
S(d, freqVar = "freq", nUniqueVar = "nUnique", integerSingleton = FALSE, x = x, primary = 5:8)
```

SuppressDirectDisclosure

Suppression of directly-disclosive cells

# Description

Function for suppressing directly-disclosive cells in frequency tables. The method detects and primary suppresses directly-disclosive cells with the FindDisclosiveCells function, and applies a secondary suppression using Gauss suppression (see GaussSuppressionFromData).

# Usage

```
SuppressDirectDisclosure(
  data,
  dimVar,
  freqVar,
  coalition = 1,
  secondaryZeros = coalition,
  candidates = DirectDisclosureCandidates,
  ...
)
```

# Arguments

data the input data

dimVar main dimensional variables for the output table

freqVar variable containing frequency counts

coalition numeric variable, parameter for primary suppression. Default value is 1.

secondaryZeros logical or numeric value for secondary suppression. If logical, it is converted

to resp numeric value (0 or 1). If numeric, it describes the largest number that is prioritized over zeroes in secondary suppression. Default value is equal to

coalition.

candidates function parameter for gauss suppression.

... optional parameters that can be passed to the primary suppression method. See FindDisclosiveCells for details. In the case of SuppressDirectDisclosure2, ... are parameters to GaussSuppressionFromData.

# **Details**

SuppressDirectDisclosure has no support for hierarchical data. SuppressDirectDisclosure2 has, but is less general in other ways.

### Value

data.frame containing the result of the suppression

# Author(s)

Daniel Lupp

# **Examples**

SuppressDominantCells Suppress volume tables using dominant cell primary suppression.

# **Description**

Suppress volume tables using dominant cell primary suppression.

# Usage

```
SuppressDominantCells(
  data,
  n,
  k,
  allDominance = FALSE,
  dominanceVar = NULL,
  numVar = NULL,
  dimVar = NULL,
  hierarchies = NULL,
```

```
formula = NULL,
  contributorVar = NULL,
  sWeightVar = NULL,
  ...,
  candidatesVar = NULL,
  singletonZeros = FALSE,
  spec = PackageSpecs("dominanceSpec")
)
```

## **Arguments**

data Input data as a data frame

n parameter n in dominance rule.

k parameter k in dominance rule.

allDominance Logical parameter. If TRUE, adds primary columns for each pair of parameters

n,k in the dominance rules

dominanceVar Numerical variable to be used in dominance rule. The first numVar variable will

be used if it is not specified.

numVar Numerical variable to be aggregated. Any dominanceVar and candidatesVar

that are specified and not included in numVar will be aggregated accordingly.

dimVar The main dimensional variables and additional aggregating variables. This pa-

rameter can be useful when hierarchies and formula are unspecified.

hierarchies List of hierarchies, which can be converted by AutoHierarchies. Thus, the

variables can also be coded by "rowFactor" or "", which correspond to using

the categories in the data.

formula A model formula

contributorVar Extra variables to be used as grouping elements in the dominance rule. Typi-

cally, the variable contains the contributor IDs.

sWeightVar Name of variable which represents sampling weights to be used in dominance

rule

... Further arguments to be passed to the supplied functions and to ModelMatrix

(such as inputInOutput and removeEmpty).

candidatesVar Variable to be used in the candidate function to prioritize cells for publication

and thus not suppression. If not specified, the same variable that is used for the

dominance rule will be applied (see dominanceVar and numVar).

singletonZeros When negative values cannot occur, one can determine from a non-suppressed

marginal cell with the value 0 that all underlying cells also have the value 0. The use of singletonZeros = TRUE is intended to prevent this phenomenon from causing suppressed cells to be revealable. It is the zeros in the dominanceVar variable that are examined. Specifically, the ordinary singleton method is combined with a method that is actually designed for frequency tables. This approach also works for volume tables when SingletonUniqueContributor0 is

utilized.

spec NULL or a named list of arguments that will act as default values.

### Value

data frame containing aggregated data and suppression information.

```
num <- c(100,
         90, 10,
         80, 20,
        70, 30,
        50, 25, 25,
        40, 20, 20, 20,
        25, 25, 25, 25)
v1 <- c("v1",
        rep(c("v2", "v3", "v4"), each = 2),
        rep("v5", 3),
        rep(c("v6", "v7"), each = 4))
sweight \leftarrow c(1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1)
d <- data.frame(v1 = v1, num = num, sweight = sweight)</pre>
# basic use
SuppressDominantCells(d, n = c(1,2), k = c(80,70), numVar = "num", formula = \sim v1 -1)
# with weights
SuppressDominantCells(d, n = c(1,2), k = c(80,70), numVar = "num",
dimVar = "v1", sWeightVar = "sweight")
# overwriting some parameters in default spec
SuppressDominantCells(d, n = c(1,2), k = c(80,70), numVar = "num",
dimVar = "v1", sWeightVar = "sweight", domWeightMethod = "tauargus")
# using dominance and few contributors rule together, see second example compared to first
SuppressDominantCells(d, n = c(1,2), k = c(80,70), numVar = "num", formula = \sim v1 -1,
primary = c(DominanceRule, NContributorsRule), maxN = 3, allDominance = TRUE)
SuppressDominantCells(d, n = c(1,2), k = c(80,70), numVar = "num", formula = \sim v1 -1,
primary = c(DominanceRule, NContributorsRule), maxN = 4, allDominance = TRUE)
d2 <- SSBtoolsData("d2")</pre>
set.seed(123)
d2$v <- rnorm(nrow(d2))^2
# Hierarchical region variables are detected automatically -> same output column
SuppressDominantCells(data = d2, n = c(1, 2), k = c(70, 95), numVar = "v",
                      dimVar = c("region", "county", "k_group"), allDominance = TRUE)
# Formula. Hierarchical variables still detected automatically.
SuppressDominantCells(data = d2, n = c(1, 2), k = c(70, 95), numVar = "v",
                      formula = ~main_income * k_group + region + county - k_group)
# With hierarchies created manually
ml <- data.frame(levels = c("@", "@@", "@@@", "@@@", "@@@", "@@"),
```

SuppressFewContributors

Few contributors suppression

# **Description**

This function provides functionality for suppressing volume tables based on the few contributors rule (NContributorsRule).

# Usage

```
SuppressFewContributors(
  data,
  maxN,
  numVar = NULL,
  dimVar = NULL,
  hierarchies = NULL,
  formula = NULL,
  contributorVar = NULL,
  removeCodes = character(0),
  remove0 = TRUE,
  candidatesVar = NULL,
  ...,
  spec = PackageSpecs("fewContributorsSpec"))
```

# Arguments

data	Input data as a data frame
maxN	Suppression parameter. Cells with frequency <= maxN are set as primary suppressed. Using the default primary function, maxN is by default set to 3. See details.
numVar	Numerical variable to be aggregated. Any candidatesVar that is specified and not included in numVar will be aggregated accordingly. Additionally, if remove0 is specified as a variable name and it is not included in numVar, it will also be aggregated accordingly. See parameters candidatesVar and remove0 below.
dimVar	The main dimensional variables and additional aggregating variables. This parameter can be useful when hierarchies and formula are unspecified.
hierarchies	List of hierarchies, which can be converted by AutoHierarchies. Thus, the variables can also be coded by "rowFactor" or "", which correspond to using the categories in the data.
formula	A model formula

contributorVar	Extra variables to be used as grouping elements when counting contributors. Typically, the variable contains the contributor IDs.
removeCodes	Vector of codes to be omitted when counting contributors. With empty contributorVar row indices are assumed and conversion to integer is performed.
remove0	When set to TRUE (default), data rows in which the first numVar (if any) is zero are excluded from the count of contributors. Alternatively, remove0 can be specified as one or more variable names. In this case, all data rows with a zero in any of the specified variables are omitted from the contributor count. Specifying remove0 as variable name(s) is useful for avoiding warning when there are multiple numVar variables.
candidatesVar	Variable to be used in the candidate function to prioritize cells for publication and thus not suppression. The first numVar variable will be used if it is not specified.
• • •	Further arguments to be passed to the supplied functions and to ModelMatrix (such as inputInOutput and removeEmpty).

# Value

spec

data.frame containing aggregated data and supppression information. Columns nRule and nAll contain the number of contributors. In the former, removeCodes is taken into account.

NULL or a named list of arguments that will act as default values.

```
num <- c(100,
         90, 10,
         80, 20,
         70, 30,
         50, 25, 25,
         40, 20, 20, 20,
         25, 25, 25, 25)
v1 <- c("v1",
        rep(c("v2", "v3", "v4"), each = 2),
        rep("v5", 3),
        rep(c("v6", "v7"), each = 4))
sweight \leftarrow c(1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 1, 1, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1)
d <- data.frame(v1 = v1, num = num, sweight = sweight)</pre>
SuppressFewContributors(d, formula = ~v1, maxN = 1, numVar = "num")
SuppressFewContributors(d, formula = ~v1, maxN = 2, numVar = "num")
SuppressFewContributors(d, formula = ~v1, maxN = 3, numVar = "num")
d2 <- SSBtoolsData("d2")[-5]</pre>
set.seed(123)
d2$v <- round(rnorm(nrow(d2))^2, 1)</pre>
d2$family_id <- round(2*as.integer(factor(d2$region)) + runif(nrow(d2)))</pre>
# Hierarchical region variables are detected automatically -> same output column
SuppressFewContributors(data = d2, maxN = 2, numVar = "v", contributorVar = "family_id",
```

SuppressionFromDecimals

Cell suppression from synthetic decimal numbers

## **Description**

Decimal numbers, as calculated by GaussSuppressDec, are used to decide suppression (whole numbers or not). Technically, the calculations are done via GaussSuppressionFromData, but without running GaussSuppression. All suppressed cells are primary suppressed.

## Usage

```
SuppressionFromDecimals(
  data,
  decVar,
  freqVar = NULL,
  numVar = NULL,
  preAggregate = FALSE,
  digits = 9,
  ...
)
```

# **Arguments**

data Input data as a data frame

decVar One ore several (nRep>1) decimal number variables.

freqVar A single variable holding counts (not needed)
numVar Other numerical variables to be aggregated
preAggregate Parameter to GaussSuppressionFromData

digits Parameter to RoundWhole. Values close to whole numbers will be rounded.

... Other parameters to GaussSuppressionFromData

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# **Details**

Several decimal number variables reduce the probability of obtaining whole numbers by chance.

#### Value

Aggregated data with suppression information

## Author(s)

Øyvind Langsrud

# **Examples**

 ${\tt SuppressKDisclosure}$ 

K-disclosure suppression

# **Description**

A function for suppressing frequency tables using the k-disclosure method.

# Usage

```
SuppressKDisclosure(
  data,
  coalition = 0,
  mc_hierarchies = NULL,
  upper_bound = Inf,
  dimVar = NULL,
  formula = NULL,
  hierarchies = NULL,
  freqVar = NULL,
  ...,
  spec = PackageSpecs("kDisclosureSpec")
)
```

# **Arguments**

data a data.frame representing the data set coalition numeric vector of length one, representing possible size of an attacking coalition. This parameter corresponds to the parameter k in the definition of kdisclosure. mc\_hierarchies a hierarchy representing meaningful combinations to be protected. Default value is NULL. upper\_bound numeric value representing minimum count considered safe. Default set to Inf dimVar The main dimensional variables and additional aggregating variables. This parameter can be useful when hierarchies and formula are unspecified. formula A model formula hierarchies List of hierarchies, which can be converted by AutoHierarchies. Thus, the variables can also be coded by "rowFactor" or "", which correspond to using the categories in the data. name of the frequency variable in data freqVar parameters passed to children functions NULL or a named list of arguments that will act as default values. spec

# Value

A data.frame containing the publishable data set, with a boolean variable \$suppressed representing cell suppressions.

## Author(s)

Daniel P. Lupp

```
# data
data <- SSBtools::SSBtoolsData("mun_accidents")

# hierarchies as DimLists
mun <- data.frame(levels = c("@", rep("@@", 6)),
codes = c("Total", paste("k", 1:6, sep = "")))
inj <- data.frame(levels = c("@", "@@", "@@", "@@", "@@", "@@"),
codes = c("Total", "serious", "light", "none", "unknown"))
dimlists <- list(mun = mun, inj = inj)

inj2 <- data.frame(levels = c("@", "@@", "@@", "@@", "@@", "@@", "@@"),
codes = c("Total", "injured", "serious", "light", "none", "unknown"))
inj3 <- data.frame(levels = c("@", "@@", "@@", "@@", "@@"),
codes = c( "shadowtotal", "serious", "light", "none", "unknown"))
mc_dimlist <- list(inj = inj2)
mc_nomargs <- list(inj = inj3)

#' # Example with formula, no meaningful combination</pre>
```

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```
out <- SuppressKDisclosure(data, coalition = 1, freqVar = "freq", formula = ~mun*inj)
# Example with hierarchy and meaningful combination
out2 <- SuppressKDisclosure(data, coalition = 1, freqVar = "freq",
hierarchies = dimlists, mc_hierarchies = mc_dimlist)
#' # Example of table without mariginals, and mc_hierarchies to protect
out3 <- SuppressKDisclosure(data, coalition = 1, freqVar = "freq",
formula = ~mun:inj, mc_hierarchies = mc_nomargs )</pre>
```

SuppressSmallCounts

Small count frequency table suppression.

# **Description**

This is a wrapper function of GaussSuppressionFromData for small count frequency suppression. For common applications, the spec parameter can be adjusted, see PackageSpecs for more information. See Details for more information on function call customization.

# Usage

```
SuppressSmallCounts(
  data,
  maxN,
  freqVar = NULL,
  dimVar = NULL,
  hierarchies = NULL,
  formula = NULL,
  ...,
  spec = PackageSpecs("smallCountSpec")
)
```

# **Arguments**

data	Input data as a data frame
maxN	Suppression parameter. Cells with frequency <= maxN are set as primary suppressed. Using the default primary function, maxN is by default set to 3. See details.
freqVar	A single variable holding counts (name or number).
dimVar	The main dimensional variables and additional aggregating variables. This parameter can be useful when hierarchies and formula are unspecified.
hierarchies	List of hierarchies, which can be converted by AutoHierarchies. Thus, the variables can also be coded by "rowFactor" or "", which correspond to using the categories in the data.
formula	A model formula
• • •	Further arguments to be passed to the supplied functions and to ModelMatrix (such as inputInOutput and removeEmpty).
spec	NULL or a named list of arguments that will act as default values.

### **Details**

The specs provided in the package (see PackageSpecs) provide common parameter setups for small count suppression. However, it might be necessary to customize the parameters further. In this case, certain parameters from GaussSuppressionFromData might need adjusting from the values provided by the package specs. In particular, the parameters protectZeros (should zeros be primary suppressed), extend0 (should empty cells be added before primary suppression), and secondaryZeros (should zero frequency cells be candidates for secondary suppression) might be of interest. The examples below illustrate how to override parameters specified by a spec. Note that this is only possible if specLock = FALSE.

#### Value

data frame containing aggregated data and suppression information.

```
mun_accidents <- SSBtoolsData("mun_accidents")</pre>
SuppressSmallCounts(data = mun_accidents, maxN = 3, dimVar = 1:2, freqVar = 3)
# override default spec
SuppressSmallCounts(data = mun_accidents, maxN = 3, dimVar = 1:2, freqVar = 3,
                    protectZeros = FALSE)
d2 <- SSBtoolsData("d2")</pre>
d2$f <- round(d2$freg/10) # tenth as frequency in examples
# Hierarchical region variables are detected automatically -> same output column
SuppressSmallCounts(data = d2, maxN = 2, freqVar = "f",
                    dimVar = c("region", "county", "k_group"))
# Formula. Hierarchical variables still detected automatically.
SuppressSmallCounts(data = d2, maxN = 3, freqVar = "f",
                    formula = ~main_income * k_group + region + county - k_group)
# With hierarchies created manually
ml <- data.frame(levels = c("@", "@@", "@@@", "@@@", "@@@", "@@"),
       codes = c("Total", "not_assistance", "other", "pensions", "wages", "assistance"))
SuppressSmallCounts(data = d2, maxN = 2, fregVar = "f",
                    hierarchies = list(main_income = ml, k_group = "Total_Norway"))
# Data without pensions in k_group 400
# And assume these are structural zeros (will not be suppressed)
SuppressSmallCounts(data = d2[1:41, ], maxN = 3, freqVar = "f",
                    hierarchies = list(main_income = ml, k_group = "Total_Norway"),
                    extend0 = FALSE, structuralEmpty = TRUE)
# -- Note for the example above --
# With protectZeros = FALSE
# - No zeros suppressed
# With extend0 = FALSE and structuralEmpty = FALSE
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# - Primary suppression without protection (with warning)
# With extend0 = TRUE and structuralEmpty = TRUE
# - As default behavior. Suppression/protection of all zeros (since nothing empty)
# With formula instead of hierarchies: Extra parameter needed when extend0 = FALSE.
# - removeEmpty = FALSE, to include empty zeros in output.
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