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**Description** Convert irregularly spaced longitudinal data into regular intervals for further analysis, and perform clustering using advanced machine learning techniques. The package is designed for handling complex longitudinal datasets, optimizing them for research in healthcare, demography, and other fields requiring temporal data modeling.

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**irregclst**

*Convert Irregular Longitudinal Data to Regular Intervals and Perform Clustering using excluding Repeated Responses (ERS) method*

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**Description**

This function takes irregular longitudinal data and converts it into regularly spaced intervals using linear interpolation. It then computes the relative change in the response variable between consecutive time points, clusters the data based on these changes, and provides various visualizations of the process.

**Usage**

```
irregclst(data, subject_id_col, time_col, response_col, rel, interval_length)
```

**Arguments**

|                              |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| <code>data</code>            | A data frame containing the irregular longitudinal data.   |
| <code>subject_id_col</code>  | A character string representing the name of the column with the subject IDs.                                 |
| <code>time_col</code>        | A character string representing the name of the column with time values.                                     |
| <code>response_col</code>    | A character string representing the name of the column with the response values.                             |
| <code>rel</code>             | Relative change method such as SRC, CARC and SWRC.   |
| <code>interval_length</code> | A numeric value indicating the length of the regular intervals to which the time values should be converted. |

**Details**

The `irregclst` function handles irregular longitudinal data by:

- Interpolating response values at regular time intervals.
- Calculating the relative change in the response values across time points.
- Clustering subjects based on these relative changes using alphabet labels ("a", "b", ..., "h") corresponding to different levels of deviation from the mean.
- Resolving cluster ties using a sum of squares criterion.

Visualizations of the data include plots for both the original irregular data and the regularized data, as well as histograms of time distributions and relative change trends.

**Value**

A list containing:

- `regular_data`: A data frame of the regularized longitudinal data.
- `regular_data_wide`: A wide-format version of the regularized data.

- `relative_change`: A data frame containing the relative changes in response values.
- `cluster_data`: A data frame with cluster assignments for each subject at each time step.
- `cluster_data_reduced`: A reduced version of `cluster_data` with only subject IDs and their final cluster assignments.
- `merged_data`: The wide-format data merged with the final cluster assignments.
- `plot_irregular`: A ggplot object showing the original irregular data.
- `plot_regular`: A ggplot object showing the regularized data.
- `plot_change`: A ggplot object showing the relative changes over time.
- `histogram_irregular`: A ggplot object showing the histogram of irregular time distribution.
- `histogram_regular`: A ggplot object showing the histogram of regular time distribution.

## Author(s)

author name

## References

Reference

## See Also

seealso

## Examples

```
##  
  
data(sdata)  
#Using relative change method: Simple relative change (SRC)  
fit1 <- irregclst(sdata, "subject_id", "time", "response", rel="SRC", interval_length = 3)  
#for showing the regularized data in long format  
fit1$regular_data  
fit1$regular_data_wide #for showing the regularized data in wide format  
fit1$cluster_data #dataset consisting clusters for different time points  
fit1$merged_data #for showing the regularized data in wide format with final cluster  
fit1$plot_regular #For plotting regularized longitudinal data  
fit1$plot_irregular #For plotting irregular longitudinal data  
fit1$plot_change #For plotting relative change  
fit1$histogram_irregular #histogram for time of irregular data  
fit1$histogram_regular #histogram for time of regular data  
#Using relative change method: Cumulative average relative change (CARC)  
fit2<-irregclst(sdata,"subject_id","time","response",rel="CARC",interval_length=3)  
fit2$regular_data #for showing the regularized data in long format  
fit2$regular_data_wide #for showing the regularized data in wide format  
fit2$cluster_data #dataset consisting clusters for different time points  
fit2$merged_data #for showing the regularized data in wide format with final cluster  
fit2$plot_regular #For plotting regularized longitudinal data  
fit2$plot_irregular #For plotting irregular longitudinal data
```

```

fit2$plot_change #For plotting relative change
fit2$histogram_irregular #histogram for time of irregular data
fit2$histogram_regular #histogram for time of regular data
#Using relative change method: Weighted sum relative change (WSRC)
fit3 <- irregclst(sdata, "subject_id", "time", "response", rel="WSRC", interval_length = 3)
fit3$regular_data #for showing the regularized data in long format
fit3$regular_data_wide #for showing the regularized data in wide format
fit3$cluster_data #dataset consisting clusters for different time points
fit3$merged_data #for showing the regularized data in wide format with final cluster
fit3$plot_regular #For plotting regularized longitudinal data
fit3$plot_irregular #For plotting irregular longitudinal data
fit3$plot_change #For plotting relative change
fit3$histogram_irregular #histogram for time of irregular data
fit3$histogram_regular #histogram for time of regular data

```

**irregclst1**

*Convert Irregular Longitudinal Data to Regular Intervals and Perform Clustering using including Repeated Responses (IRS) method*

**Description**

This function takes irregular longitudinal data and converts it into regularly spaced intervals using linear interpolation. It then computes the relative change in the response variable between consecutive time points, clusters the data based on these changes, and provides various visualizations of the process.

**Usage**

```
irregclst1(data, subject_id_col, time_col, response_col, rel, interval_length)
```

**Arguments**

- |                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| data            | A data frame containing the irregular longitudinal data.   |
| subject_id_col  | A character string representing the name of the column with the subject IDs.                                 |
| time_col        | A character string representing the name of the column with time values.                                     |
| response_col    | A character string representing the name of the column with the response values.                             |
| rel             | Relative change method such as SRC, CARC and SWRC.   |
| interval_length | A numeric value indicating the length of the regular intervals to which the time values should be converted. |

## Details

The `irregclst1` function handles irregular longitudinal data by:

- Interpolating response values at regular time intervals without replacing the last responses.
- Calculating the relative change in the response values across time points.
- Clustering subjects based on these relative changes using alphabet labels ("a", "b", ..., "h") corresponding to different levels of deviation from the mean.
- Resolving cluster ties using a sum of squares criterion.

Visualizations of the data include plots for both the original irregular data and the regularized data, as well as histograms of time distributions and relative change trends.

## Value

A list containing:

- `regular_data`: A data frame of the regularized longitudinal data.
- `regular_data_wide`: A wide-format version of the regularized data.
- `relative_change`: A data frame containing the relative changes in response values.
- `cluster_data`: A data frame with cluster assignments for each subject at each time step.
- `cluster_data_reduced`: A reduced version of `cluster_data` with only subject IDs and their final cluster assignments.
- `merged_data`: The wide-format data merged with the final cluster assignments.
- `plot_irregular`: A `ggplot` object showing the original irregular data.
- `plot_regular`: A `ggplot` object showing the regularized data.
- `plot_change`: A `ggplot` object showing the relative changes over time.
- `histogram_irregular`: A `ggplot` object showing the histogram of irregular time distribution.
- `histogram_regular`: A `ggplot` object showing the histogram of regular time distribution.

## Author(s)

author name

## References

Reference

## See Also

`seealso`

## Examples

```
##
data(sdata)
#' #Using relative change method: Simple relative change (SRC)
fit1 <- irregclst1(sdata, "subject_id", "time", "response", rel="SRC", interval_length = 3)
fit1$regular_data #for showing the regularized data in long format
fit1$regular_data_wide #for showing the regularized data in wide format
fit1$cluster_data #dataset consisting clusters for different time points
fit1$merged_data #for showing the regularized data in wide format with final cluster
fit1$plot_regular #For plotting regularized longitudinal data
fit1$plot_irregular #For plotting irregular longitudinal data
fit1$plot_change #For plotting relative change
fit1$histogram_irregular #histogram for time of irregular data
fit1$histogram_regular #histogram for time of regular data
#Using relative change method: Cumulative average relative change (CARC)
fit2 <- irregclst1(sdata, "subject_id", "time", "response", rel="CARC", interval_length = 3)
fit2$regular_data #for showing the regularized data in long format
fit2$regular_data_wide #for showing the regularized data in wide format
fit2$cluster_data #dataset consisting clusters for different time points
fit2$merged_data #for showing the regularized data in wide format with final cluster
fit2$plot_regular #For plotting regularized longitudinal data
fit2$plot_irregular #For plotting irregular longitudinal data
fit2$plot_change #For plotting relative change
fit2$histogram_irregular #histogram for time of irregular data
fit2$histogram_regular #histogram for time of regular data
#Using relative change method: Weighted sum relative change (WSRC)
fit3 <- irregclst1(sdata, "subject_id", "time", "response", rel="WSRC", interval_length = 3)
fit3$regular_data #for showing the regularized data in long format
fit3$regular_data_wide #for showing the regularized data in wide format
fit3$cluster_data #dataset consisting clusters for different time points
fit3$merged_data #for showing the regularized data in wide format with final cluster
fit3$plot_regular #For plotting regularized longitudinal data
fit3$plot_irregular #For plotting irregular longitudinal data
fit3$plot_change #For plotting relative change
fit3$histogram_irregular #histogram for time of irregular data
fit3$histogram_regular #histogram for time of regular data
##
```

**irregclst2**

*Convert Irregular Longitudinal Data to Regular Intervals and Perform Clustering using linear regression model for replacing repeated responses (LRRS) method*

## Description

This function takes irregular longitudinal data and converts it into regularly spaced intervals using linear interpolation. It then computes the relative change in the response variable between consecu-

tive time points, clusters the data based on these changes, and provides various visualizations of the process.

## Usage

```
irregclst2(data, subject_id_col, time_col, response_col, rel, interval_length)
```

## Arguments

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| data            | A data frame containing the irregular longitudinal data.   |
| subject_id_col  | A character string representing the name of the column with the subject IDs.                                 |
| time_col        | A character string representing the name of the column with time values.                                     |
| response_col    | A character string representing the name of the column with the response values.                             |
| rel             | Relative change method such as SRC, CARC and SWRC.   |
| interval_length | A numeric value indicating the length of the regular intervals to which the time values should be converted. |

## Details

The `irregclst2` function handles irregular longitudinal data by:

- Interpolating response values at regular time intervals and replacing the last responses using linear regression model.
- Calculating the relative change in the response values across time points.
- Clustering subjects based on these relative changes using alphabet labels ("a", "b", ..., "h") corresponding to different levels of deviation from the mean.
- Resolving cluster ties using a sum of squares criterion.

Visualizations of the data include plots for both the original irregular data and the regularized data, as well as histograms of time distributions and relative change trends.

## Value

A list containing:

- `regular_data`: A data frame of the regularized longitudinal data.
- `regular_data_wide`: A wide-format version of the regularized data.
- `relative_change`: A data frame containing the relative changes in response values.
- `cluster_data`: A data frame with cluster assignments for each subject at each time step.
- `cluster_data_reduced`: A reduced version of `cluster_data` with only subject IDs and their final cluster assignments.
- `merged_data`: The wide-format data merged with the final cluster assignments.
- `plot_irregular`: A `ggplot` object showing the original irregular data.
- `plot_regular`: A `ggplot` object showing the regularized data.
- `plot_change`: A `ggplot` object showing the relative changes over time.

- **histogram\_irregular:** A ggplot object showing the histogram of irregular time distribution.
- **histogram\_regular:** A ggplot object showing the histogram of regular time distribution.

### **Author(s)**

author name

### **References**

Reference

### **See Also**

seealso

### **Examples**

```
##  
  
data(sdata)  
#Using relative change method: Simple relative change (SRC)  
fit1 <- irregclst2(sdata, "subject_id", "time", "response", rel="SRC", interval_length = 3)  
fit1$regular_data #for showing the regularized data in long format  
fit1$regular_data_wide #for showing the regularized data in wide format  
fit1$cluster_data #dataset consisting clusters for different time points  
fit1$merged_data #for showing the regularized data in wide format with final cluster  
fit1$plot_regular #For plotting regularized longitudinal data  
fit1$plot_irregular #For plotting irregular longitudinal data  
fit1$plot_change #For plotting relative change  
fit1$histogram_irregular #histogram for time of irregular data  
fit1$histogram_regular #histogram for time of regular data  
#Using relative change method: Cumulative average relative change (CARC)  
fit2 <- irregclst2(sdata, "subject_id", "time", "response", rel="CARC", interval_length = 3)  
fit2$regular_data #for showing the regularized data in long format  
fit2$regular_data_wide #for showing the regularized data in wide format  
fit2$cluster_data #dataset consisting clusters for different time points  
fit2$merged_data #for showing the regularized data in wide format with final cluster  
fit2$plot_regular #For plotting regularized longitudinal data  
fit2$plot_irregular #For plotting irregular longitudinal data  
fit2$plot_change #For plotting relative change  
fit2$histogram_irregular #histogram for time of irregular data  
fit2$histogram_regular #histogram for time of regular data  
#Using relative change method: Weighted sum relative change (WSRC)  
fit3 <- irregclst2(sdata, "subject_id", "time", "response", rel="WSRC", interval_length = 3)  
fit3$regular_data #for showing the regularized data in long format  
fit3$regular_data_wide #for showing the regularized data in wide format  
fit3$cluster_data #dataset consisting clusters for different time points  
fit3$merged_data #for showing the regularized data in wide format with final cluster  
fit3$plot_regular #For plotting regularized longitudinal data  
fit3$plot_irregular #For plotting irregular longitudinal data  
fit3$plot_change #For plotting relative change
```

```
fit3$histogram_irregular #histogram for time of irregular data  
fit3$histogram_regular #histogram for time of regular data  
  
##
```

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**sdata**

*Simulated Irregular Longitudinal Data*

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**Description**

Simulated irregular longitudinal data for 1000 patients. This dataset contains irregularly spaced time points and responses for analysis.

**Usage**

```
data(sdata)
```

**Format**

A data frame with 8631 rows and 3 variables:

**subject\_id** ID of subjects

**time** Irregular time points.

**response** Response values at different time points.

**Examples**

```
data(sdata)  
head(sdata)
```

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**smocc**

*SMOCC Data*

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**Description**

Longitudinal height and weight measurements during ages 0-2 years for a representative sample of 1933 Dutch children born in 1988-1989. The dataset smocc is the full dataset.

**Usage**

```
data(smocc)
```

**Format**

A data frame with 1942 rows and 7 variables:

- id** ID, unique id of each child (numeric)
- age** Decimal age, 0-2.68 years (numeric)
- sex** Sex, "male" or "female" (character)
- ga** Gestational age, completed weeks (numeric)
- bw** Birth weight in grammes (numeric)
- hgt** Height measurement in cm (numeric)
- hgt\_z** Height in SDS relative Fourth Dutch Growth Study 1997 (numeric)

**Examples**

```
data(smocc)
head(smocc)
```

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