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<i>add_hazards</i>	<i>Add Hazards</i>
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## Description

Get a survival distribution reflecting the independent hazards from two or more survival distributions.

## Usage

```
add_hazards(...)  
add_hazards_(dots)
```

## Arguments

... Survival distributions to be used in the projection.  
dots Used to work around non-standard evaluation.

## Value

A surv\_add\_haz object.

## Examples

```
dist1 <- define_surv_dist(distribution = "exp", rate = .125)  
dist2 <- define_surv_dist(distribution = "weibull", shape = 1.2, scale = 50)  
combined_dist <- add_hazards(dist1, dist2)
```

**apply\_af** *Apply an Acceleration Factor*

### Description

Proportionally increase or reduce the time to event of a survival distribution.

### Usage

```
apply_af(dist, af, log_af = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

<code>dist</code>	A survival distribution.
<code>af</code>	An acceleration factor to be applied.
<code>log_af</code>	If TRUE, the acceleration factor is exponentiated before being applied.

### Value

A `surv_aft` object.

### Examples

```
dist1 <- define_surv_dist(distribution = "exp", rate = .25)
aft_dist <- apply_af(dist1, 1.5)
```

**apply\_hr** *Apply a Hazard Ratio*

### Description

Proportional reduce or increase the hazard rate of a distribution.

### Usage

```
apply_hr(dist, hr, log_hr = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

<code>dist</code>	A survival distribution.
<code>hr</code>	A hazard ratio to be applied.
<code>log_hr</code>	If TRUE, the hazard ratio is exponentiated before being applied.

### Value

A `surv_ph` object.

**Examples**

```
dist1 <- define_surv_dist(distribution = "exp", rate = .25)
ph_dist <- apply_hr(dist1, 0.5)
```

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apply\_or

*Apply an Odds Ratio*

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**Description**

Proportionally increase or reduce the odds of an event of a survival distribution.

**Usage**

```
apply_or(dist, or, log_or = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

- |        |  |
|--------|--|
| dist   | A survival distribution.                                       |
| or     | An odds ratio to be applied.                                   |
| log_or | If TRUE, the odds ratio is exponentiated before being applied. |

**Value**

A surv\_po object.

**Examples**

```
dist1 <- define_surv_dist(distribution = "exp", rate = .25)
po_dist <- apply_or(dist1, 1.2)
```

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apply\_shift

*Apply a time shift to a survival distribution*

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**Description**

Apply a time shift to a survival distribution

**Usage**

```
apply_shift(dist, shift)
```

**Arguments**

- |       |                             |
|-------|-----------------------------|
| dist  | A survival distribution.    |
| shift | A time shift to be applied. |

## Details

A positive shift moves the fit backwards in time. That is, a shift of 4 will cause time 5 to be evaluated as time 1, and so on. If shift == 0, dist is returned unchanged.

## Value

A surv\_shift object.

## Examples

```
dist1 <- define_surv_dist(distribution = "gamma", rate = 0.25, shape = 3)
shift_dist <- apply_shift(dist1, 4)
compute_surv(dist1, 1:10)
compute_surv(shift_dist, 1:10)
```

**calibrate\_model**      *Calibrate Model Parameters*

## Description

Search for the appropriate value of unknown parameters to obtain specific model results.

## Usage

```
calibrate_model(
  x,
  parameter_names,
  fn_values,
  target_values,
  initial_values = NULL,
  method = c("Nelder-Mead", "BFGS", "L-BFGS-B"),
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

<code>x</code>	Result from <a href="#">run_model()</a> or <a href="#">update()</a> .
<code>parameter_names</code>	Names of the parameters to calibrate.
<code>fn_values</code>	Function applied to the model that returns the values of interest as a numeric vector.
<code>target_values</code>	Values to match, same length as the output from <code>fn_values</code> .
<code>initial_values</code>	Optional starting values. See details.
<code>method</code>	Optimisation method (Nelder-Mead, BFGS, or L-BFGS-B).
<code>...</code>	Optional arguments passed to <a href="#">optimx::optimx()</a> .

## Details

Parameters not being optimized are unchanged from the values in the model run. If `initial_values` is `NULL`, the initial parameter values will also be taken from the model run.

`initial_values` can be a vector or a table. In the second case each row corresponds to a set of initial parameter values: the calibration will be run once per set.

Passing in multiple initial values allows (among other things) the user to check whether the calibration gets the same results from different starting points.

Multi-dimensional problems are optimized with `optimx::optimx()`, 1-dimensional problems with `stats::optimise()` (except when a method is given). `convcode` is always `NA` with `stats::optimise()`.

Running `calibrate_model()` does not change the model parameters; the user must create a new model and run it if desired.

See also `vignette("k-calibration")`.

## Value

A data frame in which each row has the calibrated values of parameters given in `parameter_names`, for the corresponding row of `initial_values`, along with the convergence code for each run.

## Examples

```
param <- define_parameters(p = 0.8)

mat <- define_transition(
  p, C,
  0, 1
)
mod <- define_strategy(
  transition = mat,
  A = define_state(cost=10, effect = 0.5),
  B = define_state(cost = 5, effect = 0.8)
)

res_mod <- run_model(
  mod = mod,
  parameters = param,
  init = c(1000L, 0L),
  cycles = 10,
  cost = cost,
  effect = effect,
  method = "end"
)

f <- function(x) {
  dplyr::filter(
    get_counts(x),
    state_names == "A" & model_time == 10
  )$count
}
f(res_mod)
```

```
 #' \dontrun{
 #' calibrate_model(
 #'   res_mod,
 #'   parameter_names = "p",
 #'   fn_values = f,
 #'   target_values = 130,
 #'   initial_values = data.frame(p = c(0.5, 0.9)),
 #'   lower = 0, upper = 1
 #')
 #'}

```

cluster                   *Run heemod on a Cluster*

## Description

These functions create or delete a cluster for heemod. When the cluster is created it is automagically used by heemod functions.

## Usage

```
use_cluster(num_cores, cluster = NULL, close = TRUE)

status_cluster(verbose = TRUE)

close_cluster()
```

## Arguments

num_cores	Number of core.
cluster	A custom cluster. See details.
close	Close existing cluster before defining a new one?
verbose	Print cluster info.

## Details

The usual workflow is to create the cluster with `use_cluster`, then run functions such as `run_psa()` that make use of the cluster. To stop using the cluster run `close_cluster()`.

The cluster status is given by `status_cluster`.

A custom cluster can be passed to `use_cluster` with the `cluster` argument. This custom cluster needs to work with `parallel::parLapply()`.

## Value

`use_cluster` and `close_cluster` return TRUE invisibly in case of success. `status_cluster` returns TRUE if a cluster is defined, FALSE otherwise.

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combine_probs	<i>Combine Probabilities</i>
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### Description

Given several independent probabilities of an event, return the final probability of the event.

### Usage

```
combine_probs(...)
```

### Arguments

... Probability vectors.

### Details

This function is only correct if the probabilities are independent!

### Value

A probability vector.

### Examples

```
(p1 <- runif(5))
(p2 <- runif(5))
combine_probs(p1, p2)
```

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compute_surv	<i>Evaluate Survival Distributions</i>
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### Description

Generate either survival probabilities or conditional probabilities of event for each model cycle.

### Usage

```
compute_surv(x, time, cycle_length = 1, type = c("prob", "survival"), ...)
```

### Arguments

x	A survival object
time	The model_time or state_time for which to predict.
cycle_length	The value of a Markov cycle in absolute time units.
type	Either prob, for transition probabilities, or surv, for survival.
...	arguments passed to methods.

**Value**

Returns either the survival probabilities or conditional probabilities of event for each cycle.

**construct\_part\_surv\_tib**

*construct a survival object from tabular specification*

**Description**

construct a survival object from tabular specification

**Usage**

```
construct_part_surv_tib(surv_def, ref, state_names, env = new.env())
```

**Arguments**

surv_def	a data frame with the specification. See details.
ref	data frame with information about the fits.
state_names	names of the model states
env	an environment

**Details**

This function is meant to be used only from within `tabular_input.R`. It won't work well otherwise, in that the environment is unlikely to have what you need.

columns of `surv_def`: `.strategy`, `.type`, `.subset`, `dist`, `until` where `dist` can be either the name of a distribution along with parameters, or a reference to a fit for example: `fit('exp')` or `exp(rate = 0.5)`

**Value**

a list with one element for each strategy. Each element is in turn a `part_surv` object, a list with two elements, `pfs` and `os`. And those elements are survival objects of various kinds, with the commonality that they can be used in `compute_surv()`.

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`define_calibration_fn` *Define Calibration Function*

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**Description**

Define a function to be passed to the `fn_values` argument of [calibrate\\_model\(\)](#).

**Usage**

```
define_calibration_fn(
  type,
  strategy_names,
  element_names,
  cycles,
  groups = NULL,
  aggreg_fn = sum
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>type</code>	Type of model values (count or value).
<code>strategy_names</code>	Names of strategies.
<code>element_names</code>	Names of states (for counts) or of state values (for values).
<code>cycles</code>	Cycles of interest.
<code>groups</code>	Optional grouping of values (values in a same group have the same groups).
<code>aggreg_fn</code>	A function to aggregate values in a same group.

**Value**

A numeric vector.

**Examples**

```
example("run_model")

f <- define_calibration_fn(
  type = c("count", "count", "value"),
  strategy_names = c("I", "I", "II"),
  element_names = c("A", "B", "ly"),
  cycles = c(3, 5, 9),
  groups = c(1, 1, 2),
  aggreg_fn = mean
)
```

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<code>define_correlation</code>	<i>Define a Correlation Structure for Probabilistic Uncertainty Analysis</i>
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### Description

Not all correlation need to be specified for all variable combinations, unspecified correlations are assumed to be 0.

### Usage

```
define_correlation(...)

define_correlation_(.dots)
```

### Arguments

...	A list of parameter names and correlation coefficients of the form var1, var2, cor(var1, var2), var3, var4, cor(var3, var4), ....
.dots	Used to work around non-standard evaluation.

### Value

An object of class `correlation_matrix`.

### Examples

```
cm <- define_correlation(
  var1, var2, .4,
  var1, var3, -.2,
  var2, var3, .1
)
```

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<code>define_dsa</code>	<i>Define a Sensitivity Analysis</i>
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### Description

Define parameter variations for a Markov model sensitivity analysis.

### Usage

```
define_dsa(...)

define_dsa_(par_names, low_dots, high_dots)
```

**Arguments**

- ... A list of parameter names and min/max values of the form var1, min(var1), max(var1), var2, min(var2), max(var2), ....
- par\_names String vector of parameter names.
- low\_dots, high\_dots Used to work around non-standard evaluation.

**Value**

A sensitivity object.

**Examples**

```
define_dsa(  
  a, 10, 45,  
  b, .5, 1.5  
)
```

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define\_inflow      *Define Inflow for a BIA*

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**Description**

Define Inflow for a BIA

**Usage**

```
define_inflow(...)  
define_inflow_(.dots)
```

**Arguments**

- ... Name-value pairs of expressions defining inflow counts.
- .dots Used to work around non-standard evaluation.

**Value**

An object similar to the return value of [define\\_parameters\(\)](#).

`define_init`      *Define Initial Counts*

### Description

Define Initial Counts

### Usage

```
define_init(...)

define_init_(.dots)
```

### Arguments

- ...                  Name-value pairs of expressions defining initial counts.
- .dots                Used to work around non-standard evaluation.

### Value

An object similar to the return value of [define\\_parameters\(\)](#).

`define_parameters`      *Define Markov Model Parameters*

### Description

Define parameters called to compute the transition matrix or state values for a Markov model. Parameters can be time dependent by using the `model_time` parameter.

### Usage

```
define_parameters(...)

define_parameters_(.dots)

## S3 method for class 'uneval_parameters'
modify(.OBJECT, ...)
```

### Arguments

- ...                  Name-value pairs of expressions defining parameters.
- .dots                Used to work around non-standard evaluation.
- .OBJECT             An object of class `uneval_parameters`.

## Details

Parameters are defined sequentially, parameters defined earlier can be called in later expressions.

Vector length should not be explicitly set, but should instead be stated relatively to `model_time` (whose length depends on the number of simulation cycles). Alternatively, `dplyr` functions such as `dplyr::n()` can be used.

This function relies heavily on the `dplyr` package. Parameter definitions should thus mimic the use of functions such as `dplyr::mutate()`.

Variable names are searched first in the parameter definition (only parameters defined earlier are visible) then in the environment where `define_parameters` was called.

For the `modify` function, existing parameters are modified, but no new parameter can be added. Parameter order matters since only parameters defined earlier can be referenced in later expressions.

## Value

An object of class `uneval_parameters` (actually a named list of quosures).

## Examples

```
# parameter 'age' depends on time:  
# simulating a cohort starting at 60 yo  
  
define_parameters(  
  age_start = 60,  
  age = age_start + model_time  
)  
  
# other uses of model_time are possible  
  
define_parameters(  
  top_time = ifelse(model_time < 10, 1, 0)  
)  
  
# more elaborate: risk function  
  
define_parameters(  
  rate = 1 - exp(- model_time * .5)  
)  
  
# dont explicitly state lengths  
# define_parameters(  
#   var = seq(1, 15, 2)  
# )  
  
# instead rely on model_time or dplyr  
# functions such as n() or row_number()  
  
define_parameters(  
  var = seq(from = 1, length.out = n(), by = 3),  
  var2 = seq(1, length(model_time), 2)
```

```
)
param <- define_parameters(
  age_start = 60,
  age = age_start + model_time
)
# modify existing parameters

modify(
  param,
  age_start = 40
)
# cannot add new parameters

# modify(
#   param,
#   const = 4.4,
#   age_2 = age ^ 2
# )
```

`define_part_surv`      *Define Partitioned Survival*

## Description

Define a partitioned survival model with progression-free survival and overall survival.

## Usage

```
define_part_surv(
  pfs,
  os,
  state_names,
  terminal_state = FALSE,
  cycle_length = 1
)

define_part_surv_(pfs, os, state_names, cycle_length = 1)
```

## Arguments

<code>pfs, os</code>	Either results from <code>flexsurv::flexsurvreg()</code> or <code>define_surv_dist()</code> .
<code>state_names</code>	named character vector, length 3 or 4. State names for progression-free state, progression, (optionally terminal) and death respectively. Elements should be named "progression_free", "progression", (optionally "terminal"), and "death". See examples.

- `terminal_state` Should a terminal state be included? Only used when state names are not provided.
- `cycle_length` The value of a Markov cycle in absolute time units.

**Value**

A `part_surv` object.

**Examples**

```
dist_pfs <- define_surv_dist("exp", rate = 1)
dist_os <- define_surv_dist("exp", rate = .5)

define_part_surv(
  pfs = dist_pfs,
  os = dist_os,
  state_names = c(
    progression_free = "A",
    progression = "B",
    terminal = "C",
    death = "D"
  )
)
# identical to:
define_part_surv(
  pfs = dist_pfs,
  os = dist_os,
  terminal_state = TRUE
)
```

define\_psa

*Define Parameters Distribution for Probabilistic Analysis***Description**

Define the properties of parameter distributions and their correlation structure for probabilistic uncertainty analysis of Markov models.

**Usage**

```
define_psa(..., correlation)

define_psa_(.dots = list(), correlation)
```

**Arguments**

- `...` Formulas defining parameter distributions.
- `correlation` A correlation matrix for parameters or the output of [define\\_correlation\(\)](#).
- `.dots` Pair/values of expressions coercible to quostrings.

## Details

The distributions must be defined within heemod (see [distributions](#)), or defined with [define\\_distribution\(\)](#).

If no correlation matrix is specified parameters are assumed to be independant.

The correlation matrix need only be specified for correlated parameters.

## Value

An object of class `resamp_definition`. Contains `list_qdist`, a list of quantile functions and `correlation` a correlation matrix.

## Examples

```
mc <- define_correlation(
  age_init, cost_init, .4
)

define_psa(
  age_init ~ normal(60, 10),
  cost_init ~ normal(1000, 100),
  correlation = mc
)

# example with multinomial parameters

define_psa(
  rate1 + rate2 + rate3 ~ multinomial(10, 50, 40),
  a + b ~ multinomial(15, 30)
)
```

## `define_starting_values`

*Define Starting State Values*

## Description

This function is meant to be used inside [define\\_strategy\(\)](#) and [define\\_state\(\)](#).

## Usage

```
define_starting_values(...)

define_starting_values_(.dots)
```

## Arguments

<code>...</code>	Name-value pairs of expressions defining starting values. The names must correspond to an existing state value.
<code>.dots</code>	Used to work around non-standard evaluation.

## Details

The behaviour is different following the function using `define_starting_values()` as an argument.

- When used inside `define_strategy()`, the state values are modified for the first cycle in each state
- When used inside `define_state()`, the state values are modified for counts entering the state

## Value

An object similar to the return value of `define_parameters()`.

<code>define_state</code>	<i>Define a Markov Model State</i>
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## Description

Define the values characterising a Markov Model state for 1 cycle.

## Usage

```
define_state(..., starting_values = define_starting_values())
define_state_(x)

## S3 method for class 'state'
modify(.OBJECT, ...)
```

## Arguments

...	Name-value pairs of expressions defining state values.
starting_values	Optional starting values defined with <code>define_starting_values()</code> .
x	Used to work around non-standard evaluation.
.OBJECT	An object of class <code>state</code> .

## Details

As with `define_parameters()`, state values are defined sequentially. Later state definition can thus only refer to values defined earlier.

For the `modify` function, existing values are modified, no new values can be added. Values order matters since only values defined earlier can be referenced in later expressions.

## Value

An object of class `state` (actually a named list of quosures).

## Examples

```
st <- define_state(
  cost = 6453,
  utility = .876
)
st
```

define_strategy	<i>Define a Markov Model</i>
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## Description

Combine information on parameters, transition matrix and states defined through `define_parameters()`, `define_transition()` and `define_state()` respectively.

## Usage

```
define_strategy(
  ...,
  transition = define_transition(),
  starting_values = define_starting_values()
)

define_strategy_(transition, states, starting_values)
```

## Arguments

...	Objects generated by <code>define_state()</code> . Each object should be named with the state names of the transition matrix.
transition	An object generated by <code>define_transition()</code> .
starting_values	Optional starting values defined with <code>define_starting_values()</code> .
states	List of states, only used by <code>define_strategy_</code> to avoid using ....

## Details

This function checks whether the objects are compatible in the same model (same state names...).

State values and transition probabilities referencing `state_time` are automatically expanded to implicit tunnel states.

## Value

An object of class `uneval_model` (a list containing the unevaluated parameters, matrix and states).

## Examples

```
mat <- define_transition(
  state_names = c("s1", "s2"),
  1 / c, 1 - 1 / c,
  0, 1
)

s1 <- define_state(
  cost = 234,
  utility = 1
)
s2 <- define_state(
  cost = 421,
  utility = .5
)

define_strategy(
  transition = mat,
  s1 = s1,
  s2 = s2
)
```

define\_surv\_dist      *Define a Survival Distribution*

## Description

Define a parametric survival distribution.

## Usage

```
define_surv_dist(
  distribution = c("exp", "weibull", "weibullPH", "lnorm", "llogis", "gamma", "gompertz",
  "gengamma", "gengamma.orig", "genf", "genf.orig"),
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

<code>distribution</code>	A parametric survival distribution.
<code>...</code>	Additional distribution parameters (see respective distribution help pages).

## Value

A surv\_dist object.

**Examples**

```
define_surv_dist(distribution = "exp", rate = .5)
define_surv_dist(distribution = "gompertz", rate = .5, shape = 1)
```

<code>define_surv_fit</code>	<i>Define a Fitted Survival Model</i>
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**Description**

Define a fitted survival models with a Kaplan-Meier estimator or parametric distributions

**Usage**

```
define_surv_fit(x)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	a survfit or flexsurvreg object
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**Value**

A surv\_object object.

**Examples**

```
library(survival)

define_surv_fit(
  survfit(Surv(time, status) ~ 1, data = colon)
)

define_surv_fit(
  flexsurv::flexsurvreg(Surv(time, status) ~ 1, data = colon, dist = "exp")
)
```

`define_surv_spline`     *Define a Restricted Cubic Spline Survival Distribution*

## Description

Define a restricted cubic spline parametric survival distribution.

## Usage

```
define_surv_spline(scale = c("hazard", "odds", "normal"), ...)
```

## Arguments

- |       |   |
|-------|---|
| scale | "hazard", "odds", or "normal", as described in <code>flexsurvspline</code> . With the default of no knots in addition to the boundaries, these models reduce to the Weibull, log-logistic and log-normal respectively. The scale must be common to all times. |
| ...   | Additional distribution parameters (see respective distribution help pages).  |

## Value

A `surv_dist` object.

## Examples

```
define_surv_spline(
  scale = "hazard",
  gamma = c(-18.3122, 2.7511, 0.2292),
  knots=c(4.276666, 6.470800, 7.806289)
)
define_surv_spline(
  scale = "odds",
  gamma = c(-18.5809, 2.7973, 0.2035),
  knots=c(4.276666, 6.470800, 7.806289)
)
```

`define_surv_table`     *Define a survival distribution based on explicit survival probabilities*

## Description

Define a survival distribution based on explicit survival probabilities

**Usage**

```
define_surv_table(x)

## S3 method for class 'data.frame'
define_surv_table(x)

## S3 method for class 'character'
define_surv_table(x)
```

**Arguments**

**x** a data frame with columns `time` and `survival`

**Value**

a `surv_table` object, which can be used with [compute\\_surv\(\)](#).

**Examples**

```
x <- data.frame(time = c(0, 1, 5, 10), survival = c(1, 0.9, 0.7, 0.5))
define_surv_table(x)
```

**define\_transition** *Define Transition Matrix for Markov Model*

**Description**

Define a matrix of transition probabilities. Probability can depend on parameters defined with [define\\_parameters\(\)](#), and can thus be time-dependent.

**Usage**

```
define_transition(..., state_names)

define_transition_(.dots, state_names)

## S3 method for class 'uneval_matrix'
modify(.OBJECT, ...)

## S3 method for class 'uneval_matrix'
plot(x, relsize = 0.75, shadow.size = 0, latex = TRUE, ...)
```

## Arguments

...	Name-value pairs of expressions defining matrix cells. Can refer to parameters defined with <code>define_parameters()</code> . For plot, additional arguments passed to <code>diagram::plotmat()</code> .
state_names	character vector, optional. State names.
.dots	Used to work around non-standard evaluation.
.OBJECT	An object of class <code>uneval_matrix</code> .
x	An <code>uneval_matrix</code> to plot.
relsize	Argument passed to <code>diagram::plotmat()</code> .
shadow.size	Argument passed to <code>diagram::plotmat()</code> .
latex	Argument passed to <code>diagram::plotmat()</code> .

## Details

Matrix cells are listed by row.

Parameters names are searched first in a parameter object defined with `define_parameters()` and linked with the matrix through `define_strategy()`; then in the environment where the matrix was defined.

The complementary probability of all other row probabilities can be conveniently referred to as C.

The matrix code can be re-indented for readability with `reindent_transition()`.

Only matrix size is checked during this step (the matrix must be square). Other conditions (such as row sums being equal to 1) are tested later, during model evaluation.

For the `modify` function, existing matrix cells are replaced with the new expression. Cells are referenced by name. Cell naming follows the `cell_x_y` convention, with x being the row number and y the column number.

## Value

An object of class `uneval_matrix` (actually a named list of quostrings expressions).

## Examples

```
# simple 3x3 transition matrix

mat_1 <- define_transition(
  .2, 0, .8,
  0, .1, .9,
  0, 0, 1
)
mat_1

plot(mat_1)

# referencing parameters
# rr must be present in a parameter object
# that must later be linked with define_strategy
```

```

mat_2 <- define_transition(
  .5 - rr, rr,
  .4, .6
)
mat_2

reindent_transition(mat_2)

# can also use C

define_transition(
  C, rr,
  .4, .6
)

# updating cells from mat_1

modify(
  mat_1,
  cell_2_1 = .2,
  cell_2_3 = .7
)

# only matrix size is check, it is thus possible
# to define an incorrect matrix

# this matrix will generate an error later,
# during model evaluation

define_transition(
  .5, 3,
  -1, 2
)

```

**dispatch\_strategy***Dispatch Values According to Strategy***Description**

Returns different values depending on the strategy.

**Usage**

```
dispatch_strategy(.strategy, ...)
```

**Arguments**

- .strategy      Optional strategy name. If not specified it is implicitly added.
- ...              Values of the parameter named depending on the strategy.

**Value**

A vector of values.

**Examples**

```
define_parameters(  
    val = 456,  
    x = dispatch_strategy(  
        strat_1 = 1234,  
        strat_2 = 9876,  
        strat_3 = val * 2 + model_time  
    )  
)
```

**Description**

Define a distribution for PSA parameters.

**Usage**

```
normal(mean, sd)  
  
lognormal(mean, sd, meanlog, sdlog)  
  
gamma(mean, sd)  
  
binomial(prob, size)  
  
multinomial(...)  
  
logitnormal(mu, sigma)  
  
beta(shape1, shape2)  
  
triangle(lower, upper, peak = (lower + upper)/2)  
  
poisson(mean)  
  
define_distribution(x)  
  
beta(shape1, shape2)  
  
triangle(lower, upper, peak = (lower + upper)/2)  
  
use_distribution(distribution, smooth = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

<code>mean</code>	Distribution mean.
<code>sd</code>	Distribution standard deviation.
<code>meanlog</code>	Mean on the log scale.
<code>sdlog</code>	SD on the log scale.
<code>prob</code>	Proportion.
<code>size</code>	Size of sample used to estimate proportion.
<code>...</code>	Dirichlet distribution parameters.
<code>mu</code>	Mean on the logit scale.
<code>sigma</code>	SD on the logit scale.
<code>shape1</code>	for beta distribution
<code>shape2</code>	for beta distribution
<code>lower</code>	lower bound of triangular distribution.
<code>upper</code>	upper bound of triangular distribution.
<code>peak</code>	peak of triangular distribution.
<code>x</code>	A distribution function, see details.
<code>distribution</code>	A numeric vector of observations defining a distribution, usually the output from an MCMC fit.
<code>smooth</code>	Use gaussian kernel smoothing?

## Details

These functions are not exported, but only used in `define_psa()`. To specify a user-made function use `define_distribution()`.

`use_distribution()` uses gaussian kernel smoothing with a bandwidth parameter calculated by `stats::density()`. Values for unobserved quantiles are calculated by linear interpolation.

`define_distribution()` takes as argument a function with a single argument, `x`, corresponding to a vector of quantiles. It returns the distribution values for the given quantiles. See examples.

## Examples

```
define_distribution(
  function(x) stats::qexp(p = x, rate = 0.5)
)

# a mixture of 2 gaussians
x <- c(rnorm(100), rnorm(100, 6))
plot(density(x))

use_distribution(x)
```

---

export\_savi                   *Export PSA Results for SAVI*

---

### Description

Export the result of a PSA in a format compatible with Sheffield Accelerated Value of Information software.

### Usage

```
export_savi(x, folder = ".")
```

### Arguments

x	PSA result.
folder	A folder where to save the csv files.

### Details

This function saves 3 files at the path given by `folder`: `param.csv`, the parameter values, `cost.csv` and `effect.csv` the cost and effect results.

The official SAVI website can be found at this URL: <https://savi.shef.ac.uk/SAVI/>

### Value

Nothing. Creates 3 files.

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get\_counts.updated\_model                   *Get State Membership Counts*

---

### Description

Given a result from `run_model()`, return state membership counts for a specific strategy.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'updated_model'  
get_counts(x, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'combined_model'  
get_counts(x, ...)  
  
get_counts(x, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'run_model'
get_counts(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'eval_strategy'
get_counts(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'list'
get_counts(x, ...)
```

### Arguments

- x                   Result from [run\\_model\(\)](#).
- ...                 further arguments passed to or from other methods.

### Value

A data frame of counts per state.

**get\_values.updated\_model**  
*Get Strategy Values*

### Description

Given a result from [run\\_model\(\)](#), return cost and effect values for a specific strategy.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'updated_model'
get_values(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'combined_model'
get_values(x, ...)

get_values(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'run_model'
get_values(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'eval_strategy'
get_values(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'list'
get_values(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

- x Result from `run_model()`.
- ... further arguments passed to or from other methods.

**Value**

A data frame of values per state.

---

**join***Project Beyond a Survival Distribution with Another*

---

**Description**

Project survival from a survival distribution using one or more survival distributions using the specified cut points.

**Usage**

```
join(..., at)  
join_(dots, at)
```

**Arguments**

- ... Survival distributions to be used in the projection.
- at A vector of times corresponding to the cut point(s) to be used.
- dots Used to work around non-standard evaluation.

**Value**

A `surv_projection` object.

**Examples**

```
dist1 <- define_surv_dist(distribution = "exp", rate = .5)  
dist2 <- define_surv_dist(distribution = "gompertz", rate = .5, shape = 1)  
join_dist <- join(dist1, dist2, at=20)
```

`load_surv_models`      *Load a set of survival fits*

### Description

Load a set of survival fits

### Usage

```
load_surv_models(location, survival_specs, use_envir)
```

### Arguments

<code>location</code>	base directory
<code>survival_specs</code>	information about fits
<code>use_envir</code>	an environment

### Value

A list with two elements:

- `best_models`, a list with the fits for each data file passed in; and
- `envir`, an environment containing the models so they can be referenced to get probabilities.

`look_up`      *Look Up Values in a Data Frame*

### Description

A convenience function to easily look for values in a data frame.

### Usage

```
look_up(data, ..., bin = FALSE, value = "value")
```

### Arguments

<code>data</code>	A reference data frame.
<code>...</code>	Individual characteristics, should be named like the columns of <code>data</code> .
<code>bin</code>	Either logical: should all numeric variable be binned, or character vector giving the names of variables to bin (see examples).
<code>value</code>	The value to extract from the reference data frame.

## Details

This function is mostly used to extract population informations (such as mortality rates), given some individual characteristics.

If binning is activated, numeric individual characteristics are matched to the corresponding reference value that is directly inferior.

## Value

A vector of values, same length as ....

## Examples

```
tempdf <- expand.grid(arg1 = c("A", "B", "C"), arg2 = 1:4, arg3 = 1:5)
tempdf$value <- 1:60

look_up(
  data = tempdf,
  value = "value",
  arg1 = c("A", "B", "C", "B", "A"),
  arg2 = c(1, 1, 3.2, 3.0, 5),
  arg3 = c(-1, 1, 1, 2, 3)
)

# binning doesnt catch values lesser than the smaller
# reference value
look_up(
  data = tempdf,
  value = "value",
  arg1 = c("A", "B", "C", "B", "A"),
  arg2 = c(1, 1, 3.2, 3.0, 5),
  arg3 = c(-1, 1, 1, 2, 3),
  bin = TRUE
)
# bin can also be given as a character vector
# to avoid binning all numeric variables
look_up(
  data = tempdf,
  value = "value",
  arg1 = c("A", "B", "C", "B", "A"),
  arg2 = c(1, 1, 3.2, 3.0, 5),
  arg3 = c(-1, 1, 1, 2, 3),
  bin = c("arg2")
)

age_related_df <- data.frame(age = 10 * 0:9, decade = 1:10)

look_up(age_related_df, age = c(0, 10, 20), value = "decade")

# binning might help in the situation
look_up(age_related_df, age = c(5, 15, 23.5),
       value = "decade")
```

---

```
look_up(age_related_df, age = c(5, 15, 23.5),
       value = "decade", bin = TRUE)
```

---

**mix***Mix Two or More Survival Distributions***Description**

Mix a set of survival distributions using the specified weights.

**Usage**

```
mix(..., weights = 1)

mix_(dots, weights = 1)
```

**Arguments**

...	Survival distributions to be used in the projection.
<b>weights</b>	A vector of weights used in pooling.
<b>dots</b>	Used to work around non-standard evaluation.

**Value**

A surv\_pooled object.

**Examples**

```
dist1 <- define_surv_dist(distribution = "exp", rate = .5)
dist2 <- define_surv_dist(distribution = "gompertz", rate = .5, shape = 1)
pooled_dist <- mix(dist1, dist2, weights = c(0.25, 0.75))
```

---

**modify***Modify Object***Description**

This generic function allows the modification of various objects such as parameters, transitions matrix or states.

**Usage**

```
modify(.OBJECT, ...)
```

**Arguments**

- |         |                  |
|---------|------------------|
| .OBJECT | Various objects. |
| ...     | Modifications.   |

**Details**

More details are available on the respective help page of each object definition.

**Value**

Same class as x.

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**part\_survs\_from\_surv\_inputs**

*Convert saved fits to partitioned survival objects*

---

**Description**

Convert saved fits to partitioned survival objects

**Usage**

```
part_survs_from_surv_inputs(surv_inputs, state_names)
```

**Arguments**

- |             |  |
|-------------|--|
| surv_inputs | a list of matrices of <code>flexsurvreg</code> objects, for example the first element of the output of <code>survival_from_data</code> . |
| state_names | names of states of the model   |

**Details**

`surv_inputs` is a tibble with columns type (PFS or OS, not case sensitive), treatment, set\_name (for data subsets), dist (for survival distribution assumptions), fit (for the fitted survival object) and set\_def (how the subset of data was defined, just to keep it around)

**Value**

a tibble of partitioned survival objects, similar to the original tibble of survival fits, with all the columns except type and fit, and a new column part\_surv.

plot.dsa

*Plot Sensitivity Analysis***Description**

Plot the results of a sensitivity analysis as a tornado plot.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'dsa'
plot(
  x,
  type = c("simple", "difference"),
  result = c("cost", "effect", "icer"),
  strategy = NULL,
  widest_on_top = TRUE,
  limits_by_bars = TRUE,
  resolve_labels = FALSE,
  shorten_labels = FALSE,
  remove_ns = FALSE,
  bw = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	A result of <a href="#">run_dsa()</a> .
<code>type</code>	Type of plot (see details).
<code>result</code>	Plot cost, effect, or ICER.
<code>strategy</code>	Name or index of strategies to plot.
<code>widest_on_top</code>	logical. Should bars be sorted so widest are on top?
<code>limits_by_bars</code>	logical. Should the limits used for each parameter be printed in the plot, next to the bars?
<code>resolve_labels</code>	logical. Should we resolve all labels to numbers instead of expressions (if there are any)?
<code>shorten_labels</code>	logical. Should we shorten the presentation of the parameters on the plot to highlight where the values differ?
<code>remove_ns</code>	Remove variables that are not sensitive.
<code>bw</code>	Black & white plot for publications?
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments passed to <code>plot</code> .

**Details**

Plot type `simple` plots variations of single strategy values, while `difference` plots incremental values.

**Value**

A ggplot2 object.

plot.psa

*Plot Results of Probabilistic Analysis***Description**

Various plots for Markov models probabilistic analysis.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'psa'
plot(
  x,
  type = c("ce", "ac", "cov", "evpi"),
  max_wtp = 1e+05,
  n = 100,
  log_scale = TRUE,
  diff = FALSE,
  threshold,
  bw = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

x	Result from <a href="#">run_model()</a> .
type	Type of plot, see details.
max_wtp	Maximal willingness to pay.
n	Number of CECA points to estimate (values above 100 may take significant time).
log_scale	Show willingness to pay on a log scale?
diff	Logical, perform covariance analysis on strategy differences?
threshold	When diff = TRUE, threshold value for net monetary benefit computation.
bw	Black & white plot for publications?
...	Additional arguments, depends on type.

**Details**

type = "ac" plots cost-effectiveness acceptability curves, type = "ce" plots results on the cost-efficiency plane, type = "cov" to perform covariance analysis on the results, type = "evpi" for expected value of perfect information.

**Value**

A ggplot2 object.

**plot.run\_model** *Plot Results of a Markov Model*

## Description

Various plots for Markov models.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'run_model'
plot(
  x,
  type = c("counts", "ce", "values"),
  panels = c("by_strategy", "by_state", "by_value"),
  values = NULL,
  strategy = NULL,
  states = NULL,
  free_y = FALSE,
  bw = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

x	Result from <a href="#">run_model()</a> .
type	Type of plot, see details.
panels	Should plots be faceted by model, by value or by state?
values	Names of values to be plotted. These can be any of the costs or effects defined in states.
strategy	Name or position of model(s) of interest.
states	Names of states to be included in the plot.
free_y	Should y limits be free between panels?
bw	Black & white plot for publications?
...	Additional arguments passed to plot. type = "counts" represents state memberships (corrected) by cycle, type = "ce" plots models on the cost-efficiency plane with the efficiency frontier, and type = "values" state values per cycle. When states is specified, the states will be turned into a factor with the ordering given in the variable, so that plotting order can be controlled.

## Value

A ggplot2 object.

## Examples

```
## These examples require \code{res_mod} from the hip replacement model discussed in
## `vignette("non-homogeneous", package = "heemod")`.

## Not run:
plot(res_mod)

plot(res_mod, model = "all")
plot(res_mod, model = "all", panels = "by_state")

plot(res_mod, model = "all", include_states = c("RevisionTHR", "SuccessR"))
plot(res_mod, model = "all", panels = "by_state", include_states = c("RevisionTHR", "SuccessR"))

plot(res_mod, model = 2, panel = "by_state", include_states = c("RevisionTHR", "SuccessR"))

## End(Not run)
```

**plot.surv\_object** *Plot general survival models*

## Description

Plot general survival models

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'surv_object'
plot(
  x,
  times = seq.int(0, 30),
  type = c("surv", "prob"),
  psa,
  Nrep = 100,
  join_opts = list(join_col = "red", join_pch = 20, join_size = 3),
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

- x a survival object of class `surv_aft`, `surv_add_haz`, `surv_ph`, `surv_po`, `surv_model`, `surv_pooled`, or `surv_projection`.
- times Times at which to evaluate and plot the survival object.
- type either `surv` (the default) or `prob`, depending on whether you want to plot survival from the start or conditional probabilities.
- psa a `define_psa` object
- Nrep The number of replications to estimate the variability of x

<code>join_opts</code>	A list of 3 graphical parameters for points at which different survival functions are joined: <code>join_col</code> , <code>join_pch</code> and <code>join_size</code> .
<code>...</code>	additional arguments to pass to <code>compute_surv</code> functions.

## Details

The function currently only highlights join points that are at the top level; that is, for objects with class `surv_projection`. To avoid plotting the join points, set `join_size` to a negative number.

## Value

a `ggplot2::ggplot()` object.

## Examples

```
## Evaluation of the variability of the survival distribution

surv1 <- define_surv_dist("exp", rate = 0.1)
psa <- define_psa(surv1 ~ resample_surv(n = 100))
plot(surv1, psa=psa)

## plot surv_projection object
surv2 <- define_surv_dist("exp", rate = 0.5)
plot(join(surv1, surv2, at = 2), psa = psa, Nrep = 50)

## surv_fit object
library(survival)
km <- define_surv_fit(survfit(formula = Surv(time, status) ~ 1, data = aml))
fs <- flexsurv::flexsurvreg(formula = Surv(time, status) ~ 1,
                           data = aml,
                           dist = "weibull") |>
  define_surv_fit()

psa2 <- define_psa(km ~ resample_surv(),
                     fs ~ resample_surv(),
                     surv1 ~ resample_surv(100))
plot(km, psa = psa2)

plot(join(km, surv1, at = 6), psa = psa2)
plot(join(fs, surv1, at = 6), psa = psa2)
```

## Description

These convenience functions make it easier to compute transition probabilities from incidence rates, OR, RR, or probabilities estimated on a different timeframe.

**Usage**

```
rescale_prob(p, to = 1, from = 1)

prob_to_prob(...)

rate_to_prob(r, to = 1, per = 1)

or_to_prob(or, p)

rr_to_prob(rr, p)
```

**Arguments**

p	Probability.
to	Compute probability for that timeframe.
from	Timeframe of the original probability.
...	For deprecated functions.
r	Rate.
per	Number of person-time corresponding to the rate.
or	Odds ratio.
rr	Relative risk.

**Value**

A probability.

**Examples**

```
# convert 5-year probability
# to 1-year probability
rescale_prob(p = .65, from = 5)

# convert 1-year probability
# to 1-month probability
rescale_prob(p = .5, to = 1/12)

# convert rate per 1000 PY
# to 5-year probability
rate_to_prob(r = 162, per = 1000, to = 5)

# convert OR to probability
or_to_prob(or = 1.9, p = .51)

# convert RR to probability
rr_to_prob(rr = 1.9, p = .51)
```

---

reindent\_transition    *Reindent Transition Matrix*

---

**Description**

Reindent Transition Matrix

**Usage**

```
reindent_transition(x, print = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

- |       |                      |
|-------|----------------------|
| x     | A transition matrix. |
| print | Print result?        |

**Value**

The reindented matrix as a text string, invisibly.

---

rescale\_discount\_rate    *Rescale Discount Rate*

---

**Description**

Rescale a discount rate between two time frames.

**Usage**

```
rescale_discount_rate(x, from, to)
```

**Arguments**

- |      |                           |
|------|---------------------------|
| x    | Discount rate to rescale. |
| from | Original time period.     |
| to   | Final time period.        |

**Details**

Continuous discounting is assumed, i.e. when converting a long-term discount rate into a short-term rate, we assume that a partial gain from one short term is multiplicatively discounted in all following short terms. At the same time, we assume the short-term rate is time-invariant.

**Value**

Rate rescaled under the assumption of compound discounting.

**Examples**

```
## 1% monthly interest rate to annual  
rescale_discount_rate(0.01, 1, 12)  
## 3% annual discount rate to (approximately) weekly  
rescale_discount_rate(0.03, 52, 1)
```

---

run\_bcea

*Use the BCEA package***Description**

Interfaces the output of [run\\_psa\(\)](#) into the BCEA package.

**Usage**

```
run_bcea(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	Output from <a href="#">run_psa()</a> .
...	Additional arguments passed to <a href="#">BCEA::bcea()</a> .

**Details**

The BCEA package is needed for this function to work.

**Value**

A BCEA analysis.

run\_dsa

*Run Sensitivity Analysis***Description**

Run Sensitivity Analysis

**Usage**

```
run_dsa(model, dsa)
```

**Arguments**

model	An evaluated Markov model.
dsa	An object returned by <a href="#">define_dsa()</a> .

**Value**

A data.frame with one row per model and parameter value.

**Examples**

```

param <- define_parameters(
  p1 = .5,
  p2 = .2,
  r = .05
)
mod1 <- define_strategy(
  transition = define_transition(
    C, p1,
    p2, C
  ),
  define_state(
    cost = discount(543, r),
    ly = 1
  ),
  define_state(
    cost = discount(432, r),
    ly = .5
  )
)

mod2 <- define_strategy(
  transition = define_transition(
    C, p1,
    p2, C
  ),
  define_state(
    cost = 789,
    ly = 1
  ),
  define_state(
    cost = 456,
    ly = .8
  )
)

res2 <- run_model(
  mod1, mod2,
  parameters = param,
  init = c(100, 0),
  cycles = 10,
  cost = cost,
  effect = ly
)

ds <- define_dsa(
  p1, .1, .9,
  p2, .1, .3,

```

```

r, .05, .1
)
print(ds)

#'\dontrun{
#'x <- run_dsa(res2, ds)
#'plot(x, value = "cost")
#'}
#
#
# can be specified as a function of other parameters

ds2 <- define_dsa(
  p2, p1 - .1, p1 + .1
)

#'\dontrun{
#run_dsa(res2, ds2)
#'}

```

run\_model

*Run Markov Model*

### Description

Runs one or more strategy. When more than one strategy is provided, all strategies should have the same states and state value names.

### Usage

```

run_model(
  ...,
  parameters = define_parameters(),
  init = c(1000L, rep(0L, get_state_number(get_states(list(...)[[1]])) - 1)),
  cycles = 1,
  method = c("life-table", "beginning", "end"),
  cost = NULL,
  effect = NULL,
  state_time_limit = NULL,
  central_strategy = NULL,
  inflow = rep(0L, get_state_number(get_states(list(...)[[1]])))
)
run_model_(
  uneval_strategy_list,
  parameters,

```

```

    init,
    cycles,
    method,
    cost,
    effect,
    state_time_limit,
    central_strategy,
    inflow
)

```

## Arguments

...	One or more uneval_model object.
parameters	Optional. An object generated by <a href="#">define_parameters()</a> .
init	numeric vector or result of <a href="#">define_init()</a> , same length as number of states. Number of individuals in each state at the beginning.
cycles	positive integer. Number of Markov Cycles to compute.
method	Counting method. See details.
cost	Names or expression to compute cost on the cost-effectiveness plane.
effect	Names or expression to compute effect on the cost-effectiveness plane.
state_time_limit	Optional expansion limit for state_time, see details.
central_strategy	character. The name of the strategy at the center of the cost-effectiveness plane, for readability.
inflow	numeric vector or result of <a href="#">define_inflow()</a> , similar to init. Number of new individuals in each state per cycle.
uneval_strategy_list	List of models, only used by <a href="#">run_model_()</a> to avoid using ....

## Details

In order to compute comparisons strategies must be similar (same states and state value names). Thus strategies can only differ through transition matrix cell values and values attached to states (but not state value names).

The initial number of individuals in each state and the number of cycle will be the same for all strategies

`state_time_limit` can be specified in 3 different ways:

1. As a single value: the limit is applied to all states in all strategies.
2. As a named vector (where names are state names): the limits are applied to the given state names, for all strategies.
3. As a named list of named vectors: the limits are applied to the given state names for the given strategies.

Counting method represents where the transition should occur, based on <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/0272989X>  
"beginning" overestimates costs and "end" underestimates costs.

**Value**

A list of evaluated models with computed values.

**Examples**

```
# running a single model

mod1 <-
  define_strategy(
    transition = define_transition(
      .5, .5,
      .1, .9
    ),
    define_state(
      cost = 543,
      ly = 1
    ),
    define_state(
      cost = 432,
      ly = 1
    )
  )

res <- run_model(
  mod1,
  init = c(100, 0),
  cycles = 2,
  cost = cost,
  effect = ly
)

# running several models
mod2 <-
  define_strategy(
    transition = define_transition(
      .5, .5,
      .1, .9
    ),
    define_state(
      cost = 789,
      ly = 1
    ),
    define_state(
      cost = 456,
      ly = 1
    )
  )

res2 <- run_model(
```

```

mod1, mod2,
init = c(100, 0),
cycles = 10,
cost = cost,
effect = ly
)

```

**run\_model\_tabular** *Run Analyses From Files*

### Description

This function runs a model from tabular input.

### Usage

```

run_model_tabular(
  location,
  reference = "REFERENCE.csv",
  run_dsa = TRUE,
  run_psa = TRUE,
  run_demo = TRUE,
  save = FALSE,
  overwrite = FALSE
)

```

### Arguments

<code>location</code>	Directory where the files are located.
<code>reference</code>	Name of the reference file.
<code>run_dsa</code>	Run DSA?
<code>run_psa</code>	Run PSA?.
<code>run_demo</code>	Run demographic analysis?
<code>save</code>	Should the outputs be saved?
<code>overwrite</code>	Should the outputs be overwritten?

### Details

The reference file should have two columns. `data` can be added, having value `TRUE` where an absolute file path is provided. `data` values must include `state`, `tm`, and `parameters`, and can also include `options`, `demographics` and `data`. The corresponding values in the `file` column give the names of the files (located in `base_dir`) that contain the corresponding information - or, in the case of `data`, the directory containing the tables to be loaded.

**Value**

A list of evaluated models (always), and, if appropriate input is provided, dsa (deterministic sensitivity analysis), psa (probabilistic sensitivity analysis) and demographics (results across different demographic groups).

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**run\_psa***Run Probabilistic Uncertainty Analysis*

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**Description**

Run Probabilistic Uncertainty Analysis

**Usage**

```
run_psa(model, psa, N, keep = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

model	The result of <a href="#">run_model()</a> .
psa	Resampling distribution for parameters defined by <a href="#">define_psa()</a> .
N	> 0. Number of simulation to run.
keep	logical; if TRUE, all models will be returned

**Value**

A list with the following elements

- psa: a `data.frame` with one row per model.
- run\_model: a `data.frame` with mean cost and utility for each strategy
- model: the initial model object
- N: the number of simulations ran
- resamp\_par: the resampled parameters
- full: if keep is TRUE, a list of each model objects created at each iteration

**Examples**

```
# example for run_psa

mod1 <- define_strategy(
  transition = define_transition(
    .5, .5,
    .1, .9
  ),
  define_state(
    cost = cost_init + age * 5,
    ly = 1
```

```

),
define_state(
  cost = cost_init + age,
  ly = 0
)
)

mod2 <- define_strategy(
  transition = define_transition(
    p_trans, C,
    .1, .9
  ),
  define_state(
    cost = 789 * age / 10,
    ly = 1
  ),
  define_state(
    cost = 456 * age / 10,
    ly = 0
  )
)

res2 <- run_model(
  mod1, mod2,
  parameters = define_parameters(
    age_init = 60,
    cost_init = 1000,
    age = age_init + model_time,
    p_trans = .7
  ),
  init = 1:0,
  cycles = 10,
  cost = cost,
  effect = ly
)

rsp <- define_psa(
  age_init ~ normal(60, 10),
  cost_init ~ normal(1000, 100),
  p_trans ~ binomial(.7, 100),
  correlation = matrix(c(
    1, .4, 0,
    .4, 1, 0,
    0, 0, 1
  ), byrow = TRUE, ncol = 3)
)

# with run_model result
# (only 10 resample for speed)
ndt1 <- run_psa(res2, psa = rsp, N = 10)

```

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**set\_covariates**      *Set Covariates of a Survival Distribution*

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## Description

Set the covariate levels of a survival model to be represented in survival projections.

## Usage

```
set_covariates(dist, ..., data = NULL)  
set_covariates_(dist, covariates, data = NULL)
```

## Arguments

dist	a survfit or flexsurvreg object
...	Covariate values representing the group for which survival probabilities will be generated when evaluated.
data	A an optional data frame representing multiple sets of covariate values for which survival probabilities will be generated. Can be used to generate aggregate survival for a heterogeneous set of subjects.
covariates	Used to work around non-standard evaluation.

## Value

A surv\_model object.

## Examples

```
fs1 <- flexsurv::flexsurvreg(  
  survival::Surv(rectime, censrec)~group,  
  data=flexsurv::bc,  
  dist = "llogis"  
)  
good_model <- set_covariates(fs1, group = "Good")  
cohort <- data.frame(group=c("Good", "Good", "Medium", "Poor"))  
mixed_model <- set_covariates(fs1, data = cohort)
```

**summary.run\_model**      *Summarise Markov Model Results*

### Description

Summarise Markov Model Results

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'run_model'
summary(object, threshold = NULL, ...)
```

### Arguments

object	Output from <a href="#">run_model()</a> .
threshold	ICER threshold (possibly several) for net monetary benefit computation.
...	additional arguments affecting the summary produced.

### Value

A `summary_run_model` object.

**summary.surv\_shift**      *Summarize surv\_shift objects*

### Description

Summarize `surv_shift` objects

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'surv_shift'
summary(object, summary_type = c("plot", "standard"), ...)
```

### Arguments

object	a <code>surv_shift</code> object
summary_type	"standard" or "plot" - "standard" for the usual summary of a <code>survfit</code> object, "plot" for a fuller version
...	other arguments

### Value

A summary.

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update_model	<i>Run Model on New Data</i>
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## Description

Given a table of new parameter values with a new parameter set per line, runs iteratively Markov models over these sets.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'run_model'  
update(object, newdata, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'updated_model'  
plot(  
  x,  
  type = c("simple", "difference", "counts", "ce", "values"),  
  result = c("cost", "effect", "icer"),  
  strategy = NULL,  
  ...  
)
```

## Arguments

object	The result of <a href="#">run_model()</a> .
newdata	A <code>data.frame</code> of new parameter sets, one column per parameter and one row per parameter set. An optional <code>.weights</code> column can be included for a weighted analysis.
...	Additional arguments passed to <code>geom_histogram</code> . Especially useful to specify <code>binwidth</code> .
x	Updated model to plot.
type	Plot simple values or differences?
result	The the result to plot (see details).
strategy	A model index, character or numeric.

## Details

`newdata` must be a `data.frame` with the following properties: the column names must be parameter names used in [define\\_parameters\(\)](#); and an optional column `.weights` can give the respective weight of each row in the target population.

Weights are automatically scaled. If no weights are provided equal weights are used for each strata.

For the plotting function, the `type` argument can take the following values: "cost", "effect" or "icer" to plot the heterogeneity of the respective values. Furthermore "ce" and "count" can produce from the combined model plots similar to those of [run\\_model\(\)](#).

**Value**

A `data.frame` with one row per model/value.

**Warning**

Histograms do not account for weights. On the other hand summary results do.

**Examples**

```
mod1 <-
  define_strategy(
    transition = define_transition(
      .5, .5,
      .1, .9
    ),
    define_state(
      cost = 543 + age * 5,
      ly = 1
    ),
    define_state(
      cost = 432 + age,
      ly = 1 * age / 100
    )
  )

mod2 <-
  define_strategy(
    transition = define_transition(
      .5, .5,
      .1, .9
    ),
    define_state(
      cost = 789 * age / 10,
      ly = 1
    ),
    define_state(
      cost = 456 * age / 10,
      ly = 1 * age / 200
    )
  )

res <- run_model(
  mod1, mod2,
  parameters = define_parameters(
    age_init = 60,
    age = age_init + model_time
  ),
  init = 1:0,
  cycles = 10,
  cost = cost,
  effect = ly
)
```

```

# generating table with new parameter sets
new_tab <- data.frame(
  age_init = 40:45
)

# with run_model result
ndt <- update(res, newdata = new_tab)

summary(ndt)

# using weights

new_tab2 <- data.frame(
  age_init = 40:45,
  .weights = runif(6)
)

#' \dontrun{
#' ndt2 <- update(res, newdata = new_tab2)
#'
#' summary(ndt2)
#'}

```

who\_mortality

*Use WHO Mortality Rate*

## Description

Returns age and sex-specific mortality probabilities for a given region

## Usage

```
get_who_mr(age, sex = NULL, region = NULL, year = "latest")
```

## Arguments

age	age as a continuous variable.
sex	sex as "FMLE"- "MLE", 0-1 (male = 0, female = 1) or 1-2 (male = 1, female = 2).
region	Region code.
year	Use data from that year. Defaults to "latest".

## Details

Only locally cached data are available. For memory space reasons local data is only available for WHO high-income countries (pooled), and only for the latest year.

**Value**

This function should be used within [define\\_transition\(\)](#) or [define\\_parameters\(\)](#).

**Examples**

```
define_transition(  
  C, get_who_mr(age = 50 + model_time, sex = "FMLE", region = "EUR"),  
  0, 1  
)
```

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