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**volleysim**


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### Description

Functions for simulating volleyball match outcomes.

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 vs\_estimate\_rates
 

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*Estimate parameters required for simulation*


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### Description

Estimate parameters required for simulation

### Usage

```
vs_estimate_rates(
  x,
  target_team,
  by = "none",
  moderate = TRUE,
  process_model = "all"
)
```

### Arguments

x	datavolleyplays: the plays component of a datavolley object as returned by <a href="#">datavolley::dv_read()</a>
target_team	string: the team name to calculate rates for. If missing or NULL, rates will be calculated across the entire data.frame x. If target_team is "each", rates will be calculated for each team separately
by	string: grouping to calculate rates by. Either "none" (calculate whole-data set rates), "match" (by match), or "set" (by match and set)
moderate	logical: if TRUE, apply some checks to attempt to ensure that the estimated rates are reasonable. Currently these checks include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• setting error rates are limited to a maximum of 5%. Some scouts do not include setting actions, except where they are errors or otherwise exceptional, which can lead to unrealistic estimates of setting error rates</li> </ul>
process_model	string: estimate the rates required for which process model? Either "sideout", "phase", or "all"

**Value**

A tibble, with columns `match_id` (if by is "match"), `set_number` (if by is "set"), and (if `target_team` is "each") `team`. The remaining columns depend on the `process_model`: for "sideout", column `sideout`. If `process_model` is "phase" then additionally the columns `serve_ace`, `serve_error`, `rec_loss_other`, `rec_att_error`, `rec_att_kill`, `rec_att_replayed`, `rec_no_att`, `rec_block`, `trans_loss_other`, `trans_att_error`, `trans_att_kill`, `trans_att_replayed`, `trans_no_att`, and `trans_block`

**See Also**

[vs\\_simulate\\_set\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
library(datavolley)
x <- dv_read(dv_example_file())
rates <- vs_estimate_rates(x, target_team = "each")

vs_simulate_set(rates) ## simulate a single set
vs_simulate_match(rates) ## simulate a match
## so given the performances of the two teams during that match, we expect
## that the home team should have won, with 3-0 being the most likely scoreline

## compare to the actual match result
summary(x)

## End(Not run)
```

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vs\_example\_file

*Example DataVolley files provided as part of the volleysim package*

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**Description**

Example DataVolley files provided as part of the volleysim package

**Usage**

```
vs_example_file(choice = 1)
```

**Arguments**

`choice` numeric: which data file to return?

- 1 - the 2020 Austrian Women's Volley Cup played between Hartberg and UVC Graz

**Value**

path to the file

## References

The example data files came from <https://www.volleynet.at/dvdownload/information/f-Damen/>

## See Also

[datavolley::dv\\_read\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:
myfile <- vs_example_file()
x <- datavolley::dv_read(myfile)
summary(x)

## End(Not run)
```

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vs\_match\_win\_probability

*Create a win probability graph for a match*

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## Description

Create a win probability graph for a match

## Usage

```
vs_match_win_probability(
  pbp,
  so,
  go_to = 25,
  go_to_tiebreak = 15,
  max_sets = 5,
  show_plot = TRUE,
  home_color = "blue",
  visiting_color = "darkred"
)
```

## Arguments

pbp	data frame: a data frame containing the set number, home team, visiting team, serving team, point-winning team, home team score, and visiting team score at the end of each point, easiest to obtain by subsetting the plays component of a datavolley object as returned by <a href="#">datavolley::dv_read()</a> to only include rows where point == TRUE
so	integer: a two-element vector of sideout rates for the home team and visiting team, easiest to obtain using <a href="#">vs_estimate_rates()</a>

go_to	integer: the minimum score that must be reached to end a non-tiebreaker set (typically 25 for indoor volleyball in sets 1 to 4, or 21 in beach volleyball)
go_to_tiebreak	integer: the minimum score that must be reached to end a tiebreaker set (typically 15)
max_sets	integer: the maximum number of sets that can be played, either 3 or 5
show_plot	logical: if TRUE, produce a graph showing the home team's win probability at each point in the match
home_color	string: the color used to indicate points in the match where the home team is favored to win
visiting_color	string: the same as home_color, but for the visiting team

### Value

A data frame containing the home team's probability of winning the set (`set_probs`) and match (`match_probs`) at each point in the set. The first row of the data frame refers to the start of the match (0-0, Set 1).

### Examples

```
## Not run:
library(datavolley)
x <- dv_read(vs_example_file())
sideout_rates <- vs_estimate_rates(x, target_team = "each")$sideout
play_by_play <- subset(plays(x), point)

vs_match_win_probability(play_by_play, sideout_rates) ## data frame is not printed to console
## but can be stored in a variable
match_win_probs <- vs_match_win_probability(play_by_play, sideout_rates)

## End(Not run)
```

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vs_simulate_match	<i>Simulate a volleyball match</i>
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### Description

Simulate a volleyball match using either best-of-5 or best-of-3 scoring

### Usage

```
vs_simulate_match(
  rates,
  process_model = "phase",
  serving = NA,
  serving5 = NA,
  max_sets = 5,
  go_to = 25,
```

```

    go_to5 = 15,
    point_margin = 2L,
    point_margin5 = 2L,
    n = 2000,
    simple = TRUE,
    method = "theoretical"
)

vs_simulate_match_mc(...)

vs_simulate_match_theor(...)

vs_simulate_match_beach(...)

```

### Arguments

rates	list: A two-element list, each element of which is a set of rates as returned by <code>vs_estimate_rates</code>
process_model	string: either "sideout" or "phase". See <code>vs_estimate_rates()</code>
serving	logical: if TRUE, team 1 will serve first in the match. If NA, the team serving first will be chosen at random
serving5	logical: if TRUE, team 1 will serve first in the tiebreaking set (if the match gets that far). If NA, the team serving first in that set will be chosen at random
max_sets	integer: the maximum number of sets to be played (either 3 or 5)
go_to	integer: the minimum score that must be reached to end the set (typically 25 for indoor volleyball in sets 1 to 4, 15 in set 5, or 21 in beach volleyball)
go_to5	integer: the minimum score that must be reached to end the tiebreaker set (typically 15 for indoor volleyball)
point_margin	integer: the minimum score difference in order to win the set. Only applicable to method "monte carlo". For method "theoretical" a two-point margin is always used
point_margin5	integer: the minimum score difference in order to win the tiebreaker set. Only applicable to method "monte carlo". For method "theoretical" a two-point margin is always used
n	integer: the number of simulations to run. Only applicable to method "monte carlo"
simple	logical: if TRUE, just return the probability of team winning and the probabilities of each possible set score. If FALSE, return extra details in a named list. The details will differ between method = "monte carlo" and method = "theoretical"
method	string: the simulation method to use. Either "monte carlo" or "theoretical". Details TBD
...	parameters as for <code>vs_simulate_match</code> . <code>vs_simulate_match_theor</code> and <code>vs_simulate_match_mc</code> are convenience functions for <code>vs_simulate_match(..., method = "theoretical")</code> and <code>vs_simulate_match(..., method = "monte carlo")</code> respectively. <code>vs_simulate_match_beach</code> is a convenience function for <code>vs_simulate_match(..., max_sets = 3, go_to = 21, go_to5 = 21)</code> (typical beach volleyball settings).

**See Also**

[vs\\_estimate\\_rates\(\)](#) [vs\\_simulate\\_set\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
library(datavolley)
x <- dv_read(dv_example_file())
rates <- vs_estimate_rates(x, target_team = "each")

vs_simulate_set(rates) ## simulate a single set
vs_simulate_match(rates) ## simulate a match
## so given the performances of the two teams during that match, we expect
## that the home team should have won, with 3-0 being the most likely scoreline

## compare to the actual match result
summary(x)

## End(Not run)
```

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vs_simulate_set	<i>Simulate a set of volleyball</i>
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**Description**

`vs_simulate_set_theor` and `vs_simulate_set_mc` are convenience functions for `vs_simulate_set(..., method = "theoretical")` and `vs_simulate_set(..., method = "monte carlo")` respectively.

**Usage**

```
vs_simulate_set(
  rates,
  process_model = "phase",
  serving = NA,
  go_to = 25,
  point_margin = 2,
  simple = FALSE,
  id = NULL,
  method = "theoretical"
)

vs_simulate_set_mc(...)

vs_simulate_set_theor(...)
```

**Arguments**

rates	list: A two-element list, each element of which is a set of rates as returned by <code>vs_estimate_rates</code> . Experimental: for process_model "sideout", the sideout rate component can be a function. This function will be called at each step of the simulation with the parameters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• team_1_score - the score of team 1 at each point in the set so far</li> <li>• team_2_score - the score of team 2 at each point in the set so far</li> <li>• team_1_rotation - the rotation of team 1 at each point in the set so far (rotations are counted relative to the team's starting rotation, which is 1)</li> <li>• team_2_rotation - the rotation of team 2 at each point in the set so far (rotations are counted relative to the team's starting rotation, which is 1)</li> <li>• serving - the serving team 1 or 2 at each point in the set so far</li> <li>• point_won_by - which team won each point in the set so far (this will be NA for the last entry, because that's the current point that hasn't been simulated yet)</li> <li>• outcome - the outcome of each point in the set so far, either "Sideout" or "Breakpoint" if process_model is "sideout", or details TBD if process_model is "phase" The function should return the sideout rate of the receiving team.</li> </ul>
process_model	string: either "sideout" or "phase". The "sideout" model uses the estimated sideout rates (in the rates object) directly. The "phase" model breaks play down into different phases (serve, serve receive, etc) and uses the rates associated with those separate phases
serving	logical: if TRUE, team 1 will serve first. If NA, the team serving first will be chosen at random
go_to	integer: the minimum score that must be reached to end the set (typically 25 for indoor volleyball in sets 1 to 4, 15 in set 5, or 21 in beach volleyball)
point_margin	integer: the minimum score difference in order to win the set. Only applicable to method "monte carlo". For method "theoretical" a two-point margin is always used
simple	logical: if TRUE, return simplified output. Only applicable to method "monte carlo". If simple = TRUE, return the team (1 or 2) that won the set. If simple = FALSE, return extra details in a data.frame
id	: an optional value that (if non-NULL) will be returned in the id column of the returned data frame, if simple is FALSE
method	string: the simulation method to use. Either "monte carlo" or "theoretical". Details TBD
...	: parameters as for vs_simulate_set. vs_simulate_set_theor and vs_simulate_set_mc are convenience functions for vs_simulate_set(..., method = "theoretical") and vs_simulate_set(..., method = "monte carlo") respectively

**Value**

Integer (1 or 2) or a data frame, depending on the value of simple



**See Also**

[vs\\_estimate\\_rates\(\)](#) [vs\\_simulate\\_match\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
library(datavolley)
x <- dv_read(dv_example_file())
rates <- vs_estimate_rates(x, target_team = "each")

vs_simulate_set(rates) ## simulate a single set
vs_simulate_match(rates) ## simulate a match
## so given the performances of the two teams during that match, we expect
## that the home team should have won, with 3-0 being the most likely scoreline

## compare to the actual match result
summary(x)

## End(Not run)

## sideout rates as a function for team 2
sofun2 <- function(serving, point_won_by, ...) {
  ## if team 2 won their previous sideout opportunity, their sideout rate is 0.6
  ## otherwise it's 0.5
  prevso <- tail(na.omit(point_won_by[serving == 1]), 1)
  if (length(prevso) < 1 || prevso == 1) {
    ## first sideout opportunity or lost the last one
    0.5
  } else {
    0.6
  }
}

rates <- list(list(sideout = 0.55), ## first team has constant 55% sideout rate
             list(sideout = sofun2)) ## function for team 2's sideout rate

## need to use method = "monte carlo" for this
vs_simulate_set(rates = rates, process_model = "sideout", method = "monte carlo")
```

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vs\_theoretical\_sideout\_rates

*Estimate theoretical sideout rates given 'phase' parameters*

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**Description**

The [vs\\_estimate\\_rates\(\)](#) function returns a team's performance rates across a range of aspects of play, including serve ace rate, serve error rate, and so on. Using [vs\\_theoretical\\_sideout\\_rates\(\)](#) We can estimate the theoretical sideout rate that we would expect to see, given those parameters. This can be compared to the actual sideout rate achieved by the team.

**Usage**

```
vs_theoretical_sideout_rates(rates, process_model = "phase")
```

**Arguments**

```
rates          list: rates as returned by vs\_estimate\_rates\(\)  
process_model  string: currently only "phase". See vs\_estimate\_rates\(\)
```

**Value**

The theoretical sideout rates of the two teams

**See Also**

[vs\\_estimate\\_rates\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
library(datavolley)  
x <- dv_read(dv_example_file())  
rates <- list(vs_estimate_rates(x, target_team = home_team(x)),  
             vs_estimate_rates(x, target_team = visiting_team(x)))  
  
## the theoretical sideout rates  
vs_theoretical_sideout_rates(rates)  
  
## compare to their actual sideout rates  
c(rates[[1]]$sideout, rates[[2]]$sideout)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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