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Description Grey zones locally occur in an agreement table due to the subjective evalua-
tion of raters based on various factors such as not having uniform guidelines, the differences be-
tween the raters' level of expertise or low variability among the level of the categorical vari-
able. It is important to detect grey zones since they cause a negative bias in the esti-
mate of the agreement level. This package provides a function for detecting the exis-
tence of grey zones in two-way inter-rater agreement tables (Demirhan and Yil-
maz (2023) <doi:10.1186/s12874-022-01759-7>).

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detectGreyZones *Detection of Grey Zones in Two-way Inter-rater Agreement Tables*

Description

Detects the existence of grey zones in in two-way inter-rater agreement tables.

Usage

```
detectGreyZones(table)
```

Arguments

table   A `matrix` object that has equal number of columns and rows showing the agreement table for two raters.

Details

See Demirhan and Yilmaz (2023) for the details of the approach implemented by this function.

If a grey zone is detected in the agreement table, the function reports AC2 and BP with quadratic weights.

If no grey zone is detected in the agreement table, the function reports kappa, AC2 and BP with linear and quadratic weights.

Value

delta   A matrix that shows the relative magnitude of deviance from the perfect agreement to the level of agreement for each cell of the given agreement table. Corresponds to Eq. (6) of Demirhan and Yilmaz (2023).

Delta   A value that shows the maximum of the values in `delta`. Corresponds to Eq. (7) of Demirhan and Yilmaz (2023).

tau_Delta   The value of the threshold for the detection of grey zones. If `Delta > tau_Delta` then there is a grey zone exists in the agreement table. Corresponds to Eq. (10) of Demirhan and Yilmaz (2023).

result   Verbal result of the comparison of `Delta` and `tau_Delta`.

agreement   Weighted agreement coefficient with linear and quadratic weights. See details.

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Examples

```
table <- matrix(c(10, 2, 7, 1, 3, 3, 0, 8, 80), nrow = 3, ncol = 3, byrow = TRUE)
detectGreyZones(table)
```

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