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Robust linear mixed effects models

#### **Description**

robustlmm provides functions for estimating linear mixed effects models in a robust way.

The main workhorse is the function rlmer; it is implemented as direct robust analogue of the popular lmer function of the lme4 package. The two functions have similar abilities and limitations. A wide range of data structures can be modeled: mixed effects models with hierarchical as well as complete or partially crossed random effects structures are possible. While the lmer function is optimized to handle large datasets efficiently, the computations employed in the rlmer function are more complex and for this reason also more expensive to compute. The two functions have the same limitations in the support of different random effect and residual error covariance structures. Both support only diagonal and unstructured random effect covariance structures.

The robustlmm package implements most of the analysis tool chain as is customary in R. The usual functions such as summary, coef, resid, etc. are provided as long as they are applicable for this type of models (see rlmerMod-class for a full list). The functions are designed to be as similar as possible to the ones in the lme4 package to make switching between the two packages easy.

Details on the implementation and example analyses are provided in the package vignette available via vignette("rlmer") (Koller 2016).

# References

Manuel Koller (2016). robustlmm: An R Package for Robust Estimation of Linear Mixed-Effects Models. Journal of Statistical Software, 75(6), 1-24. doi:10.18637/jss.v075.i06

Koller M, Stahel WA (2022). "Robust Estimation of General Linear Mixed Effects Models." In PM Yi, PK Nordhausen (eds.), Robust and Multivariate Statistical Methods, Springer Nature Switzerland AG.

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asymptoticVariance

Compute Asymptotic Efficiencies

### **Description**

asymptoticEfficiency computes the theoretical asymptotic efficiency for an M-estimator for various types of equations.

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### Usage

```
asymptoticVariance(
  psi,
  equation = c("location", "scale", "eta", "tau", "mu"),
  dimension = 1
)
asymptoticEfficiency(
 equation = c("location", "scale", "eta", "tau", "mu"),
  dimension = 1
)
findTuningParameter(
  desiredEfficiency,
  psi,
  equation = c("location", "scale", "eta", "tau", "mu"),
  dimension = 1,
  interval = c(0.15, 50),
)
```

#### **Arguments**

psi object of class psi\_func

equation equation to base computations on. "location" and "scale" are for the univari-

ate case. The others are for a multivariate location and scale problem. "eta" is for the shape of the covariance matrix, "tau" for the size of the covariance

matrix and "mu" for the location.

dimension dimension for the multivariate location and scale problem.

desiredEfficiency

scalar, specifying the desired asymptotic efficiency, needs to be between 0 and

1

interval in which to do the root search, passed on to uniroot.

... passed on to uniroot.

#### **Details**

The asymptotic efficiency is defined as the ratio between the asymptotic variance of the maximum likelihood estimator and the asymptotic variance of the (M-)estimator in question.

The computations are only approximate, using numerical integration in the general case. Depending on the regularity of the psi-function, these approximations can be quite crude.

## References

Maronna, R. A., Martin, R. D., Yohai, V. J., & Salibián-Barrera, M. (2019). Robust statistics: theory and methods (with R). John Wiley & Sons., equation (2.25)

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Rousseeuw, P. J., Hampel, F. R., Ronchetti, E. M., & Stahel, W. A. (2011). Robust statistics: the approach based on influence functions. John Wiley & Sons., Section 5.3c, Paragraph 2 (Page 286)

bindDatasets

**Bind Generated Datasets** 

#### **Description**

This method can be used to bind multiple datasets generated using different random genrators into one large dataset. The underlying dataset needs to be the same.

### Usage

```
bindDatasets(..., datasetList = list(...))
```

# **Arguments**

... multiple datasets to be bound together

datasetList list of datasets created with one of the generate dataset functions

### Value

merged list with generators and the contents of the prepared dataset. See 'prepareMixedEffectDataset and generateAnovaDatasets for a description of the contents.

# Author(s)

Manuel Koller

#### See Also

splitDatasets

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chgDefaults

Change default arguments

# **Description**

Change the default arguments for a psi\_func\_rcpp object

# Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'psi_func_rcpp'
chgDefaults(object, ...)
```

# **Arguments**

```
object instance to convert
... arguments to change
```

### Note

Note that names of named arguments are ignored. Only the order of the arguments considered when assigning new arguments.

```
sPsi <- chgDefaults(smoothPsi, k=2)
curve(sPsi@psi(x), 0, 3)
curve(smoothPsi@psi(x), 0, 3, col="blue", add=TRUE)</pre>
```

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compare

Create comparison charts for multiple fits

# Description

Use compare to quickly compare the estimated parameters of the fits of multiple lmerMod or rlmer-Mod objects.

### Usage

```
compare(..., digits = 3, dnames = NULL, show.rho.functions = TRUE)
## S3 method for class 'lmerMod'
getInfo(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'rlmerMod'
getInfo(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'comparison.table'
xtable(
  caption = NULL,
  label = NULL,
  align = NULL,
  digits = NULL,
  display = NULL,
)
## S3 method for class 'xtable.comparison.table'
print(
  х,
  add.hlines = TRUE,
  latexify.namescol = TRUE,
  include.rownames = FALSE,
)
getInfo(object, ...)
```

# **Arguments**

objects to compare, or, for the xtable functions: passed to the respective xtable function.
 digits number of digits to show in output
 dnames of objects given as arguments (optional)

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```
show.rho.functions
```

whether to show rho functions in output.

object object

x object of class "comparison.table" or "xtable.comparison.table"

caption see xtable.
label see xtable.
align see xtable.
display see xtable.

add.hlines replace empty lines in comparison table by hlines. Supersedes hline.after

argument of print.xtable.

latexify.namescol

replace "sigma" and "x" in the first column by latex equivalents.

include.rownames

include row numbers (the object returned by xtable.comparison.table in-

cludes names in the first column)

#### **Details**

The functions xtable.comparison.table and print.xtable.comparison.table are wrapper functions for the respective xtable and print.xtable functions.

The function getInfo is internally used to prepare object for producing a comparison chart in compare.

# Value

getInfo returns a list with estimated coefficients, estimated variance components, sigma, deviance and parameter configuration used to fit.

#### See Also

```
xtable
print.xtable
```

```
## Not run:
    fm1 <- lmer(Yield ~ (1|Batch), Dyestuff)
    fm2 <- rlmer(Yield ~ (1|Batch), Dyestuff)
    compare(fm1, fm2)
    require(xtable)
    xtable(compare(fm1, fm2))
    str(getInfo(fm1))
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

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```
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```

Create Dataset List From List of Data Objects

### **Description**

Convert a list of datasets to a dataset list similar to the ones created by generateAnovaDatasets and generateMixedEffectDatasets.

### Usage

```
createDatasetsFromList(
  datasetList,
  formula,
   trueBeta,
   trueSigma,
   trueTheta,
   ...
)
```

### **Arguments**

datasetList list of data objects, usually of type data.frame.

formula formula to fit the model using lmer.

trueBeta scalar or vector with the true values of the fixed effects coefficients. Can be of

length one in which case it will be replicated to the required length if needed.

trueSigma scalar with the true value of the error scale.

trueTheta scalar or vector with the true values for the variance component coefficients, not

including sigma. Can be of length one in which case it will be replicated to the

required length if needed.

... all additional arguments are added to the returned list.

# **Details**

The returned list can be passed to processFit and to any of the fitDatasets functions. Splitting and binding of datasets using splitDatasets and bindDatasets is not supported.

## Value

list that can be passed to processFit and to any of the fitDatasets functions. Only generateData is implemented, all the other functions return an error if called.

#### See Also

generateAnovaDatasets and generateMixedEffectDatasets

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### **Examples**

```
data(sleepstudy)
sleepstudy2 <- sleepstudy</pre>
sleepstudy2[1, "Reaction"] <- sleepstudy2[1, "Reaction"] + 10</pre>
fm1 <- lmer(Reaction ~ Days + (Days|Subject), sleepstudy)</pre>
datasets <- createDatasetsFromList(list(sleepstudy, sleepstudy2),</pre>
                                     formula = Reaction ~ Days + (Days|Subject),
                                     trueBeta = getME(fm1, "beta"),
                                     trueSigma = sigma(fm1),
                                     trueTheta = getME(fm1, "theta"))
fitDatasets_lmer(datasets)
```

createRhoFunction

Create Rho-Functions With Custom Tuning Parameter

### **Description**

Convenience function to create rho-functions with custom tuning parameter.

#### Usage

```
createRhoFunction(
  tuningParameter,
 which = c("rho.e", "rho.sigma.e", "rho.b.diagonal", "rho.sigma.b.diagonal",
    "rho.b.blockDiagonal", "rho.sigma.b.blockDiagonal"),
  rho.e = smoothPsi,
  rho.sigma.e = psi2propII(rho.e),
  rho.b.diagonal = rho.e,
  rho.sigma.b.diagonal = psi2propII(rho.b.diagonal),
  rho.b.blockDiagonal = rho.e,
  rho.sigma.b.blockDiagonal = rho.b.blockDiagonal,
)
```

# **Arguments**

tuningParameter

argument passed on to extractTuningParameter. See its documentation for

string specifiying which tuning parameter should be extracted. which

rho.e PsiFunction to be used for rho.e.

rho.sigma.e PsiFunction to be used for rho.sigma.e.

rho.b.diagonal PsiFunction to be used for rho.b for models with diagonal random effects

covariance matrix.

rho.sigma.b.diagonal

PsiFunction to be used for rho.sigma.b for models with diagonal random effects covariance matrix.

extractTuningParameter

```
rho.b.blockDiagonal
```

PsiFunction to be used for rho.b for models with block-diagonal random effects covariance matrix.

rho.sigma.b.blockDiagonal

PsiFunction to be used for rho.sigma.b for models with block-diagonal random effects covariance matrix.

... passed on to chgDefaults.

#### **Details**

'rho.b.diagonal' denotes the tuning parameter to be used for 'rho.b' for models with diagonal random effects covariance matrix. 'rho.b.blockDiagonal' is the tuning parameter to be used in the block diagonal case, respectively.

For arguments rho.sigma.e (and rho.sigma.b.diagonal), the Proposal 2 variant of the function specified for rho.e (and rho.b) is used.

## Author(s)

Manuel Koller

### **Examples**

```
createRhoFunction(c(1.345, 2.28, 1.345, 2.28, 5.14, 5.14), "rho.sigma.e")
```

extractTuningParameter

Extract Tuning Parameters Used In Fitting

### **Description**

Methods to extract which tuning parameters have been used for fitting models. Use extractTuningParameter for custom configurations and extractPredefinedTuningParameter for predefined configurations provided in this package.

### Usage

### **Arguments**

which

tuningParameter

vector of tuning parameters. The vector is expected to be of length 6, containing the tuning parameters for rho.e, rho.sigma.e, rho.b.diagonal, rho.sigma.b.diagonal, rho.b.blockDiagonal and rho.sigma.b.blockDiagonal. 'rho.b.diagonal' denotes the tuning parameter to be used for 'rho.b' for models with diagonal random effects covariance matrix. Names are optional.

string specifiying which tuning parameter should be extracted.

label or vector of labels in results. Only predefined labels of the form 'fit-

Datasets\_rlmer\_...' are supported (for others NA is returned).

#### Value

scalar tuning parameter

# Author(s)

Manuel Koller

### **Examples**

```
extractPredefinedTuningParameter("fitDatasets_rlmer_DAStau", "rho.e")
```

fitDatasets\_lmer

Fitting Functions

### **Description**

Methods to fit various mixed effects estimators to all generated datasets.

## Usage

```
fitDatasets_lmer(datasets, control, label, postFit, datasetIndices = "all")
fitDatasets_lmer_bobyqa(datasets, postFit, datasetIndices = "all")
fitDatasets_lmer_Nelder_Mead(datasets, postFit, datasetIndices = "all")
fitDatasets_rlmer(
    datasets_rlmer(
    datasets,
    method,
    tuningParameter,
    label,
    postFit,
    datasetIndices = "all",
    ...,
    init
```

```
fitDatasets_rlmer_DAStau(datasets, postFit, datasetIndices = "all")
fitDatasets_rlmer_DAStau_lmerNoFit(datasets, postFit, datasetIndices = "all")
fitDatasets_rlmer_DASvar(datasets, postFit, datasetIndices = "all")
fitDatasets_rlmer_DAStau_noAdj(datasets, postFit, datasetIndices = "all")
fitDatasets_rlmer_DAStau_k_0_5(datasets, postFit, datasetIndices = "all")
fitDatasets_rlmer_DAStau_k_0_5_noAdj(datasets, postFit, datasetIndices = "all")
fitDatasets_rlmer_DAStau_k_2(datasets, postFit, datasetIndices = "all")
fitDatasets_rlmer_DAStau_k_2_noAdj(datasets, postFit, datasetIndices = "all")
fitDatasets_rlmer_DAStau_k_5(datasets, postFit, datasetIndices = "all")
fitDatasets_rlmer_DAStau_k_5_noAdj(datasets, postFit, datasetIndices = "all")
fitDatasets_heavyLme(datasets, postFit, datasetIndices = "all")
fitDatasets_lqmm(datasets, postFit, datasetIndices = "all")
fitDatasets_rlme(datasets, postFit, datasetIndices = "all")
fitDatasets_varComprob(
  datasets,
  control,
  label,
 postFit,
 datasetIndices = "all"
fitDatasets_varComprob_compositeTau(datasets, postFit, datasetIndices = "all")
fitDatasets_varComprob_compositeTau_OGK(
 datasets,
 postFit,
 datasetIndices = "all"
fitDatasets_varComprob_compositeTau_2SGS(
  datasets,
  postFit,
 datasetIndices = "all"
```

```
fitDatasets_varComprob_compositeS(datasets, postFit, datasetIndices = "all")
fitDatasets_varComprob_compositeS_OGK(
   datasets,
   postFit,
   datasetIndices = "all"
)
fitDatasets_varComprob_compositeS_2SGS(
   datasets,
   postFit,
   datasetIndices = "all"
)
fitDatasets_varComprob_S(datasets, postFit, datasetIndices = "all")
fitDatasets_varComprob_S_OGK(datasets, postFit, datasetIndices = "all")
fitDatasets_varComprob_S_2SGS(datasets, postFit, datasetIndices = "all")
```

## Arguments

datasets Datasets list to be used to generate datasets.

control a list (of correct class for the respective fitting function) containing control pa-

rameters to be passed through.

label a string used to identify which fits have been created by which function.

postFit a function, taking one argument, the resulting fit. This makes it easy to add an

additional step after fitting.

datasetIndices optional vector of dataset indices to fit, useful to try only a few datasets instead

of all of them.

method argument passed on to rlmer.

tuningParameter

 $argument\ passed\ on\ to\ extractTuningParameter.$ 

... argument passed on to createRhoFunction.

init optional argument passed on to rlmer.

### **Details**

Existing fitting functions are:

fitDatasets\_lmer: Fits datasets using lmer using its default options.

fitDatasets\_lmer\_bobyqa: Fits datasets using lmer using the bobyqa optimizer.

fitDatasets\_lmer\_Nelder\_Mead: Fits datasets using lmer using the Nelder Mead optimizer.

fitDatasets\_rlmer: Fits datasets using rlmer using a custom configuration. The argument 'tuningParameter' is passed to extractTuningParameter, details are documented there.

fitDatasets\_rlmer\_DAStau: Fits datasets using rlmer using method DAStau and smoothPsi for the rho functions. The tuning parameters are k = 1.345 for rho.e. For rho.sigma.e, the Proposal 2 variant is used using k = 2.28. The choices for rho.b and rho.sigma.b depend on whether the model uses a diagonal or a block diagonal matrix for Lambda. In the former case, the same psi functions and tuning parameters are use as for rho.e and rho.sigma.b. In the block diagonal case, rho.b and rho.sigma.b both use smoothPsi using a tuning parameter k = 5.14 (assuming blocks of dimension 2).

fitDatasets\_rlmer\_DAStau\_lmerNoFit: Fits datasets using rlmer using the same configuration as fitDatasets\_rlmer\_DAStau except for that it is using lmerNoFit as initial estimator.

fitDatasets\_rlmer\_DASvar: Fits datasets using rlmer using method DASvar. The same rho functions and tuning parameters are used as for fitDatasets\_rlmer\_DAStau.

fitDatasets\_rlmer\_DAStau\_noAdj: Fits datasets using rlmer using method DAStau. The same rho functions and tuning parameters are used as for fitDatasets\_rlmer\_DAStau, except for rho.sigma.e (and rho.sigma.b in the diagonal case) for which the Proposal 2 variant of smoothPsi using k = 1.345 is used.

fitDatasets\_rlmer\_DAStau\_k\_0\_5: Fits datasets using rlmer using method DAStau. Use smoothPsi psi-function with tuning parameter k = 0.5 for rho.e and k = 1.47 for rho.sigma.e, the latter adjusted to reach the same asymptotic efficiency. In the diagonal case, the same are used for rho.b and rho.sigma.b as well. In the block-diagonal case, the tuning parameter k = 2.17 is used for rho.b and rho.sigma.b. The tuning parameter is chosen to reach about the same asymptotic efficiency for theta as for the fixed effects.

fitDatasets\_rlmer\_DAStau\_k\_0\_5\_noAdj: Fits datasets using rlmer using method DAStau. Use smoothPsi psi-function with tuning parameter k = 0.5 for rho.e and rho.sigma.e. In the diagonal case, the same are used for rho.b and rho.sigma.b as well. In the block-diagonal case, the tuning parameter k = 2.17 is used for rho.b and rho.sigma.b. The tuning parameter is chosen to reach about the same asymptotic efficiency for theta as for the fixed effects.

fitDatasets\_rlmer\_DAStau\_k\_2: Fits datasets using rlmer using method DAStau. Use smoothPsi psi-function with tuning parameter k = 2 for rho.e and k = 2.9 rho.sigma.e, the latter adjusted to reach the same asymptotic efficiency. In the diagonal case, the same are used for rho.b and rho.sigma.b as well. In the block-diagonal case, the tuning parameter k = 8.44 is used for rho.b and rho.sigma.b. The tuning parameter is chosen to reach about the same asymptotic efficiency for theta as for the fixed effects.

fitDatasets\_rlmer\_DAStau\_k\_2\_noAdj: Fits datasets using rlmer using method DAStau. Use smoothPsi psi-function with tuning parameter k = 2 for rho.e and rho.sigma.e. In the diagonal case, the same are used for rho.b and rho.sigma.b as well. In the block-diagonal case, the tuning parameter k = 8.44 is used for rho.b and rho.sigma.b. The tuning parameter is chosen to reach about the same asymptotic efficiency for theta as for the fixed effects.

fitDatasets\_rlmer\_DAStau\_k\_5: Fits datasets using rlmer using method DAStau. Use smoothPsi psi-function with tuning parameter k = 5 for rho.e and k = 5.03 rho.sigma.e, the latter adjusted to reach the same asymptotic efficiency. In the diagonal case, the same are used for rho.b and rho.sigma.b as well. In the block-diagonal case, the tuning parameter k = 34.21 is used for rho.b and rho.sigma.b. The tuning parameter is chosen to reach about the same asymptotic efficiency for theta as for the fixed effects.

fitDatasets\_rlmer\_DAStau\_k\_5\_noAdj: Fits datasets using rlmer using method DAStau. Use smoothPsi psi-function with tuning parameter k = 5 for rho.e and rho.sigma.e. In the diagonal case, the same are used for rho.b and rho.sigma.b as well. In the block-diagonal case, the tuning

parameter k = 34.21 is used for rho.b and rho.sigma.b. The tuning parameter is chosen to reach about the same asymptotic efficiency for theta as for the fixed effects.

fitDatasets\_heavyLme: Fits datasets using heavyLme from package heavy. Additional required arguments are: lmeFormula, heavyLmeRandom and heavyLmeGroups. They are passed to the formula, random and groups arguments of heavyLme.

fitDatasets\_lqmm: Fits datasets using lqmm from package lqmm. Additional required arguments are: lmeFormula, lqmmRandom, lqmmGroup and lqmmCovariance. They are passed to the formula, random, groups and covariance arguments of lqmm. lqmmCovariance is optional, if omitted pdDiag is used.

fitDatasets\_rlme: Fits datasets using rlme from package rlme.

fitDatasets\_varComprob: Prototype method to fit datasets using varComprob from package robustvarComp. Additional required items in datasets are: lmeFormula, groups, varcov and lower. They are passed to the fixed, groups, varcov and lower arguments of varComprob. The running of this method produces many warnings of the form "passing a char vector to .Fortran is not portable" which are suppressed.

fitDatasets\_varComprob\_compositeTau: Fits datasets with the composite Tau method using varComprob from package robustvarComp. See fitDatasets\_varComprob for additional details.

fitDatasets\_varComprob\_compositeTau\_OGK: Similar to fitDatasets\_varComprob\_compositeTau but using covOGK as initial covariance matrix estimator.

fitDatasets\_varComprob\_compositeTau\_2SGS: Similar to fitDatasets\_varComprob\_compositeTau but using 2SGS as initial covariance matrix estimator.

 $\label{lem:similar} fit Datasets\_var Comprob\_composite S: Similar to fit Datasets\_var Comprob\_composite Tau \ but using method composite S.$ 

fitDatasets\_varComprob\_compositeS\_OGK: Similar to fitDatasets\_varComprob\_compositeS but using covOGK as initial covariance matrix estimator.

fitDatasets\_varComprob\_compositeS\_2SGS: Similar to fitDatasets\_varComprob\_compositeS but using 2SGS as initial covariance matrix estimator.

fitDatasets\_varComprob\_S: Similar to fitDatasets\_varComprob\_compositeTau but using method S and the Rocke psi-function.

fitDatasets\_varComprob\_S\_OGK: Similar to fitDatasets\_varComprob\_S but using covOGK as initial covariance matrix estimator.

fitDatasets\_varComprob\_S\_2SGS: Similar to fitDatasets\_varComprob\_S but using 2SGS as initial covariance matrix estimator.

#### Value

list of fitted models. See also lapplyDatasets which is called internally.

#### Author(s)

Manuel Koller

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### **Examples**

```
set.seed(1)
oneWay <- generateAnovaDatasets(1, 1, 10, 4,</pre>
                                 lmeFormula = y \sim 1,
                                 heavyLmeRandom = ~1,
                                 heavyLmeGroups = ~ Var2,
                                 lqmmRandom = ~1,
                                 lqmmGroup = "Var2",
                                 groups = cbind(rep(1:4, each = 10), rep(1:10, 4)),
                                 varcov = matrix(1, 4, 4),
                                 lower = 0)
fitDatasets_lmer(oneWay)
## call rlmer with custom arguments
fitDatasets_rlmer_custom <- function(datasets) {</pre>
  return(fitDatasets_rlmer(datasets,
                            method = "DASvar",
                            tuningParameter = c(1.345, 2.28, 1.345, 2.28, 5.14, 5.14),
                            label = "fitDatasets_rlmer_custom"))
fitDatasets_rlmer_custom(oneWay)
```

generateAnovaDatasets Generate ANOVA type datasets

### **Description**

Generate balanced datasets with multiple factors. All combinations of all factor variables are generated, i.e., a fully crossed dataset will be generated. numberOfReplicates specifies the number of replications per unique combination.

### Usage

```
generateAnovaDatasets(
  numberOfDatasetsToGenerate,
  numberOfLevelsInFixedFactor,
  numberOfSubjects,
  numberOfReplicates,
  errorGenerator = rnorm,
  randomEffectGenerator = rnorm,
  trueBeta = 1,
  trueTheta = 1,
  ...,
  arrange = FALSE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

number Of Datas ets To Generate

number of datasets to generate.

numberOfLevelsInFixedFactor

scalar or vector with the number of levels per fixed factor or grouping variable.

numberOfSubjects

scalar or vector with the number of levels per variance component.

numberOfReplicates

number of replicates per unique combination of fixed factor and variance com-

ponent.

errorGenerator random number generator used for the errors.

randomEffectGenerator

random number generator used for the spherical random effects.

trueBeta scalar or vector with the true values of the fixed effects coefficients. Can be of

length one in which case it will be replicated to the required length if needed.

trueSigma scalar with the true value of the error scale.

trueTheta scalar of vector with the true values for the variance component coefficients, not

including sigma. Can be of length one in which case it will be replicated to the

required length if needed.

... all additional arguments are added to the returned list.

arrange If TRUE, the observations in the dataset are arranged such that the call to arrange

in varComprob does not break the observation- group relationship. This requires

package dplyr to be installed.

#### **Details**

numberOfLevelsInFixedFactor can either be a scalar or a vector with the number of levels for each fixed effects group. If numberOfLevelsInFixedFactor is a scalar, the value of 1 is allowed. This can be used to generate a dataset with an intercept only. If numberOfLevelsInFixedFactor is a vector with more than one entry, then all the values need to be larger than one.

numberOfSubjects can also be a scalar of a vector with the number of levels for each variance component. Each group needs to have more than one level. The vector is sorted descending before the names are assigned. This ensures that, when running lmer, the order of the random effects does not change. lmer also sorts the random effects by decending number of levels.

In order to save memory, only the generated random effects and the errors are stored. The dataset is only created on demand when the method generateData in the returned list is evaluated.

The random variables are generated in a way that one can simulate more datasets easily. When starting from the same seed, the first generated datasets will be the same as for the a previous call of generateAnovaDatasets with a smaller number of datasets to generate, see examples.

#### Value

list with generators and the original arguments

generateData: function to generate data taking one argument, the dataset index.

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createXMatrix: function to generate X matrix taking one argument, the result of generateData. createZMatrix: function to generate Z matrix taking one argument, the result of generateData.

createLambdaMatrix:

function to generate Lambda matrix taking one argument, the result of generateData.

randomEffects: function to return the generated random effects taking one argument, the dataset

index.

sphericalRandomeffects:

function to return the generated spherical random effects taking one argument,

the dataset index.

errors: function to return the generated errors taking one argument, the dataset index.

allRandomEffects:

function without arguments that returns the matrix of all generated random ef-

fects.

allErrors: function without arguments that returns the matrix of all generated errors.

numberOfDatasets:

numberOfDatasetsToGenerate as supplied

numberOfLevelsInFixedFactor:

numberOfLevelsInFixedFactor as supplied

numberOfSubjects:

numberOfSubjects sorted.

numberOfReplicates:

numberOfReplicates as supplied

numberOfRows: number of rows in the generated dataset

trueBeta: true values used for beta trueSigma: true value used for sigma trueTheta: true values used for theta

formula: formula to fit the model using 1mer
...: additional arguments passed via ...

#### Author(s)

Manuel Koller

### See Also

 $generate {\tt MixedEffectDatasets} \ and \ create {\tt DatasetsFromList}$ 

```
oneWay <- generateAnovaDatasets(2, 1, 5, 4)
head(oneWay$generateData(1))
head(oneWay$generateData(2))
oneWay$formula
head(oneWay$randomEffects(1))
head(oneWay$sphericalRandomEffects(1))</pre>
```

```
head(oneWay$errors(1))
twoWayFixedRandom <- generateAnovaDatasets(2, 3, 5, 4)</pre>
head(twoWayFixedRandom$generateData(1))
twoWayFixedRandom$formula
twoWayRandom <- generateAnovaDatasets(2, 1, c(3, 5), 4)</pre>
head(twoWayRandom$generateData(1))
twoWayRandom$formula
large <- generateAnovaDatasets(2, c(10, 15), c(20, 30), 5)</pre>
head(large$generateData(1))
large$formula
## illustration how to generate more datasets
set.seed(1)
datasets1 <- generateAnovaDatasets(2, 1, 5, 4)</pre>
set.seed(1)
datasets2 <- generateAnovaDatasets(3, 1, 5, 4)</pre>
stopifnot(all.equal(datasets1$generateData(1), datasets2$generateData(1)),
          all.equal(datasets1$generateData(2), datasets2$generateData(2)))
```

generateMixedEffectDatasets

Generate Mixed Effects Datasets

### **Description**

Generates mixed effects datasets using parametric bootstrap.

# Usage

```
generateMixedEffectDatasets(
  numberOfDatasetsToGenerate,
  preparedDataset,
  errorGenerator = rnorm,
  randomEffectGenerator = rnorm
)
```

# **Arguments**

# Value

list with generators and the contents of the prepared dataset. See prepareMixedEffectDataset and generateAnovaDatasets for a description of the contents.

### Author(s)

Manuel Koller

#### See Also

 ${\tt generateAnovaDatasets}, {\tt prepareMixedEffectDataset} \ {\tt and} \ {\tt createDatasetsFromList}$ 

# **Examples**

```
preparedDataset <- prepareMixedEffectDataset(Reaction ~ Days + (Days|Subject), sleepstudy)
datasets <- generateMixedEffectDatasets(2, preparedDataset)
head(datasets$generateData(1))
head(datasets$generateData(2))
datasets$formula
head(datasets$randomEffects(1))
head(datasets$sphericalRandomEffects(1))
head(datasets$sphericalRandomEffects(1))</pre>
```

```
generateSensitivityCurveDatasets
```

Generate Datasets To Create Sensitivity Curves

# Description

This method creates a list of datasets that can be used to create sensitivity curves. The response of the dataset is modified according to the supplied arguments.

# Usage

```
generateSensitivityCurveDatasets(
  data,
  observationsToChange,
  shifts,
  scales,
  center,
  formula,
  ...
)
```

### **Arguments**

data	dataset to be modified.	
observationsToChange		
	index or logical vector indicating which observations should be modified.	
shifts	vector of shifts that should be applied one by one to each of the modified observations.	
scales	vector scales that should be used to scale the observations around their original center.	
center	optional scalar used to define the center from which the observations are scaled from. If missing, the mean of all the changed observations is used.	
formula	formula to fit the model using 1mer.	
• • •	all additional arguments are added to the returned list.	

#### **Details**

Either shifts or scales need to be provided. Both are also possible.

The argument shifts contains all the values that shall be added to each of the observations that should be changed. One value per generated dataset.

The argument scales contains all the values that shall be used to move observations away from their center. If scales is provided, then observationsToChange needs to select more than one observation.

The returned list can be passed to processFit and to any of the fitDatasets functions. Splitting and binding of datasets using splitDatasets and bindDatasets is not supported.

### Value

list that can be passed to processFit and to any of the fitDatasets functions. Only generateData is implemented, all the other functions return an error if called.

# See Also

```
generateAnovaDatasets
```

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getME

Extract or Get Generalize Components from a Fitted Mixed Effects Model

### **Description**

Extract (or "get") "components" - in a generalized sense - from a fitted mixed-effects model, i.e. from an object of class rlmerMod or merMod.

### **Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'rlmerMod'
getME(
 object,
 name = c("X", "Z", "Zt", "Ztlist", "mmList", "y", "mu", "u", "b.s", "b", "Gp", "Tp",
  "Lambda", "Lambdat", "Tlist", "A", "U_b", "Lind", "sigma",
                                                             "flist", "fixef", "beta",
  "theta", "ST", "is_REML", "n_rtrms", "n_rfacs", "N", "n", "p", "q", "p_i", "l_i",
   "q_i", "k", "m_i", "m", "cnms", "devcomp", "offset", "lower", "rho_e", "rho_b",
    "rho_sigma_e", "rho_sigma_b", "M", "w_e", "w_b", "w_b_vector", "w_sigma_e",
    "w_sigma_b", "w_sigma_b_vector"),
)
theta(object)
```

# **Arguments**

name

a fitted mixed-effects model of class rlmerMod, i.e. typically the result of object rlmer().

a character string specifying the name of the "component". Possible values are:

"X": fixed-effects model matrix

"Z": random-effects model matrix

"Zt": transpose of random-effects model matrix

"Ztlist": list of components of the transpose of the random-effects model matrix, separated by individual variance component

"mmList": list of raw model matrices associated with random effects terms

"y": response vector

"mu": conditional mean of the response

"u": conditional mode of the "spherical" random effects variable

"b.s": synonym for "u"

"b": conditional mode of the random effects variable

"Gp": groups pointer vector. A pointer to the beginning of each group of random effects corresponding to the random-effects terms.

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"Tp": theta pointer vector. A pointer to the beginning of the theta sub-vectors corresponding to the random-effects terms, beginning with 0 and including a final element giving the total number of random effects

"Lambda": relative covariance factor of the random effects.

"U\_b": synonym for "Lambda"

"Lambdat": transpose of the relative covariance factor of the random effects.

"Lind": index vector for inserting elements of  $\theta$  into the nonzeros of  $\Lambda$ 

"A": Scaled sparse model matrix (class dgCMatrix) for the unit, orthogonal random effects, *U*, equal to getME(.,"Zt") %\*% getME(.,"Lambdat")

"sigma": residual standard error

"flist": a list of the grouping variables (factors) involved in the random effect terms

"fixef": fixed-effects parameter estimates

"beta": fixed-effects parameter estimates (identical to the result of fixef, but without names)

"theta": random-effects parameter estimates: these are parameterized as the relative Cholesky factors of each random effect term

"ST": A list of S and T factors in the TSST' Cholesky factorization of the relative variance matrices of the random effects associated with each random-effects term. The unit lower triangular matrix, T, and the diagonal matrix, S, for each term are stored as a single matrix with diagonal elements from S and off-diagonal elements from T.

"is\_REML": returns TRUE for rlmerMod-objects (for compatibility with lme4)

"n\_rtrms": number of random-effects terms

"n\_rfacs": number of distinct random-effects grouping factors

"N": number of rows of X

"n": length of the response vector, y

"p": number of columns of the fixed effects model matrix, X

"q": number of columns of the random effects model matrix, Z

"p\_i": numbers of columns of the raw model matrices, mmList

"l\_i": numbers of levels of the grouping factors

"q\_i": numbers of columns of the term-wise model matrices, ZtList

"k": number of random effects terms

"m\_i": numbers of covariance parameters in each term

"m": total number of covariance parameters, i.e., the same as dim@nth below.

"cnms": the "component names", a 'list'.

"devcomp": a list consisting of a named numeric vector, cmp, and a named integer vector, dims, describing the fitted model. The elements of cmp are:

ldL2 always NA, for consistency with lme4 output
ldRX2 always NA, for consistency with lme4 output
wrss always NA, for consistency with lme4 output
ussq always NA, for consistency with lme4 output
pwrss always NA, for consistency with lme4 output

drsum always NA, for consistency with lme4 output

**REML** always NA, for consistency with lme4 output

dev always NA, for consistency with lme4 output

sigmaML always NA, for consistency with lme4 output

sigmaREML REML estimate of residual standard deviation

The elements of dims are:

N number of rows of X

n length of y

p number of columns of X

nmp n-p

**nth** length of theta

q number of columns of Z

nAGQ see glmer

compDev see glmerControl

useSc TRUE if model has a scale parameter

reTrms number of random effects terms

**REML** 0 indicates the model was fitted by maximum likelihood, any other positive integer indicates fitting by restricted maximum likelihood

**GLMM** TRUE if a GLMM

**NLMM** TRUE if an NLMM

<sup>&</sup>quot;offset": model offset

<sup>&</sup>quot;lower": lower bounds on random-effects model parameters (i.e, "theta" parameters). In order to constrain random effects covariance matrices to be semi-positive-definite, this vector is equal to 0 for elements of the theta vector corresponding to diagonal elements of the Cholesky factor, -Inf otherwise. (getME(., "lower")==0 can be used as a test to identify diagonal elements, as in isSingular.)

<sup>&</sup>quot;rho\_e": rho function used for the residuals

<sup>&</sup>quot;rho\_b": list of rho functions used for the random effects

<sup>&</sup>quot;rho\_sigma\_e": rho function used for the residuals when estimating sigma

<sup>&</sup>quot;rho\_sigma\_b": list of rho functions used for the random effects when estimating the covariance parameters

<sup>&</sup>quot;M": list of matrices, blocks of the Henderson's equations and the matrices used for computing the linear approximations of the estimates of beta and spherical random effects.

<sup>&</sup>quot;w\_e": robustness weights associated with the observations

<sup>&</sup>quot;w\_b": robustness weights associated with the spherical random effects, returned in the same format as ranef()

<sup>&</sup>quot;w\_b\_vector": robustness weights associated with the spherical random effects, returned as one long vector

<sup>&</sup>quot;w\_sigma\_e": robustness weights associated with the observations when estimating sigma

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```
"w_sigma_b": robustness weights associated with the spherical random effects when estimating the covariance parameters, returned in the same format as ranef()
```

"w\_sigma\_b\_vector": robustness weights associated with the spherical random effects when estimating the covariance parameters, returned as one long vector

"ALL": get all of the above as a list.

... potentially further arguments; not here.

#### **Details**

The function theta is short for getME(, "theta").

The goal is to provide "everything a user may want" from a fitted rlmerMod object as far as it is not available by methods, such as fixef, ranef, vcov, etc.

#### Value

Unspecified, as very much depending on the name.

#### See Also

```
getCall(); more standard methods for rlmerMod objects, such as ranef, fixef, vcov, etc.: see
methods(class="rlmerMod")
```

```
## shows many methods you should consider *before* using getME():
methods(class = "rlmerMod")
## doFit = FALSE to speed up example
(fm1 <- rlmer(Reaction ~ Days + (Days|Subject), sleepstudy,</pre>
              method="DASvar", doFit=FALSE))
Z <- getME(fm1, "Z")</pre>
stopifnot(is(Z, "CsparseMatrix"),
          c(180,36) == dim(Z),
   all.equal(fixef(fm1), b1 <- getME(fm1, "beta"),</pre>
      check.attributes=FALSE, tolerance = 0))
## A way to get *all* getME()s :
## internal consistency check ensuring that all work:
parts <- getME(fm1, "ALL")</pre>
str(parts, max=2)
stopifnot(identical(Z, parts $ Z),
          identical(b1, parts $ beta))
stopifnot(all.equal(theta(fm1), getME(fm1, "theta")))
```

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# Description

Apply function for all generated datasets.

# Usage

```
lapplyDatasets(datasets, FUN, ..., label, POST_FUN, datasetIndices = "all")
```

# Arguments

datasets	Datasets list to be used to generate datasets.
FUN	the function to be applied to each generated dataset. The function will be called
TON	like FUN(data,).
	optional arguments to FUN.
label	optional parameter, if present, each result is added an attribute named $label$ with the value of label.
POST_FUN	function to be applied to the result of FUN. While one could just modify FUN instead, this additional argument makes it a bit easier to combine different kinds of methods together.
datasetIndices	optional vector of dataset indices to fit, useful to try only a few datasets instead of all of them. Use "all" to process all datasets (default).

### Value

list of results. The items in the resulting list will have two additional attributes: datasetIndex and proc.time. If FUN failed for an item, then the item will be the error as returned by try, i.e., it ill be of class try-error.

# Author(s)

Manuel Koller

```
oneWay <- generateAnovaDatasets(2, 1, 5, 4) lapplyDatasets(oneWay, function(data) sum(data$y)) lapplyDatasets(oneWay, function(data) sum(data$y), POST_FUN = function(x) x^2)
```

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load And Merge Partial Results

Load And Merge Partial Results

# **Description**

Convenience function that loads the results stored in each of the files and then calls mergeProcessedFits to merge them.

# Usage

loadAndMergePartialResults(files)

### **Arguments**

files

vector of filenames (including paths) of files containing the processed results

# Author(s)

Manuel Koller

### See Also

processDatasetsInParallel

mergeProcessedFits

Merge Processed Fits

# Description

Combine list of processed fits into one list in matrix form.

# Usage

```
mergeProcessedFits(processedFitList)
```

# **Arguments**

```
processedFitList
```

list of processed fits as produced by processFit.

### Value

similar list as returned by processFit just with matrix entries instead of vectors.

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# **Examples**

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Other methods

# Description

Other miscellaneous utilities for instances of the PsiFunction class.

# Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'Rcpp_SmoothPsi'
show(object)
## S4 method for signature 'Rcpp_HuberPsi'
show(object)
## S4 method for signature 'Rcpp_PsiFunction'
show(object)
## S4 method for signature 'Rcpp_PsiFunctionToPropIIPsiFunctionWrapper'
show(object)
```

# Arguments

object

instance of class PsiFunction to be plotted

```
show(smoothPsi)
```

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```
partialMoment_standardNormal
```

Compute Partial Moments

### **Description**

Computes a partial moment for the standard normal distribution. This is the expectation taken not from -Infinity to Infinity but just to z.

### Usage

```
partialMoment_standardNormal(z, n)
```

# **Arguments**

- z partial moment boundary, the expectation is taken from -Inf to z.
- n which moment to compute, needs to be  $\geq 2$ .

#### References

Winkler, R. L., Roodman, G. M., & Britney, R. R. (1972). The Determination of Partial Moments. Management Science, 19(3), 290–296. http://www.jstor.org/stable/2629511, equation (2.5)

#### **Examples**

```
partialMoment_standardNormal(0, 2)
```

plot-methods

Plot an Object of the "Psi Function" Class

# **Description**

The plot method objects of class PsiFunction simply visualizes the  $\rho(), \psi()$ , and weight functions and their derivatives.

# Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'Rcpp_SmoothPsi'
plot(x, y,
    which = c("rho", "psi", "Dpsi", "wgt", "Dwgt"),
    main = "full",
    col = c("black", "red3", "blue3", "dark green", "light green"),
    leg.loc = "right", ...)
## S4 method for signature 'Rcpp_HuberPsi'
plot(x, y,
```

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```
which = c("rho", "psi", "Dpsi", "wgt", "Dwgt"),
     main = "full",
     col = c("black", "red3", "blue3", "dark green", "light green"),
     leg.loc = "right", ...)
## S4 method for signature 'Rcpp_PsiFunction'
plot(x, y,
     which = c("rho", "psi", "Dpsi", "wgt", "Dwgt"),
     main = "full",
     col = c("black", "red3", "blue3", "dark green", "light green"),
     leg.loc = "right", ...)
## S4 method for signature 'Rcpp_PsiFunctionToPropIIPsiFunctionWrapper'
plot(x, y,
     which = c("rho", "psi", "Dpsi", "wgt", "Dwgt"),
     main = "full",
     col = c("black", "red3", "blue3", "dark green", "light green"),
     leg.loc = "right", ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

X	instance of class PsiFunction to be plotted
у	(optional) vector of abscissa values (to plot object at).
which	character vector of slots to be included in plot; by default, all of the slots are included
main	string or logical indicating the kind of plot title; either "full", "short" or FALSE which chooses a full, a short or no main title at all.
col	colors to be used for the different slots
leg.loc	legend placement, see also x argument of legend
	passed to matplot

## Note

If you want to specify your own title, use main=FALSE, and a subsequent title(...) call.

#### See Also

```
psi-functions.
```

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plot.rlmerMod	Plot Method for "rlmerMod" objects.

# Description

Diagnostic plots for objects of class rlmerMod and lmerMod.

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'rlmerMod'
plot(
    x,
    y = NULL,
    which = 1:4,
    title = c("Fitted Values vs. Residuals", "Normal Q-Q vs. Residuals",
    "Normal Q-Q vs. Random Effects", "Scatterplot of Random Effects for Group \"%s\""),
    multiply.weights = FALSE,
    add.line = c("above", "below", "none"),
    ...
)

## S3 method for class 'rlmerMod_plots'
print(x, ask = interactive() & length(x) > 1, ...)
```

# Arguments

x	an object as created by rlmer or rlmer; or an object as created by $plot.rlmerMod$	
У	currently ignored.	
which	integer number between 1 and 4 to specify which plot is desired.	
title	Titles for the different plots. The fourth item can be a format string passed to sprintf to add the name of the current group.	
multiply.weights		
	multiply the residuals / random effects with the robustness weights when producing the Q-Q plots.	
add.line	add reference line to plots, use "above" or "below" to show the line above or below the points. Hide the line with "none".	
•••	passed on to geom_hline and geom_qq_line, to customize how the line is drawn.	
ask	waits for user input before displaying each plot.	

## **Details**

The robustness weights for estimating the fixed and random effects are used in the plots, e.g., the ones returned by getME(object, "w\_e") and getME(object, "w\_b").

### Value

a list of plots of class ggplot that can be used for further modification before plotting (using print).

#### See Also

```
getME, ggplot
```

### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
    rfm <- rlmer(Yield ~ (1|Batch), Dyestuff)
    plot(rfm)
    fm <- lmer(Reaction ~ Days + (Days|Subject), sleepstudy)
    plot.rlmerMod(fm)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

prepareMixedEffectDataset

Prepare Dataset for Parametric Bootstrap

# **Description**

This function runs lmer and extracts all information needed to generate new datasets using parametric bootstrap later.

# Usage

```
prepareMixedEffectDataset(
  formula,
  data,
  REML = TRUE,
  overrideBeta,
  overrideSigma,
  overrideTheta,
  ...
)
```

### **Arguments**

```
formula passed on to lmer

REML passed on to lmer

overrideBeta used to simulate new datasets, by default getME(fm, "beta") where fm is the fitted model returned by lmer.

overrideSigma use to override sigma used to simulate new datasets, by default getME(fm, "sigma") where fm is the fitted model returned by lmer.
```

overrideTheta use to override theta used to simulate new datasets, by default getME(fm, "theta")

where fm is the fitted model returned by 1mer.

... all additional arguments are added to the returned list.

#### Value

List that can be passed to generateMixedEffectDatasets.

data: the original dataset

X: the X matrix as returned by getMEZ: the Z matrix as returned by getME

Lambda: the Lambda matrix as returned by getME

numberOfFixedEffects:

the number of fixed effects coefficients

numberOfRandomEffects:

the number of random effects

numberOfRows: number of rows in the generated dataset

trueSigma: true values used for beta trueSigma: true value used for sigma trueTheta: true values used for theta

formula: formula to fit the model using 1mer
...: additional arguments passed via ...

### Author(s)

Manuel Koller

# Examples

```
\label{lem:preparedDataset} $$\operatorname{PrepareMixedEffectDataset}(\operatorname{Reaction} \sim \operatorname{Days} + (\operatorname{Days}|\operatorname{Subject}), \ \operatorname{sleepstudy}) $$\operatorname{str}(\operatorname{PreparedDataset})$
```

processDatasetsInParallel

Process Datasets in Parallel

### **Description**

Convenience function to run simulation study in parallel on a single machine.

### Usage

```
processDatasetsInParallel(
  datasets,
  path,
  baseFilename,
  fittingFunctions,
  chunkSize,
  saveFitted = FALSE,
  checkProcessed = FALSE,
  createMinimalSaveFile = FALSE,
  ncores = 1,
  clusterType = "PSOCK",
  ...
)
```

### **Arguments**

datasets dataset list generated by one of the generate functions.

path path to save the datasets to.

baseFilename filename to use, without extension.

fittingFunctions

vector of fitDatasets functions that should be applied to each dataset.

chunkSize number of datasets to process together in a single job.

saveFitted logical, if true, the raw fits are also stored.

checkProcessed logical, if true, will check whether the contents of the processed output is re-

produced for the first dataset. This is useful to ensure that everything is still working as expected without having to re-run the whole simulation study.

createMinimalSaveFile

logical, if true, will create a file with the processed results of the first three datasets. This is helpful if one wants to store only the final aggregated results

but still wants to make sure that the full code works as expected.

ncores number of cores to use in processing, if set to 1, datasets are processed in the

current R session. Use detectCores to find out how many cores are available

on your machine.

clusterType type of cluster to be created, passed to makeCluster.

... passed on to processFit. Use this to control what to save.

#### **Details**

The merged results are saved in a file taking the name <path>/<baseFilename>-processed.Rdata. You can delete the intermediate result files with the numbers (the chunk index) in the name.

To run on multiple machines, use saveDatasets to save datasets into multiple files. Then call processFile on each of them on the designated machine. Finally, load and merge the results together using loadAndMergePartialResults.

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#### Value

The list of all processed results merged together.

To help reproducibility, the output of toLatex(sessionInfo(), locale = FALSE) is stored in the sessionInfo attribute.

#### Author(s)

Manuel Koller

#### See Also

```
saveDatasets, processFile
```

processFile

Process File of Stored Datasets

# **Description**

Call this function for each file stored using saveDatasets. If a file hasn't been processed yet, then it is processed and a new file with the postfix "processed" is created containing the results.

### Usage

```
processFile(
  file,
  fittingFunctions,
  saveFitted = FALSE,
  checkProcessed = FALSE,
  createMinimalSaveFile = FALSE,
  datasets,
)
```

### **Arguments**

file file saved by saveDatasets.

fittingFunctions

vector of fitDatasets functions that should be applied to each dataset.

saveFitted

logical, if true, the raw fits are also stored.

checkProcessed logical, if true, will check whether the contents of the processed output is reproduced for the first dataset. This is useful to ensure that everything is still working as expected without having to re-run the whole simulation study.

createMinimalSaveFile

logical, if true, will create a file with the processed results of the first three datasets. This is helpful if one wants to store only the final aggregated results but still wants to make sure that the full code works as expected.

datasets optional, datasets as stored in file, to avoid doing a detour of saving and loading the file.passed on to processFit. Use this to control what to save.

#### **Details**

In case the raw fits may have to be inspected or processFit may be called with another set of arguments, then set saveFitted to TRUE. In that case, another file with the postfix "fitted" is created. Remove the files with postfix "processed" and run processFile again. The fits will not be re-done but instead loaded from the file with postfix "fitted".

#### Value

The list of all processed results merged together.

To help reproducibility, the output of toLatex(sessionInfo(), locale = FALSE) is stored in the sessionInfo attribute.

## Author(s)

Manuel Koller

processFit

Process Fitted Objects

### Description

Methods to process fitted objects and convert into a data structure that is useful in post-processing.

## Usage

```
processFit(
  obj,
  all = FALSE,
  coefs = TRUE,
  stdErrors = all,
  tValues = all,
  sigma = TRUE,
  thetas = TRUE,
  b = all,
  meanB = all,
 meanAbsB = all,
  residuals = all,
  converged = TRUE,
  numWarnings = all,
  procTime = all,
)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'lmerMod'
processFit(
  obj,
  all = FALSE,
  coefs = TRUE,
  stdErrors = all,
  tValues = all,
  sigma = TRUE,
  thetas = TRUE,
 b = all,
 meanB = all,
 meanAbsB = all,
  residuals = all,
  converged = TRUE,
  numWarnings = all,
 procTime = all,
)
## S3 method for class 'rlmerMod'
processFit(
 obj,
  all = FALSE,
  coefs = TRUE,
  stdErrors = all,
  tValues = all,
  sigma = TRUE,
  thetas = TRUE,
  b = all,
 meanB = all,
 meanAbsB = all,
  residuals = all,
  converged = TRUE,
  numWarnings = all,
 procTime = all,
)
## S3 method for class 'heavyLme'
processFit(
 obj,
  all = FALSE,
  coefs = TRUE,
  stdErrors = all,
  tValues = all,
  sigma = TRUE,
  thetas = TRUE,
```

```
b = all,
 meanB = all,
 meanAbsB = all,
  residuals = all,
  converged = TRUE,
  numWarnings = all,
 procTime = all,
)
## S3 method for class 'lqmm'
processFit(
 obj,
  all = FALSE,
  coefs = TRUE,
  stdErrors = all,
  tValues = all,
  sigma = TRUE,
  thetas = TRUE,
  b = all,
 meanB = all,
 meanAbsB = all,
  residuals = all,
  converged = TRUE,
 numWarnings = all,
 procTime = all,
)
## S3 method for class 'rlme'
processFit(
 obj,
  all = FALSE,
  coefs = TRUE,
  stdErrors = all,
  tValues = all,
  sigma = TRUE,
  thetas = TRUE,
  b = all,
 meanB = all,
 meanAbsB = all,
  residuals = all,
  converged = TRUE,
  numWarnings = all,
 procTime = all,
)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'varComprob'
processFit(
  obj,
  all = FALSE,
  coefs = TRUE,
  stdErrors = all,
  tValues = all,
  sigma = TRUE,
  thetas = TRUE,
  b = all,
 meanB = all,
 meanAbsB = all,
  residuals = all,
  converged = TRUE,
  numWarnings = all,
  procTime = all,
  isInterceptCorrelationSlopeModel,
)
```

## Arguments

obj object returned by the fitting method.
all logical, shorthand to enable all exports.

coefs logical, if true coefficients are added to export.

stdErrors logical, if true, standard errors are added to export.

tValues logical, if true, t-values are added to export.
sigma logical, if true, sigma is added to export.
thetas logical, if true, thetas are added to export.

b scalar logical or index vector, if true, all random effects are added to export. If

an index vector is given, then only the corresponding random effects are added

to the export. The same order as in 1mer is used for all methods.

meanB logical, if true, the mean of the random effects is added to the export.

meanAbsB logical, if true, the mean of the absolute value of the random effects is added to

the export.

residuals scalar logical or index vector, similar to argument b, just returning the residuals.

converged logical, if true, convergence code is added to export.

numWarnings logical, if true, the number of warnings generated during the fitting process is

added to export.

procTime logical, if true, time needed to fit object is added to export.

... optional parameters used for some implementations.

isInterceptCorrelationSlopeModel

optional logical, can be used to override the assumption that a model with three variance components can be interpreted as having intercept, correlation and slope.

#### **Details**

Warning. processFit.varComprob uses simplistic logic to convert from the parameterisation used in the robustvarComp package to theta as used in lmer and rlmer. If there are three variance components, the code assumes that they are intercept, correlation and slope. Otherwise the code assumes that the variance components are independent. Exports b and residuals are not supported.

#### Value

List with extracted values, most items can be suppressed to save disk space.

label: Name of fitting method used to create the fit

datasetIndex: Index of the dataset in the dataset list

coefficients: Vector of estimated fixed-effects coefficients of the fitted model

standardErrors:

Vector of estimated standard errors of the fixed-effects coefficients

tValues: Vector of t-Values (or z-Values depending on fitting method) of the fixed-effects

coefficients

sigma: Estimated residual standard error

thetas: Vector of random-effects parameter estimates. As parameterized as by lmer and

rlmer.

b: Vector of requested predicted random-effects.

meanB: Vector of means of the predicted random-effects.

meanAbsB: Vector of means of the absolute values of the predicted random-effects.

residuals: Vector of requested residuals.

converged: Convergence status as reported by the fitting method. 0 means converged. If not

available, NA is used. Other values are to be interpreted carefully as codes vary

from method to method.

numberOfWarnings:

the number of warnings generated during the fitting process.

proc. time: Vector of times (user, system, elapsed) as reported by proc. time required to fit

the model.

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```
## Not run:
    processFit(fitDatasets_heavyLme(oneWay)[[1]], all = TRUE)

## End(Not run)
    if (require(lqmm)) {
        processFit(fitDatasets_lqmm(oneWay)[[1]], all = TRUE)
    }
    ## Not run:
        processFit(fitDatasets_varComprob_compositeTau(oneWay)[[1]], all = TRUE)

## End(Not run)
```

psi-functions

Classical, Huber and smoothed Huber psi- or rho-functions

## **Description**

 $\psi$ -functions are used by rlmer in the estimating equations and to compute robustness weights. Change tuning parameters using chgDefaults and convert to squared robustness weights using the psi2propII function.

#### Usage

```
## see examples
```

#### **Details**

The "classical"  $\psi$ -function cPsi can be used to get a non-robust, i.e., classical, fit. The psi slot equals the identity function, and the rho slot equals quadratic function. Accordingly, the robustness weights will always be 1 when using cPsi.

The **Huber**  $\psi$ -function huberPsi is identical to the one in the package robustbase. The psi slot equals the identity function within  $\pm k$  (where k is the tuning parameter). Outside this interval it is equal to  $\pm k$ . The rho slot equals the quadratic function within  $\pm k$  and a linear function outside.

The **smoothed Huber**  $\psi$ -function is very similar to the regular Huber  $\psi$ -function. Instead of a sharp bend like the Huber function, the smoothed Huber function bends smoothly. The first tuning contant, k, can be compared to the tuning constant of the original Huber function. The second tuning constant, s, determines the smoothness of the bend.

#### See Also

chgDefaults and psi2propII for changing tuning parameters; psi\_func-class for a more detailed description of the slots; psi2propII 43

## **Examples**

```
plot(cPsi)
plot(huberPsiRcpp)
plot(smoothPsi)
curve(cPsi@psi(x), 0, 3, col="blue")
curve(smoothPsi@psi(x), 0, 3, add=TRUE)
curve(huberPsiRcpp@psi(x), 0, 3, add=TRUE, col="green")
```

psi2propII

Convert to Proposal 2 weight function

## **Description**

Converts the psi\_func object into a function that corresponds to Proposal 2, i.e., a function of the squared weights. The other elements of the psi\_func object are adapted accordingly.

## Usage

```
psi2propII(object, ..., adjust = FALSE)
## S4 method for signature 'psi_func_rcpp'
psi2propII(object, ..., adjust = FALSE)
```

# Arguments

object instance of Rcpp\_PsiFunction class to convert

... optional, new default arguments passed to chgDefaults.

adjust logical, whether tuning parameters should be adjusted automatically, such that the scale estimate has the same asymptotic efficiency as the location estimate.

```
par(mfrow=c(2,1))
plot(smoothPsi)
plot(psi2propII(smoothPsi))
```

residuals.rlmerMod Get residuals

# Description

The per-observation residuals are returned, i.e., the difference of the observation and the fitted value including random effects. With type one can specify whether the weights should be used or not.

#### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'rlmerMod'
residuals(object, type = c("response", "weighted"), scaled = FALSE, ...)
```

# Arguments

```
object rlmerMod object
type type of residuals
scaled scale residuals by residual standard deviation (=scale parameter)?
```

.. ignored

# **Examples**

rlmer

Robust Scoring Equations Estimator for Linear Mixed Models

#### **Description**

Robust estimation of linear mixed effects models, for hierarchical nested and non-nested, e.g., crossed, datasets.

# Usage

```
rlmer(
  formula,
  data,
    ...,
  method = c("DAStau", "DASvar"),
  setting,
```

```
rho.e,
rho.b,
rho.sigma.e,
rho.sigma.b,
rel.tol = 1e-08,
max.iter = 40 * (r + 1)^2,
verbose = 0,
doFit = TRUE,
init
)

lmerNoFit(formula, data = NULL, ..., initTheta)
```

## **Arguments**

formula

a two-sided linear formula object describing the fixed-effects part of the model, with the response on the left of a ~ operator and the terms, separated by + operators, on the right. The vertical bar character "|" separates an expression for a model matrix and a grouping factor.

data

an optional data frame containing the variables named in formula. By default the variables are taken from the environment from which lmer is called.

. . .

Additional parameters passed to lmer to find the initial estimates. See lmer.

method

method to be used for estimation of theta and sigma, see Details.

setting

a string specifying suggested choices for the arguments rho.e, rho.sigma.e, rho.b and rho.sigma.b. Use "RSEn" (the default) or "RSEa". Both use smoothPsi for all the "rho" arguments. For rho.sigma.e, squared robustness weights are used (see psi2propII). "RSEn" uses the same tuning parameter as for rho.e, which leads to higher robustness but lower efficiency. "RSEa" adjusts the tuning parameter for higher asymptotic efficiency which results in lower robustness (k = 2.28 for default rho.e). For diagonal random effects covariance matrices, rho.sigma.b is treated exactly as rho.sigma.e. For block diagonal random effects covariance matrices (with correlation terms), regular robustness weights are used for rho.sigma.b, not squared ones, as they're not needed. But the tuning parameters are adjusted for both rho.b and rho.sigma.b according to the dimensions of the blocks (for both "RSEn" or "RSEa"). For a block of dimension 2 (e.g., correlated random intercept and slope) k = 5.14 is used.

rho.e

object of class psi\_func, specifying the functions to use for the huberization of the residuals.

rho.b

object of class psi\_func or list of such objects (see Details), specifying the functions to use for the huberization of the random effects.

rho.sigma.e

object of class psi\_func, specifying the weight functions to use for the huberization of the residuals when estimating the variance components, use the psi2propII function to specify squared weights and custom tuning parameters.

rho.sigma.b

(optional) object of class psi\_func or list of such objects, specifying the weight functions to use for the huberization of the random effects when estimating the variance components (see Details). Use psi2propII to specify squared weights

	and custom tuning parameters or chgDefaults for regular weights for variance components including correlation parameters.
rel.tol	relative tolerance used as criteria in the fitting process.
max.iter	maximum number of iterations allowed.
verbose	verbosity of output. Ranges from 0 (none) to 3 (a lot of output)
doFit	logical scalar. When doFit = FALSE the model is not fit but instead a structure with the model matrices for the random-effects terms is returned (used to speed up tests). When doFit = TRUE, the default, the model is fit immediately.
init	optional lmerMod- or rlmerMod-object to use for starting values, a list with elements 'fixef', 'u', 'sigma', 'theta', or a function producing an lmerMod object.
initTheta	parameter to initialize theta with (optional)

#### **Details**

**Overview:** This function implements the Robust Scoring Equations estimator for linear mixed effect models. It can be used much like the function lmer in the package lme4. The supported models are the same as for lmer (gaussian family only). The robust approach used is based on the robustification of the scoring equations and an application of the Design Adaptive Scale approach.

Example analyses and theoretical details on the method are available in the vignette (see vignette("rlmer")).

Models are specified using the formula argument, using the same syntax as for lmer. Additionally, one also needs to specify what robust scoring or weight functions are to be used (arguments starting with rho.). By default a smoothed version of the Huber function is used. Furthermore, the method argument can be used to speed up computations at the expense of accuracy of the results.

**Computation methods:** Currently, there are two different methods available for fitting models. They only differ in how the consistency factors for the Design Adaptive Scale estimates are computed. Available fitting methods for theta and sigma.e:

- DAStau (default): For this method, the consistency factors are computed using numerical quadrature. This is slower but yields more accurate results. This is the direct analogue to the DAS-estimate in robust linear regression.
- DASvar: This method computes the consistency factors using a direct approximation which is faster but less accurate. For complex models with correlated random effects with more than one correlation term, this is the only method available.

Weight functions: The tuning parameters of the weight functions "rho" can be used to adjust robustness and efficiency of the resulting estimates (arguments rho.e, rho.b, rho.sigma.e and rho.sigma.b). Better robustness will lead to a decrease of the efficiency. With the default setting, setting = "RSEn", the tuning parameters are set to yield estimates with approximately 95% efficiency for the fixed effects. The variance components are estimated with a lower efficiency but better robustness properties.

One has to use different weight functions and tuning parameters for simple variance components and for such including correlation parameters. By default, they are chosen appropriately to the model at hand. However, when using the rho.sigma.e and rho.sigma.b arguments, it is up to the user to specify the appropriate function. See asymptoticEfficiency for methods to find tuning parameters that yield a given asymptotic efficiency.

• For simple variance components and the residual error scale use the function psi2propII to change the tuning parameters. This is similar to Proposal 2 in the location-scale problem (i.e., using the squared robustness weights of the location estimate for the scale estimate; otherwise the scale estimate is not robust).

• For multi-dimensional blocks of random effects modeled, e.g., a model with correlated random intercept and slope, (referred to as block diagonal case below), use the chgDefaults function to change the tuning parameters. The parameter estimation problem is multi-variate, unlike the case without correlation where the problem was univariate. For the employed estimator, this amounts to switching from simple scale estimates to estimating correlation matrices. Therefore different weight functions have to be used. Squaring of the weights (using the function psi2propII) is no longer necessary. To yield estimates with the same efficiency, the tuning parameters for the block diagonal are larger than for the simple case. Tables of tuning parameters are given in Table 2 and 3 of the vignette (vignette("rlmer")).

**Recommended tuning parameters:** For a more robust estimate, use setting = "RSEn" (the default). For higher efficiency, use setting = "RSEa". The settings described in the following paragraph are used when setting = "RSEa" is specified.

For the smoothed Huber function the tuning parameters to get approximately 95% efficiency are k=1.345 for rho.e and k=2.28 for rho.sigma.e (using the squared version). For simple variance components, the same can be used for rho.b and rho.sigma.b. For variance components including correlation parameters, use k=5.14 for both rho.b and rho.sigma.b. Tables of tuning parameter are given in Table 2 and 3 of the vignette (vignette("rlmer")).

Specifying (multiple) weight functions: If custom weight functions are specified using the argument rho.b (rho.e) but the argument rho.sigma.b (rho.sigma.e) is missing, then the squared weights are used for simple variance components and the regular weights are used for variance components including correlation parameters. The same tuning parameters will be used when setting = "RSEn" is used. To get higher efficiency either use setting = "RSEa" (and only set arguments rho.e and rho.b). Or specify the tuning parameters by hand using the psi2propII and chgDefaults functions.

To specify separate weight functions rho.b and rho.sigma.b for different variance components, it is possible to pass a list instead of a psi\_func object. The list entries correspond to the groups as shown by VarCorr(.) when applied to the model fitted with lmer. A set of correlated random effects count as just one group.

lmerNoFit: The lmerNoFit function can be used to get trivial starting values. This is mainly used to verify the algorithms to reproduce the fit by lmer when starting from trivial initial values.

#### Value

object of class rlmerMod.

#### Author(s)

Manuel Koller, with thanks to Vanda Lourenço for improvements.

#### See Also

```
lmer, vignette("rlmer")
```

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#### **Examples**

```
## dropping of VC
system.time(print(rlmer(Yield ~ (1|Batch), Dyestuff2, method="DASvar")))
## Not run:
 ## Default method "DAStau"
 system.time(rfm.DAStau <- rlmer(Yield ~ (1|Batch), Dyestuff))</pre>
 summary(rfm.DAStau)
 ## DASvar method (faster, less accurate)
 system.time(rfm.DASvar <- rlmer(Yield ~ (1|Batch), Dyestuff,</pre>
                                  method="DASvar"))
 ## compare the two
 compare(rfm.DAStau, rfm.DASvar)
 ## Fit variance components with higher efficiency
 ## psi2propII yields squared weights to get robust estimates
 ## this is the same as using rlmer's argument `setting = "RSEa"`
 rlmer(diameter ~ 1 + (1|plate) + (1|sample), Penicillin,
        rho.sigma.e = psi2propII(smoothPsi, k = 2.28),
        rho.sigma.b = psi2propII(smoothPsi, k = 2.28))
 ## use chgDefaults for variance components including
 ## correlation terms (regular, non squared weights suffice)
 ## this is the same as using rlmer's argument `setting = "RSEa"`
 rlmer(Reaction ~ Days + (Days|Subject), sleepstudy,
        rho.sigma.e = psi2propII(smoothPsi, k = 2.28),
        rho.b = chgDefaults(smoothPsi, k = 5.14, s=10),
        rho.sigma.b = chgDefaults(smoothPsi, k = 5.14, s=10))
## End(Not run)
## Not run:
 ## start from lmer's initial estimate, not its fit
 rlmer(Yield ~ (1|Batch), Dyestuff, init = lmerNoFit)
## End(Not run)
```

rlmerMod-class

rlmerMod Class

#### **Description**

Class "rlmerMod" of Robustly Fitted Mixed-Effect Models

# **Details**

A robust mixed-effects model as returned by rlmer.

## **Objects from the Class**

Objects are created by calls to rlmer.

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## Methods

Almost all methods available from objects returned from lmer are also available for objects returned by rlmer. They usage is the same.

It follows a list of some the methods that are exported by this package:

- coef
- deviance (disabled, see below)
- extractAIC (disabled, see below)
- family
- fitted
- fixef
- formula
- getInfo
- isGLMM
- isLMM
- isNLMM
- isREML
- logLik (disabled, see below)
- model.frame
- model.matrix
- nobs
- plot
- predict
- ranef (only partially implemented)
- residuals
- sigma
- summary
- terms
- update
- VarCorr
- vcov
- weights

## Disabled methods

A log likelihood or even a pseudo log likelihood is not defined for the robust estimates returned by rlmer. Methods that depend on the log likelihood are therefore not available. For this reason the methods deviance, extractAIC and logLik stop with an error if they are called.

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#### See Also

```
rlmer; corresponding class in package lme4: merMod
```

## **Examples**

```
showClass("rlmerMod")

## convert an object of type 'lmerMod' to 'rlmerMod'
## to use the methods provided by robustlmm
fm <- lmer(Yield ~ (1|Batch), Dyestuff)
rfm <- as(fm, "rlmerMod")
compare(fm, rfm)</pre>
```

saveDatasets

Save datasets

# Description

Saves dataset to one or more files.

## Usage

```
saveDatasets(datasets, path = getwd(), file, chunkSize)
```

## **Arguments**

datasets dataset list generated by one of the generate functions.

path path to save the datasets to.

file filename to use, without extension.

chunkSize if provided, datasets are split into chunkSize chunks and then saved.

## **Details**

The file will be saved to path/filename.Rdata.

If chunkSize is not missing, the filename is interpreted as format specifier and passed onto sprintf. One argument is given, the index of the chunk.

#### Value

filename or vector of filenames.

# Author(s)

Manuel Koller

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shortenLabelsKS2022

Shorten Labels

## **Description**

Shorten labels created by the various fitDatasets functions, for use in plotting, etc.

## Usage

```
shortenLabelsKS2022(labels)
```

## **Arguments**

labels

vector of labels as assigned by fitDatasets

#### **Details**

The labels are shortened as they are in the simulation study published in Koller and Stahel (2022).

#### Value

Vector of shortened labels

# Author(s)

Manuel Koller

## References

Koller M, Stahel WA (2022). "Robust Estimation of General Linear Mixed Effects Models." In PM Yi, PK Nordhausen (eds.), Robust and Multivariate Statistical Methods, Springer Nature Switzerland AG.

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splitDatasets

Split Datasets Into Chunks

#### **Description**

Method that splits up dataset objects into smaller chunks, so that they can be processed separately.

# Usage

```
splitDatasets(datasets, chunkSize = 50)
```

## **Arguments**

datasets dataset object to split into chunks

chunkSize number of datasets to keep in one chunk

#### Value

list of dataset lists with generators and the contents of the original dataset. See prepareMixedEffectDataset and generateAnovaDatasets for a description of the contents. There is one additional entry in the list:

chunkIndex: index of the chunk

# Author(s)

Manuel Koller

## See Also

bindDatasets

```
viewCopyOfSimulationStudy
```

Access Simulation Study Code

#### **Description**

This is a convenience function to make it simple to access the simulation study script files that are shipped with robustlmm.

# Usage

```
viewCopyOfSimulationStudy(
  study = c("sensitivityCurves.R", "consistencyAndEfficiencyDiagonal.R",
    "consistencyAndEfficiencyBlockDiagonal.R", "breakdown.R", "convergence.R",
    "robustnessDiagonal.R", "robustnessBlockDiagonal.R"),
  destinationPath = getwd(),
  overwrite = FALSE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

study Name of the script file, partial matching is supported via match.arg. destinationPath

optional path to directory in which the copy of the script should be created. By

default the current working directory is used.

overwrite logical; should existing destination files be overwritten?

#### **Details**

The function creates a copy of the script file that can be safely edited without changing the original file.

```
## Not run:
    viewCopyOfSimulationStudy("sensitivityCurves")
## End(Not run)
```

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