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psychonetrics-package Structural Equation Modeling and Confirmatory Network Analysis

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This package can be used to perform Structural Equation Modeling and confirmatory network modeling. Current implemented families of models are (1) the variance—covariance matrix (varcov), (2) the latent variable model (lvm), (3) the lag-1 vector autoregression model (var1), and (4) the dynamical lag-1 latent variable model for panel data (dlvm1) and for time-series data (tsdlvm1).

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#### References

More information: psychonetrics.org

bifactor

Bi-factor models

## **Description**

Wrapper to 1vm to specify a bi-factor model.

## Usage

```
bifactor(data, lambda, latents, bifactor = "g", ...)
```

# **Arguments**

data The data as used by lvm

lambda The factor loadings matrix \*without\* the bifactor, as used by by lvm

latents A vector of names of the latent variables, as used by lvm

bifactor Name of the bifactor
... Arguments sent to 1vm

#### Value

An object of the class psychonetrics (psychonetrics-class)

# Author(s)

Sacha Epskamp

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bootstrap	Bootstrap a psychonetrics model

## **Description**

This function will bootstrap the data (once) and return a new unevaluated psychonetrics object. It requres storedata = TRUE to be used when forming a model.

#### Usage

## **Arguments**

x A psychonetrics model.

replacement Logical, should new samples be drawn with replacement?

proportion Proportion of sample to be drawn. Set to lower than \$1\$ for subsampling.

verbose Logical, should messages be printed?

storedata Logical, should the bootstrapped data also be stored?

baseline\_saturated

Logical, should the baseline and saturated models be included?

#### Value

An object of the class psychonetrics (psychonetrics-class)

## Author(s)

Sacha Epskamp

changedata	Change the data of a psychonetrics object
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## **Description**

This function can be used to change the data in a psychonetrics object.

## Usage

```
changedata(x, data, covs, nobs, means, groups, missing = "listwise")
```

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# Arguments

Х	A psychonetrics model.
data	A data frame encoding the data used in the analysis. Can be missing if covs and nobs are supplied.
covs	A sample variance—covariance matrix, or a list/array of such matrices for multiple groups. IMPORTANT NOTE: psychonetrics expects the maximum likelihood (ML) covariance matrix, which is NOT obtained from cov directly. Manually rescale the result of cov with (nobs - 1)/nobs to obtain the ML covariance matrix.
nobs	The number of observations used in covs and means, or a vector of such numbers of observations for multiple groups.
means	A vector of sample means, or a list/matrix containing such vectors for multiple groups.
groups	An optional string indicating the name of the group variable in data.
missing	How should missingness be handled in computing the sample covariances and number of observations when data is used. Can be "listwise" for listwise deletion, or "pairwise" for pairwise deletion.

## Value

An object of the class psychonetrics (psychonetrics-class)

# Author(s)

Sacha Epskamp

CIplot Plot Analytic Confidence Intervals	CIplot	Plot Analytic Confidence Intervals	
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# Description

Function to plot analytic confidence intervals (CI) of matrix elements estimated in psychonetrics.

# Usage

```
CIplot(x, matrices, alpha_ci = 0.05,
    alpha_color = c(0.05, 0.01, 0.001, 1e-04),
    labels, labels2, labelstart, print = TRUE,
    major_break = 0.2, minor_break = 0.1)
```

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# **Arguments**

x	A psychonetrics model.
matrices	Vector of strings indicating the matrices to plot CIs for
alpha_ci	The alpha level used for the CIs
alpha_color	A vector of alphas used for coloring the CIs
labels	The labels for the variables associated with the rows of a matrix.
labels2	The labels for the variables associated with the columns of a matrix. Defaults to the value of labels for square matrices.
labelstart	The value to determine if labels are printed to the right or to the left of the CI
print	Logical, should the plots also be printed? Only works when one matrix is used in 'matrices'
major_break	Numeric indicating the step size between major breaks
minor_break	Numeric indicating the step size between minor breaks

#### Value

A single ggplot2 object, or a list of ggplot2 objects for each matrix requested.

## Author(s)

Sacha Epskamp

```
### Example from ?ggm ###
# Load bfi data from psych package:
library("psychTools")
data(bfi)
# Also load dplyr for the pipe operator:
library("dplyr")
# Let's take the agreeableness items, and gender:
ConsData <- bfi %>%
  select(A1:A5, gender) %>%
  na.omit # Let's remove missingness (otherwise use Estimator = "FIML)
# Define variables:
vars <- names(ConsData)[1:5]</pre>
# Let's fit an empty GGM:
mod0 <- ggm(ConsData, vars = vars)</pre>
# Run the model:
mod0 <- mod0 %>% runmodel
# Labels:
labels <- c(
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```
"indifferent to the feelings of others",
  "inquire about others' well-being",
  "comfort others",
  "love children",
  "make people feel at ease")
# Plot the CIs:
CIplot(mod0, "omega", labels = labels, labelstart = 0.2)
### Example from ?gvar ###
library("dplyr")
library("graphicalVAR")
beta <- matrix(c(</pre>
  0,0.5,
  0.5,0
),2,2,byrow=TRUE)
kappa <- diag(2)</pre>
simData <- graphicalVARsim(50, beta, kappa)</pre>
# Form model:
model <- gvar(simData)</pre>
# Evaluate model:
model <- model %>% runmodel
# Plot the CIs:
CIplot(model, "beta")
```

compare

Model comparison

#### **Description**

This function will print a table comparing multiple models on chi-square, AIC and BIC.

#### Usage

```
compare(...)
## S3 method for class 'psychonetrics_compare'
print(x, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

Any number of psychonetrics models. Can be named to change the rownames of the output.

X Output of the compare function.

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#### Value

A data frame with chi-square values, degrees of freedoms, RMSEAs, AICs, and BICs.

#### Author(s)

Sacha Epskamp

covML

Maximum likelihood covariance estimate

#### **Description**

These functions complement the base R cov function by simplifying obtaining maximum likelihood (ML) covariance estimates (denominator n) instead of unbiased (UB) covariance estimates (denominator n-1). The function covML can be used to obtain ML estimates, the function covUBtoML transforms from UB to ML estimates, and the function covMLtoUB transforms from UB to ML estimates.

## Usage

```
covML(x, ...)

covUBtoML(x, n, ...)

covMLtoUB(x, n, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

```
x A datasetn The sample size... Arguments sent to the cov function.
```

## Author(s)

Sacha Epskamp <mail@sachaepskamp.com>

```
data("StarWars")
Y <- StarWars[,1:10]

# Unbiased estimate:
UB <- cov(Y)

# ML Estimate:
ML <- covML(Y)

# Check:
all(abs(UB - covMLtoUB(ML, nrow(Y))) < sqrt(.Machine$double.eps))
all(abs(ML - covUBtoML(UB, nrow(Y))) < sqrt(.Machine$double.eps))</pre>
```

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## **Description**

The 'checkJacobian' function can be used to check if the analytic gradient / Jacobian is aligned with the numerically approximated gradient / Jacobian, and the 'checkFisher' function can be used to check if the analytic Hessian is aligned with the numerically approximated Hessian.

## Usage

## **Arguments**

X	A 'psychonetrics' object
f	A custom fit function or the psychonetrics default fit function (default).
jac	A custom Jacobian function or the psychonetrics default Jacobian function (default).
fis	A custom Fischer information function or the psychonetrics default Fischer information function (default).
transpose	Should the numeric Jacobian be transposed?
plot	Should a diagnostic plot be produced?
perturbStart	Should start values be perturbed (only used in development)
method	Numeric derivative method (default: Richardson)

# Author(s)

Sacha Epskamp

dlvm1

Lag-1 dynamic latent variable model family of psychonetrics models for panel data

#### **Description**

This is the family of models that models a dynamic factor model on panel data. There are four covariance structures that can be modeled in different ways: within\_latent, between\_latent for the within-person and between-person latent (contemporaneous) models respectively, and within\_residual, between\_residual for the within-person and between-person residual models respectively. The panelgyar wrapper function sets the lambda to an identity matrix, all residual variances to zero, and models within-person and between-person latent (contemporaneous) models as GGMs. The panelvar wrapper does the same but models contemporaneous relations as a variance-covariance matrix. Finally, the panel\_lvgvar wrapper automatically models all latent networks as GGMs.

#### Usage

```
dlvm1(data, vars, lambda, within_latent = c("cov", "chol",
                   "prec", "ggm"), within_residual = c("cov", "chol",
                         , "ggm"), between_latent = c("cov", "chol",
                   "prec", "ggm"), between_residual = c("cov", "chol",
                   "prec", "ggm"), beta = "full", omega_zeta_within =
                   "full", delta_zeta_within = "diag", kappa_zeta_within
                   = "full", sigma_zeta_within = "full",
                   lowertri_zeta_within = "full", omega_epsilon_within =
                   "zero", delta_epsilon_within = "diag",
                   kappa_epsilon_within = "diag", sigma_epsilon_within =
                   "diag", lowertri_epsilon_within = "diag",
                   omega_zeta_between = "full", delta_zeta_between =
                   "diag", kappa_zeta_between = "full",
                   sigma_zeta_between = "full", lowertri_zeta_between =
                   "full", omega_epsilon_between = "zero",
                   delta_epsilon_between = "diag", kappa_epsilon_between
                   = "diag", sigma_epsilon_between = "diag",
                   lowertri_epsilon_between = "diag", nu, mu_eta,
                   identify = TRUE, identification = c("loadings",
                   "variance"), latents, groups, covs, means, nobs, start
                   = "version2", covtype = c("choose", "ML", "UB"),
                   missing = "listwise", equal = "none",
                   baseline_saturated = TRUE, estimator = "ML",
                   optimizer, storedata = FALSE, verbose = FALSE,
                   sampleStats, baseline =
                   c("stationary_random_intercept", "stationary",
                   "independence", "none"))
panelgvar(data, vars, within_latent = c("ggm","chol","cov","prec"),
          between_latent = c("ggm", "chol", "cov", "prec"), ...)
```

```
panelvar(data, vars, within_latent = c("cov","chol","prec","ggm"),
          between_latent = c("cov", "chol", "prec", "ggm"), ...)
panel_lvgvar(...)
```

#### **Arguments**

data A data frame encoding the data used in the analysis. Can be missing if covs and

nobs are supplied.

Required argument. Different from in other psychonetrics models, this must vars

> be a \*matrix\* with each row indicating a variable and each column indicating a measurement. The matrix must be filled with names of the variables in the dataset corresponding to variable i at wave j. NAs can be used to indicate miss-

ing waves. The rownames of this matrix will be used as variable names.

lambda Required argument. A model matrix encoding the factor loading structure. Each

> row indicates an indicator and each column a latent. A 0 encodes a fixed to zero element, a 1 encoding a free to estimate element, and higher integers encoding equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array

with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

within\_latent The type of within-person latent contemporaneous model to be used.

The type of within-person residual model to be used.

between\_latent The type of between-person latent model to be used.

between\_residual

The type of between-person residual model to be used.

A model matrix encoding the temporal relationships (transpose of temporal network). A 0 encodes a fixed to zero element, a 1 encoding a free to estimate element, and higher integers encoding equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix. Can also be "full" for a full temporal network or "zero" for an empty

temporal network.

omega\_zeta\_within

Only used when within\_latent = "ggm". Can be "full", "zero", or a typical model matrix with 0s indicating parameters constrained to zero, 1s indicating free parameters, and higher integers indicating equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding

such a matrix.

delta\_zeta\_within

Only used when within\_latent = "ggm". Can be "diag", "zero" (not recommended), or a typical model matrix with 0s indicating parameters constrained to zero, 1s indicating free parameters, and higher integers indicating equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

kappa\_zeta\_within

Only used when within\_latent = "prec". Can be "full", "diag", or a typical model matrix with 0s indicating parameters constrained to zero, 1s indicating

within\_residual

beta

free parameters, and higher integers indicating equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

#### sigma\_zeta\_within

Only used when within\_latent = "cov". Can be "full", "diag", or a typical model matrix with 0s indicating parameters constrained to zero, 1s indicating free parameters, and higher integers indicating equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

#### lowertri\_zeta\_within

Only used when within\_latent = "chol". Can be "full", "diag", or a typical model matrix with 0s indicating parameters constrained to zero, 1s indicating free parameters, and higher integers indicating equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

#### omega\_epsilon\_within

Only used when within\_residual = "ggm". Can be "full", "zero", or a typical model matrix with 0s indicating parameters constrained to zero, 1s indicating free parameters, and higher integers indicating equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

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## kappa\_epsilon\_within

Only used when within\_residual = "prec". Can be "full", "diag", or a typical model matrix with 0s indicating parameters constrained to zero, 1s indicating free parameters, and higher integers indicating equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

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Only used when between\_latent = "chol". Can be "full", "diag", or a typical model matrix with 0s indicating parameters constrained to zero, 1s indicating free parameters, and higher integers indicating equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

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multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

lowertri\_epsilon\_between

Only used when between\_residual = "chol". Can be "full", "diag", or a typical model matrix with 0s indicating parameters constrained to zero, 1s indicating free parameters, and higher integers indicating equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

nu Optional vector encoding the intercepts of the observed variables. Set elements

to 0 to indicate fixed to zero constrains, 1 to indicate free intercepts, and higher integers to indicate equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can

be a list or array with each element/column encoding such a vector.

mu\_eta Optional vector encoding the means of the latent variables. Set elements to 0 to indicate fixed to zero constrains, 1 to indicate free intercepts, and higher integers

to indicate equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list

or array with each element/column encoding such a vector.

identify Logical, should the model be automatically identified?

identification Type of identification used. "loadings" to fix the first factor loadings to 1, and

"variance" to fix the diagonal of the latent variable model matrix (sigma\_zeta,

lowertri\_zeta, delta\_zeta or kappa\_zeta) to 1.

latents An optional character vector with names of the latent variables.

groups An optional string indicating the name of the group variable in data.

covs A sample variance—covariance matrix, or a list/array of such matrices for mul-

tiple groups. IMPORTANT NOTE: psychonetrics expects the maximum likelihood (ML) covariance matrix, which is NOT obtained from cov directly. Manually rescale the result of cov with (nobs - 1)/nobs to obtain the ML covariance

matrix.

means A vector of sample means, or a list/matrix containing such vectors for multiple

groups.

nobs The number of observations used in covs and means, or a vector of such num-

bers of observations for multiple groups.

start Start value specification. Can be either a string or a psychonetrics model. If it

is a string, "version2" indicates the latest version of start value computation, "version1" indicates start values as they were computed up to version 0.11, and "simple" indicate simple starting values. If this is a psychonetrics model the starting values will be based on the output. This can be useful, for example, if you first estimate a model with matrices set to a Cholesky decomposition, then

use those values as start values for estimating Gaussian graphical models.

missing How should missingness be handled in computing the sample covariances and

number of observations when data is used. Can be "listwise" for listwise

deletion, or "pairwise" for pairwise deletion.

equal A character vector indicating which matrices should be constrained equal across

groups.

baseline\_saturated

A logical indicating if the baseline and saturated model should be included. Mostly used internally and NOT Recommended to be used manually.

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estimator The estimator to be used. Currently implemented are "ML" for maximum like-

lihood estimation, "FIML" for full-information maximum likelihood estimation, "ULS" for unweighted least squares estimation, "WLS" for weighted least squares estimation, and "DWLS" for diagonally weighted least squares estimation.

estimation, and DWL5 for diagonally weighted least squares estimation.

The optimizer to be used. Can be one of "nlminb" (the default R nlminb function), "ucminf" (from the optimr package), and C++ based optimizers "cpp\_L-BFGS-B", "cpp\_BFGS", "cpp\_CG", "cpp\_SANN", and "cpp\_Nelder-Mead".

The C++ optimizers are faster but slightly less stable. Defaults to "nlminb".

storedata Logical, should the raw data be stored? Needed for bootstrapping (see bootstrap).

verbose Logical, should progress be printed to the console?

sampleStats An optional sample statistics object. Mostly used internally.

covtype If 'covs' is used, this is the type of covariance (maximum likelihood or unbiased)

the input covariance matrix represents. Set to "ML" for maximum likelihood estimates (denominator n) and "UB" to unbiased estimates (denominator n-1). The default will try to find the type used, by investigating which is most likely

to result from integer valued datasets.

baseline What baseline model should be used? "stationary\_random\_intercept" in-

cludes both within- and between person variances constrained equal across time (default), "stationary" only includes within-person variances constrained equal across time, "independence" (default up to version 0.11) includes a variance for every variable at every time point (not constrained equal across time), and

"none" includes no baseline model.

... Arguments sent to dlvm1.

#### Value

An object of the class psychonetrics (psychonetrics-class)

#### Author(s)

Sacha Epskamp

optimizer

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duplication Matrix

Model matrices used in derivatives

## **Description**

These matrices are used in the analytic gradients

# Usage

```
duplicationMatrix(n, diag = TRUE)
eliminationMatrix(n, diag = TRUE)
diagonalizationMatrix(n)
```

## **Arguments**

n Number of rows and columns in the original matrix

diag Logical indicating if the diagonal should be included (set to FALSE for deriva-

tive of vech(x)

#### Value

A sparse matrix

#### Author(s)

Sacha Epskamp

```
# Duplication matrix for 10 variables:
duplicationMatrix(10)

# Elimination matrix for 10 variables:
eliminationMatrix(10)
```

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```
# Diagonalization matrix for 10 variables:
diagonalizationMatrix(10)
```

emergencystart

Reset starting values to simple defaults

## Description

This function overwrites the starting values to simple defaults. This can help in cases where optimization fails.

## Usage

emergencystart(x)

## **Arguments**

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A psychonetrics model.

#### Value

A psychonetrics model.

#### Author(s)

Sacha Epskamp

esa

Ergodic Subspace Analysis

# Description

These functions implement Ergodic Subspace Analysis by von Oertzen, Schmiedek and Voelkle (2020). The functions can be used on the output of a dlvm1 model, or manually by supplying a within persons and between persons variance-covariance matrix.

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## Usage

```
esa(x, cutoff = 0.1,
    between = c("crosssection", "between"))
esa_manual(sigma_wp, sigma_bp, cutoff = 0.1)
## S3 method for class 'esa'
print(x, printref = TRUE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'esa_manual'
print(x, printref = TRUE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'esa'
plot(x, plot = c("observed", "latent"), ...)
## S3 method for class 'esa_manual'
plot(x, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

X	Output of a dlvm1 model
sigma_wp	Manual within-person variance-covariance matrix
sigma_bp	Manual between-person variance-covariance matrix
cutoff	Cutoff used to determine ergodicity
printref	Logical, should the reference be printed?
plot	Should ergodicity of observed or latent variables be plotted?
between	Should the between-persons variance-covariance matrix be based on exected cross-sectional or between-person relations
	Not used

# Value

For each group a esa\_manual object with the following elements:

ergodicity Ergodicity values of each component
Q\_esa Component loadings
V\_bp Between persons subspace
V\_ergodic Ergodic subspace
V\_wp Within person subspace

cutoff Cutoff value used

#### Author(s)

Sacha Epskamp <mail@sachaepskamp.com>

#### References

von Oertzen, T., Schmiedek, F., and Voelkle, M. C. (2020). Ergodic Subspace Analysis. Journal of Intelligence, 8(1), 3.

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factorscores

Compute factor scores

# Description

Currently, only the lvm framework with single group and no missing data is supported.

## Usage

```
factorscores(data, model, method = c("bartlett", "regression"))
```

## **Arguments**

data Dataset to compute factor scores for

model A psychonetrics model

method The method to use: "regression" or "bartlett"

## Author(s)

Sacha Epskamp <mail@sachaepskamp.com>

fit

Print fit indices

# Description

This function will print all fit indices of the model/

# Usage

fit(x)

## **Arguments**

Х

A psychonetrics model.

#### Value

Invisibly returns a data frame with fit measure estimates.

## Author(s)

Sacha Epskamp

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#### **Examples**

```
# Load bfi data from psych package:
library("psychTools")
data(bfi)
# Also load dplyr for the pipe operator:
library("dplyr")
# Let's take the agreeableness items, and gender:
ConsData <- bfi %>%
  select(A1:A5, gender) %>%
  na.omit # Let's remove missingness (otherwise use Estimator = "FIML)
# Define variables:
vars <- names(ConsData)[1:5]</pre>
# Let's fit an empty GGM:
mod0 <- ggm(ConsData, vars = vars, omega = "zero")</pre>
# Run model:
mod0 <- mod0 %>% runmodel
# Inspect fit:
mod0 %>% fit # Pretty bad fit...
```

fixpar

Parameters modification

## **Description**

The fixpar function can be used to fix a parameter to some value (Typically zero), and the freepar function can be used to free a parameter from being fixed to a value.

# Usage

## **Arguments**

X	A psychonetrics model.
matrix	String indicating the matrix of the parameter
row	Integer or string indicating the row of the matrix of the parameter
col	Integer or string indicating the column of the matrix of the parameter

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value	Used in fixpar to indicate the value to which a parameters is constrained
start	Used in freepar to indicate the starting value of the parameter
group	Integer indicating the group of the parameter to be constrained
verbose	Logical, should messages be printed?
log	Logical, should the log be updated?
runmodel	Logical, should the model be updated?
startEPC	Logical, should the starting value be set at the expected parameter change?
	Arguments sent to runmodel

#### Value

An object of the class psychonetrics (psychonetrics-class)

#### Author(s)

Sacha Epskamp

fixstart	Attempt to Fix Starting Values	

# Description

This function attempts to fix starting values by comparing the analytic gradient to a numerically approximated gradient. Parameters with a difference between the analytic and numeric gradient that exceeds 'maxdiff' will be reduced by a factor of 'reduce' in each iteration until the average absolute difference between analytic and numeric gradients is lower than 'tol'. Only off-diagonal elements in omega, sigma, kappa, lowertri or rho matrices or any element in beta matrices are adjusted.

# Usage

```
fixstart(x, reduce = 0.5, maxdiff = 0.1, tol = 0.01, maxtry = 25)
```

# Arguments

X	A 'psychonetrics' model
reduce	The factor with which problematic parameters are reduced in each iteration.
maxdiff	Maximum difference between analytic and numeric gradient to be considered problematic.
tol	Average absolute difference between analytic and numeric gradient that is considered acceptable.
maxtry	Maximum number of iterations to attempt to fix starting values.

#### Author(s)

Sacha Epskamp

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generate

Generate data from a fitted psychonetrics object

## **Description**

This function will generate new data from the estimated mean and variance-covariance structure of a psychonetrics model.

## Usage

```
generate(x, n = 500)
```

## **Arguments**

- x A psychonetrics model.
- n Number of cases to sample per group.

#### Value

A data frame with simulated data

# Author(s)

Sacha Epskamp

getmatrix

Extract an estimated matrix

# Description

This function will extract an estimated matrix, and will either return a single matrix for single group models or a list of such matrices for multiple group models.

# Usage

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#### **Arguments**

x A psychonetrics model.

matrix String indicating the matrix to be extracted.

group Integer indicating the group for the matrix to be extracted.

threshold Logical. Should the matrix be thresholded (non-significant values set to zero?

Can also be a value with an absolute threshold below wich parameters are set to

zero.)

alpha Significance level to use.

adjust p-value adjustment method to use. See p. adjust.

mode Mode for adjusting for multiple comparisons. Should all parameters be consid-

ered as the total number of tests or only the tested parameters (parameters of

interest)?

diag Set to FALSE to set diagonal elements to zero.

#### Value

A matrix of parameter estimates, of a list of such matrices for multiple group models.

#### Author(s)

Sacha Epskamp

```
# Load bfi data from psych package:
library("psychTools")
data(bfi)
# Also load dplyr for the pipe operator:
library("dplyr")
# Let's take the agreeableness items, and gender:
ConsData <- bfi %>%
  select(A1:A5, gender) %>%
  na.omit # Let's remove missingness (otherwise use Estimator = "FIML)
# Define variables:
vars <- names(ConsData)[1:5]</pre>
# Let's fit a full GGM:
mod <- ggm(ConsData, vars = vars, omega = "full")</pre>
# Run model:
mod <- mod %>% runmodel
# Obtain network:
mod %>% getmatrix("omega")
```

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getVCOV

Obtain the asymptotic covariance matrix

# **Description**

This function can be used to obtain the estimated asymptotic covariance matrix from a psychonetrics object.

#### Usage

```
getVCOV(model, approximate_SEs = FALSE)
```

## **Arguments**

model

A psychonetrics model.

approximate\_SEs

Logical, should standard errors be approximated? If true, an approximate matrix inverse of the Fischer information is used to obtain the standard errors.

#### Value

This function returns a matrix.

## Author(s)

Sacha Epskamp

groupequal

Group equality constrains

## **Description**

The groupequal function constrains parameters equal across groups, and the groupfree function frees equality constrains across groups.

## Usage

#### **Arguments**

X	A psychonetrics model.	
matrix	String indicating the matrix of the parameter	
row	Integer or string indicating the row of the matrix of the parameter	
col	Integer or string indicating the column of the matrix of the parameter	
verbose	Logical, should messages be printed?	
log	Logical, should the log be updated?	
runmodel	Logical, should the model be updated?	
identify	Logical, should the model be identified?	
	Arguments sent to runmodel	

#### Value

An object of the class psychonetrics (psychonetrics-class)

# Author(s)

Sacha Epskamp

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# Description

This is the family of Ising models fit to dichotomous datasets. Note that the input matters (see also https://arxiv.org/abs/1811.02916) in this model! Models based on a dataset that is encoded with -1 and 1 are not entirely equivalent to models based on datasets encoded with 0 and 1 (non-equivalences occur in multi-group settings with equality constrains).

#### Usage

#### **Arguments**

data A data frame encoding the data used in the analysis. Can be missing if covs and

nobs are supplied.

omega The network structure. Either "full" to estimate every element freely, "zero"

to set all elements to zero, or a matrix of the dimensions nNode x nNode with 0 encoding a fixed to zero element, 1 encoding a free to estimate element, and higher integers encoding equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument

can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

tau Optional vector encoding the threshold/intercept structure. Set elements to 0 to

indicate fixed to zero constrains, 1 to indicate free intercepts, and higher integers to indicate equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list

or array with each element/column encoding such a vector.

beta Optional scalar encoding the inverse temperature. 1 indicate free beta param-

eters, and higher integers to indicate equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/column encoding such

scalers.

vars An optional character vector encoding the variables used in the analyis. Must

equal names of the dataset in data.

groups An optional character vector encoding the variables used in the analyis. Must

equal names of the dataset in data.

covs A sample variance–covariance matrix, or a list/array of such matrices for multi-

ple groups. Make sure covtype argument is set correctly to the type of covari-

ances used.

means A vector of sample means, or a list/matrix containing such vectors for multiple

groups.

nobs The number of observations used in covs and means, or a vector of such num-

bers of observations for multiple groups.

covtype If 'covs' is used, this is the type of covariance (maximum likelihood or unbiased)

the input covariance matrix represents. Set to "ML" for maximum likelihood estimates (denominator n) and "UB" to unbiased estimates (denominator n-1). The default will try to find the type used, by investigating which is most likely

to result from integer valued datasets.

responses A vector of dichotemous responses used (e.g., c(-1,1) or c(0,1). Only needed

when 'covs' is used.)

missing How should missingness be handled in computing the sample covariances and

number of observations when data is used. Can be "listwise" for listwise deletion, or "pairwise" for pairwise deletion. NOT RECOMMENDED TO

BE USED YET IN ISING MODEL.

equal A character vector indicating which matrices should be constrained equal across

groups.

baseline\_saturated

A logical indicating if the baseline and saturated model should be included.

Mostly used internally and NOT Recommended to be used manually.

The estimator to be used. Currently implemented are "ML" for maximum likelihood estimation, "FIML" for full-information maximum likelihood estimation, "ULS" for unweighted least squares estimation, "WLS" for weighted least squares estimation, and "DWLS" for diagonally weighted least squares estimation. Only ML estimation is currently supported for the Ising model.

Optimizer The optimizer to be used. Can be one of "nlminb" (the default R nlminb

function), "ucminf" (from the optimr package), and C++ based optimizers "cpp\_L-BFGS-B", "cpp\_BFGS", "cpp\_CG", "cpp\_SANN", and "cpp\_Nelder-Mead". The C++ optimizers are faster but slightly less stable. Defaults to "nlminb".

storedata Logical, should the raw data be stored? Needed for bootstrapping (see bootstrap).

WLS.W Optional WLS weights matrix. CURRENTLY NOT USED.
sampleStats An optional sample statistics object. Mostly used internally.

identify Logical, should the model be identified? verbose Logical, should messages be printed?

maxNodes The maximum number of nodes allowed in the analysis. This function will stop

with an error if more nodes are used (it is not recommended to set this higher).

min\_sum The minimum sum score that is artifically possible in the dataset. Defaults to

-Inf. Set this only if you know a lower sum score is not possible in the data, for

example due to selection bias.

#### **Details**

The Ising Model takes the following form:

$$\Pr(\boldsymbol{Y} = \boldsymbol{y}) = \frac{\exp(-\beta H(\boldsymbol{y}; \boldsymbol{\tau}, \boldsymbol{\Omega}))}{Z(\boldsymbol{\tau}, \boldsymbol{\Omega})}$$

With Hamiltonian:

$$H(\boldsymbol{y}; \boldsymbol{\tau}, \boldsymbol{\Omega}) = -\sum_{i=1}^{m} \tau_i y_i - \sum_{i=2}^{m} \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \omega_{ij} y_i y_j.$$

And Z representing the partition function or normalizing constant.

#### Value

An object of the class psychonetrics

## Author(s)

Sacha Epskamp <mail@sachaepskamp.com>

#### References

Epskamp, S., Maris, G., Waldorp, L. J., & Borsboom, D. (2018). Network Psychometrics. In: Irwing, P., Hughes, D., & Booth, T. (Eds.), The Wiley Handbook of Psychometric Testing, 2 Volume Set: A Multidisciplinary Reference on Survey, Scale and Test Development. New York: Wiley.

```
library("dplyr")
data("Jonas")
# Variables to use:
vars <- names(Jonas)[1:10]</pre>
# Arranged groups to put unfamiliar group first (beta constrained to 1):
Jonas <- Jonas[order(Jonas$group),]</pre>
# Form saturated model:
model1 <- Ising(Jonas, vars = vars, groups = "group")</pre>
# Run model:
model1 <- model1 %>% runmodel(approximate_SEs = TRUE)
# We approximate the SEs because there are zeroes in the crosstables
# of people that know Jonas. This leads to uninterpretable edge
# estimates, but as can be seen below only in the model with
# non-equal estimates across groups.
# Prune-stepup to find a sparse model:
model1b <- model1 %>% prune(alpha = 0.05) %>% stepup(alpha = 0.05)
# Equal networks:
suppressWarnings(
 model2 <- model1 %>% groupequal("omega") %>% runmodel
# Prune-stepup to find a sparse model:
model2b <- model2 %>% prune(alpha = 0.05) %>% stepup(mi = "mi_equal", alpha = 0.05)
# Equal thresholds:
model3 <- model2 %>% groupequal("tau") %>% runmodel
# Prune-stepup to find a sparse model:
model3b <- model3 %>% prune(alpha = 0.05) %>% stepup(mi = "mi_equal", alpha = 0.05)
# Equal beta:
model4 <- model3 %>% groupequal("beta") %>% runmodel
# Prune-stepup to find a sparse model:
model4b <- model4 %>% prune(alpha = 0.05) %>% stepup(mi = "mi_equal", alpha = 0.05)
# Compare all models:
compare(
  `1. all parameters free (dense)` = model1,
  '2. all parameters free (sparse)' = model1b,
 `3. equal networks (dense)` = model2,
 '4. equal networks (sparse)' = model2b,
 `5. equal networks and thresholds (dense)` = model3,
  `6. equal networks and thresholds (sparse)` = model3b,
```

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Jonas dataset

#### **Description**

Responses of 10 attitude items towards a researcher named Jonas. Participants were shown three photos of Jonas with the text: "This is Jonas, a researcher from Germany who is now becoming a PhD in Psychology". Subsequently, the participants had to answer 10 yes / no questions starting with "I believe that Jonas...", as well as rate their familliarity with Jonas. The sample consists of people familiar with Jonas and not familiar with Jonas, and allows for testing Attitudinal Entropy Framework <doi:10.1080/1047840X.2018.1537246>.

## Usage

```
data("Jonas")
```

#### **Format**

A data frame with 215 observations on the following 12 variables.

```
scientist ... is a good scientist
jeans ... Is a person that wears beautiful jeans
cares ... really cares about people like you
economics ... would solve our economic problems
hardworking ... is hardworking
honest ... is honest
intouch ... is in touch with ordinary people
knowledgeable ... is knowledgeable
makeupmind ... can't make up his mind
getsthingsdone ... gets things done
familiar Answers to the question "How familiar are you with Jonas?" (three responses possible)
group The question 'familiar' categorized in two groups ("Knows Jonas" and "Doesn't Know Jonas")
```

```
data(Jonas)
```

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## **Description**

Wrapper to 1vm to specify a latent growth curve model.

## Usage

# Arguments

vars	Different from in other psychonetrics models, this must be a *matrix* with each row indicating a variable and each column indicating a measurement. The matrix must be filled with names of the variables in the dataset corresponding to variable i at wave j. NAs can be used to indicate missing waves. The rownames of this matrix will be used as variable names.	
time	A vector with the encoding of each measurement (e.g., 0, 1, 2, 3).	
covariates	A vector with strings indicating names of between-person covariate variables in the data	
covariates_as	Should covariates be included as regressions or actual covariates?	
	Arguments sent to lvm	

#### **Details**

See https://github.com/SachaEpskamp/SEM-code-examples/tree/master/Latent\_growth\_examples/psychonetrics for examples

## Value

An object of the class psychonetrics (psychonetrics-class). See for an example https://github.com/SachaEpskamp/SEM-code-examples/tree/master/Latent\_growth\_examples/psychonetrics.

#### Author(s)

Sacha Epskamp

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```
41.0057465682466,
                     47.6992521367521, 53.0669434731935), .Dim = c(3L, 3L),
                    .Dimnames = list(
                        c("smoke2008", "smoke2009", "smoke2010"), c("smoke2008",
                    "smoke2009", "smoke2010")))
# Design matrix:
design <- matrix(rownames(smoke),1,3)</pre>
# Form model:
mod <- latentgrowth(vars = design,</pre>
                covs = smoke, nobs = 352
## Not run:
# Run model:
mod <- mod %>% runmodel
# Evaluate fit:
mod %>% fit
# Look at parameters:
mod %>% parameters
## End(Not run)
```

logbook

Retrieve the psychonetrics logbook

## **Description**

This function can be used to retrieve the logbook of a 'psychonetrics' object.

#### Usage

```
logbook(x, log = TRUE)
```

# Arguments

x A 'psychonetrics' object.

log Logical, should the entry that the logbook is accessed be added?

## Author(s)

Sacha Epskamp

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Continuous latent variable family of psychonetrics models

#### **Description**

This is the family of models that models the data as a structural equation model (SEM), allowing the latent and residual variance-covariance matrices to be further modeled as networks. The latent and residual arguments can be used to define what latent and residual models are used respectively: "cov" (default) models a variance-covariance matrix directly, "chol" models a Cholesky decomposition, "prec" models a precision matrix, and "ggm" models a Gaussian graphical model (Epskamp, Rhemtulla and Borsboom, 2017). The wrapper lnm() sets latent = "ggm" for the latent network model (LNM), the wrapper rnm() sets residual = "ggm" for the residual network model (RNM), and the wrapper lnm() combines the LNM and RNM.

#### Usage

```
lvm(data, lambda, latent = c("cov", "chol", "prec",
                   "ggm"), residual = c("cov", "chol", "prec", "ggm"),
                   sigma_zeta = "full", kappa_zeta = "full", omega_zeta =
                   "full", lowertri_zeta = "full", delta_zeta = "full",
                   sigma_epsilon = "diag", kappa_epsilon = "diag",
                   omega_epsilon = "zero", lowertri_epsilon = "diag",
                   delta_epsilon = "diag", beta = "zero", nu, nu_eta,
                   identify = TRUE, identification = c("loadings",
                   "variance"), vars, latents, groups, covs, means, nobs,
                   missing = "listwise", equal = "none",
                   baseline_saturated = TRUE, estimator = "ML",
                   optimizer, storedata = FALSE, WLS.W, covtype =
                   c("choose", "ML", "UB"), standardize = c("none", "z",
                   "quantile"), sampleStats, verbose = FALSE,
                   simplelambdastart = FALSE)
lnm(...)
rnm(...)
1rnm(...)
```

#### **Arguments**

data

A data frame encoding the data used in the analysis. Can be missing if covs and nobs are supplied.

lambda

A model matrix encoding the factor loading structure. Each row indicates an indicator and each column a latent. A 0 encodes a fixed to zero element, a 1 encoding a free to estimate element, and higher integers encoding equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

latent

The type of latent model used. See description.

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residual

The type of residual model used. See description.

sigma\_zeta

Only used when latent = "cov". Either "full" to estimate every element freely, "diag" to only include diagonal elements, or a matrix of the dimensions node x node with 0 encoding a fixed to zero element, 1 encoding a free to estimate element, and higher integers encoding equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

kappa\_zeta

Only used when latent = "prec". Either "full" to estimate every element freely, "diag" to only include diagonal elements, or a matrix of the dimensions node x node with 0 encoding a fixed to zero element, 1 encoding a free to estimate element, and higher integers encoding equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

omega\_zeta

Only used when latent = "ggm". Either "full" to estimate every element freely, "zero" to set all elements to zero, or a matrix of the dimensions node x node with 0 encoding a fixed to zero element, 1 encoding a free to estimate element, and higher integers encoding equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

lowertri zeta

Only used when latent = "chol". Either "full" to estimate every element freely, "diag" to only include diagonal elements, or a matrix of the dimensions node x node with 0 encoding a fixed to zero element, 1 encoding a free to estimate element, and higher integers encoding equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

delta\_zeta

Only used when latent = "ggm". Either "diag" or "zero", or a matrix of the dimensions node x node with 0 encoding a fixed to zero element, 1 encoding a free to estimate element, and higher integers encoding equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

sigma\_epsilon

Only used when residual = "cov". Either "full" to estimate every element freely, "diag" to only include diagonal elements, or a matrix of the dimensions node x node with 0 encoding a fixed to zero element, 1 encoding a free to estimate element, and higher integers encoding equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

kappa\_epsilon

Only used when residual = "prec". Either "full" to estimate every element freely, "diag" to only include diagonal elements, or a matrix of the dimensions node x node with 0 encoding a fixed to zero element, 1 encoding a free to estimate element, and higher integers encoding equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

omega\_epsilon

Only used when residual = "ggm". Either "full" to estimate every element freely, "zero" to set all elements to zero, or a matrix of the dimensions node x node with 0 encoding a fixed to zero element, 1 encoding a free to estimate element, and higher integers encoding equality constrains. For multiple groups,

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this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

lowertri\_epsilon

Only used when residual = "chol". Either "full" to estimate every element freely, "diag" to only include diagonal elements, or a matrix of the dimensions node x node with 0 encoding a fixed to zero element, 1 encoding a free to estimate element, and higher integers encoding equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

delta\_epsilon

Only used when residual = "ggm". Either "diag" or "zero", or a matrix of the dimensions node x node with 0 encoding a fixed to zero element, 1 encoding a free to estimate element, and higher integers encoding equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

beta

A model matrix encoding the structural relations between latent variables. A 0 encodes a fixed to zero element, a 1 encoding a free to estimate element, and higher integers encoding equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

nu

Optional vector encoding the intercepts of the observed variables. Set elements to 0 to indicate fixed to zero constrains, 1 to indicate free intercepts, and higher integers to indicate equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/column encoding such a vector.

nu\_eta

Optional vector encoding the intercepts of the latent variables. Set elements to 0 to indicate fixed to zero constrains, 1 to indicate free intercepts, and higher integers to indicate equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/column encoding such a vector.

identify

Logical, should the model be automatically identified?

identification

Type of identification used. "loadings" to fix the first factor loadings to 1, and "variance" to fix the diagonal of the latent variable model matrix (sigma\_zeta, lowertri\_zeta, delta\_zeta or kappa\_zeta) to 1.

vars

An optional character vector encoding the variables used in the analysis. Must equal names of the dataset in data.

latents

An optional character vector with names of the latent variables.

groups

An optional string indicating the name of the group variable in data.

covs

A sample variance—covariance matrix, or a list/array of such matrices for multiple groups. Make sure covtype argument is set correctly to the type of covariances used.

means

A vector of sample means, or a list/matrix containing such vectors for multiple groups.

nobs

The number of observations used in covs and means, or a vector of such numbers of observations for multiple groups.

missing

How should missingness be handled in computing the sample covariances and number of observations when data is used. Can be "listwise" for listwise deletion, or "pairwise" for pairwise deletion.

equal A character vector indicating which matrices should be constrained equal across groups.

baseline\_saturated

A logical indicating if the baseline and saturated model should be included. Mostly used internally and NOT Recommended to be used manually.

estimator The estimator to be used. Currently implemented are "ML" for maximum like-

lihood estimation, "FIML" for full-information maximum likelihood estimation, "ULS" for unweighted least squares estimation, "WLS" for weighted least squares estimation, and "DWLS" for diagonally weighted least squares estimation.

optimizer The optimizer to be used. Can be one of "nlminb" (the default R nlminb

function), "ucminf" (from the optimr package), and C++ based optimizers "cpp\_L-BFGS-B", "cpp\_BFGS", "cpp\_CG", "cpp\_SANN", and "cpp\_Nelder-Mead". The C++ optimizers are faster but slightly less stable. Defaults to "nlminb".

storedata Logical, should the raw data be stored? Needed for bootstrapping (see bootstrap).

verbose Logical, should progress be printed to the console?

WLS.W The weights matrix used in WLS estimation (experimental)

sampleStats An optional sample statistics object. Mostly used internally.

covtype If 'covs' is used, this is the type of covariance (maximum likelihood or unbiased)

the input covariance matrix represents. Set to "ML" for maximum likelihood estimates (denominator n) and "UB" to unbiased estimates (denominator n-1). The default will try to find the type used, by investigating which is most likely

to result from integer valued datasets.

standardize Which standardization method should be used? "none" (default) for no stan-

dardization, "z" for z-scores, and "quantile" for a non-parametric transforma-

tion to the quantiles of the marginal standard normal distribution.

simplelambdastart

Logical, should simple start values be used for lambda? Setting this to TRUE

can avoid some estimation problems.

... Arguments sent to varcov

#### **Details**

The model used in this family is:

$$ext{var}(oldsymbol{y}) = oldsymbol{\Lambda} (oldsymbol{I} - oldsymbol{B})^{-1} oldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\zeta} (oldsymbol{I} - oldsymbol{B})^{-1} oldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\zeta} (oldsymbol{I} - oldsymbol{B})^{-1} oldsymbol{
u}_e ta$$

in which the latent covariance matrix can further be modeled in three ways. With latent = "chol" as Cholesky decomposition:

$$\Sigma_{\zeta} = L_{\zeta}L_{\zeta},$$

with latent = "prec" as Precision matrix:

$$\Sigma_{\zeta} = K_{\zeta}^{-1},$$

and finally with latent = "ggm" as Gaussian graphical model:

$$\Sigma_{\zeta} = \Delta_{\zeta} (I - \Omega_{\zeta})^{(} - 1) \Delta_{\zeta}.$$

Likewise, the residual covariance matrix can also further be modeled in three ways. With residual = "chol" as Cholesky decomposition:

$$egin{align*} & oldsymbol{\Sigma}_{arepsilon} = oldsymbol{L}_{arepsilon} oldsymbol{L}_{arepsilon}, \ & ext{with latent = "prec" as Precision matrix:} \ & oldsymbol{\Sigma}_{arepsilon} = oldsymbol{K}_{arepsilon}^{-1}, \ & ext{and finally with latent = "ggm" as Gaussian graphical model:} \ & oldsymbol{\Sigma}_{arepsilon} = oldsymbol{\Delta}_{arepsilon} (oldsymbol{I} - oldsymbol{\Omega}_{arepsilon})^{(} - 1) oldsymbol{\Delta}_{arepsilon}. \end{aligned}$$

#### Value

An object of the class psychonetrics (psychonetrics-class)

## Author(s)

Sacha Epskamp

#### References

Epskamp, S., Rhemtulla, M., & Borsboom, D. (2017). Generalized network psychometrics: Combining network and latent variable models. Psychometrika, 82(4), 904-927.

# **Examples**

```
library("dplyr")
### Confirmatory Factor Analysis ###
# Example also shown in https://youtu.be/Hdu5z-fwuk8
# Load data:
data(StarWars)
# Originals only:
Lambda <- matrix(1,4)
mod0 <- lvm(StarWars, lambda = Lambda, vars = c("Q1","Q5","Q6","Q7"),</pre>
            identification = "variance", latents = "Originals")
# Run model:
mod0 <- mod0 %>% runmodel
# Evaluate fit:
mod0 %>% fit
# Full analysis
# Factor loadings matrix:
Lambda <- matrix(0, 10, 3)
Lambda[1:4,1] <- 1
```

```
Lambda[c(1,5:7),2] < -1
Lambda[c(1,8:10),3] <- 1
# Observed variables:
obsvars <- paste0("Q",1:10)
# Latents:
latents <- c("Prequels", "Original", "Sequels")</pre>
# Make model:
mod1 <- lvm(StarWars, lambda = Lambda, vars = obsvars,</pre>
            identification = "variance", latents = latents)
# Run model:
mod1 <- mod1 %>% runmodel
# Look at fit:
mod1
# Look at parameter estimates:
mod1 %>% parameters
# Look at modification indices:
mod1 %>% MIs
# Add and refit:
mod2 <- mod1 %>% freepar("sigma_epsilon","Q10","Q4") %>% runmodel
# Compare:
compare(original = mod1, adjusted = mod2)
# Fit measures:
mod2 %>% fit
### Path diagrams ###
# semPlot is not (yet) supported by default, but can be used as follows:
# Load packages:
library("semPlot")
# Estimates:
lambdaEst <- getmatrix(mod2, "lambda")</pre>
psiEst <- getmatrix(mod2, "sigma_zeta")</pre>
thetaEst <- getmatrix(mod2, "sigma_epsilon")</pre>
# LISREL Model: LY = Lambda (lambda-y), TE = Theta (theta-epsilon), PS = Psi
mod <- lisrelModel(LY = lambdaEst, PS = psiEst, TE = thetaEst)</pre>
# Plot with semPlot:
semPaths(mod, "std", "est", as.expression = "nodes")
# We can make this nicer (set whatLabels = "none" to hide labels):
semPaths(mod,
```

```
# this argument controls what the color of edges represent. In this case,
# standardized parameters:
   what = "std",
# This argument controls what the edge labels represent. In this case, parameter
# estimates:
   whatLabels = "est",
# This argument draws the node and edge labels as mathematical exprssions:
   as.expression = "nodes",
# This will plot residuals as arrows, closer to what we use in class:
    style = "lisrel",
# This makes the residuals larger:
    residScale = 10,
# qgraph colorblind friendly theme:
    theme = "colorblind",
# tree layout options are "tree", "tree2", and "tree3":
   layout = "tree2",
# This makes the latent covariances connect at a cardinal center point:
   cardinal = "lat cov",
# Changes curve into rounded straight lines:
   curvePivot = TRUE,
# Size of manifest variables:
   sizeMan = 4,
# Size of latent varibales:
    sizeLat = 10,
# Size of edge labels:
    edge.label.cex = 1,
# Sets the margins:
   mar = c(9,1,8,1),
# Prevents re-ordering of ovbserved variables:
    reorder = FALSE,
# Width of the plot:
   width = 8,
# Height of plot:
   height = 5,
# Colors according to latents:
   groups = "latents",
```

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# Pastel colors:
   pastel = TRUE,
# Disable borders:
   borders = FALSE
   )
# Use arguments filetype = "pdf" and filename = "semPlotExample1" to store PDF
### Latent Network Modeling ###
# Latent network model:
lnm <- lvm(StarWars, lambda = Lambda, vars = obsvars,</pre>
           latents = latents, identification = "variance",
           latent = "ggm")
# Run model:
lnm <- lnm %>% runmodel
# Look at parameters:
lnm %>% parameters
# Remove non-sig latent edge:
lnm <- lnm %>% prune(alpha = 0.05)
# Compare to the original CFA model:
compare(cfa = mod1, lnm = lnm)
# Plot network:
library("qgraph")
qgraph(lnm@modelmatrices[[1]]$omega_zeta, labels = latents,
       theme = "colorblind", vsize = 10)
# A wrapper for the latent network model is the lnm function:
lnm2 <- lnm(StarWars, lambda = Lambda, vars = obsvars,</pre>
            latents = latents, identification = "variance")
lnm2 <- lnm2 %>% runmodel %>% prune(alpha = 0.05)
compare(lnm, lnm2) # Is the same as the model before.
# I could also estimate a "residual network model", which adds partial correlations to
# the residual level:
# This can be done using lvm(..., residal = "ggm") or with rnm(...)
rnm <- rnm(StarWars, lambda = Lambda, vars = obsvars,</pre>
           latents = latents, identification = "variance")
# Stepup search:
rnm <- rnm %>% stepup
# It will estimate the same model (with link Q10 - Q4) as above. In the case of only one
# partial correlation, There is no difference between residual covariances (SEM) or
# residual partial correlations (RNM).
```

```
# For more information on latent and residual network models, see:
# Epskamp, S., Rhemtulla, M.T., & Borsboom, D. Generalized Network Psychometrics:
# Combining Network and Latent Variable Models
# (2017). Psychometrika. doi:10.1007/s11336-017-9557-x
### Gaussian graphical models ###
# All psychonetrics functions (e.g., lvm, lnm, rnm...) allow input via a covariance
# matrix, with the "covs" and "nobs" arguments.
# The following fits a baseline GGM network with no edges:
S <- (nrow(StarWars) - 1)/ (nrow(StarWars)) * cov(StarWars[,1:10])</pre>
ggmmod <- ggm(covs = S, nobs = nrow(StarWars))</pre>
# Run model with stepup search and pruning:
ggmmod <- ggmmod%>% prune %>% modelsearch
# Fit measures:
ggmmod %>% fit
# Plot network:
nodeNames <- c(</pre>
"I am a huge Star Wars\nfan! (star what?)",
"I would trust this person\nwith my democracy.",
"I enjoyed the story of\nAnakin's early life."
"The special effects in\nthis scene are awful (Battle of\nGeonosis).",
"I would trust this person\nwith my life.",
"I found Darth Vader's big\nreveal in 'Empire' one of the greatest
moments in movie history.",
"The special effects in\nthis scene are amazing (Death Star\nExplosion).",
"If possible, I would\ndefinitely buy this\ndroid.",
"The story in the Star\nWars sequels is an improvement to\nthe previous movies.",
"The special effects in\nthis scene are marvellous (Starkiller\nBase Firing)."
library("qgraph")
qgraph(as.matrix(ggmmod@modelmatrices[[1]]$omega), nodeNames = nodeNames,
    legend.cex = 0.25, theme = "colorblind", layout = "spring")
# We can actually compare this model statistically (note they are not nested) to the
# latent variable model:
compare(original_cfa = mod1, adjusted_cfa = mod2, exploratory_ggm = ggmmod)
### Meausrement invariance ###
# Let's say we are interested in seeing if people >= 30 like the original trilogy better
# than people < 30.
# First we can make a grouping variable:
StarWars$agegroup <- ifelse(StarWars$Q12 < 30, "young", "less young")</pre>
# Let's look at the distribution:
table(StarWars$agegroup) # Pretty even...
# Observed variables:
obsvars <- paste0("Q",1:10)
```

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# Let's look at the mean scores:
StarWars %>% group_by(agegroup) %>% summarize_each_(funs(mean),vars = obsvars)
# Less young people seem to score higher on prequel questions and lower on other
# questions
# Factor loadings matrix:
Lambda <- matrix(0, 10, 3)
Lambda[1:4,1] <- 1
Lambda[c(1,5:7),2] <- 1
Lambda[c(1,8:10),3] <- 1
# Residual covariances:
Theta \leftarrow diag(1, 10)
Theta[4,10] <- Theta[10,4] <- 1
# Latents:
latents <- c("Prequels", "Original", "Sequels")</pre>
# Make model:
mod_configural <- lvm(StarWars, lambda = Lambda, vars = obsvars,</pre>
            latents = latents, sigma_epsilon = Theta,
            identification = "variance",
            groups = "agegroup")
# Run model:
mod_configural <- mod_configural %>% runmodel
# Look at fit:
mod_configural
mod_configural %>% fit
# Looks good, let's try weak invariance:
mod_weak <- mod_configural %>% groupequal("lambda") %>% runmodel
# Compare models:
compare(configural = mod_configural, weak = mod_weak)
# weak invariance can be accepted, let's try strong:
mod_strong <- mod_weak %>% groupequal("nu") %>% runmodel
# Means are automatically identified
# Compare models:
compare(configural = mod_configural, weak = mod_weak, strong = mod_strong)
# Questionable p-value and AIC difference, but ok BIC difference. This is quite good, but
# let's take a look. I have not yet implemented LM tests for equality constrains, but we
# can look at something called "equality-free" MIs:
mod_strong %>% MIs(matrices = "nu", type = "free")
# Indicates that Q10 would improve fit. We can also look at residuals:
residuals(mod_strong)
```

```
# Let's try freeing intercept 10:
mod_strong_partial <- mod_strong %>% groupfree("nu",10) %>% runmodel
# Compare all models:
compare(configural = mod_configural,
        weak = mod_weak,
        strong = mod_strong,
        strong_partial = mod_strong_partial)
# This seems worth it and lead to an acceptable model! It seems that older people find
# the latest special effects more marvellous!
mod_strong_partial %>% getmatrix("nu")
# Now let's investigate strict invariance:
mod_strict <- mod_strong_partial %>% groupequal("sigma_epsilon") %>% runmodel
# Compare all models:
compare(configural = mod_configural,
       weak = mod_weak,
        strong_partial = mod_strong_partial,
        strict = mod_strict)
# Strict invariance can be accepted!
# Now we can test for homogeneity!
# Are the latent variances equal?
mod_eqvar <- mod_strict %>% groupequal("sigma_zeta") %>% runmodel
# Compare:
compare(strict = mod_strict, eqvar = mod_eqvar)
# This is acceptable. What about the means? (alpha = nu_eta)
mod_eqmeans <- mod_eqvar %>% groupequal("nu_eta") %>% runmodel
# Compare:
compare(eqvar = mod_eqvar, eqmeans = mod_eqmeans)
# Rejected! We could look at MIs again:
mod_eqmeans %>% MIs(matrices = "nu_eta", type = "free")
# Indicates the strongest effect for prequels. Let's see what happens:
egmeans2 <- mod_egvar %>%
  groupequal("nu_eta",row = c("Original","Sequels")) %>% runmodel
# Compare:
compare(eqvar = mod_eqvar, eqmeans = eqmeans2)
# Questionable, what about the sequels as well?
eqmeans3 <- mod_eqvar %>% groupequal("nu_eta", row = "Original") %>% runmodel
# Compare:
compare(eqvar = mod_eqvar, eqmeans = eqmeans3)
# Still questionable.. Let's look at the mean differences:
```

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```
mod_eqvar %>% getmatrix("nu_eta")
```

# Looks like people over 30 like the prequels better and the other two trilogies less!

meta\_varcov

Variance-covariance and GGM meta analysis

#### **Description**

Meta analysis of correlation matrices to fit a homogenous correlation matrix or Gaussian graphical model. Based on meta-analytic SEM (Jak and Cheung, 2019).

# Usage

#### **Arguments**

cors A list of correlation matrices. Must contain rows and columns with NAs for

variables not included in a study.

nobs A vector with the number of observations per study.

Vmats Optional list with 'V' matrices (sampling error variance approximations).

Vmethod Which method should be used to apprixomate the sampling error variance?

Vestimation How should the sampling error estimates be evaluated?

type What to model? Currently only "cor" and "ggm" are supported.

sigma\_y Only used when type = "cov". Either "full" to estimate every element freely,

"diag" to only include diagonal elements, or a matrix of the dimensions node x node with 0 encoding a fixed to zero element, 1 encoding a free to estimate element, and higher integers encoding equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a

matrix.

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kappa\_y

Only used when type = "prec". Either "full" to estimate every element freely, "diag" to only include diagonal elements, or a matrix of the dimensions node x node with 0 encoding a fixed to zero element, 1 encoding a free to estimate element, and higher integers encoding equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

omega\_y

Only used when type = "ggm". Either "full" to estimate every element freely, "zero" to set all elements to zero, or a matrix of the dimensions node x node with 0 encoding a fixed to zero element, 1 encoding a free to estimate element, and higher integers encoding equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

lowertri\_y

Only used when type = "cho1". Either "ful1" to estimate every element freely, "diag" to only include diagonal elements, or a matrix of the dimensions node x node with 0 encoding a fixed to zero element, 1 encoding a free to estimate element, and higher integers encoding equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

delta\_y

Only used when type = "ggm". Either "diag" or "zero" (not recommended), or a matrix of the dimensions node x node with 0 encoding a fixed to zero element, 1 encoding a free to estimate element, and higher integers encoding equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

rho\_y

Only used when type = "cor". Either "full" to estimate every element freely, "zero" to set all elements to zero, or a matrix of the dimensions node x node with 0 encoding a fixed to zero element, 1 encoding a free to estimate element, and higher integers encoding equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

SD\_y

Only used when type = "cor". Either "diag" or "zero", or a matrix of the dimensions node x node with 0 encoding a fixed to zero element, 1 encoding a free to estimate element, and higher integers encoding equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

randomEffects

What to model for the random effects?

sigma\_randomEffects

Only used when type = "cov". Either "full" to estimate every element freely, "diag" to only include diagonal elements, or a matrix of the dimensions node x node with 0 encoding a fixed to zero element, 1 encoding a free to estimate element, and higher integers encoding equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

kappa\_randomEffects

Only used when randomEffects = "prec". Either "full" to estimate every element freely, "diag" to only include diagonal elements, or a matrix of the dimensions node x node with 0 encoding a fixed to zero element, 1 encoding a free to estimate element, and higher integers encoding equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

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#### omega\_randomEffects

Only used when randomEffects = "ggm". Either "full" to estimate every element freely, "zero" to set all elements to zero, or a matrix of the dimensions node x node with 0 encoding a fixed to zero element, 1 encoding a free to estimate element, and higher integers encoding equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

#### lowertri\_randomEffects

Only used when randomEffects = "chol". Either "full" to estimate every element freely, "diag" to only include diagonal elements, or a matrix of the dimensions node x node with 0 encoding a fixed to zero element, 1 encoding a free to estimate element, and higher integers encoding equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

#### delta\_randomEffects

Only used when randomEffects = "ggm". Either "diag" or "zero", or a matrix of the dimensions node x node with 0 encoding a fixed to zero element, 1 encoding a free to estimate element, and higher integers encoding equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

#### rho\_randomEffects

Only used when randomEffects = "cor". Either "full" to estimate every element freely, "zero" to set all elements to zero, or a matrix of the dimensions node x node with 0 encoding a fixed to zero element, 1 encoding a free to estimate element, and higher integers encoding equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

#### SD\_randomEffects

Only used when randomEffects = "cor". Either "diag" or "zero", or a matrix of the dimensions node x node with 0 encoding a fixed to zero element, 1 encoding a free to estimate element, and higher integers encoding equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

vars Variables to be included.

baseline\_saturated

A logical indicating if the baseline and saturated model should be included. Mostly used internally and NOT Recommended to be used manually.

optimizer The optimizer to be used. Can be one of "nlminb" (the default R nlminb function) "ueminf" (from the optimizers

function), "ucminf" (from the optimr package), and C++ based optimizers "cpp\_L-BFGS-B", "cpp\_BFGS", "cpp\_CG", "cpp\_SANN", and "cpp\_Nelder-Mead".

The C++ optimizers are faster but slightly less stable. Defaults to "nlminb".

estimator The estimator to be used. Currently implemented are "ML" for maximum likelihood estimation or "FIML" for full-information maximum likelihood estimation.

sampleStats An optional sample statistics object. Mostly used internally.

verbose Logical, should progress be printed to the console?

.. Arguments sent to meta\_varcov

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# Value

An object of the class psychonetrics (psychonetrics-class)

## Author(s)

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#### References

Jak, S., and Cheung, M. W. L. (2019). Meta-analytic structural equation modeling with moderating effects on SEM parameters. Psychological methods.

MIs

Print modification indices

# **Description**

This function prints a list of modification indices (MIs)

# Usage

```
MIs(x, all = FALSE, matrices, type = c("normal", "equal", "free"), top = 10,
    verbose = TRUE, nonZero = FALSE)
```

## **Arguments**

Х	A psychonetrics model.
all	Logical, should all MIs be printed or only the highest?
matrices	Optional vector of matrices to include in the output.
type	String indicating which kind of modification index should be printed. ("mi" is the typical MI, "mi_free" is the modification index free from equality constrains across groups, and "mi_equal" is the modification index if the parameter is added constrained equal across all groups).
top	Number of MIs to include in output if all = FALSE
verbose	Logical, should messages be printed?
nonZero	Logical, should only MIs be printed of non-zero parameters? Useful to explore violations of group equality.

## Value

Invisibly returns a relevant subset of the data frame containing all information on the parameters, or a list of such data frames if multiple types of MIs are requested.

# Author(s)

Sacha Epskamp

## **Examples**

```
# Load bfi data from psych package:
library("psychTools")
data(bfi)
# Also load dplyr for the pipe operator:
library("dplyr")
# Let's take the agreeableness items, and gender:
ConsData <- bfi %>%
 select(A1:A5, gender) %>%
 na.omit # Let's remove missingness (otherwise use Estimator = "FIML)
# Define variables:
vars <- names(ConsData)[1:5]</pre>
# Let's fit a full GGM:
mod <- ggm(ConsData, vars = vars, omega = "zero")</pre>
# Run model:
mod <- mod %>% runmodel
# Modification indices:
mod %>% MIs
```

 $ml_lvm$ 

Multi-level latent variable model family

# Description

This family is the two-level random intercept variant of the lvm model family. It is mostly a special case of the dlvm1 family, with the addition of structural effects rather than temporal effects in the beta matrix.

## Usage

"zero", delta\_epsilon\_within = "diag", kappa\_epsilon\_within = "diag", sigma\_epsilon\_within = "diag", lowertri\_epsilon\_within = "diag", omega\_zeta\_between = "full", delta\_zeta\_between = "full", kappa\_zeta\_between = "full", sigma\_zeta\_between = "full", lowertri\_zeta\_between = "full", omega\_epsilon\_between = "zero", delta\_epsilon\_between = "diag", kappa\_epsilon\_between = "diag", sigma\_epsilon\_between = "diag", lowertri\_epsilon\_between = "diag", nu, nu\_eta, identify = TRUE, identification = c("loadings", "variance"), vars, latents, groups, equal = "none", baseline\_saturated = TRUE, estimator = c("FIML", "MUML"), optimizer, storedata = FALSE, verbose = FALSE, standardize = c("none", "z", "quantile"), sampleStats)

## **Arguments**

data

A data frame encoding the data used in the analysis. Must be a raw dataset.

lambda

A model matrix encoding the factor loading structure. Each row indicates an indicator and each column a latent. A 0 encodes a fixed to zero element, a 1 encoding a free to estimate element, and higher integers encoding equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix. Could also be the result of simplestructure.

clusters

A string indicating the variable in the dataset that describes group membership.

within\_latent

The type of within-person latent contemporaneous model to be used.

within\_residual

The type of within-person residual model to be used.

 $between\_latent \ \ \, The type of between-person latent model to be used.$ 

between\_residual

The type of between-person residual model to be used.

beta\_within

A model matrix encoding the within-cluster structural. A 0 encodes a fixed to zero element, a 1 encoding a free to estimate element, and higher integers encoding equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix. Defaults to "zero".

beta\_between

A model matrix encoding the between-cluster structural. A 0 encodes a fixed to zero element, a 1 encoding a free to estimate element, and higher integers encoding equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix. Defaults to "zero".

omega\_zeta\_within

Only used when within\_latent = "ggm". Can be "full", "zero", or a typical model matrix with 0s indicating parameters constrained to zero, 1s indicating free parameters, and higher integers indicating equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

#### delta\_zeta\_within

Only used when within\_latent = "ggm". Can be "diag", "zero" (not recommended), or a typical model matrix with 0s indicating parameters constrained to zero, 1s indicating free parameters, and higher integers indicating equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

# kappa\_zeta\_within

Only used when within\_latent = "prec". Can be "full", "diag", or a typical model matrix with 0s indicating parameters constrained to zero, 1s indicating free parameters, and higher integers indicating equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

#### sigma\_zeta\_within

Only used when within\_latent = "cov". Can be "full", "diag", or a typical model matrix with 0s indicating parameters constrained to zero, 1s indicating free parameters, and higher integers indicating equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

#### lowertri\_zeta\_within

Only used when within\_latent = "chol". Can be "full", "diag", or a typical model matrix with 0s indicating parameters constrained to zero, 1s indicating free parameters, and higher integers indicating equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

## omega\_epsilon\_within

Only used when within\_residual = "ggm". Can be "full", "zero", or a typical model matrix with 0s indicating parameters constrained to zero, 1s indicating free parameters, and higher integers indicating equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

#### delta\_epsilon\_within

Only used when within\_residual = "ggm". Can be "diag", "zero" (not recommended), or a typical model matrix with 0s indicating parameters constrained to zero, 1s indicating free parameters, and higher integers indicating equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

# kappa\_epsilon\_within

Only used when within\_residual = "prec". Can be "full", "diag", or a typical model matrix with 0s indicating parameters constrained to zero, 1s indicating free parameters, and higher integers indicating equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

## sigma\_epsilon\_within

Only used when within\_residual = "cov". Can be "full", "diag", or a typical model matrix with 0s indicating parameters constrained to zero, 1s indicating free parameters, and higher integers indicating equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

#### lowertri\_epsilon\_within

Only used when within\_residual = "chol". Can be "full", "diag", or a typical model matrix with 0s indicating parameters constrained to zero, 1s indicating free parameters, and higher integers indicating equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

#### omega\_zeta\_between

Only used when between\_latent = "ggm". Can be "full", "zero", or a typical model matrix with 0s indicating parameters constrained to zero, 1s indicating free parameters, and higher integers indicating equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

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#### kappa\_zeta\_between

Only used when between\_latent = "prec". Can be "full", "diag", or a typical model matrix with 0s indicating parameters constrained to zero, 1s indicating free parameters, and higher integers indicating equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

#### sigma\_zeta\_between

Only used when between\_latent = "cov". Can be "full", "diag", or a typical model matrix with 0s indicating parameters constrained to zero, 1s indicating free parameters, and higher integers indicating equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

## lowertri\_zeta\_between

Only used when between\_latent = "cho1". Can be "ful1", "diag", or a typical model matrix with 0s indicating parameters constrained to zero, 1s indicating free parameters, and higher integers indicating equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

# omega\_epsilon\_between

Only used when between\_residual = "ggm". Can be "full", "zero", or a typical model matrix with 0s indicating parameters constrained to zero, 1s indicating free parameters, and higher integers indicating equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

# delta\_epsilon\_between

Only used when between\_residual = "ggm". Can be "diag", "zero" (not recommended), or a typical model matrix with 0s indicating parameters constrained to zero, 1s indicating free parameters, and higher integers indicating equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

kappa\_epsilon\_between

Only used when between\_residual = "prec". Can be "full", "diag", or a typical model matrix with 0s indicating parameters constrained to zero, 1s indicating free parameters, and higher integers indicating equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

sigma\_epsilon\_between

Only used when between\_residual = "cov". Can be "full", "diag", or a typical model matrix with 0s indicating parameters constrained to zero, 1s indicating free parameters, and higher integers indicating equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

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Only used when between\_residual = "chol". Can be "full", "diag", or a typical model matrix with 0s indicating parameters constrained to zero, 1s indicating free parameters, and higher integers indicating equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice

encoding such a matrix.

Optional vector encoding the intercepts of the observed variables. Set elements to 0 to indicate fixed to zero constrains, 1 to indicate free intercepts, and higher integers to indicate equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/column encoding such a vector.

Optional vector encoding the intercepts of the latent variables. Set elements to

0 to indicate fixed to zero constrains, 1 to indicate free intercepts, and higher integers to indicate equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can

be a list or array with each element/column encoding such a vector.

identify Logical, should the model be automatically identified?

identification Type of identification used. "loadings" to fix the first factor loadings to 1, and

"variance" to fix the diagonal of the latent variable model matrix (sigma\_zeta,

lowertri\_zeta, delta\_zeta or kappa\_zeta) to 1.

An optional character vector with names of the variables used. vars

An optional character vector with names of the latent variables. latents

An optional string indicating the name of the group variable in data. groups

A character vector indicating which matrices should be constrained equal across equal

groups.

baseline\_saturated

A logical indicating if the baseline and saturated model should be included.

Mostly used internally and NOT Recommended to be used manually.

Estimator used. Currently only "FIML" is supported. estimator

The optimizer to be used. Usually either "nlminb" (with box constrains) or optimizer

"ucminf" (ignoring box constrains), but any optimizer supported by optimr

can be used.

Logical, should the raw data be stored? Needed for bootstrapping (see bootstrap). storedata

verbose Logical, should progress be printed to the console? 54 ml\_tsdlvm1

standardize	Which standardization method should be used? "none" (default) for no stan-
	dardization, "z" for z-scores, and "quantile" for a non-parametric transforma-
	tion to the quantiles of the marginal standard normal distribution.
sampleStats	An optional sample statistics object. Mostly used internally.
	Arguments sent to 'ml_lvm'

## Value

An object of the class psychonetrics (psychonetrics-class)

## Author(s)

Sacha Epskamp <mail@sachaepskamp.com>

ml_tsdlvm1	Multi-level Lag-1 dynamic latent variable model family of psychonet- rics models for time-series data
	res medicis for time series date

# **Description**

This function is a wrapper around dlvm1 that allows for specifying the model using a long format data and similar input as the mlVAR package. The ml\_ts\_lvgvar simply sets within\_latent = "ggm" and between\_latent = "ggm" by default. The ml\_gvar and ml\_var are simple wrappers with different named defaults for contemporaneous and between-person effects.

# Usage

```
ml_tsdlvm1(data, beepvar, idvar, vars, groups, estimator = "FIML",
    standardize = c("none", "z", "quantile"), ...)

ml_ts_lvgvar(...)

ml_gvar(..., contemporaneous = c("ggm", "cov", "chol", "prec"),
    between = c("ggm", "cov", "chol", "prec"))

ml_var(..., contemporaneous = c("cov", "chol", "prec", "ggm"),
    between = c("cov", "chol", "prec", "ggm"))
```

# Arguments

data	The data to be used. Must be raw data in long format (each row indicates one person at one time point).
beepvar	Optional string indicating assessment beep per day. Adding this argument will cause non-consecutive beeps to be treated as missing!
idvar	String indicating the subject ID
vars	Vectors of variables to include in the analysis

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groups An optional string indicating the name of the group variable in data.

estimator Estimator to be used. Must be "FIML".

standardize Which standardization method should be used? "none" (default) for no stan-

dardization, "z" for z-scores, and "quantile" for a non-parametric transforma-

tion to the quantiles of the marginal standard normal distribution.

contemporaneous

The type of within-person latent contemporaneous model to be used.

between The type of between-person latent model to be used.

... Arguments sent to dlvm1

## Author(s)

Sacha Epskamp <mail@sachaepskamp.com>

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# Description

This function performs stepwise model search to find an optimal model that (locally) minimzes some criterion (by default, the BIC).

# Usage

# **Arguments**

X	A psychonetrics model.
criterion	String indicating the criterion to minimize. Any criterion from fit can be used.
matrices	Vector of strings indicating which matrices should be searched. Will default to network structures and factor loadings.
prunealpha	Minimal alpha used to consider edges to be removed
addalpha	Maximum alpha used to consider edges to be added
verbose	Logical, should messages be printed?
	Arguments sent to runmodel

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## **Details**

The full algorithm is as follows:

1. Evaluate all models in which an edge is removed that has p > prunealpha, or an edge is added that has a modification index with p < addalpha

- 2. If none of these models improve the criterion, return the previous model and stop the algorithm
- 3. Update the model to the model that improved the criterion the most
- 4. Evaluate all other considered models that improved the criterion
- 5. If none of these models improve the criterion, go to 1, else go to 3

#### Value

An object of the class psychonetrics (psychonetrics-class)

## Author(s)

Sacha Epskamp

## See Also

```
prune, stepup
```

## **Examples**

```
# Load bfi data from psych package:
library("psychTools")
data(bfi)
# Also load dplyr for the pipe operator:
library("dplyr")
# Let's take the agreeableness items, and gender:
ConsData <- bfi %>%
  select(A1:A5, gender) %>%
  na.omit # Let's remove missingness (otherwise use Estimator = "FIML)
# Define variables:
vars <- names(ConsData)[1:5]</pre>
# Let's fit a full GGM:
mod <- ggm(ConsData, vars = vars)</pre>
# Run model:
mod <- mod %>% runmodel
# Model search
mod <- mod %>% prune(alpha= 0.01) %>% modelsearch
```

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parameters

Print parameter estimates

# Description

This function will print a list of parameters of the model

# Usage

```
parameters(x)
```

# Arguments

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A psychonetrics model.

## Value

Invisibly returns a data frame containing information on all parameters.

# Author(s)

Sacha Epskamp

# **Examples**

```
# Load bfi data from psych package:
library("psychTools")
data(bfi)
# Also load dplyr for the pipe operator:
library("dplyr")
# Let's take the agreeableness items, and gender:
ConsData <- bfi %>%
  select(A1:A5, gender) %>%
  na.omit # Let's remove missingness (otherwise use Estimator = "FIML)
# Define variables:
vars <- names(ConsData)[1:5]</pre>
# Let's fit a full GGM:
mod <- ggm(ConsData, vars = vars, omega = "zero")</pre>
# Run model:
mod <- mod %>% runmodel
# Parameter estimates:
mod %>% parameters
```

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Set equality constrains across parameters

# Description

This function can be used to set parameters equal

## Usage

#### **Arguments**

x A psychonetrics model.
... Arguments sent to runmodel

inds Parameter indices of parameters to be constrained equal

verbose Logical, should messages be printed?

log Logical, should the log be updated?

runmodel Logical, should the model be updated?

## Value

An object of the class psychonetrics (psychonetrics-class)

#### Author(s)

Sacha Epskamp

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Partial pruning of multi-group models

# **Description**

This function will search for a multi-group model with equality constrains on some but not all parameters. This is called partial pruning (Epskamp, Isvoranu, & Cheung, 2020; Haslbeck, 2020). The algorithm is as follows: 1. remove all parameters not significant at alpha in all groups (without equality constrains), 2. create a union model with all parameters included in any group included in all groups and constrained equal. 3. Stepwise free equality constrains of the parameter that features the largest sum of modification indices until BIC can no longer be improved. 4. Select and return (by default) the best model according to BIC (original model, pruned model, union model and partially pruned model).

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#### Usage

#### **Arguments**

x A psychonetrics model.alpha Significance level to use.

matrices Vector of strings indicating which matrices should be pruned. Will default to

network structures.

verbose Logical, should messages be printed?

combinefun Function used to combine models of different groups.

return What model to retur? "best" for best fitting model (according to BIC, "partialprune"

for the partialpruned model, "union\_equal" for the union model with equality constraints, and "prune" for the originally pruned model without equality con-

straints.)

best Should the lowest or the highest index of criterion be used to select the final

model?

criterion What criterion to use for the model selection in the last step? Defaults to "bic"

for BIC selection.

... Arguments sent to prune.

## Author(s)

Sacha Epskamp <mail@sachaepskamp.com>

## References

Epskamp, S., Isvoranu, A. M., & Cheung, M. (2020). Meta-analytic gaussian network aggregation. PsyArXiv preprint. DOI:10.31234/osf.io/236w8.

Haslbeck, J. (2020). Estimating Group Differences in Network Models using Moderation Analysis. PsyArXiv preprint. DOI:10.31234/osf.io/926pv.

prune Stepdown model search by pruning non-significant parameters.

## Description

This function will (recursively) remove parameters that are not significant and refit the model.

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## Usage

# Arguments

x A psychonetrics model. alpha Significance level to use.

adjust p-value adjustment method to use. See p.adjust.

matrices Vector of strings indicating which matrices should be pruned. Will default to

network structures.

runmodel Logical, should the model be evaluated after pruning? recursive Logical, should the pruning process be repeated?

verbose Logical, should messages be printed?

log Logical, should the log be updated?

identify Logical, should models be identified automatically?

startreduce A numeric value indicating a factor with which the starting values should be

reduced. Can be useful when encountering numeric problems.

1 The maximum number of parameters to be pruned.

mode Mode for adjusting for multiple comparisons. Should all parameters be consid-

ered as the total number of tests or only the tested parameters (parameters of

interest)?

... Arguments sent to runmodel

#### Value

An object of the class psychonetrics (psychonetrics-class)

## Author(s)

Sacha Epskamp

#### See Also

stepup

# **Examples**

```
# Load bfi data from psych package:
library("psychTools")
data(bfi)
```

# Also load dplyr for the pipe operator:

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# Description

Main class for psychonetrics results.

# **Objects from the Class**

Objects can be created by calls of the form new("psychonetrics", ...).

## Slots

```
model: Object of class "character" ~~

submodel: Object of class "character" ~~

parameters: Object of class "data.frame" ~~

matrices: Object of class "data.frame" ~~

meanstructure: Object of class "logical" ~~

computed: Object of class "logical" ~~

sample: Object of class "psychonetrics_samplestats" ~~

modelmatrices: Object of class "list" ~~

log: Object of class "psychonetrics_log" ~~

optim: Object of class "list" ~~

fitmeasures: Object of class "list" ~~

baseline_saturated: Object of class "list" ~~

equal: Object of class "character" ~~
```

```
objective: Object of class "numeric" ~~
    information: Object of class "matrix" ~~
    identification: Object of class "character" ~~
    optimizer: Object of class "character" ~~
    optim.args: Object of class "list" ~~
    estimator: Object of class "character" ~~
    distribution: Object of class "character" ~~
    extramatrices: Object of class "list" ~~
    rawts: Object of class "logical" ~~
    Drawts: Object of class "list" ~~
    types: Object of class "list" ~~
    cpp: Object of class "logical" ~~
    verbose: Object of class "logical" ~~
Methods
    resid signature(object = "psychonetrics"): ...
    residuals signature(object = "psychonetrics"): ...
    show signature(object = "psychonetrics"): ...
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    Sacha Epskamp
Examples
    showClass("psychonetrics")
  psychonetrics_log-class
                           Class "psychonetrics"
```

# Description

A logbook entry in the psychonetrics logbook

# **Objects from the Class**

Objects can be created by calls of the form new("psychonetrics\_log", ...).

#### **Slots**

```
event: Object of class "character" ~~
time: Object of class "POSIXct" ~~
sessionInfo: Object of class "sessionInfo" ~~
```

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## Methods

```
show signature(object = "psychonetrics_log"): ...
```

#### Author(s)

Sacha Epskamp

# **Examples**

```
showClass("psychonetrics_log")
```

# **Description**

These functions update a psychonetrics model. Typically they are not required.

## Usage

## **Arguments**

x A psychonetrics model.

matrices Optional vector of matrices to include in MIs.

type String indicating which modification indices should be updated.

verbose Logical, should messages be printed?

analyticFisher Logical indicating if an analytic Fisher information matrix should be used.

approximate\_SEs

Logical, should standard errors be approximated? If true, an approximate matrix inverse of the Fischer information is used to obtain the standard errors.

## Value

An object of the class psychonetrics (psychonetrics-class)

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## Author(s)

Sacha Epskamp

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Run a psychonetrics model

# Description

This is the main function used to run a psychonetrics model.

# Usage

# Arguments

X	A psychonetrics model.
level	Level at which the model should be estimated. Defaults to "gradient" to indicate the analytic gradient should be used.
addfit	Logical, should fit measures be added?
addMIs	Logical, should modification indices be added?
addSEs	Logical, should standard errors be added?
${\sf addInformation}$	Logical, should the Fisher information be added?
log	Logical, should the log be updated?
verbose	Logical, should messages be printed?
optim.control	A list with options for optimr
analyticFisher	Logical, should the analytic Fisher information be used? If FALSE, numeric information is used instead.
return_improper	•
	Should a result in which improper computation was used be return? Improper computation can mean that a pseudoinverse of small spectral shift was used in computing the inverse of a matrix.
warn_improper	Logical. Should a warning be given when at some point in the estimation a pseudoinverse was used?
warn_gradient	Logical. Should a warning be given when the average absolute gradient is $> 1$ ?

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bounded Logical. Should bounded estimation be used (e.g., variances should be posi-

tive)?

approximate\_SEs

Logical, should standard errors be approximated? If true, an approximate matrix

inverse of the Fischer information is used to obtain the standard errors.

warn\_bounds Should a warning be given when a parameter is estimated near its bounds?

## Value

An object of the class psychonetrics (psychonetrics-class)

## Author(s)

Sacha Epskamp

# **Examples**

```
# Load bfi data from psych package:
library("psychTools")
data(bfi)

# Also load dplyr for the pipe operator:
library("dplyr")

# Let's take the agreeableness items, and gender:
ConsData <- bfi %>%
    select(A1:A5, gender) %>%
    na.omit # Let's remove missingness (otherwise use Estimator = "FIML)

# Define variables:
vars <- names(ConsData)[1:5]

# Let's fit a full GGM:
mod <- ggm(ConsData, vars = vars, omega = "full")

# Run model:
mod <- mod %>% runmodel
```

setestimator

Convenience functions

# **Description**

These functions can be used to change some estimator options.

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## Usage

```
setestimator(x, estimator)
setoptimizer(x, optimizer = c("default", "nlminb", "ucminf",
                 "cpp_L-BFGS-B", "cpp_BFGS", "cpp_CG", "cpp_SANN",
                 "cpp_Nelder-Mead"), optim.args)
usecpp(x, use = TRUE)
```

# Arguments

A psychonetrics model. Х

A string indicating the estimator to be used estimator

The optimizer to be used. Can be one of "nlminb" (the default R nlminb optimizer

> function), "ucminf" (from the optimr package), and C++ based optimizers "cpp\_L-BFGS-B", "cpp\_BFGS", "cpp\_CG", "cpp\_SANN", and "cpp\_Nelder-Mead".

The C++ optimizers are faster but slightly less stable. Defaults to "nlminb".

Logical indicating if C++ should be used (currently only used in FIML) use

optim.args List of arguments to sent to the optimizer.

#### **Details**

The default optimizer is nlminb with the following arguments:

- eval.max=20000L
- iter.max=10000L
- trace=0L
- abs.tol=sqrt(.Machine\$double.eps)
- rel.tol=sqrt(.Machine\$double.eps)
- step.min=1.0
- step.max=1.0
- x.tol=1.5e-8
- xf.tol=2.2e-14

# Value

An object of the class psychonetrics (psychonetrics-class)

## Author(s)

Sacha Epskamp

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setverbose

Should messages of computation progress be printed?

# Description

This function controls if messages should be printed for a psychonetrics model.

# Usage

```
setverbose(x, verbose = TRUE)
```

# **Arguments**

x A psychonetrics model.

verbose Logical indicating if verbose should be enabled

# Value

An object of the class psychonetrics (psychonetrics-class)

# Author(s)

Sacha Epskamp

simplestructure

Generate factor loadings matrix with simple structure

## **Description**

This function generates the input for lambda arguments in latent variable models using a simple structure. The input is a vector with an element for each variable indicating the factor the variable loads on.

# Usage

```
simplestructure(x)
```

# **Arguments**

x A vector indicating which factor each indicator loads on.

#### Author(s)

Sacha Epskamp <mail@sachaepskamp.com>

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Star Wars dataset

## **Description**

This questionaire was constructed by Carolin Katzera, Charlotte Tanis, Esther Niehoff, Myrthe Veenman, and Jason Nak as part of an assignment for a course on confirmatory factor analysis (http://sachaepskamp.com/SEM2018). They also collected the data among fellow psychology students as well as through social media.

## Usage

```
data("StarWars")
```

#### **Format**

A data frame with 271 observations on the following 13 variables.

- Q1 I am a huge Star Wars fan! (star what?)
- Q2 I would trust this person with my democracy <picture of Jar Jar Binks>
- Q3 I enjoyed the story of Anakin's early life
- Q4 The special effects in this scene are awful < video of the Battle of Geonosis>
- Q5 I would trust this person with my life <picture of Han Solo>
- Q6 I found Darth Vader'ss big reveal in "Empire" one of the greatest moments in movie history
- Q7 The special effects in this scene are amazing <video of the Death Star explosion>
- Q8 If possible, I would definitely buy this droid <picture of BB-8>
- Q9 The story in the Star Wars sequels is an improvement to the previous movies
- Q10 The special effects in this scene are marvellous <video of the Starkiller Base firing>
- Q11 What is your gender?
- Q12 How old are you?
- Q13 Have you seen any of the Star Wars movies?

#### **Details**

The questionaire is online at https://github.com/SachaEpskamp/SEM-code-examples/blob/master/CFA\_fit\_examples/StarWa The authors of the questionaire defined a measurement model before collecting data: Q2 - Q4 are expected to load on a "prequel" factor, Q5 - Q7 are expected to load in a "originals" factor, and Q8 - Q10 are expected to load on a "sequal" factor. Finally, Q1 is expected to load on all three.

#### Source

https://github.com/SachaEpskamp/SEM-code-examples/blob/master/CFA\_fit\_examples

# **Examples**

data(StarWars)

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Stepup model search along modification indices

#### **Description**

This function automatically performs step-up search by adding the parameter with the largest modification index until some criterion is reached or no modification indices are significant at alpha.

## Usage

```
stepup(x, alpha = 0.01, criterion = "bic", matrices, mi =
                    c("mi", "mi_free", "mi_equal"), greedyadjust =
                   c("bonferroni", "none", "holm", "hochberg", "hommel",
                    "fdr", "BH", "BY"), stopif, greedy = FALSE, verbose,
                    checkinformation = TRUE, singularinformation =
                    c("tryfix", "skip", "continue", "stop"), startEPC =
                    TRUE, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

x	A psychonetrics model.
alpha	Significance level to use.
criterion	String indicating the criterion to minimize. Any criterion from fit can be used.
matrices	Vector of strings indicating which matrices should be searched. Will default to network structures and factor loadings.
mi	String indicating which kind of modification index should be used ("mi" is the typical MI, "mi_free" is the modification index free from equality constrains across groups, and "mi_equal" is the modification index if the parameter is added constrained equal across all groups).
greedyadjust	String indicating which p-value adjustment should be used in greedy start. Any method from p.adjust can be used.
stopif	An R expression, using objects from fit, which will break stepup search if it evaluates to TRUE. For example, stopif = rmsea < $0.05$ will lead to search to stop if rmsea is below $0.05$ .
greedy	Logical, should a greedy start be used? If TRUE, the first step adds any parameter that is significant (after adjustement)
verbose	Logical, should messages be printed?
checkinformatio	on

Logical, should the Fisher information be checked for potentially non-identified models?

singularinformation

String indicating how to proceed if the information matrix is singular. "tryfix" will adjust starting values to try to fix the proble, "skip" will lead to the algorithm to skip the current parameter, "continue" will ignore the situation, and "stop" will break the algorithm and return a list with the last two models.

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```
startEPC Logical, should the starting value be set at the expected parameter change?

... Arguments sent to runmodel
```

## Value

An object of the class psychonetrics (psychonetrics-class)

# Author(s)

Sacha Epskamp

# See Also

prune

## **Examples**

```
# Load bfi data from psych package:
library("psychTools")
data(bfi)
# Also load dplyr for the pipe operator:
library("dplyr")
# Let's take the agreeableness items, and gender:
ConsData <- bfi %>%
  select(A1:A5, gender) %>%
  na.omit # Let's remove missingness (otherwise use Estimator = "FIML)
# Define variables:
vars <- names(ConsData)[1:5]</pre>
# Let's fit a full GGM:
mod <- ggm(ConsData, vars = vars, omega = "full")</pre>
# Run model:
mod <- mod %>%runmodel %>%prune(alpha = 0.05)
# Remove an edge (example):
mod <- mod %>%fixpar("omega",1,2) %>%runmodel
# Stepup search
mod <- mod %>%stepup(alpha = 0.05)
```

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# **Description**

This function allows to transform a model variance–covariance structure from one type to another. Its main uses are to (1) use a Cholesky decomposition to estimate a saturated covariance matrix or GGM, and (2) to transform between conditional (ggm) and marginal associations (cov).

# Usage

```
transmod(x, ..., verbose, keep_computed = FALSE, log = TRUE,
    identify = TRUE)
```

# **Arguments**

x	A psychonetrics model
•••	Named arguments with the new types to use (e.g., between = "ggm" or y = "cov")
verbose	Logical, should messages be printed?
keep_computed	Logical, should the model be stated to be uncomputed adter the transformation? In general, a model does not need to be re-computed as transformed parameters should be at the maximum likelihood estimate.
log	Logical, should a logbook entry be made?
identify	Logical, should the model be identified after transforming?

## **Details**

Transformations are only possible if the model is diagonal (e.g., no partial correlations) or saturated (e.g., all covariances included).

## Author(s)

Sacha Epskamp

# Examples

```
# Load bfi data from psych package:
library("psychTools")
data(bfi)

# Also load dplyr for the pipe operator:
library("dplyr")

# Let's take the agreeableness items, and gender:
ConsData <- bfi %>%
   select(A1:A5, gender) %>%
```

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```
na.omit # Let's remove missingness (otherwise use Estimator = "FIML)

# Define variables:
vars <- names(ConsData)[1:5]

# Model with Cholesky decompositon:
mod <- varcov(ConsData, vars = vars, type = "chol")

# Run model:
mod <- mod %>% runmodel

# Transform to GGM:
mod_trans <- transmod(mod, type = "ggm") %>% runmodel

# Note: runmodel often not needed

# Obtain thresholded GGM:
getmatrix(mod_trans, "omega", threshold = TRUE)
```

for time-series data

Description

tsdlvm1

This is the family of models that models a dynamic factor model on time-series. There are two covariance structures that can be modeled in different ways: contemporaneous for the contemporaneous model and residual for the residual model. These can be set to "cov" for covariances, "prec" for a precision matrix, "ggm" for a Gaussian graphical model and "chol" for a Cholesky decomposition. The ts\_lvgvar wrapper function sets contemporaneous = "ggm" for the graphical VAR model.

Lag-1 dynamic latent variable model family of psychonetrics models

#### Usage

```
tsdlvm1(data, lambda, contemporaneous = c("cov", "chol",
                   "prec", "ggm"), residual = c("cov", "chol", "prec",
                   "ggm"), beta = "full", omega_zeta = "full", delta_zeta
                   = "diag", kappa_zeta = "full", sigma_zeta = "full",
                   lowertri_zeta = "full", omega_epsilon = "zero",
                   delta_epsilon = "diag", kappa_epsilon = "diag",
                   sigma_epsilon = "diag", lowertri_epsilon = "diag", nu,
                   mu_eta, identify = TRUE, identification =
                   c("loadings", "variance"), latents, beepvar, dayvar,
                   idvar, vars, groups, covs, means, nobs, missing =
                   "listwise", equal = "none", baseline_saturated = TRUE,
                   estimator = "ML", optimizer, storedata = FALSE,
                   sampleStats, covtype = c("choose", "ML", "UB"),
                   centerWithin = FALSE, standardize = c("none", "z",
                   "quantile"), verbose = FALSE)
ts_lvgvar(...)
```

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### **Arguments**

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data A data frame encoding the data used in the analysis. Can be missing if covs and

nobs are supplied.

lambda A model matrix encoding the factor loading structure. Each row indicates an indicator and each column a latent. A 0 encodes a fixed to zero element, a

1 encoding a free to estimate element, and higher integers encoding equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each

element/slice encoding such a matrix.

contemporaneous

The type of contemporaneous model used. See description.

residual The type of residual model used. See description.

A model matrix encoding the temporal relationships (transpose of temporal network) between latent variables. A 0 encodes a fixed to zero element, a 1 encoding a free to estimate element, and higher integers encoding equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix. Can also be "full" for a full temporal network or

"zero" for an empty temporal network.

omega\_zeta Only used when contemporaneous = "ggm". Either "full" to estimate every

element freely, "zero" to set all elements to zero, or a matrix of the dimensions node x node with 0 encoding a fixed to zero element, 1 encoding a free to estimate element, and higher integers encoding equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding

such a matrix.

delta\_zeta Only used when contemporaneous = "ggm". Either "diag" or "zero" (not rec-

ommended), or a matrix of the dimensions node x node with 0 encoding a fixed to zero element, 1 encoding a free to estimate element, and higher integers encoding equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or

array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

kappa\_zeta Only used when contemporaneous = "prec". Either "full" to estimate every

element freely, "diag" to only include diagonal elements, or a matrix of the dimensions node x node with 0 encoding a fixed to zero element, 1 encoding a free to estimate element, and higher integers encoding equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice

encoding such a matrix.

sigma\_zeta Only used when contemporaneous = "cov". Either "full" to estimate every

element freely, "diag" to only include diagonal elements, or a matrix of the dimensions node x node with 0 encoding a fixed to zero element, 1 encoding a free to estimate element, and higher integers encoding equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice

encoding such a matrix.

lowertri\_zeta Only used when contemporaneous = "chol". Either "full" to estimate every

element freely, "diag" to only include diagonal elements, or a matrix of the dimensions node x node with 0 encoding a fixed to zero element, 1 encoding a free to estimate element, and higher integers encoding equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice

encoding such a matrix.

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omega\_epsilon

Only used when residual = "ggm". Either "full" to estimate every element freely, "zero" to set all elements to zero, or a matrix of the dimensions node x node with 0 encoding a fixed to zero element, 1 encoding a free to estimate element, and higher integers encoding equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

delta\_epsilon

Only used when residual = "ggm". Either "diag" or "zero" (not recommended), or a matrix of the dimensions node x node with 0 encoding a fixed to zero element, 1 encoding a free to estimate element, and higher integers encoding equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

kappa\_epsilon

Only used when residual = "prec". Either "full" to estimate every element freely, "diag" to only include diagonal elements, or a matrix of the dimensions node x node with 0 encoding a fixed to zero element, 1 encoding a free to estimate element, and higher integers encoding equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

sigma\_epsilon

Only used when residual = "cov". Either "full" to estimate every element freely, "diag" to only include diagonal elements, or a matrix of the dimensions node x node with 0 encoding a fixed to zero element, 1 encoding a free to estimate element, and higher integers encoding equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

lowertri\_epsilon

Only used when residual = "chol". Either "full" to estimate every element freely, "diag" to only include diagonal elements, or a matrix of the dimensions node x node with 0 encoding a fixed to zero element, 1 encoding a free to estimate element, and higher integers encoding equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

nu

Optional vector encoding the intercepts of the observed variables. Set elements to 0 to indicate fixed to zero constrains, 1 to indicate free intercepts, and higher integers to indicate equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/column encoding such a vector.

mu\_eta

Optional vector encoding the means of the latent variables. Set elements to 0 to indicate fixed to zero constrains, 1 to indicate free intercepts, and higher integers to indicate equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/column encoding such a vector.

identify

Logical, should the model be automatically identified?

identification

Type of identification used. "loadings" to fix the first factor loadings to 1, and "variance" to fix the diagonal of the latent variable model matrix (sigma\_zeta, lowertri\_zeta, delta\_zeta or kappa\_zeta) to 1.

latents

An optional character vector with names of the latent variables.

beepvar

Optional string indicating assessment beep per day. Adding this argument will cause non-consecutive beeps to be treated as missing!

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dayvar Optional string indicating assessment day. Adding this argument makes sure that

the first measurement of a day is not regressed on the last measurement of the previous day. IMPORTANT: only add this if the data has multiple observations

per day.

idvar Optional string indicating the subject ID

vars An optional character vector encoding the variables used in the analyis. Must

equal names of the dataset in data.

groups An optional string indicating the name of the group variable in data.

covs A sample variance–covariance matrix, or a list/array of such matrices for multi-

ple groups. Make sure covtype argument is set correctly to the type of covari-

ances used.

means A vector of sample means, or a list/matrix containing such vectors for multiple

groups.

nobs The number of observations used in covs and means, or a vector of such num-

bers of observations for multiple groups.

missing How should missingness be handled in computing the sample covariances and

number of observations when data is used. Can be "listwise" for listwise

deletion, or "pairwise" for pairwise deletion.

equal A character vector indicating which matrices should be constrained equal across

groups.

baseline\_saturated

A logical indicating if the baseline and saturated model should be included.

Mostly used internally and NOT Recommended to be used manually.

estimator The estimator to be used. Currently implemented are "ML" for maximum like-

lihood estimation, "FIML" for full-information maximum likelihood estimation, "ULS" for unweighted least squares estimation, "WLS" for weighted least squares

estimation, and "DWLS" for diagonally weighted least squares estimation.

optimizer The optimizer to be used. Can be one of "nlminb" (the default R nlminb

function), "ucminf" (from the optimr package), and C++ based optimizers "cpp\_L-BFGS-B", "cpp\_BFGS", "cpp\_CG", "cpp\_SANN", and "cpp\_Nelder-Mead".

The C++ optimizers are faster but slightly less stable. Defaults to "nlminb".

storedata Logical, should the raw data be stored? Needed for bootstrapping (see bootstrap).

standardize Which standardization method should be used? "none" (default) for no stan-

dardization, "z" for z-scores, and "quantile" for a non-parametric transforma-

tion to the quantiles of the marginal standard normal distribution.

sampleStats An optional sample statistics object. Mostly used internally.

centerWithin Logical, should data be within-person centered?

covtype If 'covs' is used, this is the type of covariance (maximum likelihood or unbiased)

the input covariance matrix represents. Set to "ML" for maximum likelihood estimates (denominator n) and "UB" to unbiased estimates (denominator n-1). The default will try to find the type used, by investigating which is most likely

to result from integer valued datasets.

verbose Logical, should messages be printed?

... Arguments sent to tsdlvm1

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### Value

An object of the class psychonetrics (psychonetrics-class)

## Author(s)

Sacha Epskamp

## **Examples**

```
# Note: this example is wrapped in a dontrun environment because the data is not
# available locally.
## Not run:
# Obtain the data from:
# Epskamp, S., van Borkulo, C. D., van der Veen, D. C., Servaas, M. N., Isvoranu, A. M.,
# Riese, H., & Cramer, A. O. (2018). Personalized network modeling in psychopathology:
# The importance of contemporaneous and temporal connections. Clinical Psychological
# Science, 6(3), 416-427.
# Available here: https://osf.io/c8wjz/
tsdata <- read.csv("Supplementary2_data.csv")</pre>
# Encode time variable in a way R understands:
tsdata$time <- as.POSIXct(tsdata$time, tz = "Europe/Amsterdam")</pre>
# Extract days:
tsdata$Day <- as.Date(tsdata$time, tz = "Europe/Amsterdam")</pre>
# Variables to use:
vars <- c("relaxed", "sad", "nervous", "concentration", "tired", "rumination",</pre>
          "bodily.discomfort")
# Create lambda matrix (in this case: one factor):
Lambda \leftarrow matrix(1,7,1)
# Estimate dynamical factor model:
model <- tsdlvm1(</pre>
  tsdata,
 lambda = Lambda,
  vars = vars,
  dayvar = "Day",
  estimator = "FIML"
)
# Run model:
model <- model %>% runmodel
# Look at fit:
model %>% print
model %>% fit # Pretty bad fit
```

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```
## End(Not run)
```

unionmodel

Unify models across groups

# Description

The unionmodel will add all parameters to all groups that are free in at least one group, and the intersectionmodel will constrain all parameters across groups to zero unless they are free to estimate in all groups.

# Usage

# **Arguments**

x	A psychonetrics model.
runmodel	Logical, should the model be updated?
verbose	Logical, should messages be printed?
log	Logical, should the log be updated?
identify	Logical, should the model be identified?
matrices	Which matrices should be used to form the union/intersection model?
	Arguments sent to runmodel

# Value

An object of the class psychonetrics (psychonetrics-class)

# Author(s)

Sacha Epskamp

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var1

Lag-1 vector autoregression family of psychonetrics models

## **Description**

This is the family of models that models time-series data using a lag-1 vector autoregressive model (VAR; Epskamp, Waldorp, Mottus, Borsboom, 2018). The model is fitted to the Toeplitz matrix, but unlike typical SEM software the block of covariances of the lagged variables is not used in estimating the temporal and contemporaneous relationships (the block is modeled completely separately using a cholesky decomposition, and does not enter the model elsewise). The contemporaneous argument can be used to define what contemporaneous model is used: contemporaneous = "cov" (default) models a variance-covariance matrix, contemporaneous = "chol" models a Cholesky decomposition, contemporaneous = "prec" models a precision matrix, and contemporaneous = "ggm" (alias: gvar()) models a Gaussian graphical model, also then known as a graphical VAR model.

## Usage

# **Arguments**

data

A data frame encoding the data used in the analysis. Can be missing if covs and nobs are supplied.

contemporaneous

The type of contemporaneous model used. See description.

beta

A model matrix encoding the temporal relationships (transpose of temporal network). A 0 encodes a fixed to zero element, a 1 encoding a free to estimate element, and higher integers encoding equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix. Can also be "full" for a full temporal network or "zero" for an empty temporal network.

omega\_zeta

Only used when contemporaneous = "ggm". Either "full" to estimate every element freely, "zero" to set all elements to zero, or a matrix of the dimensions

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node x node with 0 encoding a fixed to zero element, 1 encoding a free to estimate element, and higher integers encoding equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

delta\_zeta

Only used when contemporaneous = "ggm". Either "diag" to estimate all scalings or "zero" (not recommended) to set all elements to zero, or a matrix of the dimensions node x node with 0 encoding a fixed to zero element, 1 encoding a free to estimate element, and higher integers encoding equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

kappa\_zeta

Only used when contemporaneous = "prec". Either "full" to estimate every element freely, "diag" to only include diagonal elements, or a matrix of the dimensions node x node with 0 encoding a fixed to zero element, 1 encoding a free to estimate element, and higher integers encoding equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

sigma\_zeta

Only used when contemporaneous = "cov". Either "full" to estimate every element freely, "diag" to only include diagonal elements, or a matrix of the dimensions node x node with 0 encoding a fixed to zero element, 1 encoding a free to estimate element, and higher integers encoding equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

lowertri\_zeta

Only used when contemporaneous = "chol". Either "full" to estimate every element freely, "diag" to only include diagonal elements, or a matrix of the dimensions node x node with 0 encoding a fixed to zero element, 1 encoding a free to estimate element, and higher integers encoding equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

mu

Optional vector encoding the mean structure. Set elements to 0 to indicate fixed to zero constrains, 1 to indicate free means, and higher integers to indicate equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/column encoding such a vector.

beepvar

Optional string indicating assessment beep per day. Adding this argument will cause non-consecutive beeps to be treated as missing!

dayvar

Optional string indicating assessment day. Adding this argument makes sure that the first measurement of a day is not regressed on the last measurement of the previous day. IMPORTANT: only add this if the data has multiple observations per day.

idvar

Optional string indicating the subject ID

vars

An optional character vector encoding the variables used in the analyis. Must equal names of the dataset in data.

groups

An optional string indicating the name of the group variable in data.

covs

A sample variance—covariance matrix, or a list/array of such matrices for multiple groups. Make sure covtype argument is set correctly to the type of covariances used.

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means A vector of sample means, or a list/matrix containing such vectors for multiple

groups.

nobs The number of observations used in covs and means, or a vector of such num-

bers of observations for multiple groups.

missing How should missingness be handled in computing the sample covariances and

number of observations when data is used. Can be "listwise" for listwise

deletion, or "pairwise" for pairwise deletion.

equal A character vector indicating which matrices should be constrained equal across

groups.

baseline\_saturated

A logical indicating if the baseline and saturated model should be included.

Mostly used internally and NOT Recommended to be used manually.

estimator The estimator to be used. Currently implemented are "ML" for maximum like-

lihood estimation, "FIML" for full-information maximum likelihood estimation, "ULS" for unweighted least squares estimation, "WLS" for weighted least squares

estimation, and "DWLS" for diagonally weighted least squares estimation.

optimizer The optimizer to be used. Can be one of "nlminb" (the default R nlminb

function), "ucminf" (from the optimr package), and C++ based optimizers "cpp\_L-BFGS-B", "cpp\_BFGS", "cpp\_CG", "cpp\_SANN", and "cpp\_Nelder-Mead".

The C++ optimizers are faster but slightly less stable. Defaults to "nlminb".

storedata Logical, should the raw data be stored? Needed for bootstrapping (see bootstrap).

standardize Which standardization method should be used? "none" (default) for no stan-

dardization, "z" for z-scores, and "quantile" for a non-parametric transforma-

tion to the quantiles of the marginal standard normal distribution.

sampleStats An optional sample statistics object. Mostly used internally.

covtype If 'covs' is used, this is the type of covariance (maximum likelihood or unbiased)

the input covariance matrix represents. Set to "ML" for maximum likelihood estimates (denominator n) and "UB" to unbiased estimates (denominator n-1). The default will try to find the type used, by investigating which is most likely

to result from integer valued datasets.

verbose Logical, should messages be printed?

bootstraps the data (reshuffles rows with replacement).

... Arguments sent to var1

### **Details**

This will be updated in a later version.

## Value

An object of the class psychonetrics

## Author(s)

Sacha Epskamp

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## References

Epskamp, S., Waldorp, L. J., Mottus, R., & Borsboom, D. (2018). The Gaussian graphical model in cross-sectional and time-series data. Multivariate Behavioral Research, 53(4), 453-480.

### See Also

```
1vm, varcov, dlvm1
```

# **Examples**

```
library("dplyr")
library("graphicalVAR")
beta <- matrix(c(</pre>
  0,0.5,
  0.5,0
),2,2,byrow=TRUE)
kappa <- diag(2)
simData <- graphicalVARsim(50, beta, kappa)</pre>
# Form model:
model <- gvar(simData)</pre>
# Evaluate model:
model <- model %>% runmodel
# Parameter estimates:
model %>% parameters
# Plot the CIs:
CIplot(model, "beta")
# Note: this example is wrapped in a dontrun environment because the data is not
# available locally.
## Not run:
# Longer example:
#
# Obtain the data from:
# Epskamp, S., van Borkulo, C. D., van der Veen, D. C., Servaas, M. N., Isvoranu, A. M.,
# Riese, H., & Cramer, A. O. (2018). Personalized network modeling in psychopathology:
# The importance of contemporaneous and temporal connections. Clinical Psychological
# Science, 6(3), 416-427.
# Available here: https://osf.io/c8wjz/
tsdata <- read.csv("Supplementary2_data.csv")</pre>
# Encode time variable in a way R understands:
tsdata$time <- as.POSIXct(tsdata$time, tz = "Europe/Amsterdam")</pre>
# Extract days:
```

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```
tsdata$Day <- as.Date(tsdata$time, tz = "Europe/Amsterdam")</pre>
# Variables to use:
vars <- c("relaxed", "sad", "nervous", "concentration", "tired", "rumination",</pre>
          "bodily.discomfort")
# Estimate, prune with FDR, and perform stepup search:
model_FDRprune <- gvar(</pre>
  tsdata,
  vars = vars,
  dayvar = "Day"
  estimator = "FIML"
  ) %>%
  runmodel %>%
  prune(adjust = "fdr", recursive = FALSE) %>%
  stepup(criterion = "bic")
# Estimate with greedy stepup search:
model_stepup <- gvar(</pre>
  tsdata,
  vars = vars,
  dayvar = "Day",
  estimator = "FIML".
  omega_zeta = "zero",
  beta = "zero"
) %>%
  runmodel %>%
  stepup(greedy = TRUE, greedyadjust = "bonferroni", criterion = "bic")
# Compare models:
compare(
  FDRprune = model_FDRprune,
  stepup = model_stepup
# Very similar but not identical. Stepup is prefered here according to AIC and BIC
# Stepup results:
temporal <- getmatrix(model_stepup, "PDC") # PDC = Partial Directed Correlations</pre>
contemporaneous <- getmatrix(model_stepup, "omega_zeta")</pre>
# Average layout:
library("qgraph")
L <- averageLayout(temporal, contemporaneous)</pre>
# Labels:
labs <- gsub("\\.","\n",vars)</pre>
# Plot:
layout(t(1:2))
qgraph(temporal, layout = L, theme = "colorblind", directed=TRUE, diag=TRUE,
       title = "Temporal", vsize = 12, mar = rep(6,4), asize = 5,
       labels = labs)
qgraph(contemporaneous, layout = L, theme = "colorblind",
```

```
title = "Contemporaneous", vsize = 12, mar = rep(6,4), asize = 5,
labels = labs)
## End(Not run)
```

varcov

Variance-covariance family of psychonetrics models

# Description

This is the family of models that models only a variance-covariance matrix with mean structure. The type argument can be used to define what model is used: type = "cov" (default) models a variance-covariance matrix directly, type = "chol" (alias: cholesky()) models a Cholesky decomposition, type = "prec" (alias: precision()) models a precision matrix, type = "ggm" (alias: ggm()) models a Gaussian graphical model (Epskamp, Rhemtulla and Borsboom, 2017), and type = "cor" (alias: corr()) models a correlation matrix.

## Usage

### **Arguments**

data

A data frame encoding the data used in the analysis. Can be missing if covs and nobs are supplied.

type

The type of model used. See description.

sigma

Only used when type = "cov". Either "full" to estimate every element freely, "diag" to only include diagonal elements, or a matrix of the dimensions node x node with 0 encoding a fixed to zero element, 1 encoding a free to estimate element, and higher integers encoding equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

kappa

Only used when type = "prec". Either "full" to estimate every element freely, "diag" to only include diagonal elements, or a matrix of the dimensions node x node with 0 encoding a fixed to zero element, 1 encoding a free to estimate element, and higher integers encoding equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

omega

Only used when type = "ggm". Either "full" to estimate every element freely, "zero" to set all elements to zero, or a matrix of the dimensions node x node with 0 encoding a fixed to zero element, 1 encoding a free to estimate element, and higher integers encoding equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

lowertri

Only used when type = "cho1". Either "ful1" to estimate every element freely, "diag" to only include diagonal elements, or a matrix of the dimensions node x node with 0 encoding a fixed to zero element, 1 encoding a free to estimate element, and higher integers encoding equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

delta

Only used when type = "ggm". Either "diag" or "zero" (not recommended), or a matrix of the dimensions node x node with 0 encoding a fixed to zero element, 1 encoding a free to estimate element, and higher integers encoding equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

rho

Only used when type = "cor". Either "full" to estimate every element freely, "zero" to set all elements to zero, or a matrix of the dimensions node x node with 0 encoding a fixed to zero element, 1 encoding a free to estimate element, and higher integers encoding equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

SD

Only used when type = "cor". Either "diag" or "zero" (not recommended), or a matrix of the dimensions node x node with 0 encoding a fixed to zero element, 1 encoding a free to estimate element, and higher integers encoding equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/slice encoding such a matrix.

mu

Optional vector encoding the mean structure. Set elements to 0 to indicate fixed to zero constrains, 1 to indicate free means, and higher integers to indicate equality constrains. For multiple groups, this argument can be a list or array with each element/column encoding such a vector.

tau

Optional list encoding the thresholds per variable.

vars

An optional character vector encoding the variables used in the analyis. Must equal names of the dataset in data.

groups

An optional string indicating the name of the group variable in data.

covs

A sample variance—covariance matrix, or a list/array of such matrices for multiple groups. Make sure covtype argument is set correctly to the type of covariances used.

means

A vector of sample means, or a list/matrix containing such vectors for multiple groups.

nobs The number of observations used in covs and means, or a vector of such num-

bers of observations for multiple groups.

covtype If 'covs' is used, this is the type of covariance (maximum likelihood or unbiased)

the input covariance matrix represents. Set to "ML" for maximum likelihood estimates (denominator n) and "UB" to unbiased estimates (denominator n-1). The default will try to find the type used, by investigating which is most likely

to result from integer valued datasets.

missing How should missingness be handled in computing the sample covariances and

number of observations when data is used. Can be "listwise" for listwise

deletion, or "pairwise" for pairwise deletion.

equal A character vector indicating which matrices should be constrained equal across

groups.

baseline\_saturated

A logical indicating if the baseline and saturated model should be included.

Mostly used internally and NOT Recommended to be used manually.

estimator The estimator to be used. Currently implemented are "ML" for maximum like-

lihood estimation, "FIML" for full-information maximum likelihood estimation, "ULS" for unweighted least squares estimation, "WLS" for weighted least squares

estimation, and "DWLS" for diagonally weighted least squares estimation.

optimizer The optimizer to be used. Can be one of "nlminb" (the default R nlminb

function), "ucminf" (from the optimr package), and C++ based optimizers "cpp\_L-BFGS-B", "cpp\_BFGS", "cpp\_CG", "cpp\_SANN", and "cpp\_Nelder-Mead".

The C++ optimizers are faster but slightly less stable. Defaults to "nlminb".

storedata Logical, should the raw data be stored? Needed for bootstrapping (see bootstrap).

standardize Which standardization method should be used? "none" (default) for no stan-

dardization, "z" for z-scores, and "quantile" for a non-parametric transforma-

tion to the quantiles of the marginal standard normal distribution.

WLS.W Optional WLS weights matrix.

sampleStats An optional sample statistics object. Mostly used internally.

verbose Logical, should progress be printed to the console?

ordered A vector with strings indicating the variables that are ordered catagorical, or set

to TRUE to model all variables as ordered catagorical.

meanstructure Logical, should the meanstructure be modeled explicitly?

corinput Logical, is the input a correlation matrix?

fullFIML Logical, should row-wise FIML be used? Not recommended!

... Arguments sent to varcov

## **Details**

The model used in this family is:

$$var(\boldsymbol{y}) = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}$$

$$\mathcal{E}(y) = \mu$$

in which the covariance matrix can further be modeled in three ways. With type = "chol" as Cholesky decomposition:

```
m \Sigma = m L m L, with type = "prec" as Precision matrix: m \Sigma = m K^{-1}, and finally with type = "ggm" as Gaussian graphical model: m \Sigma = m \Delta (m I - m \Omega)^(-1) m \Delta.
```

### Value

An object of the class psychonetrics

# Author(s)

Sacha Epskamp

### References

Epskamp, S., Rhemtulla, M., & Borsboom, D. (2017). Generalized network psychometrics: Combining network and latent variable models. Psychometrika, 82(4), 904-927.

### See Also

```
lvm, var1, dlvm1
```

# **Examples**

```
# Load bfi data from psych package:
library("psychTools")
data(bfi)
# Also load dplyr for the pipe operator:
library("dplyr")
# Let's take the agreeableness items, and gender:
ConsData <- bfi %>%
  select(A1:A5, gender) %>%
  na.omit # Let's remove missingness (otherwise use Estimator = "FIML)
# Define variables:
vars <- names(ConsData)[1:5]</pre>
# Saturated estimation:
mod_saturated <- ggm(ConsData, vars = vars)</pre>
# Run the model:
mod_saturated <- mod_saturated %>% runmodel
# We can look at the parameters:
mod_saturated %>% parameters
```

```
# Labels:
labels <- c(
  "indifferent to the feelings of others",
  "inquire about others' well-being",
  "comfort others",
  "love children",
  "make people feel at ease")
# Plot CIs:
CIplot(mod_saturated, "omega", labels = labels, labelstart = 0.2)
# We can also fit an empty network:
mod0 <- ggm(ConsData, vars = vars, omega = "zero")</pre>
# Run the model:
mod0 <- mod0 %>% runmodel
# We can look at the modification indices:
mod0 %>% MIs
\mbox{\tt\#} 
 To automatically add along modification indices, we can use stepup:
mod1 <- mod0 %>% stepup
# Let's also prune all non-significant edges to finish:
mod1 <- mod1 %>% prune
# Look at the fit:
mod1 %>% fit
# Compare to original (baseline) model:
compare(baseline = mod0, adjusted = mod1)
# We can also look at the parameters:
mod1 %>% parameters
# Or obtain the network as follows:
getmatrix(mod1, "omega")
```

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