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coef.gllvm	<i>Extract coefficients from gllvm</i>
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Description

Extracts model coefficients from 'gllvm' objects.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'gllvm'
coef(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object	an object of class 'gllvm'.
...	not used.

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Examples

```
## Not run:
## Load a dataset from the mvabund package
data(antTraits)
y <- as.matrix(antTraits$abund)
# Fit gllvm model
fit <- gllvm(y, family = "negative.binomial")
# Coefficients
coef(fit)

## End(Not run)
```

coefplot.gllvm	<i>Plot covariate coefficients and confidence intervals</i>
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Description

Plots covariate coefficients and their confidence intervals.

Usage

```
coefplot.gllvm(fit, y.label = TRUE, which.Xcoef = NULL, cex.ylab = 0.5,
  mfrow = NULL, mar = c(4, 6, 2, 1), ...)
```

Arguments

<code>fit</code>	an object of class 'gllvm'.
<code>y.label</code>	logical, if TRUE (default) colnames of y with respect to coefficients are added to plot.
<code>which.Xcoef</code>	vector indicating which X-coefficients will be plotted. Can be vector of covariate names or numbers. Default is NULL when all covariate coefficients are plotted.
<code>cex.ylab</code>	the magnification to be used for axis annotation relative to the current setting of <code>cex</code> .
<code>mfrow</code>	same as <code>mfrow</code> in <code>par</code> . If NULL (default) it is determined automatically.
<code>mar</code>	vector of length 4, which defines the margin sizes: <code>c(bottom, left, top, right)</code> . Defaults to <code>c(4, 5, 2, 1)</code> .
<code>...</code>	additional graphical arguments.

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Examples

```
## Not run:
## Load a dataset from the mvabund package
data(antTraits)
y <- as.matrix(antTraits$abund)
X <- antTraits$env
TR <- antTraits$traits

# Fit gllvm model with environmental covariates
fitx <- gllvm(y, X, family = "negative.binomial")
coefplot.gllvm(fitx, mfrow = c(3,2), mar = c(4,8,2,1), cex.ylab = 0.8)
coefplot.gllvm(fitx, which.Xcoef = 1:2, mar = c(4,8,2,1), cex.ylab = 0.8)

# Fit gllvm model with environmental and trait covariates
fitT <- gllvm(y = y, X = X, TR = TR, family = "negative.binomial")
coefplot.gllvm(fitT, mar = c(4,8,2,1))

## End(Not run)
```

confint.gllvm

Confidence intervals for model parameters

Description

Computes confidence intervals for parameters in a fitted gllvm model.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'gllvm'
confint(object, parm = NULL, level = 0.95, ...)
```

Arguments

object	an object of class 'gllvm'.
parm	a specification of which parameters are to be given confidence intervals, a vector of names. If missing, all parameters are considered.
level	the confidence level. Scalar between 0 and 1.
...	not used.

Author(s)

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Examples

```
## Not run:
## Load a dataset from the mvabund package
data(antTraits)
y <- as.matrix(antTraits$abund)
X <- as.matrix(antTraits$env[,4:5])
# Fit gllvm model
fit <- gllvm(y = y, X = X, family = "negative.binomial")
# 95 % confidence intervals
confint(fit, level = 0.95)

## End(Not run)
```

getResidualCor.gllvm *Extract residual correlations from gllvm object*

Description

Calculates the residual correlation from gllvm models.

Usage

```
getResidualCor.gllvm(object)
```

Arguments

object	an object of class 'gllvm'.
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Author(s)

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Examples

```
## Not run:
## Load a dataset from the mvabund package
data(antTraits)
y <- as.matrix(antTraits$abund)
# Fit gllvm model
fit <- gllvm(y = y, family = "negative.binomial")
# residual correlations:
cr <- getResidualCor.gllvm(fit)
# Plot residual correlations:
install.packages("corrplot", "gclus")
library(corrplot)
library(gclus)
rbPal <- colorRampPalette(c('darkblue','white','darkred'))
breaks <- seq(min(cr$cor), max(cr$cor), length.out = 40)
Colors <- rbPal(100)[as.numeric(cut(cr$cor, breaks = breaks))]
corrplot(cr$cor[order.single(cr$cor), order.single(cr$cor)], diag = F,
  type = "lower", method = "square", tl.cex = 0.8, tl.srt = 45, tl.col = "red")

## End(Not run)
```

gllvm

Generalized Linear Latent Variable Models

Description

Fits generalized linear latent variable models for multivariate data. The models can be fitted using Laplace approximation method or variational approximation method.

Usage

```
gllvm(y = NULL, X = NULL, TR = NULL, data = NULL, formula = NULL,
  num.lv = 2, family, method = "VA", row.eff = FALSE, offset = NULL,
  sd.errors = TRUE, Lambda.struc = "unstructured", diag.iter = 5,
  trace = FALSE, plot = FALSE, la.link.bin = "logit", n.init = 1,
  Power = 1.5, reltol = 1e-06, seed = NULL, max.iter = 200,
  maxit = 1000, start.fit = NULL, starting.val = "res", TMB = TRUE,
  optimizer = "optim", Lambda.start = 0.1, jitter.var = 0)
```

Arguments

y	(n x m) matrix of responses.
X	matrix of environmental covariates.
TR	matrix of trait covariates.
data	data in long format, that is, matrix of responses, environmental and trait covariates and row index named as 'id'. When used, model needs to be defined using formula. This is alternative data input for y, X and TR.
formula	an object of class "formula" (or one that can be coerced to that class): a symbolic description of the model to be fitted.
num.lv	number of latent variables, d, in gllvm model. Non-negative integer, less than number of response variables (m). Defaults to 2.

family	distribution function for responses. Options are "poisson" (with log link), "negative.binomial" (with log link), "binomial" (with logit/probit link when method = "LA" and probit link when method = "VA"), zero inflated poisson ("ZIP") and Tweedie ("tweedie") (with log link, only with "LA"-method), "ordinal" (only with "VA"-method).
method	model can be fitted using Laplace approximation method (method = "LA") or variational approximation method (method = "VA"). Defaults to "VA".
row.eff	logical, Indicating whether row effects are included in the model. Defaults to FALSE.
offset	vector or matrix of offset terms.
sd.errors	logical. If TRUE (default) standard errors for parameter estimates are calculated.
Lambda.struc	covariance structure of VA distributions for latent variables when method = "VA", "unstructured" or "diagonal".
diag.iter	non-negative integer which is used to speed up the updating of variational (co-variance) parameters in VA method. Defaults to 5.
trace	logical, if TRUE in each iteration step information on current step will be printed. Defaults to FALSE.
plot	logical, if TRUE ordination plots will be printed in each iteration step when TMB = FALSE. Defaults to FALSE.
la.link.bin	link function for binomial family if method = "LA". Options are "logit" and "probit".
n.init	number of initial runs. Uses multiple runs and picks up the one giving highest log-likelihood value. Defaults to 1.
Power	fixed power parameter in Tweedie model. Scalar from interval (1,2). Defaults to 1.5.
reltol	convergence criteria for log-likelihood, defaults to 1e-6.
seed	a single seed value, defaults to NULL.
max.iter	maximum number of iterations when TMB = FALSE, defaults to 200.
maxit	maximum number of iterations within optim function, defaults to 1000.
start.fit	object of class 'gllvm' which can be given as starting parameters for count data (poisson, NB, or ZIP).
starting.val	starting values can be generated by fitting model without latent variables, and applying factorial analysis to residuals to get starting values for latent variables and their coefficients (starting.val = "res"). Another options are to use zeros as a starting values (starting.val = "zero") or initialize starting values for latent variables with (n x num.lv) matrix. Defaults to "res", which is recommended.
TMB	logical, if TRUE model will be fitted using Template Model Builder (TMB). TMB is always used if method = "LA". Defaults to TRUE.
optimizer	if TMB=TRUE, log-likelihood can be optimized using "optim" (default) or "nlminb".
Lambda.start	starting values for variances in VA distributions for latent variables in variational approximation method. Defaults to 0.1.
jitter.var	jitter variance for starting values of latent variables. Defaults to 0, meaning no jittering.

Details

Fits generalized linear latent variable models as in Hui et al. (2015 and 2016) and Niku et al. (2017). Method can be used with two types of latent variable models depending on covariates. If only site related environmental covariates are used, the expectation of response Y_{ij} is determined by

$$g(\mu_{ij}) = \eta_{ij} = \alpha_i + \beta_{0j} + x'_i\beta_j + u'_i\theta_j,$$

where $g(\cdot)$ is a known link function, u_i are d -variate latent variables ($d \ll m$), α_i is an optional row effect at site i , β_{0j} is an intercept term for species j , β_j and θ_j are column specific coefficients related to covariates and the latent variables, respectively.

The alternative model is fourth corner model (Brown et al., 2014, Warton et al., 2015) which will be fitted if also trait covariates are included. The expectation of response Y_{ij} is

$$g(\mu_{ij}) = \alpha_i + \beta_{0j} + x'_i\beta_x + TR'_j\beta_t + \text{vec}(B) * \text{kronecker}(TR_j, X_i) + u'_i\theta_j$$

where $g(\cdot)$, u_i , β_{0j} and θ_j are defined as above. Vectors β_x and β_t are main effects or coefficients related to environmental and trait covariates, respectively, matrix B includes interaction terms. The interaction/fourth corner terms are optional as well as are the main effects of trait covariates.

The method is sensitive for the choices of initial values of the latent variables. Therefore it is recommendable to use multiple runs and pick up the one giving the highest log-likelihood value. However, sometimes this is computationally too demanding, and default option `starting.val = "res"` usually gives reasonably good results.

Models are implemented using TMB (Kristensen et al., 2015) applied to variational approximation (Hui et al., 2016) and Laplace approximation (Niku et al., 2017).

Distributions:

Mean and variance for distributions are defined as follows.

- For count data family = "poisson": Expectation $E[Y_{ij}] = \mu_{ij}$, variance $V(\mu_{ij}) = \mu_{ij}$, or
- family = "negative.binomial": Expectation $E[Y_{ij}] = \mu_{ij}$, variance $V(\mu_{ij}) = \mu_{ij} + \phi_j * \mu_{ij}^2$, or
- family = "ZIP": Expectation $E[Y_{ij}] = (1-p)\mu_{ij}$, variance $V(\mu_{ij}) = \mu_{ij}(1-p)(1+\mu_{ij}p)$.
- For binary data family = "binomial": Expectation $E[Y_{ij}] = \mu_{ij}$, variance $V(\mu_{ij}) = \mu_{ij}(1 - \mu_{ij})$.
- For biomass data family = "tweedie": Expectation $E[Y_{ij}] = \mu_{ij}$, variance $V(\mu_{ij}) = \phi_j * \mu_{ij}^\nu$, where ν is a power parameter of Tweedie distribution. See details Dunn and Smyth (2005).
- For ordinal data family = "ordinal": See Hui et.al. (2016).

Value

An object of class "gllvm" includes the following components:

call	function call
logL	log likelihood
lvs	latent variables
params	list of parameters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$theta coefficients related to latent variables • \$beta0 column specific intercepts

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <code>\$Xcoef</code> coefficients related to environmental covariates <code>X</code> • <code>\$B</code> coefficients in fourth corner model • <code>\$row.params</code> row-specific intercepts • <code>\$phi</code> dispersion parameters ϕ for negative binomial or Tweedie family, or probability of zero inflation for ZIP family • <code>\$inv.phi</code> dispersion parameters $1/\phi$ for negative binomial
Power	power parameter ν for Tweedie family
sd	list of standard errors of parameters

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See Also

[ordiplot.gllvm](#), [summary.gllvm](#), [residuals.gllvm](#), [confint.gllvm](#), [coefplot.gllvm](#).

Examples

```
## Not run:
## Load a dataset from the mvabund package
data(antTraits)
y <- as.matrix(antTraits$abund)
X <- as.matrix(antTraits$env)
TR <- antTraits$traits

## Example 1: Fit model with two latent variables
# Using variational approximation:
fitv0 <- gllvm(y, family = "negative.binomial", method = "VA")
ordiplot.gllvm(fitv0)
```



```

summary(fitv0)
confint(fitv0)
# Using Laplace approximation:
fitl0 <- gllvm(y, family = "negative.binomial", method = "LA")
ordiplot.gllvm(fitl0)

# Poisson family:
fit.p <- gllvm(y, family = "poisson", method = "LA")
ordiplot.gllvm(fit.p)
# Use poisson model as a starting parameters for ZIP-model, this line may take few minutes to run
fit.z <- gllvm(y, family = "ZIP", method = "LA", start.fit = fit.p)
ordiplot.gllvm(fit.z)

## Example 2: gllvm with environmental variables
# Fit model with two latent variables and all environmental covariates,
fitvX <- gllvm(formula = y~X, family = "negative.binomial")
ordiplot.gllvm(fitvX2,biplot=TRUE)
coefplot.gllvm(fitvX)
## End(Not run)
# Fit model with environmental covariates Bare.ground and Feral.mammal.dung
fitvX2 <- gllvm(y, X, formula = ~Bare.ground + Feral.mammal.dung,
  family = "negative.binomial")
ordiplot.gllvm(fitvX2)
coefplot.gllvm(fitvX2)
## Not run:
# Use 5 initial runs and pick the best one
fitvX_5 <- gllvm(y, X, formula = ~Bare.ground + Feral.mammal.dung,
  family = "negative.binomial", n.init = 5)
ordiplot.gllvm(fitvX_5)
coefplot.gllvm(fitvX_5)

## Example 3: Data in long format
# Reshape data to long format:
datalong <- reshape(data.frame(cbind(y,X)),direction = "long", varying = colnames(y),v.names = "y")
head(datalong)
fitvLong <- gllvm(data=datalong, formula = y~Bare.ground + Feral.mammal.dung,
  family = "negative.binomial")

## Example 4: Fourth corner model
# Fit fourth corner model with two latent variables
fitF1 <- gllvm(y = y, X = X, TR = TR, family = "negative.binomial")
coefplot.gllvm(fitF1, mar = c(4,8,2,1))
# Specify model using formula
fitF2 <- gllvm(y = y, X = X, TR = TR,
  formula = ~Bare.ground + Canopy.cover*(Pilosity + Webers.length),
  family = "negative.binomial")
ordiplot.gllvm(fitF2)
coefplot.gllvm(fitF2, mar = c(4,8,2,1))

## Example 5: Fit Tweedie model for coral data
data(tikus)
ycoral <- tikus$abund
# Let's consider only years 1981 and 1983
ycoral <- ycoral[((tikus$x$time == 81) + (tikus$x$time == 83)) > 0,]
# Exclude species which have observed at less than 4 sites
ycoral <- ycoral[(colSums(ycoral>0)>3)]

```

```
fit.twe <- gllvm(y = ycoral, family = "tweedie", method = "LA")
ordiplot.gllvm(fit.twe)

## End(Not run)
```

logLik.gllvm	<i>Log-likelihood of gllvm</i>
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Description

Extracts Log-likelihood from 'gllvm' objects.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'gllvm'
logLik(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object	an object of class 'gllvm'.
...	not used.

Author(s)

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Examples

```
## Not run:
## Load a dataset from the mvabund package
data(antTraits)
y <- as.matrix(antTraits$abund)
# Fit gllvm model
fit <- gllvm(y = y, family = "negative.binomial")
# log-Likelihood:
logLik(fit)

## End(Not run)
```

ordiplot.gllvm	<i>Plot latent variables from gllvm model</i>
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Description

Plots latent variables and their corresponding coefficients (biplot).

Usage

```
ordiplot.gllvm(object, biplot = FALSE, ind.spp = NULL, alpha = 0.5,
  main = NULL, which.lvs = c(1, 2), jitter = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>object</code>	an object of class 'gllvm'.
<code>biplot</code>	TRUE if both latent variables and their coefficients are plotted, FALSE if only LVs.
<code>ind.spp</code>	the number of response variables (usually, species) to include on the biplot. The default is none, or all if <code>biplot = TRUE</code> .
<code>alpha</code>	a numeric scalar between 0 and 1 that is used to control the relative scaling of the latent variables and their coefficients, when constructing a biplot.
<code>main</code>	main title.
<code>which.lvs</code>	indices of two latent variables to be plotted if number of the latent variables is more than 2. A vector with length of two. Defaults to <code>c(1, 2)</code> .
<code>jitter</code>	if TRUE, jittering is applied on points.
<code>...</code>	additional graphical arguments.

Details

Function constructs a scatter plot of two latent variables, i.e. an ordination plot. If only one latent variable is in the fitted model, latent variables are plotted against their corresponding row indices. The latent variables are labeled using the row index of the response matrix `y`.

Coefficients related to latent variables are plotted in the same figure with the latent variables if `biplot = TRUE`. They are labeled using the column names of `y`. The number of latent variable coefficients to be plotted can be controlled by `ind.spp`. An argument `alpha` is used to control the relative scaling of the latent variables and their coefficients. If `alpha = 0.5`, the latent variables and their coefficients are on the same scale.

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Examples

```
## Not run:
## Load a dataset from the mvabund package
data(antTraits)
y <- as.matrix(antTraits$abund)
# Fit gllvm model
fit <- gllvm(y = y, family = "negative.binomial")
# Ordination plot:
ordipLOT.gllvm(fit)
# Biplot with 10 species
ordipLOT.gllvm(fit, biplot = TRUE, ind.spp = 10)

## End(Not run)
```

plot.gllvm

*Plot Diagnostics for an gllvm Object***Description**

Four plots (selectable by which) are currently available: a plot of residuals against linear predictors of fitted values, a Normal Q-Q plot of residuals, residuals against row index and residuals against column index.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'gllvm'
plot(object, which = 1:4,
      caption = c("Residuals vs linear predictors", "Normal Q-Q",
                  "Residuals vs row index", "Residuals vs column index"), var.colors = NULL,
      ...)
```

Arguments

object	an object of class 'gllvm'.
which	if a subset of the plots is required, specify a subset of the numbers 1:4, see caption below.
caption	captions to appear above the plots.
var.colors	colors for responses, vector with length of number of response variables or 1. Defaults to NULL, when different responses have different colors.
...	additional graphical arguments.

Details

plot.gllvm is used for model diagnostics. Dunn-Smyth residuals or randomized quantile residuals (Dunn and Smyth, 1996) are used in plots.

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See Also

[gllvm](#), [residuals.gllvm](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
## Load a dataset from the mvabund package
data(antTraits)
y <- as.matrix(antTraits$abund)
# Fit gllvm model
fit <- gllvm(y = y, family = "negative.binomial")
# Plot residuals
plot(fit, mfrow=c(2,2))

## End(Not run)
```

print.gllvm

Print gllvm

Description

Print an object of class 'gllvm'.

Usage

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

Arguments

x	an object of class 'gllvm'.
...	not used.

Author(s)

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Examples

```
## Not run:
## Load a dataset from the mvabund package
data(antTraits)
y <- as.matrix(antTraits$abund)
# Fit gllvm model
fit <- gllvm(y = y, family = "negative.binomial")
# Print:
print(fit)

## End(Not run)
```

residuals.gllvm	<i>Dunn-Smyth -residuals for gllvm model</i>
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Description

Calculates Dunn-Smyth -residuals for gllvm model.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'gllvm'
residuals(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object	an object of class 'gllvm'.
...	not used.

Details

Computes Dunn-Smyth residuals or randomized quantile residuals (Dunn and Smyth, 1996) for gllvm model. For the observation Y_{ij} Dunn-Smyth residuals are defined as

$$r_{ij} = \Phi^{-1}(u_{ij}F_{ij}(y_{ij}) + (1 - u_{ij})F_{ij}^{-}(y_{ij})),$$

where $\Phi(\cdot)$ and $F_{ij}(\cdot)$ are the cumulative probability functions of the standard normal distribution, $F_{ij}^{-}(y)$ is the limit as $F_{ij}(y)$ is approached from the negative side, and u_{ij} has been generated at random from the standard uniform distribution.

Value

A list containing residuals which is a matrix of residuals and linpred which is a matrix of linear predictors.

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Examples

```
## Not run:
## Load a dataset from the mvabund package
data(antTraits)
y <- as.matrix(antTraits$abund)
# Fit gllvm model
fit <- gllvm(y = y, family = "negative.binomial")
# residuals saved
res <- residuals(fit)

## End(Not run)
```

sim_bacteria

*Simulated bacteria data***Description**

Simulated dataset of size 56 x 985 that can be used to illustrate the methods in Section 5.1 of Niku et al., (2017).

Usage

```
data(sim_bacteria)
```

Arguments

y A data frame with abundances of 985 species measured at 56 sites
x

References

Niku, J., Warton, D. I., Hui, F. K. C., and Taskinen, S. (2017). Generalized Linear Latent Variable Models for Multivariate Count and Biomass Data in Ecology. Under revision.

summary.gllvm

*Summarizing gllvm model fits***Description**

A summary of the fitted 'gllvm' object, including function call, distribution family and model parameters.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'gllvm'
summary(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object an object of class 'gllvm'
... not used.

Author(s)

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Examples

```
## Not run:  
## Load a dataset from the mvabund package  
data(antTraits)  
y <- as.matrix(antTraits$abund)  
# Fit GLLVM model  
fit <- gllvm(y = y, family = "negative.binomial")  
summary(fit)  
  
## End(Not run)
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