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analyze	Data analysis using the model specification	

### **Description**

Data analysis using the model specification (linkS4class{SimSem}). Data will be multiply imputed if the miss argument is specified.

### Usage

```
analyze(model, data, package="lavaan", miss=NULL, aux=NULL, ...)
```

### **Arguments**

model	The model specification (linkS4class{SimSem})
data	The target dataset
package	The package used in data analysis. Currently, only lavaan package can be used.
miss	The missing object with the specification of auxiliary variable or the specification for the multiple imputation.
aux	List of auxiliary variables
	Additional arguments in the lavaan function

#### Value

The lavaan object containing the output

### Author(s)

```
loading <- matrix(0, 6, 2)
loading[1:3, 1] <- NA
loading[4:6, 2] <- NA
LY <- bind(loading, 0.7)

latent.cor <- matrix(NA, 2, 2)
diag(latent.cor) <- 1
RPS <- binds(latent.cor, 0.5)

RTE <- binds(diag(6))

VY <- bind(rep(NA,6),2)

CFA.Model <- model(LY = LY, RPS = RPS, RTE = RTE, modelType = "CFA")
dat <- generate(CFA.Model,200)
out <- analyze(CFA.Model,dat)</pre>
```

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anova	Provide a comparison of nested models and nonnested models across replications

### **Description**

This function will provide averages of model fit statistics and indices for nested models. It will also provide average differences of fit indices and power for likelihood ratio tests of nested models.

#### **Arguments**

object	SimResult object being described. Currently at least two objects must be included as arguments
•••	any additional arguments, such as additional objects or for the function with result object

#### Value

A data frame that provides the statistics described above from all parameters. For using with linkS4class{SimResult}, the result is a list with two or three elements:

- summary: Average of fit indices across all replications
- diff: Average of the differences in fit indices across all replications
- varyParam: The statistical power of chi-square difference test given values of varying parameters (such as sample size or percent missing)

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### See Also

SimResult for the object input

```
## Not run:
loading1 <- matrix(0, 6, 1)
loading1[1:6, 1] <- NA
loading2 <- loading1
loading2[6,1] <- 0
LY1 <- bind(loading1, 0.7)
LY2 <- bind(loading2, 0.7)
RPS <- binds(diag(1))
RTE <- binds(diag(6))
CFA.Model1 <- model(LY = LY1, RPS = RPS, RTE = RTE, modelType="CFA")
CFA.Model2 <- model(LY = LY2, RPS = RPS, RTE = RTE, modelType="CFA")
# We make the examples running only 5 replications to save time.
# In reality, more replications are needed.
# Need to make sure that both simResult calls have the same seed!</pre>
```

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```
Output1 <- sim(5, n=500, model=CFA.Model1, generate=CFA.Model1, seed=123567)
Output2 <- sim(5, n=500, model=CFA.Model2, generate=CFA.Model1, seed=123567)
anova(Output1, Output2)

# The example when the sample size is varying
Output1b <- sim(NULL, n=seq(50, 500, 50), model=CFA.Model1, generate=CFA.Model1, seed=123567)
Output2b <- sim(NULL, n=seq(50, 500, 50), model=CFA.Model2, generate=CFA.Model1, seed=123567)
anova(Output1b, Output2b)

## End(Not run)

Specify matrices for Monte Carlo simulation of structural equation models
```

#### **Description**

Create SimMatrix or SimVector object that specifies

- 1. Pattern of fixed/freed parameters for analysis
- 2. Population parameter values for data generation
- 3. Any model misspecification (true population parameter is different than the one specified) for these parameters.

Each matrix in the Lisrel-style notation is specified in this way (e.g. LY, PS, and TE) and is used to create a model analysis template and a data generation template for simulation through the model function.

### Usage

```
bind(free = NULL, popParam = NULL, misspec = NULL, symmetric = FALSE)
binds(free = NULL, popParam = NULL, misspec = NULL, symmetric = TRUE)
```

### **Arguments**

free

Required matrix or vector where each element represents a fixed or freed parameter used for analysis with structural equation models. Parameters can be freed by setting the corresponding element in the matrix to NA, and can be fixed by setting the value of the element to any number (e.g. 0). Parameters can be labeled using any character string. Any labeled parameter is considered to be free, and parameters with identical labels will be constrained to equality for analysis.

popParam

Optional matrix or vector of identical dimension to the free matrix whose elements contain population parameter values for data generation in simulation. For similutation, each free parameter requires a population parameter value, which is a quoted numeric value. Parameters that don't have population values are left as empty strings. Population parameters can also be drawn from a distribution. This is done by wrapping a call to create 1 value from an existing random generation function in quotes: e.g "runif(1,0,1)", "rnorm(1,0,.01)" Every replication in the simulation will draw a parameter value from this distribution. The function checks that what is quoted is valid R.

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If a random population parameter is constrained to equality in the free matrix, each drawn population parameter value will be the same. More details on data generation is available in ?generate, ?createData, and ?draw.

To simplify the most common case, popParam can take 1 value or distribution and create a matrix or vector that assigns that population parameter or distribution to all freed parameters. These population values are used as starting values for analysis by default.

misspec

Optional matrix or vector of identical dimension to the free matrix whose elements contain population parameter values for specifying misspecification. Elements of the misspec matrix contain population parameters that are added to parameters that are fixed or have an existing population value. These parameters are also quoted numeric strings, and can optionally be drawn from distributions as described above. To simplify the most common case, misspec can take 1 value or distribution and create a matrix or vector that assigns that value or distribution to all previously specified fixed parameters. Details about misspecification are included the data generation functions.

symmetric

Set as TRUE if the matrix created is symmetric (RPS/PS, RTE/TE). The function binds can also be used, which defaults to symmetric = TRUE

#### **Details**

Bind is the first step in the bind -> model -> sim workflow of *simsem*, and this document outlines the user interface or language used to describe these simulations. This interface, while complex, enables a wide array of simulation specifications for structural equation models by building on LISREL-style parameter specifications.

In simulations supported by *simsem*, a given parameter may be either fixed or freed for analysis, but may optionally also have a population value or distribution for data generation, or a value or distribution of misspecification. The purpose of bind is to stack these multiple meanings of a parameter into an object recognized by *simsem*, a SimMatrix. Each matrix in the Lisrel notation (e.g. LY, PS, TE, BE) becomes a SimMatrix, and is passed to the function model, which builds the data generation template and an analysis template (a lavaan parameter table), collectively forming a SimSem object, which can be passed to the function sim for simulation.

#### Value

SimMatrix or SimVector object that used for model specification for analysis and data generation in simsem.

### Author(s)

#### See Also

- model To combine simMatrix objects into a complete data analysis and data generation template, which is a SimSem object
- generate To generate data using the simsem template.
- analyze To analyze real or generated data using the simsem template.

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#### **Examples**

```
loading <- matrix(0, 6, 2)</pre>
loading[1:3, 1] <- NA
loading[4:6, 2] <- NA
loadingValues <- matrix(0, 6, 2)</pre>
loadingValues[1:3, 1] <- 0.7</pre>
loadingValues[4:6, 2] <- 0.7</pre>
LY <- bind(loading, loadingValues)
summary(LY)
# Set both factor correlations to .05
latent.cor <- matrix(NA, 2, 2)</pre>
diag(latent.cor) <- 1</pre>
RPS <- binds(latent.cor, 0.5)
# Misspecify all error covarainces
error.cor <- matrix(0, 6, 6)
diag(error.cor) <- NA</pre>
RTE <- binds(error.cor,1,"runif(1,-.05,.05)")</pre>
```

bindDist

Create a data distribution object.

### **Description**

Create a data distribution object

#### Usage

```
bindDist(margins, ..., p = NULL, keepScale = TRUE, reverse = FALSE)
```

### **Arguments**

margins

A character vector specifying all the marginal distributions. The characters in argument margins are used to construct density, distribution, and quantile function names. For example, "norm" can be used to specify marginal distribution, because "dnorm", "pnorm", and "qnorm" are all available. A user-defined distribution or other distributions can be used. For example, "gl" function in the "gld" package can be used to represent the generalized lambda distribution where "dgl", "pgl", and "qgl" are available. See the description of margins attribute of the Mvdc function for further details.

. . .

A list whose each component is a list of named components, giving the parameter values of the marginal distributions. See the description of paramMargins attribute of the Mvdc function for further details.

р

Number of variables. If only one distribution object is listed, the p will make the same distribution objects for all variables.

keepScale

A vector representing whether each variable is transformed its mean and standard deviation or not. If TRUE, transform back to retain the mean and standard deviation of a variable equal to the model implied mean and standard deviation (with sampling error)

reverse

A vector representing whether each variable is mirrored or not. If TRUE, reverse the distribution of a variable (e.g., from positive skewed to negative skewed. If one logical value is specified, it will apply to all variables.

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#### Value

SimDataDist that saves analysis result from simulate data.

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#### See Also

• SimResult for the type of resulting object

#### **Examples**

```
# Create three-dimensional distribution by gaussian copula with
# the following marginal distributions
# 1. t-distribution with df = 2
# 2. chi-square distribution with df = 3
# 3. normal distribution with mean = 0 and sd = 1

# Setting the attribute of each marginal distribution
d1 <- list(df=2)
d2 <- list(df=3)
d3 <- list(mean=0, sd=1)

# Create a data distribution object by setting the names of each distribution
# and their arguments
dist <- bindDist(c("t", "chisq", "norm"), d1, d2, d3)</pre>
```

continuousPower

Find power of model parameters when simulations have randomly varying parameters

### **Description**

A function to find the power of parameters in a model when one or more of the simulations parameters vary randomly across replications.

### Usage

```
continuousPower(simResult, contN = TRUE, contMCAR = FALSE, contMAR = FALSE,
contParam = NULL, alpha = .05, powerParam = NULL, pred = NULL)
```

### **Arguments**

simResult	SimResult that includes at least one randomly varying parameter (e.g. sample size, percent missing, model parameters)
contN	Logical indicating if N varies over replications.
contMCAR	Logical indicating if the percentage of missing data that is MCAR varies over replications.
contMAR	Logical indicating if the percentage of missing data that is MAR varies over replications.

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contParam Vector of parameters names that vary over replications.

alpha Alpha level to use for power analysis.

powerParam Vector of parameters names that the user wishes to find power for. This can be a

vector of names (e.g., "LY1\_1", "LY2\_2"), or the name of a matrix (e.g. "PS"), if the name of a matrix is used power for all parameters in that matrix will be returned. If parameters are not specified, power for all parameters in the model

will be returned.

pred A list of varying parameter values that users wish to find statistical power from.

#### **Details**

A common use of simulations is to conduct power analyses, especially when using SEM (Muthen & Muthen, 2002). Here, researchers select values for each parameter and a sample size and run a simulation to determine power in those conditions (the proportion of generated datasets in which a particular parameter of interest is significantly different from zero). To evaluate power at multiple sample sizes, one simulation for each sample size must be run. By continuously varying sample size across replications, only a single simulation is needed. In this simulation, the sample size for each replication varies randomly across plausible sample sizes (e.g., sample sizes between 200 and 500). For each replication, the sample size and significance of each parameter (0 = not significant, 1 = significant) are recorded. When the simulation is complete, parameter significance is regressed on sample size using logistic regression. For a given sample size, the predicted probability from the logistic regression equation is the power to detect an effect at that sample size. This approach can be extended to other randomly varying simulation parameters such as the percentage of missing data, and model parameters.

#### Value

Data frame containing columns representing values of the randomly varying simulation parameters, and power for model parameters of interest.

### Author(s)

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### References

Muthen, L. K., & Muthen, B. O. (2002). How to use a Monte Carlo study to decide on sample size and determine power. *Structural Equation Modeling*, *4*, 599-620.

#### See Also

SimResult to see how to create a simResult object with randomly varying parameters.

```
## Not run:
# Specify Sample Size by n
loading <- matrix(0, 6, 1)
loading[1:6, 1] <- NA
LY <- bind(loading, 0.7)
RPS <- binds(diag(1))
RTE <- binds(diag(6))
CFA.Model <- model(LY = LY, RPS = RPS, RTE = RTE, modelType="CFA")</pre>
```

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```
dat <- generate(CFA.Model, 50)</pre>
out <- analyze(CFA.Model, dat)</pre>
# Specify both continuous sample size and percent missing completely at random. Note that more fine-grained
\# values of n and pmMCAR is needed, e.g., n=seq(50, 500, 1) and pmMCAR=seq(0, 0.2, 0.01)
Output <- sim(NULL, CFA.Model, n=seq(100, 200, 20), pmMCAR=c(0, 0.1, 0.2))
summary(Output)
# Find the power of all combinations of different sample size and percent MCAR missing
Cpow <- continuousPower(Output, contN = TRUE, contMCAR = TRUE)</pre>
# Find the power of parameter estimates when sample size is 200 and percent MCAR missing is 0.3
Cpow2 <- continuousPower(Output, contN = TRUE, contMCAR = TRUE, pred=list(N = 200, pmMCAR = 0.3))</pre>
## End(Not run)
```

createData

Create data from a set of drawn parameters.

#### **Description**

This function can be used to create data from a set of parameters created from draw, called a codeparamSet. This function is used internally to create data, and is available publicly for accessibility and debugging.

### Usage

```
createData(paramSet, n, indDist=NULL, sequential=FALSE, facDist=NULL,
errorDist=NULL, indLab=NULL, modelBoot=FALSE, realData=NULL)
```

### **Arguments**

paramSet	Set of drawn parameters from draw.
n	Integer of desired sample size.
indDist	A SimDataDist object or list of objects for a distribution of indicators. If one object is passed, each indicator will have the same distribution. Use when sequential is FALSE.
sequential	If TRUE, use a sequential method to create data such that the data from factor are generated first and apply to a set of equations to obtain the data of indicators. If FALSE, create data directly from model-implied mean and covariance of indicators.
facDist	A SimDataDist object or list of objects for the distribution of factors. If one object is passed, all factors will have the same distribution. Use when sequential is TRUE.
errorDist	An object or list of objects of type SimDataDist indicating the distribution of errors. If a single SimDataDist is specified, each error will be genrated with that distribution.
indLab	A vector of indicator labels. When not specified, the variable names are $x1$ , $x2$ , $xN$ .

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modelBoot When specified, a model-based bootstrap is used for data generation. See de-

tails for further information. This argument requires real data to be passed to

readData.

realData A data.frame containing real data. The data generated will follow the distribu-

tion of this data set.

#### **Details**

This function will use mvrnorm function in MASS package to create data from model implied covariance matrix if the data distribution object (SimDataDist) is not specified. It the data distribution object is specified, the Gaussian copula model is used. See SimDataDist for further details. For the model-based bootstrap, the transformation proposed by Yung & Bentler (1996) is used. This procedure is the expansion from the Bollen and Stine (1992) bootstrap including a mean structure. The model-implied mean vector and covariance matrix with trivial misspecification will be used in the model-based bootstrap if misspec is specified. See page 133 of Bollen and Stine (1992) for a reference.

Internally, parameters are first drawn, and data is then created from these parameters. Both of these steps are available via the draw and createData functions respectively.

#### Value

A data frame containing simulated data from the data generation template. A variable "group" is appended indicating group membership.

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#### References

Bollen, K. A., & Stine, R. A. (1992). Bootstrapping goodness-of-fit measures in structural equation models. *Sociological Methods and Research*, *21*, 205-229.

Yung, Y.-F., & Bentler, P. M. (1996). Bootstrapping techniques in analysis of mean and covariance structures. In G. A. Marcoulides & R. E. Schumacker (Eds.), *Advanced structural equation modeling: Issues and techniques* (pp. 195-226). Mahwah, NJ: Erlbaum.

```
loading <- matrix(0, 6, 2)
loading[1:3, 1] <- NA
loading[4:6, 2] <- NA
LY <- bind(loading, 0.7)

latent.cor <- matrix(NA, 2, 2)
diag(latent.cor) <- 1
RPS <- binds(latent.cor, 0.5)

RTE <- binds(diag(6))

VY <- bind(rep(NA,6),2)

CFA.Model <- model(LY = LY, RPS = RPS, RTE = RTE, modelType = "CFA")</pre>
```

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```
# Draw a parameter set for data generation.
param <- draw(CFA.Model)

# Generate data from the first group in the paramList.
dat <- createData(param[[1]], n = 200)</pre>
```

draw

Draw parameters from a SimSem object.

### Description

This function draws parameters from a SimSem template, for debugging or other use. Used internally to create data. Data can be created in one step from a SimSem object using generate.

### Usage

```
draw(model, maxDraw=50, misfitBounds=NULL, averageNumMisspec=FALSE,
optMisfit = NULL, optDraws=50, misfitType="f0")
```

#### Arguments

model	A SimSem object.
maxDraw	Integer specifying the maximum number of attempts to draw a valid set of parameters (no negative error variance, standardized coefficients over 1).
misfitBounds	Vector that contains upper and lower bounds of the misfit measure. Sets of parameters drawn that are not within these bounds are rejected.
averageNumMiss	spec
	If TRUE, the provided fit will be divided by the number of misspecified parameters.
optMisfit	Character vector of either "min" or "max" indicating either maximum or minimum optimized misfit. If not null, the set of parameters out of the number of draws in "optDraws" that has either the maximum or minimum misfit of the given misfit type will be returned.
optDraws	Number of parameter sets to draw if optMisfit is not null. The set of parameters with the maximum or minimum misfit will be returned.

#### Value

misfitType

Nested list of drawn parameters in the form [[Group]][[param,misspec,misOnly]][[SimMatrix]]. E.g. The LY parameter matrix of the first group would be indexed as obj[[1]]\$param\$LY. The values in \$param are the raw parameter values with no misspecification. The values in \$misspec are raw parameter values + misspecification. The values in \$misOnly are only the misspecification values.

parameters. Can be "f0", "rmsea", "srmr", or "all".

Character vector indicating the fit measure used to assess the misfit of a set of

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#### See Also

createData To generate random data using a set of parameters from draw

### **Examples**

```
loading <- matrix(0, 6, 2)
loading[1:3, 1] <- NA
loading[4:6, 2] <- NA
LY <- bind(loading, 0.7)

latent.cor <- matrix(NA, 2, 2)
diag(latent.cor) <- 1
RPS <- binds(latent.cor, 0.5)

RTE <- binds(diag(6))

VY <- bind(rep(NA,6),2)

CFA.Model <- model(LY = LY, RPS = RPS, RTE = RTE, modelType = "CFA")

# Draw a parameter set for data generation.
param <- draw(CFA.Model)</pre>
```

estmodel

Shortcut for data analysis template for simulation.

### **Description**

Creates a data analysis template (lavaan parameter table) for simulations with structural equation models based on Y-side LISREL design matrices. Each corresponds to a LISREL matrix, but must be a matrix or a vector. In addition to the usual Y-side matrices in LISREL, both PS and TE can be specified using correlations (RPS, RTE) and scaled by a vector of residual variances (VTE, VPS) or total variances (VY, VE). Multiple groups are supported by passing lists of matrices or vectors to arguments, or by specifying the number of groups.

#### Usage

```
estmodel(LY = NULL, PS = NULL, RPS = NULL, TE = NULL, RTE = NULL, BE = NULL,
VTE = NULL, VY = NULL, VPS = NULL, VE=NULL, TY = NULL, AL = NULL,
MY = NULL, ME = NULL, modelType, indLab=NULL, facLab=NULL, groupLab="group",
ngroups=1, smartStart=TRUE)
estmodel.cfa(LY = NULL,PS = NULL,RPS = NULL, TE = NULL,RTE = NULL, VTE = NULL,
VY = NULL, VPS = NULL, VE=NULL, TY = NULL, AL = NULL, MY = NULL, ME = NULL,
indLab=NULL, facLab=NULL, groupLab="group", ngroups=1, smartStart=TRUE)
estmodel.path(PS = NULL, RPS = NULL, BE = NULL, VPS = NULL, VE=NULL, AL = NULL,
ME = NULL, indLab=NULL, facLab=NULL, groupLab="group", ngroups=1, smartStart=TRUE)
estmodel.sem(LY = NULL,PS = NULL,RPS = NULL, TE = NULL,RTE = NULL, BE = NULL,
VTE = NULL, indLab=NULL, facLab=NULL, groupLab="group", ngroups=1, smartStart=TRUE)
```

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Ar	guments	
	LY	Factor loading matrix from endogenous factors to Y indicators (need to be a matrix or a list of matrices).
	PS	Residual covariance matrix among endogenous factors (need to be a symmetric matrix or a list of symmetric matrices).
	RPS	Residual correlation matrix among endogenous factors (need to be a symmetric matrix or a list of symmetric matrices).
	TE	Measurement error covariance matrix among Y indicators (need to be a symmetric matrix or a list of symmetric matrices).
	RTE	Measurement error correlation matrix among Y indicators (need to be a symmetric matrix or a list of symmetric matrices).
	BE	Regression coefficient matrix among endogenous factors (need to be a matrix or a list of matrices).
	VTE	Measurement error variance of indicators (need to be a vector or a list of vectors).
	VY	Total variance of indicators (need to be a vector or a list of vectors). NOTE: Either measurement error variance or indicator variance is specified. Both cannot be simultaneously specified.
	VPS	Residual variance of factors (need to be a vector or a list of vectors).
	VE	Total variance of of factors (need to be a vector or a list of vectors). NOTE: Either residual variance of factors or total variance of factors is specified. Both cannot be simulatneously specified.
	TY	Measurement intercepts of Y indicators. (need to be a vector or a list of vectors).
	AL	Endogenous factor intercept (need to be a vector or a list of vectors).
	MY	Overall Y indicator means. (need to be a vector or a list of vectors). NOTE: Either measurement intercept of indicator mean can be specified. Both cannot be specified simultaneously.
	ME	Total mean of endogenous factors (need to be a vector or a list of vectors). NOTE: Either endogenous factor intercept or total mean of endogenous factor is specified. Both cannot be simultaneously specified.
	modelType	"CFA", "Sem", or "Path". This is specified to ensure that the analysis and data generation template created based on specified matrices in model correspond to what the user intends.
	indLab	Character vector of indicator labels. If left blank, automatic labels will be generated as $y1, y2, \dots yy$ .
	facLab	Character vector of factor labels. If left blank, automatic labels will be generated as $f1, f2, \dots ff$
	groupLab	Character of group-variable label (not the names of each group). If left blank, automatic labels will be generated as group
	ngroups	Integer. Number of groups for data generation, defaults to 1. If larger than one,

smartStart Defaults to FALSE. If TRUE, population parameter values that are real numbers will be used as starting values.

is ignored.

all specified matrices will be repeated for each additional group. If any matrix argument is a list, the length of this list will be the number of groups and ngroups

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#### **Details**

This function contains default settings:

For modelType="CFA", LY is required. As the default, the on-diagonal elements of PS are fixed as 1 and the off-diagonal elements of PS are freely estimated. The off-diagonal elements of TE are freely estimated and the off-diagonal elements of TE are fixed to 0. The AL elements are fixed to 0. The TY elements are freely estimated.

For modelType="Path", BE is required. As the default, the on-diagonal elements of PS are freely estimated, the off-diagonal elements between exogenous variables (covariance between exogenous variables) are freely estimated, and the other off-diagonal elements are fixed to 0. The AL elements are freely estimated.

For modelType="SEM", LY and BE are required. As the default, the on-diagonal elements of PS are fixed to 1, the off-diagonal elements between exogenous factors (covariance between exogenous factors) are freely estimated, and the other off-diagonal elements are fixed to 0. The off-diagonal elements of TE are freely estimated and the off-diagonal elements of TE are fixed to 0. The AL elements are fixed to 0. The TY elements are freely estimated.

The estmodel.cfa, estmodel.path, and estmodel.sem are the shortcuts for the estmodel function when modelType are "CFA", "Path", and "SEM", respectively.

#### Value

SimSem object that contains the data generation template (@dgen) and analysis template (@pt).

#### Author(s)

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#### See Also

- model To build data generation and data analysis template for simulation.
- sim For simulations using the SimSem template.
- generate To generate data using the SimSem template.
- analyze To analyze real or generated data using the SimSem template.
- draw To draw parameters using the SimSem template.

```
loading <- matrix(0, 12, 4)
loading[1:3, 1] <- NA
loading[4:6, 2] <- NA
loading[7:9, 3] <- NA
loading[10:12, 4] <- NA

CFA.Model <- estmodel(LY = loading, modelType = "CFA")

path <- matrix(0, 4, 4)
path[3, 1:2] <- NA
path[4, 3] <- NA
Path.Model <- estmodel(BE = path, modelType = "Path")

SEM.Model <- estmodel(BE = path, LY = loading, modelType="SEM")
# Shortcut</pre>
```

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```
CFA.Model <- estmodel.cfa(LY = loading)
Path.Model <- estmodel.path(BE = path)
SEM.Model <- estmodel.sem(BE = path, LY = loading)</pre>
```

findFactorIntercept

Find factor intercept from regression coefficient matrix and factor total means

### **Description**

Find factor intercept from regression coefficient matrix and factor total means for latent variable models. In the path analysis model, this function will find indicator intercept from regression coefficient and indicator total means.

### Usage

```
findFactorIntercept(beta, factorMean = NULL)
```

### **Arguments**

beta Regression coefficient matrix

factorMean Total (model-implied) factor (indicator) means. The default is that all total factor

means are 0.

#### Value

A vector of factor (indicator) intercepts

#### Author(s)

Sunthud Pornprasertmanit (University of Kansas; <psunthud@ku.edu>)

### See Also

- findIndIntercept to find indicator (measurement) intercepts
- findIndMean to find indicator (measurement) total means
- findIndResidualVar to find indicator (measurement) residual variances
- findIndTotalVar to find indicator (measurement) total variances
- findFactorMean to find factor means
- findFactorResidualVar to find factor residual variances
- findFactorTotalVar to find factor total variances
- findFactorTotalCov to find factor covariances

```
path <- matrix(0, 9, 9)
path[4, 1] <- path[7, 4] <- 0.6
path[5, 2] <- path[8, 5] <- 0.6
path[6, 3] <- path[9, 6] <- 0.6
path[5, 1] <- path[8, 4] <- 0.4
path[6, 2] <- path[9, 5] <- 0.4
factorMean <- c(5, 2, 3, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)
findFactorIntercept(path, factorMean)</pre>
```

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findFactorMean Find factor total means from regression coefficient matrix and factor intercept	or
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### Description

Find factor total means from regression coefficient matrix and factor intercepts for latent variable models. In the path analysis model, this function will find indicator total means from regression coefficient and indicator intercept.

### Usage

```
findFactorMean(beta, alpha = NULL)
```

### Arguments

beta Regression coefficient matrix

alpha Factor (indicator) intercept. The default is that all factor intercepts are 0.

### Value

A vector of factor (indicator) total means

#### Author(s)

Sunthud Pornprasertmanit (University of Kansas; <psunthud@ku.edu>)

#### See Also

- findIndIntercept to find indicator (measurement) intercepts
- findIndMean to find indicator (measurement) total means
- findIndResidualVar to find indicator (measurement) residual variances
- findIndTotalVar to find indicator (measurement) total variances
- findFactorIntercept to find factor intercepts
- findFactorResidualVar to find factor residual variances
- findFactorTotalVar to find factor total variances
- findFactorTotalCov to find factor covariances

```
path <- matrix(0, 9, 9)
path[4, 1] <- path[7, 4] <- 0.6
path[5, 2] <- path[8, 5] <- 0.6
path[6, 3] <- path[9, 6] <- 0.6
path[5, 1] <- path[8, 4] <- 0.4
path[6, 2] <- path[9, 5] <- 0.4
intcept <- c(5, 2, 3, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)
findFactorMean(path, intcept)</pre>
```

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findFactorResidualVar Find factor residual variances from regression coefficient matrix, factor (residual) correlations, and total factor variances

### **Description**

Find factor residual variances from regression coefficient matrix, factor (residual) correlation matrix, and total factor variances for latent variable models. In the path analysis model, this function will find indicator residual variances from regression coefficient, indicator (residual) correlation matrix, and total indicator variances.

#### Usage

```
findFactorResidualVar(beta, corPsi, totalVarPsi = NULL)
```

#### **Arguments**

beta Regression coefficient matrix

corPsi Factor or indicator residual correlations.

totalVarPsi Factor or indicator total variances. The default is that all factor or indicator total

variances are 1.

#### Value

A vector of factor (indicator) residual variances

### Author(s)

Sunthud Pornprasertmanit (University of Kansas; <psunthud@ku.edu>)

#### See Also

- findIndIntercept to find indicator (measurement) intercepts
- findIndMean to find indicator (measurement) total means
- findIndResidualVar to find indicator (measurement) residual variances
- findIndTotalVar to find indicator (measurement) total variances
- findFactorIntercept to find factor intercepts
- findFactorMean to find factor means
- findFactorTotalVar to find factor total variances
- findFactorTotalCov to find factor covariances

```
path <- matrix(0, 9, 9)
path[4, 1] <- path[7, 4] <- 0.6
path[5, 2] <- path[8, 5] <- 0.6
path[6, 3] <- path[9, 6] <- 0.6
path[5, 1] <- path[8, 4] <- 0.4
path[6, 2] <- path[9, 5] <- 0.4
facCor <- diag(9)</pre>
```

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```
facCor[1, 2] <- facCor[2, 1] <- 0.4
facCor[1, 3] <- facCor[3, 1] <- 0.4
facCor[2, 3] <- facCor[3, 2] <- 0.4
totalVar <- rep(1, 9)
findFactorResidualVar(path, facCor, totalVar)</pre>
```

findFactorTotalCov Find factor total covariance from regression coefficient matrix, factor residual covariance

### **Description**

Find factor total covariances from regression coefficient matrix, factor residual covariance matrix. The residual covariance matrix might be derived from factor residual correlation, total variance, and error variance. This function can be applied for path analysis model as well.

### Usage

findFactorTotalCov(beta, psi=NULL, corPsi=NULL, totalVarPsi = NULL, errorVarPsi=NULL)

### **Arguments**

beta	Regression coefficient matrix
psi	Factor or indicator residual covariances. This argument can be skipped if factor residual correlation and either total variances or error variances are specified.
corPsi	Factor or indicator residual correlation. This argument must be specified with total variances or error variances.
totalVarPsi	Factor or indicator total variances.
errorVarPsi	Factor or indicator residual variances.

### Value

A matrix of factor (model-implied) total covariance

### Author(s)

Sunthud Pornprasertmanit (University of Kansas; <psunthud@ku.edu>)

### See Also

- findIndIntercept to find indicator (measurement) intercepts
- findIndMean to find indicator (measurement) total means
- findIndResidualVar to find indicator (measurement) residual variances
- findIndTotalVar to find indicator (measurement) total variances
- findFactorIntercept to find factor intercepts
- findFactorMean to find factor means
- findFactorResidualVar to find factor residual variances
- findFactorTotalVar to find factor total variances

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#### **Examples**

```
path <- matrix(0, 9, 9)
path[4, 1] <- path[7, 4] <- 0.6
path[5, 2] <- path[8, 5] <- 0.6
path[6, 3] <- path[9, 6] <- 0.6
path[5, 1] <- path[8, 4] <- 0.4
path[6, 2] <- path[9, 5] <- 0.4
facCor <- diag(9)
facCor[1, 2] <- facCor[2, 1] <- 0.4
facCor[1, 3] <- facCor[3, 1] <- 0.4
facCor[2, 3] <- facCor[3, 2] <- 0.4
residualVar <- c(1, 1, 1, 0.64, 0.288, 0.288, 0.64, 0.29568, 0.21888)
findFactorTotalCov(path, corPsi=facCor, errorVarPsi=residualVar)</pre>
```

findFactorTotalVar

Find factor total variances from regression coefficient matrix, factor (residual) correlations, and factor residual variances

### **Description**

Find factor total variances from regression coefficient matrix, factor (residual) correlation matrix, and factor residual variances for latent variable models. In the path analysis model, this function will find indicator total variances from regression coefficient, indicator (residual) correlation matrix, and indicator residual variances.

### Usage

```
findFactorTotalVar(beta, corPsi, residualVarPsi)
```

### **Arguments**

beta Regression coefficient matrix
corPsi Factor or indicator residual correlations.
residualVarPsi Factor or indicator residual variances.

### Value

A vector of factor (indicator) total variances

### Author(s)

Sunthud Pornprasertmanit (University of Kansas; <psunthud@ku.edu>)

#### See Also

- findIndIntercept to find indicator (measurement) intercepts
- findIndMean to find indicator (measurement) total means
- findIndResidualVar to find indicator (measurement) residual variances
- findIndTotalVar to find indicator (measurement) total variances
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- findFactorMean to find factor means
- findFactorResidualVar to find factor residual variances
- findFactorTotalCov to find factor covariances

### **Examples**

```
path <- matrix(0, 9, 9)
path[4, 1] <- path[7, 4] <- 0.6
path[5, 2] <- path[8, 5] <- 0.6
path[6, 3] <- path[9, 6] <- 0.6
path[5, 1] <- path[8, 4] <- 0.4
path[6, 2] <- path[9, 5] <- 0.4
facCor <- diag(9)
facCor[1, 2] <- facCor[2, 1] <- 0.4
facCor[1, 3] <- facCor[3, 1] <- 0.4
facCor[2, 3] <- facCor[3, 2] <- 0.4
residualVar <- c(1, 1, 1, 0.64, 0.288, 0.288, 0.64, 0.29568, 0.21888)
findFactorTotalVar(path, facCor, residualVar)</pre>
```

findIndIntercept

Find indicator intercepts from factor loading matrix, total factor mean, and indicator mean.

### Description

Find indicator (measurement) intercepts from a factor loading matrix, total factor mean, and indicator mean.

### Usage

```
findIndIntercept(lambda, factorMean = NULL, indicatorMean = NULL)
```

### Arguments

lambda Factor loading matrix

factorMean Total (model-implied) mean of factors. As a default, all total factor means are 0.

indicatorMean Total indicator means. As a default, all total indicator means are 0.

### Value

A vector of indicator (measurement) intercepts.

### Author(s)

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#### See Also

- findIndMean to find indicator (measurement) total means
- findIndResidualVar to find indicator (measurement) residual variances
- findIndTotalVar to find indicator (measurement) total variances
- findFactorIntercept to find factor intercepts
- findFactorMean to find factor means
- findFactorResidualVar to find factor residual variances
- findFactorTotalVar to find factor total variances
- findFactorTotalCov to find factor covariances

### **Examples**

```
loading <- matrix(0, 6, 2)
loading[1:3, 1] <- c(0.6, 0.7, 0.8)
loading[4:6, 2] <- c(0.6, 0.7, 0.8)
facMean <- c(0.5, 0.2)
indMean <- rep(1, 6)
findIndIntercept(loading, facMean, indMean)</pre>
```

findIndMean

Find indicator total means from factor loading matrix, total factor mean, and indicator intercept.

### Description

Find indicator total means from a factor loading matrix, total factor means, and indicator (measurement) intercepts.

### Usage

```
findIndMean(lambda, factorMean = NULL, tau = NULL)
```

### **Arguments**

lambda Factor loading matrix

factorMean Total (model-implied) mean of factors. As a default, all total factor means are 0.

tau Indicator (measurement) intercepts. As a default, all intercepts are 0.

### Value

A vector of indicator total means.

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#### See Also

- findIndIntercept to find indicator (measurement) intercepts
- findIndResidualVar to find indicator (measurement) residual variances
- findIndTotalVar to find indicator (measurement) total variances
- findFactorIntercept to find factor intercepts
- findFactorMean to find factor means
- findFactorResidualVar to find factor residual variances
- findFactorTotalVar to find factor total variances
- findFactorTotalCov to find factor covariances

### **Examples**

```
loading <- matrix(0, 6, 2)
loading[1:3, 1] <- c(0.6, 0.7, 0.8)
loading[4:6, 2] <- c(0.6, 0.7, 0.8)
facMean <- c(0.5, 0.2)
intcept <- rep(0, 6)
findIndMean(loading, facMean, intcept)</pre>
```

findIndResidualVar

Find indicator residual variances from factor loading matrix, total factor covariance, and total indicator variances.

### **Description**

Find indicator (measurement) residual variances from a factor loading matrix, total factor covariance matrix, and total indicator variances.

### Usage

```
findIndResidualVar(lambda, totalFactorCov, totalVarTheta = NULL)
```

### **Arguments**

lambda Factor loading matrix
totalFactorCov Total (model-implied) covariance matrix among factors.
totalVarTheta Indicator total variances. As a default, all total variances are 1.

#### Value

A vector of indicator residual variances.

#### Author(s)

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#### See Also

- findIndIntercept to find indicator (measurement) intercepts
- findIndMean to find indicator (measurement) total means
- findIndTotalVar to find indicator (measurement) total variances
- findFactorIntercept to find factor intercepts
- findFactorMean to find factor means
- findFactorResidualVar to find factor residual variances
- findFactorTotalVar to find factor total variances
- findFactorTotalCov to find factor covariances

#### **Examples**

```
loading <- matrix(0, 6, 2)
loading[1:3, 1] <- c(0.6, 0.7, 0.8)
loading[4:6, 2] <- c(0.6, 0.7, 0.8)
facCov <- matrix(c(1, 0.5, 0.5, 1), 2, 2)
totalVar <- rep(1, 6)
findIndResidualVar(loading, facCov, totalVar)</pre>
```

findIndTotalVar

Find indicator total variances from factor loading matrix, total factor covariance, and indicator residual variances.

### **Description**

Find indicator total variances from a factor loading matrix, total factor covariance matrix, and indicator (measurement) residual variances.

### Usage

```
findIndTotalVar(lambda, totalFactorCov, residualVarTheta)
```

## **Arguments**

```
lambda Factor loading matrix
totalFactorCov Total (model-implied) covariance matrix among factors.
residualVarTheta
Indicator (measurement) residual variances.
```

A vector of indicator total variances.

#### Author(s)

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#### See Also

- findIndIntercept to find indicator (measurement) intercepts
- findIndMean to find indicator (measurement) total means
- findIndResidualVar to find indicator (measurement) residual variances
- findFactorIntercept to find factor intercepts
- findFactorMean to find factor means
- findFactorResidualVar to find factor residual variances
- findFactorTotalVar to find factor total variances
- findFactorTotalCov to find factor covariances

### **Examples**

```
loading <- matrix(0, 6, 2)
loading[1:3, 1] <- c(0.6, 0.7, 0.8)
loading[4:6, 2] <- c(0.6, 0.7, 0.8)
facCov <- matrix(c(1, 0.5, 0.5, 1), 2, 2)
resVar <- c(0.64, 0.51, 0.36, 0.64, 0.51, 0.36)
findIndTotalVar(loading, facCov, resVar)</pre>
```

findPossibleFactorCor Find the appropriate position for freely estimated correlation (or covariance) given a regression coefficient matrix

### Description

Find the appropriate position for freely estimated correlation (or covariance) given a regression coefficient matrix. The appropriate position is the pair of variables that are not causally related.

#### **Usage**

```
findPossibleFactorCor(beta)
```

### **Arguments**

beta

The regression coefficient in path analysis.

#### Value

The symmetric matrix containing the appropriate position for freely estimated correlation.

### Author(s)

Sunthud Pornprasertmanit (University of Kansas; <psunthud@ku.edu>)

#### See Also

• findRecursiveSet to group variables regarding the position in mediation chain.

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#### **Examples**

```
path <- matrix(0, 9, 9)
path[4, 1] <- path[7, 4] <- NA
path[5, 2] <- path[8, 5] <- NA
path[6, 3] <- path[9, 6] <- NA
path[5, 1] <- path[8, 4] <- NA
path[6, 2] <- path[9, 5] <- NA
findPossibleFactorCor(path)</pre>
```

findPower

Find a value of independent variables that provides a given value of power.

#### **Description**

Find a value of independent variable that provides a given value of power. If there are more than one varying parameters, this function will find the value of the target varying parameters given the values of the other varying parameters.

#### Usage

```
findPower(powerTable, iv, power)
```

#### **Arguments**

A data.frame providing varying parameters and powers of each parameter. This table is obtained by getPower or continuousPower function.

iv The target varying parameter that users would like to find the value providing a given power from. This argument can be specified as the index of the target column or the name of target column (i.e., "iv.N" or "N")

power A desired power.

#### Value

There are five possible types of values provided:

- *Value* The varying parameter value that provides the power just over the specified power value (the adjacent value of varying parameter provides lower power than the specified power value).
- *Minimum value* The minimum value has already provided enough power (way over the specified power value). The value of varying parameters that provides exact desired power may be lower than the minimum value. The example of varying parmaeter that can provides the minimum value is sample size.
- Maximum value The maximum value has already provided enough power (way over the specified power value). The value of varying parameters that provides exact desired power may be higher than the maximum value. The example of varying parmaeter that can provides the maximum value is percent missing.
- NA There is no value in the domain of varying parameters that provides the power greater than the desired power.
- NaN The power of all values in the varying parameters is 1 (specifically more than 0.9999) and any values of the varying parameters can be picked and still provide enough power.

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#### See Also

- getPower to find the power of parameter estimates
- continuousPower to find the power of parameter estimates for the result object (linkS4class{SimResult}) with varying parameters.

### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# Specify Sample Size by n
loading <- matrix(0, 6, 1)</pre>
loading[1:6, 1] <- NA
LY <- bind(loading, 0.4)
RPS <- binds(diag(1))</pre>
RTE <- binds(diag(6))</pre>
CFA.Model <- model(LY = LY, RPS = RPS, RTE = RTE, modelType="CFA")</pre>
# Specify both sample size and percent missing completely at random. Note that more fine-grained
\# values of n and pmMCAR is needed, e.g., n=seq(50, 500, 1) and pmMCAR=seq(0, 0.2, 0.01)
Output <- sim(NULL, model=CFA.Model, n=seq(100, 200, 20), pmMCAR=c(0, 0.1, 0.2))
\ensuremath{\text{\#}} Find the power of all possible combination of N and pmMCAR
pow <- getPower(Output)</pre>
# Find the sample size that provides the power of 0.8
findPower(pow, "N", 0.80)
## End(Not run)
```

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Group variables regarding the position in mediation chain

### Description

In mediation analysis, variables affects other variables as a chain. This function will group variables regarding the chain of mediation analysis.

#### **Usage**

```
findRecursiveSet(beta)
```

### **Arguments**

beta

The regression coefficient in path analysis.

### Value

The list of set of variables in the mediation chain. The variables in position 1 will be the independent variables. The variables in the last variables will be the end of the chain.

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#### Author(s)

Sunthud Pornprasertmanit (University of Kansas; <psunthud@ku.edu>)

#### See Also

• findPossibleFactorCor to find the possible position for latent correlation given a regression coefficient matrix

### **Examples**

```
path <- matrix(0, 9, 9)
path[4, 1] <- path[7, 4] <- NA
path[5, 2] <- path[8, 5] <- NA
path[6, 3] <- path[9, 6] <- NA
path[5, 1] <- path[8, 4] <- NA
path[6, 2] <- path[9, 5] <- NA
findRecursiveSet(path)</pre>
```

generate

Generate data using SimSem template

### **Description**

This function can be used to generate random data based on the SimSem template. Some notable features include fine control of misspecification and misspecification optimization, as well as the ability to generate non-normal data. When using *simsem* for simulations, this function is used internally to generate data in the function sim, and can be helpful for debugging, or in creating data for use with other analysis programs.

### Usage

```
generate(model, n, maxDraw=50, misfitBounds=NULL, misfitType="f0",
averageNumMisspec=FALSE, optMisfit=NULL, optDraws=50,
indDist=NULL, sequential=FALSE, facDist=NULL, errorDist=NULL,
indLab=NULL, modelBoot=FALSE, realData=NULL, params=FALSE)
```

### **Arguments**

model	A SimSem object.	
n	Integer of sample size.	
maxDraw	Integer specifying the maximum number of attempts to draw a valid set of parameters (no negative error variance, standardized coefficients over 1).	
misfitBounds	Vector that contains upper and lower bounds of the misfit measure. Sets of parameters drawn that are not within these bounds are rejected.	
misfitType	Character vector indicating the fit measure used to assess the misfit of a set of parameters. Can be "f0", "rmsea", "srmr", or "all".	
averageNumMisspec		

If TRUE, the provided fit will be divided by the number of misspecified parameters.

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optMisfit	Character vector of either "min" or "max" indicating either maximum or minimum optimized misfit. If not null, the set of parameters out of the number of draws in "optDraws" that has either the maximum or minimum misfit of the given misfit type will be returned.
optDraws	Number of parameter sets to draw if optMisfit is not null. The set of parameters with the maximum or minimum misfit will be returned.
indDist	A SimDataDist object or list of objects for a distribution of indicators. If one object is passed, each indicator will have the same distribution. Use when sequential is FALSE.
sequential	If TRUE, use a sequential method to create data such that the data from factor are generated first and apply to a set of equations to obtain the data of indicators. If FALSE, create data directly from model-implied mean and covariance of indicators.
facDist	A SimDataDist object or list of objects for the distribution of factors. If one object is passed, all factors will have the same distribution. Use when sequential is TRUE.
errorDist	An object or list of objects of type SimDataDist indicating the distribution of errors. If a single SimDataDist is specified, each error will be genrated with that distribution.
indLab	A vector of indicator labels. When not specified, the variable names are $x1$ , $x2$ , $xN$ .
modelBoot	When specified, a model-based bootstrap is used for data generation. See details for further information. This argument requires real data to be passed to realData.
realData	A data frame containing real data. The data generated will follow the distribution of this data set.
params	If TRUE, return the parameters drawn along with the generated data set. Default is FALSE.

### **Details**

This function will use mvrnorm function ito create data from model implied covariance matrix if the data distribution object (SimDataDist) is not specified. It the data distribution object is specified, the Gaussian copula model is used. See SimDataDist for further details. For the model-based bootstrap, the transformation proposed by Yung & Bentler (1996) is used. This procedure is the expansion from the Bollen and Stine (1992) bootstrap including a mean structure. The model-implied mean vector and covariance matrix with trivial misspecification will be used in the model-based bootstrap if misspec is specified. See page 133 of Bollen and Stine (1992) for a reference.

Internally, parameters are first drawn, and data is then created from these parameters. Both of these steps are available via the draw and createData functions respectively.

### Value

A data frame containing simulated data from the data generation template. A variable "group" is appended indicating group membership.

### Author(s)

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#### See Also

- draw To draw parameters using the SimSem template.
- createData To generate random data using a set of parameters from draw

### **Examples**

```
loading <- matrix(0, 6, 2)
loading[1:3, 1] <- NA
loading[4:6, 2] <- NA
LY <- bind(loading, 0.7)

latent.cor <- matrix(NA, 2, 2)
diag(latent.cor) <- 1
RPS <- binds(latent.cor, 0.5)

RTE <- binds(diag(6))

VY <- bind(rep(NA,6),2)

CFA.Model <- model(LY = LY, RPS = RPS, RTE = RTE, modelType = "CFA")
dat <- generate(CFA.Model,200)</pre>
```

getCutoff

Find fit indices cutoff given a priori alpha level

### **Description**

Extract fit indices information from the SimResult and getCutoff of fit indices given a priori alpha level

### Usage

```
getCutoff(object, alpha, revDirec = FALSE, usedFit = NULL, ...)
```

### Arguments

object	SimResult that saves the analysis results from multiple replications
alpha	A priori alpha level
revDirec	The default is to find criticl point on the side that indicates worse fit (the right side of RMSEA or the left side of CFI). If specifying as TRUE, the directions are reversed.
usedFit	Vector of names of fit indices that researchers wish to getCutoffs from. The default is to getCutoffs of all fit indices.
	Additional arguments.

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#### Value

One-tailed cutoffs of several fit indices with a priori alpha level

#### Methods

**signature(object="data.frame")** This method will find the fit indices cutoff given a specified alpha level. The additional arguments are predictor, predictorVal, and df, which allows the fit indices predicted by any arbitrary independent variables (such as sample size or percent MCAR). The predictor is the data.frame of the predictor values. The number of rows of the predictor argument should be equal to the number of rows in the object. The predictorVal is the values of predictor that researchers would like to find the fit indices cutoffs from. The df is the degree of freedom used in spline method in predicting the fit indices by the predictors. If df is 0, the spline method will not be applied.

signature(object="matrix") The details are similar to the method for data.frame

signature(object="SimResult") This method will find the fit indices cutoff given a specified alpha level. The additional arguments are nVal, pmMCARval, pmMARval, and df, which are needed when using varying sample sizes or percent missing across replications in SimResult. The nVal is the sample size value that researchers wish to find the fit indices cutoffs from. The pmMCARval is the percent missing completely at random value that researchers wish to find the fit indices cutoffs from. The pmMARval is the percent missing at random value that researchers wish to find the fit indices cutoffs from. The df is the degree of freedom used in spline method in predicting the fit indices by the predictors. If df is 0, the spline method will not be applied.

#### Author(s)

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### See Also

SimResult for a detail of simResult

```
## Not run:
loading <- matrix(0, 6, 2)</pre>
loading[1:3, 1] <- NA
loading[4:6, 2] \leftarrow NA
loadingValues <- matrix(0, 6, 2)</pre>
loadingValues[1:3, 1] <- 0.7</pre>
loadingValues[4:6, 2] <- 0.7</pre>
LY <- bind(loading, loadingValues)
latent.cor <- matrix(NA, 2, 2)</pre>
diag(latent.cor) <- 1</pre>
RPS <- binds(latent.cor, 0.5)
error.cor <- matrix(0, 6, 6)
diag(error.cor) <- 1</pre>
RTE <- binds(error.cor)</pre>
CFA.Model <- model(LY = LY, RPS = RPS, RTE = RTE, modelType="CFA")</pre>
# We make the examples running only 5 replications to save time.
# In reality, more replications are needed.
Output < sim(5, n = 200, model=CFA.Model)
# Get the cutoff (critical value) when alpha is 0.05
```

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```
getCutoff(Output, 0.05)
# Finding the cutoff when the sample size is varied. Note that more fine-grained
# values of n is needed, e.g., n=seq(50, 500, 1)
Output2 <- sim(NULL, model=CFA.Model, n=seq(50, 100, 10))
# Get the fit index cutoff when sample size is 75.
getCutoff(Output2, 0.05, nVal = 75)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

getCutoffNested

Find fit indices cutoff for nested model comparison given a priori alpha level

### **Description**

Extract fit indices information from the simulation of parent and nested models and getCutoff of fit indices given a priori alpha level

#### Usage

```
getCutoffNested(nested, parent, alpha = 0.05, usedFit = NULL, nVal = NULL, pmMCARval = NULL, pmM
```

### **Arguments**

nested	SimResult that saves the analysis results of nested model from multiple replications
parent	$\ensuremath{\operatorname{\textbf{SimResult}}}$ that saves the analysis results of parent model from multiple replications
alpha	A priori alpha level
usedFit	Vector of names of fit indices that researchers wish to getCutoffs from. The default is to getCutoffs of all fit indices.
nVal	The sample size value that researchers wish to find the fit indices cutoffs from.
pmMCARval	The percent missing completely at random value that researchers wish to find the fit indices cutoffs from.
pmMARval	The percent missing at random value that researchers wish to find the fit indices cutoffs from.
df	The degree of freedom used in spline method in predicting the fit indices by the predictors. If df is 0, the spline method will not be applied.

### Value

One-tailed cutoffs of several fit indices with a priori alpha level

### Author(s)

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#### See Also

SimResult for a detail of simResult getCutoff for a detail of finding cutoffs for absolute fit

#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# Nested Model
loading.null <- matrix(0, 6, 1)</pre>
loading.null[1:6, 1] <- NA</pre>
LY.NULL <- bind(loading.null, 0.7)
RPS.NULL <- binds(diag(1))</pre>
error.cor.mis <- matrix("rnorm(1, 0, 0.1)", 6, 6)
diag(error.cor.mis) <- 1</pre>
RTE <- binds(diag(6), misspec=error.cor.mis)</pre>
CFA.Model.NULL <- model(LY = LY.NULL, RPS = RPS.NULL, RTE = RTE, modelType="CFA")
# Parent Model
loading.alt <- matrix(0, 6, 2)</pre>
loading.alt[1:3, 1] <- NA</pre>
loading.alt[4:6, 2] <- NA</pre>
LY.ALT <- bind(loading.alt, 0.7)
latent.cor.alt <- matrix(NA, 2, 2)</pre>
diag(latent.cor.alt) <- 1</pre>
RPS.ALT <- binds(latent.cor.alt, "runif(1, 0.7, 0.9)")</pre>
CFA.Model.ALT <- model(LY = LY.ALT, RPS = RPS.ALT, RTE = RTE, modelType="CFA")</pre>
# The actual number of replications should be greater than 10.
Output.NULL.NULL <- sim(10, n=500, model=CFA.Model.NULL, generate=CFA.Model.NULL)
Output.NULL.ALT <- sim(10, n=500, model=CFA.Model.ALT, generate=CFA.Model.NULL)
# Find the fix index cutoff from the sampling distribution of the difference
# in fit index of nested models where the alpha is 0.05.
getCutoffNested(Output.NULL.NULL, Output.NULL.ALT, alpha=0.05)
## End(Not run)
```

 ${\tt getCutoffNonNested}$ 

Find fit indices cutoff for non-nested model comparison given a priori alpha level

#### **Description**

Extract fit indices information from the simulation of two models fitting on the datasets created from both models and getCutoff of fit indices given a priori alpha level

### Usage

```
\label{eq:cutoffNonNested} $$ getCutoffNonNested(dat1Mod1, dat1Mod2, dat2Mod1=NULL, dat2Mod2=NULL, alpha=.05, usedFit=NULL, onetailed=FALSE, nVal = NULL, pmMCARval = NULL, pmMARval = NULL, df = 0)
```

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### **Arguments**

dat1Mod1	${\tt SimResult}$ that saves the simulation of analyzing Model 1 by datasets created from Model 1
dat1Mod2	${\tt SimResult}$ that saves the simulation of analyzing Model 2 by datasets created from Model 1
dat2Mod1	${\tt SimResult}$ that saves the simulation of analyzing Model 1 by datasets created from Model 2
dat2Mod2	${\tt SimResult}$ that saves the simulation of analyzing Model 2 by datasets created from Model 2
alpha	A priori alpha level
usedFit	Vector of names of fit indices that researchers wish to get cutoffs from. The default is to get cutoffs of all fit indices.
onetailed	If TRUE, the function will find the cutoff from one-tail test. If FALSE, the function will find the cutoff from two-tailed test.
nVal	The sample size value that researchers wish to find the fit indices cutoffs from.
pmMCARval	The percent missing completely at random value that researchers wish to find the fit indices cutoffs from.
pmMARval	The percent missing at random value that researchers wish to find the fit indices cutoffs from.
df	The degree of freedom used in spline method in predicting the fit indices by the predictors. If df is 0, the spline method will not be applied.

### Value

One- or two-tailed cutoffs of several fit indices with a priori alpha level. The cutoff is based on the fit indices from Model 1 subtracted by the fit indices from Model 2.

#### Author(s)

Sunthud Pornprasertmanit (University of Kansas; <psunthud@ku.edu>)

### See Also

SimResult for a detail of simResult getCutoff for a detail of finding cutoffs for absolute fit getCutoffNested for a detail of finding cutoffs for nested model comparison plotCutoffNonNested Plot cutoffs for non-nested model comparison

```
## Not run:
# Model A: Factor 1 with items 1-3 and Factor 2 with items 4-8
loading.A <- matrix(0, 8, 2)
loading.A[1:3, 1] <- NA
loading.A[4:8, 2] <- NA
LY.A <- bind(loading.A, 0.7)
latent.cor <- matrix(NA, 2, 2)
diag(latent.cor) <- 1
RPS <- binds(latent.cor, "runif(1, 0.7, 0.9)")
RTE <- binds(diag(8))
CFA.Model.A <- model(LY = LY.A, RPS = RPS, RTE = RTE, modelType="CFA")</pre>
```

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```
# Model B: Factor 1 with items 1-4 and Factor 2 with items 5-8
loading.B <- matrix(0, 8, 2)</pre>
loading.B[1:4, 1] <- NA
loading.B[5:8, 2] <- NA
LY.B <- bind(loading.B, 0.7)
CFA.Model.B <- model(LY = LY.B, RPS = RPS, RTE = RTE, modelType="CFA")
# The actual number of replications should be greater than 10.
Output.A.A <- sim(10, n=500, model=CFA.Model.A, generate=CFA.Model.A)
Output.A.B <- sim(10, n=500, model=CFA.Model.B, generate=CFA.Model.A)
Output.B.A <- sim(10, n=500, model=CFA.Model.A, generate=CFA.Model.B)
Output.B.B <- sim(10, n=500, model=CFA.Model.B, generate=CFA.Model.B)
# Find the cutoffs from the sampling distribution to reject model A (model 1)
# and to reject model B (model 2)
getCutoffNonNested(Output.A.A, Output.A.B, Output.B.A, Output.B.B)
# Find the cutoffs from the sampling distribution to reject model A (model 1)
getCutoffNonNested(Output.A.A, Output.A.B)
# Find the cutoffs from the sampling distribution to reject model B (model 1)
getCutoffNonNested(Output.B.B, Output.B.A)
## End(Not run)
```

getExtraOutput

Get extra outputs from the result of simulation

### **Description**

Get extra outputs from a simulation result object (SimResult). Users can ask this package to extra output from the lavaan object in each iteration by setting the outfun argument (in the sim function). See the example below.

### Usage

```
getExtraOutput(object)
```

### **Arguments**

object

SimResult that have the extra output extracted by the function defined in the outfun argument (in the sim function)

### Value

A list of extra outputs

### Author(s)

Sunthud Pornprasertmanit (University of Kansas; <psunthud@ku.edu>)

#### See Also

• sim A function to run a Monte Carlo simulation

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### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
loading <- matrix(0, 6, 1)</pre>
loading[1:6, 1] <- NA
LY <- bind(loading, 0.7)
RPS <- binds(diag(1))</pre>
RTE <- binds(diag(6))
CFA.Model <- model(LY = LY, RPS = RPS, RTE = RTE, modelType="CFA")
# Write a function to extract the modification index from lavaan object
outfun <- function(out) {</pre>
result <- inspect(out, "mi")</pre>
\mbox{\tt\#} We will use only 5 replications to save time.
# In reality, more replications are needed.
Output <- sim(5, n=200, model=CFA.Model, outfun=outfun)
# Get the modification index of each replication
getExtraOutput(Output)
## End(Not run)
```

getPopulation

Extract the data generation population model underlying a result object

### Description

This function will extract the data generation population model underlying a result object (linkS4class{SimResult}).

### Usage

```
getPopulation(object)
```

### **Arguments**

object

The result object that you wish to extract the data generation population model from (linkS4class{SimResult}).

#### Value

A data frame contained the population of each replication

### Author(s)

Sunthud Pornprasertmanit (University of Kansas; <psunthud@ku.edu>)

#### See Also

• SimResult for result object

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# **Examples**

```
## Not run:
loading <- matrix(0, 6, 1)
loading[1:6, 1] <- NA
LY <- bind(loading, "runif(1, 0.4, 0.9)")
RPS <- binds(diag(1))
RTE <- binds(diag(6))
CFA.Model <- model(LY = LY, RPS = RPS, RTE = RTE, modelType="CFA")
# We will use only 10 replications to save time.
# In reality, more replications are needed.
Output <- sim(10, n=200, model=CFA.Model)
# Get the population parameters
getPopulation(Output)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

getPower

Find power of model parameters

# **Description**

A function to find the power of parameters in a model when none, one, or more of the simulations parameters vary randomly across replications.

# Usage

```
getPower(simResult, alpha = 0.05, contParam = NULL, powerParam = NULL,
nVal = NULL, pmMCARval = NULL, pmMARval = NULL, paramVal = NULL)
```

## **Arguments**

nVal

simResult

	ple size, percent missing, model parameters)
alpha	Alpha level to use for power analysis.
contParam	Vector of parameters names that vary over replications.
powerParam	Vector of parameters names that the user wishes to find power for. This can be a vector of names (e.g., "LY1_1", "LY2_2"), or the name of a matrix (e.g. "PS"), if the name of a matrix is used power for all parameters in that matrix will be returned. If parameters are not specified, power for all parameters in the model

SimResult that may include at least one randomly varying parameter (e.g. sam-

will be returned.

The sample size values that users wish to find power from.

pmMCARval The percent completely missing at random values that users wish to find power

rom.

pmMARval The percent missing at random values that users wish to find power from.

A list of varying parameter values that users wish to find power from.

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#### **Details**

A common use of simulations is to conduct power analyses, especially when using SEM (Muthen & Muthen, 2002). Here, researchers could select values for each parameter and a sample size and run a simulation to determine power in those conditions (the proportion of generated datasets in which a particular parameter of interest is significantly different from zero). To evaluate power at multiple sample sizes, one simulation for each sample size must be run. This function not only calculate power for each sample size but also calculate power for multiple sample sizes varying continuously. By continuously varying sample size across replications, only a single simulation is needed. In this simulation, the sample size for each replication varies randomly across plausible sample sizes (e.g., sample sizes between 200 and 500). For each replication, the sample size and significance of each parameter (0 = not significant, 1 = significant) are recorded. When the simulation is complete, parameter significance is regressed on sample size using logistic regression. For a given sample size, the predicted probability from the logistic regression equation is the power to detect an effect at that sample size. This approach can be extended to other randomly varying simulation parameters such as the percentage of missing data, and model parameters.

#### Value

Data frame containing columns representing values of the randomly varying simulation parameters, and power for model parameters of interest.

#### Author(s)

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## References

Muthen, L. K., & Muthen, B. O. (2002). How to use a Monte Carlo study to decide on sample size and determine power. *Structural Equation Modeling*, 4, 599-620.

# See Also

• SimResult to see how to create a simResult object with randomly varying parameters.

```
## Not run:
loading <- matrix(0, 6, 1)
loading[1:6, 1] <- NA
LY <- bind(loading, 0.7)
RPS <- binds(diag(1))
RTE <- binds(diag(6))
CFA.Model <- model(LY = LY, RPS = RPS, RTE = RTE, modelType="CFA")

# Specify both sample size and percent missing completely at random. Note that more fine-grained
# values of n and pmMCAR is needed, e.g., n=seq(50, 500, 1) and pmMCAR=seq(0, 0.2, 0.01)
Output <- sim(NULL, model=CFA.Model, n=seq(100, 200, 20), pmMCAR=c(0, 0.1, 0.2))
summary(Output)

# Get the power of all possible combinations of n and pmMCAR
getPower(Output)

# Get the power of the combinations of n of 100 and 200 and pmMCAR of 0, 0.1, and 0.2</pre>
```

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```
getPower(Output, nVal=c(100, 200), pmMCARval=c(0, 0.1, 0.2))
## End(Not run)
```

getPowerFit

Find power in rejecting alternative models based on fit indices criteria

## **Description**

Find the proportion of fit indices that indicate worse fit than a specified cutoffs. The cutoffs may be calculated from getCutoff of the null model.

# Usage

```
getPowerFit(altObject, cutoff, revDirec = FALSE, usedFit=NULL, ...)
```

# **Arguments**

altObject	SimResult that indicates alternative model that users wish to reject
cutoff	Fit indices cutoffs from null model or users. This should be a vector with a specified fit indices names as the name of vector elements. This argument can be missing if the SimResult is specified in the altObject and the SimResult of the null model is specified.
revDirec	The default is to count the proportion of fit indices that indicates lower fit to the model, such as how many RMSEA in the alternative model that is worse than cutoffs. The direction can be reversed by setting as TRUE.
usedFit	Vector of names of fit indices that researchers wish to getCutoffs from. The default is to getCutoffs of all fit indices.
	Additional arguments

# Value

List of power given different fit indices.

#### Methods

signature(altObject="data.frame", cutoff="vector") This method will find the fit indices indicated in the altObject that provides worse fit than the cutoff. The additional arguments are predictor, predictorVal, condCutoff, and df, which allows the fit indices predicted by any arbitrary independent variables (such as sample size or percent MCAR). The predictor is the data.frame of the predictor values. The number of rows of the predictor argument should be equal to the number of rows in the object. The predictorVal is the values of predictor that researchers would like to find the power from. The condCutoff is a logical. If TRUE, the cutoff is applicable only a given value of predictorVal. If FALSE, the cutoff is applicable in any values of predictor. The df is the degree of freedom used in spline method in predicting the fit indices by the predictors. If df is 0, the spline method will not be applied.

signature(altObject="matrix", cutoff="vector") The details are similar to the method for altObject="data.frame" and cutoff="vector".

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**signature(altObject="SimResult", cutoff="vector")** This method will find the fit indices indicated in the altObject that provides worse fit than the cutoff. The additional arguments are nVal, pmMCARval, pmMARval, condCutoff, and df, which are needed when using varying sample sizes or percent missing across replications in SimResult. The nVal is the sample size value that researchers wish to find the fit indices cutoffs from. The pmMCARval is the percent missing completely at random value that researchers wish to find the fit indices cutoffs from. The pmMARval is the percent missing at random value that researchers wish to find the fit indices cutoffs from. The condCutoff is a logical. If TRUE, the cutoff is applicable only a given set of nVal, pmMCARval, and pmMARval. If FALSE, the cutoff is applicable in any values of sample size and percent missing. The df is the degree of freedom used in spline method in predicting the fit indices by the predictors. If df is 0, the spline method will not be applied.

signature(altObject="SimResult", cutoff="missing") The details are similar to the method for altObject="SimResult" and cutoff="vector". The cutoff argument must not be specified. Rather, the nullObject, which is an additional argument of this method, is required. The nullObject is the SimResult that contains the simulation result from fitting the null model by the data from the null model.

#### Author(s)

Sunthud Pornprasertmanit (University of Kansas; <psunthud@ku.edu>)

#### See Also

- getCutoff to find the cutoffs from null model.
- SimResult to see how to create simResult

```
## Not run:
# Null model with one factor
loading.null <- matrix(0, 6, 1)</pre>
loading.null[1:6, 1] <- NA</pre>
LY.NULL <- bind(loading.null, 0.7)
RPS.NULL <- binds(diag(1))</pre>
RTE <- binds(diag(6))</pre>
CFA.Model.NULL <- model(LY = LY.NULL, RPS = RPS.NULL, RTE = RTE, modelType="CFA")
# We make the examples running only 5 replications to save time.
# In reality, more replications are needed.
Output.NULL <- sim(5, n=500, model=CFA.Model.NULL)
# Get the fit index cutoff from the null model
Cut.NULL <- getCutoff(Output.NULL, 0.05)</pre>
# Alternative model with two factor
loading.alt <- matrix(0, 6, 2)</pre>
loading.alt[1:3, 1] <- NA
loading.alt[4:6, 2] <- NA
LY.ALT <- bind(loading.alt, 0.7)
latent.cor.alt <- matrix(NA, 2, 2)</pre>
diag(latent.cor.alt) <- 1</pre>
RPS.ALT <- binds(latent.cor.alt, "runif(1, 0.7, 0.9)")</pre>
CFA.Model.ALT <- model(LY = LY.ALT, RPS = RPS.ALT, RTE = RTE, modelType="CFA")
# We make the examples running only 5 replications to save time.
```

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```
# In reality, more replications are needed.
 Output.ALT <- sim(5, n=500, model=CFA.Model.NULL, generate=CFA.Model.ALT)
 # Get the power based on the derived cutoff
 getPowerFit(Output.ALT, cutoff=Cut.NULL)
 # Get the power based on the rule of thumb proposed by Hu & Bentler (1999)
 Rule.of.thumb <- c(RMSEA=0.05, CFI=0.95, TLI=0.95, SRMR=0.06)
 getPowerFit(Output.ALT, cutoff=Rule.of.thumb, usedFit=c("RMSEA", "CFI", "TLI", "SRMR"))
 # The example of continous varying sample size. Note that more fine-grained
 # values of n is needed, e.g., n=seq(50, 500, 1)
 Output.NULL2 <- sim(NULL, n=seq(50, 500, 50), model=CFA.Model.NULL, generate=CFA.Model.NULL)
 Output.ALT2 <- sim(NULL, n=seq(50, 500, 50), model=CFA.Model.NULL, generate=CFA.Model.ALT)
 # Get the power based on the derived cutoff from the null model at the sample size of 250
 getPowerFit(Output.ALT2, nullObject=Output.NULL2, nVal=250)
 ## End(Not run)
getPowerFitNested
                         Find power in rejecting nested models based on the differences in fit
                         indices
```

# **Description**

Find the proportion of the difference in fit indices that indicate worse fit than a specified (or internally derived) cutoffs.

## Usage

```
getPowerFitNested(altNested, altParent, cutoff, ...)
```

# **Arguments**

altNested	SimResult that saves the simulation result of the nested model when the nested model is FALSE.
altParent	SimResult that saves the simulation result of the parent model when the nested model is FALSE.
cutoff	A vector of priori cutoffs for fit indices.
• • •	Additional arguments

#### Value

List of power given different fit indices.

## Methods

signature(altNested="SimResult", altParent="SimResult", cutoff="vector") This method will
find the differences in fit indices from altNested and altParent that provides worse
fit than the cutoff. The additional arguments are revDirec, usedFit, nVal, pmMCARval,

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pmMARval, condCutoff, and df, which are needed when using varying sample sizes or percent missing across replications in SimResult. The revDirec is whether to reverse a direction. The default is to count the proportion of fit indices that indicates lower fit to the model, such as how many RMSEA in the alternative model that is worse than cutoffs. The direction can be reversed by setting as TRUE. The usedFit is the vector of names of fit indices that researchers wish to get power from. The default is to get the powers of all fit indices. The nVal is the sample size value that researchers wish to find the fit indices cutoffs from. The pmMCARval is the percent missing completely at random value that researchers wish to find the fit indices cutoffs from. The pmMARval is the percent missing at random value that researchers wish to find the fit indices cutoffs from. The condCutoff is a logical. If TRUE, the cutoff is applicable only a given set of nVal, pmMCARval, and pmMARval. If FALSE, the cutoff is applicable in any values of sample size and percent missing. The df is the degree of freedom used in spline method in predicting the fit indices by the predictors. If df is 0, the spline method will not be applied.

signature(altNested="SimResult", altParent="SimResult", cutoff="missing") The details are
similar to the method for altNested="SimResult", altParent="SimResult", and cutoff="vector".
The cutoff argument must not be specified. Rather, the nullNested and nullParent, which
are additional arguments of this method, are required. The nullNested is the SimResult
that saves the simulation result of the nested model when the nested model is TRUE. The
nullParent is the SimResult that saves the simulation result of the parent model when the
nested model is TRUE.

# Author(s)

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## See Also

- getCutoff to find the cutoffs from null model.
- SimResult to see how to create simResult

```
## Not run:
# Null model (Nested model) with one factor
loading.null <- matrix(0, 6, 1)</pre>
loading.null[1:6, 1] <- NA</pre>
LY.NULL <- bind(loading.null, 0.7)
RPS.NULL <- binds(diag(1))</pre>
RTE <- binds(diag(6))
CFA.Model.NULL <- model(LY = LY.NULL, RPS = RPS.NULL, RTE = RTE, modelType="CFA")
# Alternative model (Parent model) with two factors
loading.alt <- matrix(0, 6, 2)</pre>
loading.alt[1:3, 1] <- NA
loading.alt[4:6, 2] \leftarrow NA
LY.ALT <- bind(loading.alt, 0.7)
latent.cor.alt <- matrix(NA, 2, 2)</pre>
diag(latent.cor.alt) <- 1</pre>
RPS.ALT <- binds(latent.cor.alt, 0.7)</pre>
CFA.Model.ALT <- model(LY = LY.ALT, RPS = RPS.ALT, RTE = RTE, modelType="CFA")
# We make the examples running only 10 replications to save time.
# In reality, more replications are needed.
```

```
Output.NULL.NULL <- sim(10, n=500, model=CFA.Model.NULL, generate=CFA.Model.NULL)
 Output.ALT.NULL <- sim(10, n=500, model=CFA.Model.NULL, generate=CFA.Model.ALT)
 Output.NULL.ALT <- sim(10, n=500, model=CFA.Model.ALT, generate=CFA.Model.NULL)
 Output.ALT.ALT <- sim(10, n=500, model=CFA.Model.ALT, generate=CFA.Model.ALT)
 # Find the power based on the derived cutoff from the models analyzed on the null datasets
 getPowerFitNested(Output.ALT.NULL, Output.ALT.ALT, nullNested=Output.NULL.NULL, nullParent=Output.NULL.ALT
 # Find the power based on the chi-square value at df=1 and the CFI change (intentionally
 # use a cutoff from Cheung and Rensvold (2002) in an appropriate situation).
 getPowerFitNested(Output.ALT.NULL, Output.ALT.ALT, cutoff=c(Chi=3.84, CFI=-0.10))
 # The example of continous varying sample size. Note that more fine-grained
 # values of n is needed, e.g., n=seq(50, 500, 1)
 Output.NULL2 <- sim(NULL, n=seq(50, 500, 50), model=CFA.Model.NULL, generate=CFA.Model.NULL)
 Output.ALT.NULL2 <- sim(NULL, n=seq(50, 500, 50), model=CFA.Model.NULL, generate=CFA.Model.ALT)
 Output.NULL.ALT2 <- sim(NULL, n=seq(50, 500, 50), model=CFA.Model.ALT, generate=CFA.Model.NULL)
 Output.ALT.ALT2 <- sim(NULL, n=seq(50, 500, 50), model=CFA.Model.ALT, generate=CFA.Model.ALT)
 # Get the power based on the derived cutoff from the null model at the sample size of 250
 getPowerFitNested(Output.ALT.NULL2, Output.ALT.ALT2, nullNested=Output.NULL.NULL2, nullParent=Output.NULL.
 # Get the power based on the rule of thumb from the null model at the sample size of 250
 getPowerFitNested(Output.ALT.NULL2, Output.ALT.ALT2, cutoff=c(Chi=3.84, CFI=-0.10), nVal = 250)
 ## End(Not run)
                         Find power in rejecting non-nested models based on the differences in
getPowerFitNonNested
                         fit indices
```

# Description

Find the proportion of the difference in fit indices from one model that does not in the range of sampling distribution from another model (reject that the dataset comes from the second model) or indicates worse fit than a specified cutoff.

# Usage

```
getPowerFitNonNested(dat2Mod1, dat2Mod2, cutoff, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

dat2Mod1	SimResult that saves the simulation of analyzing Model 1 by datasets created from Model 2
dat2Mod2	SimResult that saves the simulation of analyzing Model 2 by datasets created from Model 2
cutoff	A vector of priori cutoffs for fit indices.
	Additional arguments

#### Value

List of power given different fit indices.

#### Methods

signature(dat2Mod1="SimResult", dat2Mod2="SimResult", cutoff="vector") This method will find the the differences in fit indices from dat2Mod1 and dat2Mod2 that provides worse fit than the cutoff. The additional arguments are revDirec, usedFit, nVal, pmMCARval, pmMARval, condCutoff, and df, which are needed when using varying sample sizes or percent missing across replications in SimResult. The revDirec is whether to reverse a direction. The default is to count the proportion of the difference of fit indices that lower than the specified cutoffs, such as how many the difference in RMSEA in the alternative model that is lower than cutoffs. The direction can be reversed by setting as TRUE. The usedFit is the vector of names of fit indices that researchers wish to get power from. The default is to get the powers of all fit indices. The nVal is the sample size value that researchers wish to find the fit indices cutoffs from. The pmMCARval is the percent missing completely at random value that researchers wish to find the fit indices cutoffs from. The pmMARval is the percent missing at random value that researchers wish to find the fit indices cutoffs from. The condCutoff is a logical. If TRUE, the cutoff is applicable only a given set of nVal, pmMCARval, and pmMARval. If FALSE, the cutoff is applicable in any values of sample size and percent missing. The df is the degree of freedom used in spline method in predicting the fit indices by the predictors. If df is 0, the spline method will not be applied.

signature(dat2Mod1="SimResult", dat2Mod2="SimResult", cutoff="missing") The details are similar to the method for dat2Mod1="SimResult", dat2Mod2="SimResult", and cutoff="vector". The cutoff argument must not be specified. Rather, the dat1Mod1 and dat1Mod2, which are additional arguments of this method, are required. The dat1Mod1 is the SimResult that saves the simulation of analyzing Model 1 by datasets created from Model 1. The dat1Mod2 is the SimResult that saves the simulation of analyzing Model 2 by datasets created from Model 1. The another additional argument is onetailed that is to derive the cutoff by using one-tailed test if specified as TRUE.

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#### See Also

- getCutoffNonNested to find the cutoffs for non-nested model comparison
- SimResult to see how to create simResult

```
## Not run:
# Model A: Factor 1 on Items 1-3 and Factor 2 on Items 4-8
loading.A <- matrix(0, 8, 2)
loading.A[1:3, 1] <- NA
loading.A[4:8, 2] <- NA
LY.A <- bind(loading.A, 0.7)
latent.cor <- matrix(NA, 2, 2)
diag(latent.cor) <- 1
RPS <- binds(latent.cor, "runif(1, 0.7, 0.9)")
RTE <- binds(diag(8))
CFA.Model.A <- model(LY = LY.A, RPS = RPS, RTE = RTE, modelType="CFA")
# Model B: Factor 1 on Items 1-4 and Factor 2 on Items 5-8
loading.B <- matrix(0, 8, 2)
loading.B[1:4, 1] <- NA</pre>
```

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```
loading.B[5:8, 2] <- NA
LY.B <- bind(loading.B, 0.7)
CFA.Model.B <- model(LY = LY.B, RPS = RPS, RTE = RTE, modelType="CFA")

# The actual number of replications should be greater than 10.
Output.A.A <- sim(10, n=500, model=CFA.Model.A, generate=CFA.Model.A)
Output.A.B <- sim(10, n=500, model=CFA.Model.B, generate=CFA.Model.A)
Output.B.A <- sim(10, n=500, model=CFA.Model.A, generate=CFA.Model.B)
Output.B.B <- sim(10, n=500, model=CFA.Model.B, generate=CFA.Model.B)

# Find the power based on the derived cutoff for both models
getPowerFitNonNested(Output.B.A, Output.B.B, dat1Mod1=Output.A.A, dat1Mod2=Output.A.B)

# Find the power based on the AIC and BIC of 0 (select model B if Output.B.B has lower AIC or BIC)
getPowerFitNonNested(Output.B.A, Output.B.B, cutoff=c(AIC=0, BIC=0))

## End(Not run)</pre>
```

imposeMissing

Impose MAR, MCAR, planned missingness, or attrition on a data set

## **Description**

Function imposes missing values on a data based on the known missing data types, including MCAR, MAR, planned, and attrition.

# Usage

```
impose(miss, data.mat, pmMCAR = NULL, pmMAR = NULL)
imposeMissing(data.mat, cov = 0, pmMCAR = 0, pmMAR = 0, nforms = 0,
itemGroups = list(), twoMethod = 0, prAttr = 0, timePoints = 1,
ignoreCols = 0, threshold = 0, logical = NULL)
```

# Arguments

miss	Missing data object (SimMissing) used as the template for impose missing values
data.mat	Data to impose missing upon. Can be either a matrix or a data frame.
cov	Column indices of a covariate to be used to impose MAR missing, or MAR attrition. Will not be included in any removal procedure. See details.
pmMCAR	Decimal percent of missingness to introduce completely at random on all variables.
pmMAR	Decimal percent of missingness to introduce using the listed covariate as predictor. See details.
nforms	The number of forms for planned missing data designs, not including the shared form.
itemGroups	List of lists of item groupings for planned missing data forms. Unless specified, items will be divided into groups sequentially (e.g. 1-3,4-6,7-9,10-12)

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twoMethod With missing on one variable: vector of (column index, percent missing). Will put a given percent missing on that column in the matrix to simulate a two method planned missing data research design. With missing on two or more variables: list of (column indices, percent missing). Probability (or vector of probabilities) of an entire case being removed due to prAttr attrition at a given time point. When a covariate is specified along with this argument, attrition will be predicted by the covariate (MAR attrition). See details. timePoints Number of timepoints items were measured over. For longitudinal data, planned missing designs will be implemented within each timepoint. All methods to impose missing values over time assume an equal number of variables at each time point. ignoreCols The columns not imposed any missing values for any missing data patterns. threshold The threshold of the covariate used to impose missing values. Values on the covariate above this threshold are eligible to be deleted. The default threshold is the mean of the variable. logical A matrix of logical values (TRUE/FALSE). If a value in the dataset is corresponding to the TRUE in the logical matrix, the value will be missing.

## **Details**

Without specifying any arguments, no missing values will be introduced.

A single covariate is required to specify MAR missing - this covariate can be distributed in any way. This covariate can be either continuous or categorical, as long as it is numerical. If the covariate is categorical, the threshold should be specified to one of the levels.

MAR missingness is specified using the threshold method - any value on the covariate that is above the specified threshold indicates a row eligible for deletion. If the specified total amount of MAR missingness is not possible given the total rows eligible based on the threshold, the function iteratively lowers the threshold until the total percent missing is possible.

Planned missingness is parameterized by the number of forms (n). This is used to divide the cases into n groups. If the column groupings are not specified, a naive method will be used that divides the columns into n+1 equal forms sequentially (1-4,5-9,10-13..), where the first group is the shared form. The first list of column indices given will be used as the shared group. If this is not desired, this list can be left empty.

For attrition, the probability can be specified as a single value or as a vector. For a single value, the probability of attrition will be the same across time points, and affects only cases not previously lost due to attrition. If this argument is a vector, this specifies different probabilities of attrition for each time point. Values will be recycled if this vector is smaller than the specified number of time points.

An MNAR processes can be generated by specifying MAR missingness and then dropping the covariate from the subsequent analysis.

Currently, if MAR missing is imposed along with attrition, both processes will use the same covariate and threshold.

Currently, all types of missingness (MCAR, MAR, planned, and attrition) are imposed independently. This means that specified global values of percent missing will not be additive (10 percent MCAR + 10 percent MAR does not equal 20 percent total missing).

## Value

A data matrix with NAs introduced in the way specified by the arguments.

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#### See Also

• SimMissing for the alternative way to save missing data feature for using in the sim function.

# **Examples**

```
data <- matrix(rep(rnorm(10,1,1),19),ncol=19)</pre>
datac <- cbind(data,rnorm(10,0,1),rnorm(10,5,5))</pre>
# Imposing Missing with the following arguments produces no missing values
imposeMissing(data)
imposeMissing(data,cov=c(1,2))
imposeMissing(data,pmMCAR=0)
imposeMissing(data,pmMAR=0)
imposeMissing(data,nforms=0)
#Some more usage examples
# No missing at variables 1 and 2
imposeMissing(data,cov=c(1,2),pmMCAR=.1)
# 3-Form design
imposeMissing(data,nforms=3)
# 3-Form design with specified groups of items (XABC)
imposeMissing(data, nforms=3, itemGroups=list(c(1,2,3,4,5), c(6,7,8,9,10), c(11,12,13,14,15), c(16,17,18,19))
# 3-Form design when variables 20 and 21 are not missing
imposeMissing(datac,cov=c(20,21),nforms=3)
# 2 method design where the expensive measure is on Variable 19
imposeMissing(data, twoMethod=c(19, .8))
# Impose missing data with percent attrition of 0.1 in 5 time points
imposeMissing(datac,cov=21,prAttr=.1,timePoints=5)
```

likRatioFit

Find the likelihood ratio (or Bayes factor) based on the bivariate distribution of fit indices

## **Description**

Find the log-likelihood of the observed fit indices on Model 1 and 2 from the real data on the bivariate sampling distribution of fit indices fitting Model 1 and Model 2 by the datasets from the Model 1 and Model 2. Then, the likelihood ratio is computed (which may be interpreted as posterior odd). If the prior odd is 1 (by default), the likelihood ratio is equivalent to Bayes Factor.

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# Usage

```
likRatioFit(outMod1, outMod2, dat1Mod1, dat1Mod2, dat2Mod1, dat2Mod2,
usedFit=NULL, prior=1)
```

# **Arguments**

outMod1	lavaan that saves the analysis result of the first model from the target dataset
outMod2	lavaan that saves the analysis result of the second model from the target dataset
dat1Mod1	SimResult that saves the simulation of analyzing Model 1 by datasets created from Model 1
dat1Mod2	SimResult that saves the simulation of analyzing Model 2 by datasets created from Model 1
dat2Mod1	SimResult that saves the simulation of analyzing Model 1 by datasets created from Model 2
dat2Mod2	SimResult that saves the simulation of analyzing Model 2 by datasets created from Model 2
usedFit	Vector of names of fit indices that researchers wish to getCutoffs from. The default is to getCutoffs of all fit indices.
prior	The prior odds. The prior probability that Model 1 is correct over the prior probability that Model 2 is correct.

## Value

The likelihood ratio (Bayes Factor) in preference of Model 1 to Model 2. If the value is greater than 1, Model 1 is preferred. If the value is less than 1, Model 2 is preferred.

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# See Also

SimResult for a detail of simResult pValueNested for a nested model comparison by the difference in fit indices pValueNonNested for a nonnested model comparison by the difference in fit indices

```
## Not run:
# Model A; Factor 1 --> Factor 2; Factor 2 --> Factor 3
library(lavaan)
loading <- matrix(0, 11, 3)
loading[1:3, 1] <- NA
loading[4:7, 2] <- NA
loading[8:11, 3] <- NA
path.A <- matrix(0, 3, 3)
path.A[2, 1] <- NA
path.A[3, 2] <- NA
model.A <- estmodel(LY=loading, BE=path.A, modelType="SEM", indLab=c(paste("x", 1:3, sep=""), paste("y", 1
out.A <- analyze(model.A, PoliticalDemocracy)
# Model A; Factor 1 --> Factor 3; Factor 3 --> Factor 2
```

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```
path.B <- matrix(0, 3, 3)</pre>
path.B[3, 1] <- NA
path.B[2, 3] <- NA
model.B <- estmodel(LY=loading, BE=path.B, modelType="SEM", indLab=c(paste("x", 1:3, sep=""), paste("y", 1</pre>
out.B <- analyze(model.B, PoliticalDemocracy)</pre>
loading.mis <- matrix("runif(1, -0.2, 0.2)", 11, 3)
loading.mis[is.na(loading)] <- 0</pre>
# Create SimSem object for data generation and data analysis template
datamodel.A <- model.lavaan(out.A, std=TRUE, LY=loading.mis)</pre>
datamodel.B <- model.lavaan(out.B, std=TRUE, LY=loading.mis)</pre>
# Get sample size
n <- nrow(PoliticalDemocracy)</pre>
# The actual number of replications should be greater than 20.
output.A.A <- sim(20, n=n, model.A, generate=datamodel.A)</pre>
output.A.B <- sim(20, n=n, model.B, generate=datamodel.A)</pre>
output.B.A <- sim(20, n=n, model.A, generate=datamodel.B)
output.B.B <- sim(20, n=n, model.B, generate=datamodel.B)</pre>
# Find the likelihood ratio ; The output may contain some warnings here.
# When the number of replications increases (e.g., 1000), the warnings should disappear.
likRatioFit(out.A, out.B, output.A.A, output.A.B, output.B.A, output.B.B)
## End(Not run)
```

miss

Specifying the missing template to impose on a dataset

# **Description**

Specifying the missing template (SimMissing) to impose on a dataset. The template will be used in Monte Carlo simulation such that, in the sim function, datasets are created and imposed by missing values created by this template. See imposeMissing for further details of each argument.

# Usage

```
miss(cov = 0, pmMCAR = 0, pmMAR = 0, nforms = 0, itemGroups = list(),
    timePoints = 1, twoMethod = 0, prAttr = 0, m = 0, chi = "all",
package = "default", convergentCutoff = 0.8, ignoreCols = 0,
    threshold = 0, covAsAux = TRUE, logical = NULL, ...)
```

# Arguments

cov Column indices of any normally distributed covariates used in the data set.

pmMCAR Decimal percent of missingness to introduce completely at random on all vari-

ables.

pmMAR Decimal percent of missingness to introduce using the listed covariates as pre-

dictors.

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nforms The number of forms for planned missing data designs, not including the shared form. itemGroups List of lists of item groupings for planned missing data forms. Without this, items will be divided into groups sequentially (e.g. 1-3,4-6,7-9,10-12) timePoints Number of timepoints items were measured over. For longitudinal data, planned missing designs will be implemented within each timepoint. With missing on one variable: vector of (column index, percent missing). Will twoMethod put a given percent missing on that column in the matrix to simulate a two method planned missing data research design. With missing on two or more variables: list of (column indices, percent missing). Probability (or vector of probabilities) of an entire case being removed due to prAttr attrition at a given time point. See imposeMissing for further details. The number of imputations. The default is 0 such that the full information maxm imum likelihood is used. chi The chi-square pooling method. See runMI function for further details. The package to be used in multiple imputation. The default value of this function package is "default". For the default option, if m is 0, the full information maximum likelihood is used. If m is greater than 0, the Amelia package is used. The possible inputs are "default", "Amelia", or "mice". convergentCutoff If the proportion of convergent results across imputations are greater than the specified value (the default is 80%), the analysis on the dataset is considered as convergent. Otherwise, the analysis is considered as nonconvergent. This attribute is applied for multiple imputation only. ignoreCols The columns not imposed any missing values for any missing data patterns threshold The threshold of covariates that divide between the area to impose missing and the area not to impose missing. The default threshold is the mean of the covari-If TRUE, the covariate listed in the object will be used as auxiliary variables covAsAux when putting in the model object. If FALSE, the covariate will be included in the analysis. logical A matrix of logical values (TRUE/FALSE). If a value in the dataset is corresponding to the TRUE in the logical matrix, the value will be missing. Additional arguments used in multiple imputation function. This feature currently does not work now.

#### Value

A missing object that contains missing-data template (SimMissing)

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## See Also

SimMissing The resulting missing object

#### **Examples**

```
#Example of imposing 10% MCAR missing in all variables with no imputations (FIML method)
Missing <- miss(pmMCAR=0.1, ignoreCols="group")</pre>
summary(Missing)
loading <- matrix(0, 6, 1)</pre>
loading[1:6, 1] <- NA
LY <- bind(loading, 0.7)
RPS <- binds(diag(1))</pre>
RTE <- binds(diag(6))</pre>
CFA.Model <- model(LY = LY, RPS = RPS, RTE = RTE, modelType="CFA")</pre>
#Create data
dat <- generate(CFA.Model, n = 20)</pre>
#Impose missing
dat <- impose(Missing, dat)</pre>
#Analyze data
out <- analyze(CFA.Model, dat)</pre>
summary(out)
#Example to create simMissing object for 3 forms design at 3 timepoints with 10 imputations
Missing <- miss(nforms=3, timePoints=3, numImps=10)</pre>
#Missing template for data analysis with multiple imputation
Missing <- miss(package="mice", m=10, chi="all", convergentCutoff=0.6)</pre>
```

model

Data generation template and analysis template for simulation.

# **Description**

Creates a data generation and analysis template (lavaan parameter table) for simulations with structural equation models based on Y-side LISREL design matrices. Each corresponds to a LISREL matrix, but must be a SimMatrix or SimVector built using bind. In addition to the usual Y-side matrices in LISREL, both PS and TE can be specified using correlations (RPS, RTE) and scaled by a vector of residual variances (VTE, VPS) or total variances (VY, VE). Multiple groups are supported by passing lists of SimMatrix or SimVector to arguments, or by specifying the number of groups.

#### Usage

```
model(LY = NULL, PS = NULL, RPS = NULL, TE = NULL, RTE = NULL, BE = NULL,
VTE = NULL, VY = NULL, VPS = NULL, VE = NULL, TY = NULL, AL = NULL, MY = NULL,
ME = NULL, modelType, indLab=NULL, facLab=NULL, groupLab="group", ngroups=1, smartStart=TRUE)
model.cfa(LY = NULL, PS = NULL, RPS = NULL, TE = NULL, RTE = NULL, VTE = NULL,
VY = NULL, VPS = NULL, VE=NULL, TY = NULL, AL = NULL, MY = NULL, ME = NULL,
indLab=NULL, facLab=NULL, groupLab="group", ngroups=1, smartStart=TRUE)
model.path(PS = NULL, RPS = NULL, BE = NULL, VPS = NULL, VE=NULL, AL = NULL,
ME = NULL, indLab=NULL, facLab=NULL, groupLab="group", ngroups=1, smartStart=TRUE)
model.sem(LY = NULL, PS = NULL, RPS = NULL, TE = NULL, RTE = NULL, BE = NULL,
VTE = NULL, VY = NULL, VPS = NULL, VE=NULL, TY = NULL, AL = NULL, MY = NULL,
ME = NULL, indLab=NULL, facLab=NULL, groupLab="group", ngroups=1, smartStart=TRUE)
```

# Arguments

LY Factor loading matrix from endogenous factors to Y indicators (need to be SimMatrix object). Residual covariance matrix among endogenous factors (need to be SimMatrix PS object). **RPS** Residual correlation matrix among endogenous factors (need to be SimMatrix object). ΤE Measurement error covariance matrix among Y indicators (need to be SimMatrix object). Measurement error correlation matrix among Y indicators (need to be SimMatrix **RTE** object). BF Regression coefficient matrix among endogenous factors (need to be SimMatrix object). VTE Measurement error variance of indicators (need to be SimVector object). Total variance of indicators (need to be SimVector object). NOTE: Either mea-VY surement error variance or indicator variance is specified. Both cannot be simultaneously specified. **VPS** Residual variance of factors (need to be SimVector object). ٧E Total variance of of factors (need to be SimVector object). NOTE: Either residual variance of factors or total variance of factors is specified. Both cannot be simulatneously specified. TY Measurement intercepts of Y indicators. (need to be SimVector object). Endogenous factor intercept (need to be SimVector object). ΑL MY Overall Y indicator means. (need to be SimVector object). NOTE: Either measurement intercept of indicator mean can be specified. Both cannot be specified simultaneously. ME Total mean of endogenous factors (need to be SimVector object). NOTE: Either endogenous factor intercept or total mean of endogenous factor is specified. Both cannot be simultaneously specified. "CFA", "Sem", or "Path". This is specified to ensure that the analysis and data modelType generation template created based on specified matrices in model correspond to what the user intends. indLab Character vector of indicator labels. If left blank, automatic labels will be generated as y1, y2, ... yy. facLab Character vector of factor labels. If left blank, automatic labels will be generated as f1, f2, ... ff Character of group-variable label (not the names of each group). If left blank, groupLab automatic labels will be generated as group Integer. Number of groups for data generation, defaults to 1. If larger than one, ngroups all specified matrices will be repeated for each additional group. If any matrix argument is a list, the length of this list will be the number of groups and ngroups is ignored. Defaults to FALSE. If TRUE, population parameter values that are real numbers smartStart

will be used as starting values.

#### **Details**

The *simsem* package is intricately tied to the *lavaan* package for analysis of structural equation models. The analysis template that is generated by model is a lavaan parameter table, a low-level access point to lavaan that allows repeated analyses to happen more rapidly. If desired, the parameter table generated can be used directly with lavaan for many analyses.

The data generation template is simply a list of SimMatrix or SimVector. The SimSem object can be passed to the function generate to generate data.

If multiple group data is desired, the user can optionally either specify the number of groups argument, or pass a list of SimMatrix or SimVector to any of the matrix arguments. The length of this list will be the number of groups. If only one argument is a list, all other arguments will be automatically replicated to that length, parameters will be identified in the same way, have the same population parameter value/distribution, and have the same misspecification. If only ngroups is specified, all arguments will be replicated in this fashion. If equality constraints are present during the automatic replication, these parameters will be constrained to be equal across groups.

The model.cfa, model.path, and model.sem are the shortcuts for the model function when modelType are "CFA", "Path", and "SEM", respectively.

#### Value

SimSem object that contains the data generation template (@dgen) and analysis template (@pt).

#### Author(s)

#### See Also

- sim for simulations using the SimSem template.
- generate To generate data using the SimSem template.
- analyze To analyze real or generated data using the SimSem template.
- draw To draw parameters using the SimSem template.

```
# Example 1: Confirmatory factor analysis
loading <- matrix(0, 6, 2)
loading[1:3, 1] <- NA
loading[4:6, 2] <- NA
LY <- bind(loading, 0.7)

latent.cor <- matrix(NA, 2, 2)
diag(latent.cor) <- 1
RPS <- binds(latent.cor, 0.5)

RTE <- binds(diag(6))

VY <- bind(rep(NA,6),2)

CFA.Model <- model(LY = LY, RPS = RPS, RTE = RTE, modelType = "CFA")
# Example 2: Multiple-group CFA with weak invariance</pre>
```

```
loading <- matrix(0, 6, 2)</pre>
loading[1:3, 1] <- paste0("con", 1:3)</pre>
loading[4:6, 2] <- paste0("con", 4:6)</pre>
LY <- bind(loading, 0.7)
latent.cor <- matrix(NA, 2, 2)</pre>
diag(latent.cor) <- 1</pre>
RPS <- binds(latent.cor, 0.5)</pre>
RTE <- binds(diag(6))
VTE <- bind(rep(NA, 6), 0.51)</pre>
CFA.Model <- model(LY = LY, RPS = list(RPS, RPS), RTE = list(RTE, RTE), VTE=list(VTE, VTE), ngroups=2, model
# Example 3: Linear growth curve model with model misspecification
factor.loading <- matrix(NA, 4, 2)</pre>
factor.loading[,1] <- 1</pre>
factor.loading[,2] <- 0:3</pre>
LY <- bind(factor.loading)
factor.mean <- rep(NA, 2)</pre>
factor.mean.starting <-c(5, 2)
AL <- bind(factor.mean, factor.mean.starting)
factor.var <- rep(NA, 2)</pre>
factor.var.starting <- c(1, 0.25)</pre>
VPS <- bind(factor.var, factor.var.starting)</pre>
factor.cor <- matrix(NA, 2, 2)</pre>
diag(factor.cor) <- 1</pre>
RPS <- binds(factor.cor, 0.5)
VTE <- bind(rep(NA, 4), 1.2)</pre>
RTE <- binds(diag(4))
TY \leftarrow bind(rep(0, 4))
LCA.Model <- model(LY=LY, RPS=RPS, VPS=VPS, AL=AL, VTE=VTE, RTE=RTE, TY=TY, modelType="CFA")
# Example 4: Path analysis model with misspecified direct effect
path.BE <- matrix(0, 4, 4)
path.BE[3, 1:2] <- NA
path.BE[4, 3] <- NA
starting.BE <- matrix("", 4, 4)</pre>
starting.BE[3, 1:2] <- "runif(1, 0.3, 0.5)"
starting.BE[4, 3] <- "runif(1,0.5,0.7)"
mis.path.BE <- matrix(0, 4, 4)
mis.path.BE[4, 1:2] <- "runif(1,-0.1,0.1)"
BE <- bind(path.BE, starting.BE, misspec=mis.path.BE)</pre>
residual.error <- diag(4)</pre>
residual.error[1,2] <- residual.error[2,1] <- NA</pre>
RPS <- binds(residual.error, "rnorm(1,0.3,0.1)")</pre>
ME <- bind(rep(NA, 4), 0)
```

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```
Path.Model <- model(RPS = RPS, BE = BE, ME = ME, modelType="Path")</pre>
# Example 5: Full SEM model
loading <- matrix(0, 8, 3)</pre>
loading[1:3, 1] <- NA
loading[4:6, 2] <- NA
loading[7:8, 3] <- "con1"
loading.start <- matrix("", 8, 3)</pre>
loading.start[1:3, 1] <- 0.7</pre>
loading.start[4:6, 2] <- 0.7
loading.start[7:8, 3] <- "rnorm(1,0.6,0.05)"
LY <- bind(loading, loading.start)
RTE <- binds(diag(8))
factor.cor <- diag(3)</pre>
factor.cor[1, 2] <- factor.cor[2, 1] <- NA</pre>
RPS <- binds(factor.cor, 0.5)</pre>
path <- matrix(0, 3, 3)
path[3, 1:2] <- NA
path.start <- matrix(0, 3, 3)</pre>
path.start[3, 1] <- "rnorm(1,0.6,0.05)"</pre>
path.start[3, 2] <- "runif(1,0.3,0.5)"</pre>
BE <- bind(path, path.start)</pre>
SEM.model <- model(BE=BE, LY=LY, RPS=RPS, RTE=RTE, modelType="SEM")</pre>
# Shortcut example
SEM.model <- model.sem(BE=BE, LY=LY, RPS=RPS, RTE=RTE)</pre>
```

model.lavaan

Build the data generation template and analysis template from the lavaan result

# Description

Creates a data generation and analysis template (lavaan parameter table) for simulations with the lavaan result. Model misspecification may be added into the template by a vector, a matrix, or a list of vectors or matrices (for multiple groups).

#### Usage

```
model.lavaan(object, std = FALSE, LY = NULL, PS = NULL, RPS = NULL,
TE = NULL, RTE = NULL, BE = NULL, VTE = NULL, VY = NULL, VPS = NULL,
VE=NULL, TY = NULL, AL = NULL, MY = NULL, ME = NULL, smartStart=TRUE)
```

# **Arguments**

object A lavaan object to be used to build the data generation and analysis template.

std If TRUE, use the resulting standardized parameters for data generation. If FALSE,

use the unstandardized parameters for data generation.

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LY	Model misspecification in factor loading matrix from endogenous factors to Y indicators (need to be a matrix or a list of matrices).
PS	Model misspecification in residual covariance matrix among endogenous factors (need to be a symmetric matrix or a list of symmetric matrices).
RPS	Model misspecification in residual correlation matrix among endogenous factors (need to be a symmetric matrix or a list of symmetric matrices).
TE	Model misspecification in measurement error covariance matrix among Y indicators (need to be a symmetric matrix or a list of symmetric matrices).
RTE	Model misspecification in measurement error correlation matrix among Y indicators (need to be a symmetric matrix or a list of symmetric matrices).
BE	Model misspecification in regression coefficient matrix among endogenous factors (need to be a symmetric matrix or a list of symmetric matrices).
VTE	Model misspecification in measurement error variance of indicators (need to be a vector or a list of vectors).
VY	Model misspecification in total variance of indicators (need to be a vector or a list of vectors). NOTE: Either measurement error variance or indicator variance is specified. Both cannot be simultaneously specified.
VPS	Model misspecification in residual variance of factors (need to be a vector or a list of vectors).
VE	Model misspecification in total variance of of factors (need to be a vector or a list of vectors). NOTE: Either residual variance of factors or total variance of factors is specified. Both cannot be simulatneously specified.
TY	Model misspecification in measurement intercepts of Y indicators. (need to be a vector or a list of vectors).
AL	Model misspecification in endogenous factor intercept (need to be a vector or a list of vectors).
MY	Model misspecification in overall Y indicator means. (need to be a vector or a list of vectors). NOTE: Either measurement intercept of indicator mean can be specified. Both cannot be specified simultaneously.
ME	Model misspecification in total mean of endogenous factors (need to be a vector or a list of vectors). NOTE: Either endogenous factor intercept or total mean of endogenous factor is specified. Both cannot be simultaneously specified.
smartStart	Defaults to FALSE. If TRUE, population parameter values that are real numbers will be used as starting values.

# Value

SimSem object that contains the data generation template (@dgen) and analysis template (@pt).

# Author(s)

Sunthud Pornprasertmanit (University of Kansas; <psunthud@ku.edu>)

## See Also

- model To build data generation and data analysis template for simulation.
- sim for simulations using the SimSem template.
- generate To generate data using the SimSem template.
- analyze To analyze real or generated data using the SimSem template.
- draw To draw parameters using the SimSem template.

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# **Examples**

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Test whether all objects are equal

# **Description**

Test whether all objects are equal. The test is based on the all.equal function.

# Usage

```
multipleAllEqual(...)
```

# Arguments

... The target objects

# Value

TRUE if all objects are equal.

## Author(s)

Sunthud Pornprasertmanit (University of Kansas; <psunthud@ku.edu>)

```
multipleAllEqual(1:5, 1:5, seq(2, 10, 2)/2) \# Should be TRUE multipleAllEqual(1:5, 1:6, seq(2, 10, 2)/2) \# Should be FALSE
```

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Plot sampling distributions of fit indices with fit indices cutoffs

## **Description**

This function will plot sampling distributions of null hypothesis fit indices. The users may add cutoffs by specifying the alpha level.

## Usage

```
plotCutoff(object, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

object

The object (SimResult or data.frame) that contains values of fit indices in

each distribution.

... Other arguments specific to different types of object you pass in the function.

#### Value

NONE. Only plot the fit indices distributions.

# Details in ...

- cutoff: A priori cutoffs for fit indices, saved in a vector
- cutoff2: Another set of priori cutoffs for fit indices, saved in a vector
- alpha: A priori alpha level to getCutoffs of fit indices (do not specify when you have cutoff)
- revDirec: The default is to find critical point on the side that indicates worse fit (the right side of RMSEA or the left side of CFI). If specifying as TRUE, the directions are reversed.
- usedFit: The name of fit indices that researchers wish to plot
- useContour: If there are two of sample size, percent completely at random, and percent missing at random are varying, the plotCutoff function will provide 3D graph. Contour graph is a default. However, if this is specified as FALSE, perspective plot is used.

# Author(s)

Sunthud Pornprasertmanit (University of Kansas; <psunthud@ku.edu>)

# See Also

- SimResult for simResult that used in this function.
- getCutoff to find values of cutoffs based on null hypothesis sampling distributions only

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#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
loading <- matrix(0, 6, 2)</pre>
loading[1:3, 1] <- NA
loading[4:6, 2] <- NA
loadingValues <- matrix(0, 6, 2)</pre>
loadingValues[1:3, 1] <- 0.7</pre>
loadingValues[4:6, 2] \leftarrow 0.7
LY <- bind(loading, loadingValues)
latent.cor <- matrix(NA, 2, 2)</pre>
diag(latent.cor) <- 1</pre>
RPS <- binds(latent.cor, 0.5)</pre>
error.cor <- matrix(0, 6, 6)
diag(error.cor) <- 1</pre>
RTE <- binds(error.cor)</pre>
CFA.Model <- model(LY = LY, RPS = RPS, RTE = RTE, modelType="CFA")
# We make the examples running only 5 replications to save time.
# In reality, more replications are needed.
Output <- sim(5, n=200, model=CFA.Model)
# Plot the cutoffs with desired fit indices
plotCutoff(Output, 0.05, usedFit=c("RMSEA", "SRMR", "CFI", "TLI"))
# The example of continous varying sample size. Note that more fine-grained
\# values of n is needed, e.g., n=seq(50, 500, 1)
Output2 <- sim(NULL, n=seq(450, 500, 10), model=CFA.Model)
# Plot the cutoffs along sample size value
plotCutoff(Output2, 0.05)
# Specify both continuoussample size and percent missing completely at random. Note that more fine-grained
\# values of n and pmMCAR is needed, e.g., n=seq(50, 500, 1) and pmMCAR=seq(0, 0.2, 0.01)
Output3 <- sim(NULL, n=seq(450, 500, 10), pmMCAR=c(0, 0.05, 0.1, 0.15), model=CFA.Model)
# Plot the contours that each contour represents the value of cutoff at each level
# of sample size and percent missing completely at random
plotCutoff(Output3, 0.05)
## End(Not run)
```

 ${\tt plotCutoffNested}$ 

Plot sampling distributions of the differences in fit indices between nested models with fit indices cutoffs

# **Description**

This function will plot sampling distributions of the differences in fit indices between nested models if the nested model is true. The users may add cutoffs by specifying the alpha level.

# Usage

```
plotCutoffNested(nested, parent, alpha = 0.05, cutoff = NULL,
usedFit = NULL, useContour = T)
```

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# **Arguments**

SimResult that saves the analysis results of nested model from multiple replinested cations SimResult that saves the analysis results of parent model from multiple repliparent cations alpha A priori alpha level cutoff A priori cutoffs for fit indices, saved in a vector usedFit Vector of names of fit indices that researchers wish to plot the sampling distribution. useContour If there are two of sample size, percent completely at random, and percent missing at random are varying, the plotCutoff function will provide 3D graph. Contour graph is a default. However, if this is specified as FALSE, perspective

#### Value

NONE. Only plot the fit indices distributions.

plot is used.

## Author(s)

Sunthud Pornprasertmanit (University of Kansas; <psunthud@ku.edu>)

#### See Also

- SimResult for simResult that used in this function.
- getCutoffNested to find the difference in fit indices cutoffs

```
## Not run:
# Nested model: One factor
loading.null <- matrix(0, 6, 1)</pre>
loading.null[1:6, 1] <- NA</pre>
LY.NULL <- bind(loading.null, 0.7)
RPS.NULL <- binds(diag(1))</pre>
RTE <- binds(diag(6))</pre>
CFA.Model.NULL <- model(LY = LY.NULL, RPS = RPS.NULL, RTE = RTE, modelType="CFA")
# Parent model: two factors
loading.alt <- matrix(0, 6, 2)</pre>
loading.alt[1:3, 1] <- NA</pre>
loading.alt[4:6, 2] <- NA</pre>
LY.ALT <- bind(loading.alt, 0.7)
latent.cor.alt <- matrix(NA, 2, 2)</pre>
diag(latent.cor.alt) <- 1</pre>
RPS.ALT <- binds(latent.cor.alt, "runif(1, 0.7, 0.9)")</pre>
{\sf CFA.Model.ALT} \ \texttt{--model(LY = LY.ALT, RPS = RPS.ALT, RTE = RTE, modelType="CFA")}
# The actual number of replications should be greater than 10.
Output.NULL.NULL <- sim(10, n=500, model=CFA.Model.NULL)
Output.NULL.ALT <- sim(10, n=500, model=CFA.Model.ALT, generate=CFA.Model.NULL)
# Plot the cutoffs in nested model comparison
```

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```
plotCutoffNested(Output.NULL.NULL, Output.NULL.ALT, alpha=0.05)
## End(Not run)
```

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Plot sampling distributions of the differences in fit indices between non-nested models with fit indices cutoffs

# Description

This function will plot sampling distributions of the differences in fit indices between non-nested models. The users may add cutoffs by specifying the alpha level.

# Usage

```
plotCutoffNonNested(dat1Mod1, dat1Mod2, dat2Mod1=NULL, dat2Mod2=NULL,
alpha=0.05, cutoff = NULL, usedFit = NULL, useContour = T, onetailed=FALSE)
```

# Arguments

dat1Mod1	SimResult that saves the simulation of analyzing Model 1 by datasets created from Model 1
dat1Mod2	SimResult that saves the simulation of analyzing Model 2 by datasets created from Model 1
dat2Mod1	SimResult that saves the simulation of analyzing Model 1 by datasets created from Model 2
dat2Mod2	SimResult that saves the simulation of analyzing Model 2 by datasets created from Model 2
alpha	A priori alpha level
cutoff	A priori cutoffs for fit indices, saved in a vector
usedFit	Vector of names of fit indices that researchers wish to plot the sampling distribution.
useContour	If there are two of sample size, percent completely at random, and percent missing at random are varying, the plotCutoff function will provide 3D graph. Contour graph is a default. However, if this is specified as FALSE, perspective plot is used.
onetailed	If TRUE, the function will find the cutoff from one-tail test. If FALSE, the function will find the cutoff from two-tailed test.

# Value

NONE. Only plot the fit indices distributions.

## Author(s)

Sunthud Pornprasertmanit (University of Kansas; <psunthud@ku.edu>)

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#### See Also

- SimResult for simResult that used in this function.
- getCutoffNonNested to find the difference in fit indices cutoffs for non-nested model comparison

# **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# Model A: Factor 1 on Items 1-3 and Factor 2 on Items 4-8
loading.A <- matrix(0, 8, 2)</pre>
loading.A[1:3, 1] <- NA
loading.A[4:8, 2] <- NA
LY.A <- bind(loading.A, 0.7)
latent.cor <- matrix(NA, 2, 2)</pre>
diag(latent.cor) <- 1</pre>
RPS <- binds(latent.cor, "runif(1, 0.7, 0.9)")
RTE <- binds(diag(8))
CFA.Model.A <- model(LY = LY.A, RPS = RPS, RTE = RTE, modelType="CFA")
# Model B: Factor 1 on Items 1-4 and Factor 2 on Items 5-8
loading.B <- matrix(0, 8, 2)</pre>
loading.B[1:4, 1] <- NA
loading.B[5:8, 2] <- NA
LY.B <- bind(loading.B, 0.7)
CFA.Model.B <- model(LY = LY.B, RPS = RPS, RTE = RTE, modelType="CFA")
# The actual number of replications should be greater than 10.
Output.A.A <- sim(10, n=500, model=CFA.Model.A, generate=CFA.Model.A)
Output.A.B <- sim(10, n=500, model=CFA.Model.B, generate=CFA.Model.A)
Output.B.A <- sim(10, n=500, model=CFA.Model.A, generate=CFA.Model.B)
Output.B.B <- sim(10, n=500, model=CFA.Model.B, generate=CFA.Model.B)
# Plot cutoffs for both model A and model B
plotCutoffNonNested(Output.A.A, Output.A.B, Output.B.A, Output.B.B)
# Plot cutoffs for the model A only
plotCutoffNonNested(Output.A.A, Output.A.B)
\ensuremath{\text{\#}} Plot cutoffs for the model A with one-tailed test
plotCutoffNonNested(Output.A.A, Output.A.B, onetailed=TRUE)
## End(Not run)
```

plotDist

Plot a distribution of a data distribution object

# Description

Plot a distribution of a data distribution object

# Usage

```
plotDist(object, xlim = NULL, ylim = NULL, r = 0, var = NULL, contour = TRUE)
```

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# **Arguments**

object	The data distribution object (SimDataDist) to plot a distribution
xlim	A numeric vector with two elements specifying the lower and upper limit of the x-axis to be plotted.
ylim	A numeric vector with two elements specifying the lower and upper limit of the y-axis to be plotted. This argument is applicable for the joint distribution of two dimensions only
r	The correlation of two dimensions in the joint distribution
var	A vector of the index of variables to be plotted. The length of vector cannot be greater than 2.
contour	Applicable if two variables are used only. If TRUE, the contour plot is provided. If FALSE, the perspective plot is provided.

# Value

No return value. This function will plot a graph only.

# Author(s)

Sunthud Pornprasertmanit (University of Kansas; <psunthud@ku.edu>)

## See Also

• SimDataDist for plotting a data distribution object

# Examples

```
datadist <- bindDist(c("chisq", "t", "f"), list(df=5), list(df=3), list(df1=3, df2=5))
# Plot the joint distribution of Variables 1 and 2 with correlation of 0.5
plotDist(datadist, r=0.5, var=1:2)
# Plot the marginal distribution of the variable 3
plotDist(datadist, var=3)</pre>
```

plotMisfit

Plot the population misfit in the result object

# **Description**

Plot a histogram of the amount of population misfit in parameter result object or the scatter plot of the relationship between misspecified parameter and the population misfit or the fit indices

# Usage

```
plotMisfit(object, usedFit="default", misParam=NULL)
```

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#### **Arguments**

object The result object, SimResult

usedFit The sample fit indices or population misfit used to plot. All sample fit indices

are available. The available population misfit are "pop.fo", "pop.rmsea", and "pop.srmr". If the misParam is not specified, all population misfit are used. If

the misParam is specified, the "pop.rmsea" is used in the plot.

misParam The index or the name of misspecified parameters used to plot.

## Value

None. This function will plot only.

## Author(s)

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```
path.BE <- matrix(0, 4, 4)
path.BE[3, 1:2] <- NA
path.BE[4, 3] <- NA
starting.BE <- matrix("", 4, 4)</pre>
starting.BE[3, 1:2] <- "runif(1, 0.3, 0.5)"
starting.BE[4, 3] <- "runif(1, 0.5, 0.7)"
mis.path.BE <- matrix(0, 4, 4)
mis.path.BE[4, 1:2] <- "runif(1, -0.1, 0.1)"
BE <- bind(path.BE, starting.BE, misspec=mis.path.BE)</pre>
residual.error <- diag(4)</pre>
residual.error[1,2] <- residual.error[2,1] <- NA</pre>
RPS <- binds(residual.error, "rnorm(1, 0.3, 0.1)")</pre>
ME \leftarrow bind(rep(NA, 4), 0)
Path.Model <- model(RPS = RPS, BE = BE, ME = ME, modelType="Path")
# The number of replications in actual analysis should be much more than 20
Output <- sim(20, n=500, Path.Model)
# Plot the distribution of population misfit
plotMisfit(Output)
# Plot the relationship between population RMSEA and all misspecified direct effects
plotMisfit(Output, misParam=1:2)
# Plot the relationship between sample CFI and all misspecified direct effects
plotMisfit(Output, usedFit="CFI", misParam=1:2)
```

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plotPower	Make a power plot of a parameter given varying parameters

# **Description**

Make a power plot of a parameter given varying parameters (e.g., sample size, percent missing completely at random, or random parameters in the model)

# Usage

```
plotPower(object, powerParam, alpha = 0.05, contParam = NULL, contN = TRUE,
contMCAR = TRUE, contMAR = TRUE, useContour=TRUE)
```

## **Arguments**

object	SimResult that includes at least one randomly varying parameter (e.g. sample size, percent missing, model parameters)
powerParam	Vector of parameters names that the user wishes to find power for. This can be a vector of names (e.g., "LY1_1", "LY2_2").
alpha	Alpha level to use for power analysis.
contParam	Vector of parameters names that vary over replications that users wish to use in the plot.
contN	Include the varying sample size in the power plot if available
contMCAR	Include the varying MCAR (missing completely at random percentage) in the power plot if available
contMAR	Include the varying MAR (missing at random percentage) in the power plot if available
useContour	This argument is used when users specify to plot two varying parameters. If TRUE, the contour plot is used. If FALSE, perspective plot is used.

### **Details**

Predicting whether each replication is significant or not by varying parameters using logistic regression (without interaction). Then, plot the logistic curves predicting the probability of significance against the target varying parameters.

#### Value

Not return any value. This function will plot a graph only.

## Author(s)

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# See Also

- SimResult to see how to create a simResult object with randomly varying parameters.
- getPower to obtain a statistical power given varying parameters values.

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#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
loading <- matrix(0, 6, 1)
loading[1:6, 1] <- NA
LY <- bind(loading, 0.4)
RPS <- binds(diag(1))
RTE <- binds(diag(6))
CFA.Model <- model(LY = LY, RPS = RPS, RTE = RTE, modelType="CFA")

# Specify both continuous sample size and percent missing completely at random. Note that more fine-grained values of n and pmMCAR is needed, e.g., n=seq(50, 500, 1) and pmMCAR=seq(0, 0.2, 0.01)

Output <- sim(NULL, n=seq(100, 200, 20), pmMCAR=c(0, 0.1, 0.2), model=CFA.Model)

# Plot the power of the first factor loading along the sample size value plotPower(Output, "1.f1=-y1", contMCAR=FALSE)

# Plot the power of the correlation along the sample size and percent missing completely at random plotPower(Output, "1.f1=-y1")

## End(Not run)</pre>
```

Plot sampling distributions of fit indices that visualize power of reject-

## **Description**

plotPowerFit

This function will plot sampling distributions of fit indices that visualize power in rejecting the misspecified models

ing datasets underlying misspecified models

# Usage

```
plotPowerFit(altObject, nullObject = NULL, cutoff = NULL, usedFit = NULL,
alpha = 0.05, contN = TRUE, contMCAR = TRUE, contMAR = TRUE,
useContour = TRUE, logistic = TRUE)
```

# **Arguments**

altObject	The result object (SimResult) saves the simulation result of fitting the hypothesized model when the hypothesized model is FALSE.
nullObject	The result object (SimResult) saves the simulation result of fitting the hypothesized model when the hypothesized model is TRUE. This argument may be not specified if the cutoff is specified.
cutoff	A vector of priori cutoffs for fit indices.
usedFit	Vector of names of fit indices that researchers wish to plot.
alpha	A priori alpha level
contN	Include the varying sample size in the power plot if available
contMCAR	Include the varying MCAR (missing completely at random percentage) in the power plot if available

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contMAR Include the varying MAR (missing at random percentage) in the power plot if

available

useContour If there are two of sample size, percent completely at random, and percent miss-

ing at random are varying, the plotCutoff function will provide 3D graph. Contour graph is a default. However, if this is specified as FALSE, perspective

plot is used.

logistic If logistic is TRUE and the varying parameter exists (e.g., sample size or per-

cent missing), the plot based on logistic regression predicting the significance by the varying parameters is preferred. If FALSE, the overlaying scatterplot with

a line of cutoff is plotted.

#### Value

NONE. Only plot the fit indices distributions.

#### Author(s)

Sunthud Pornprasertmanit (University of Kansas; <psunthud@ku.edu>)

#### See Also

- SimResult for simResult that used in this function.
- getCutoff to find values of cutoffs based on null hypothesis sampling distributions only
- getPowerFit to find power of rejecting the hypothesized model when the hypothesized model is FALSE.

```
## Not run:
# Null model: One factor model
loading.null <- matrix(0, 6, 1)</pre>
loading.null[1:6, 1] <- NA</pre>
LY.NULL <- bind(loading.null, 0.7)
RPS.NULL <- binds(diag(1))</pre>
RTE <- binds(diag(6))</pre>
CFA.Model.NULL <- model(LY = LY.NULL, RPS = RPS.NULL, RTE = RTE, modelType="CFA")
# We make the examples running only 5 replications to save time.
# In reality, more replications are needed.
Output.NULL <- sim(50, n=50, model=CFA.Model.NULL, generate=CFA.Model.NULL)
# Alternative model: Two-factor model
loading.alt <- matrix(0, 6, 2)</pre>
loading.alt[1:3, 1] <- NA
loading.alt[4:6, 2] \leftarrow NA
LY.ALT <- bind(loading.alt, 0.7)
latent.cor.alt <- matrix(NA, 2, 2)</pre>
diag(latent.cor.alt) <- 1</pre>
RPS.ALT <- binds(latent.cor.alt, 0.5)</pre>
CFA.Model.ALT <- model(LY = LY.ALT, RPS = RPS.ALT, RTE = RTE, modelType="CFA")</pre>
Output.ALT <- sim(50, n=50, model=CFA.Model.NULL, generate=CFA.Model.ALT)
# Plot the power based on derived cutoff from the null model using four fit indices
plotPowerFit(Output.ALT, nullObject=Output.NULL, alpha=0.05, usedFit=c("RMSEA", "CFI", "TLI", "SRMR"))
```

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```
# Plot the power of rejecting null model when the rule of thumb from Hu & Bentler (1999) is used Rule.of.thumb <- c(RMSEA=0.05, CFI=0.95, TLI=0.95, SRMR=0.06) plotPowerFit(Output.ALT, cutoff=Rule.of.thumb, alpha=0.05, usedFit=c("RMSEA", "CFI", "TLI", "SRMR"))

# The example of continous varying sample size. Note that more fine-grained # values of n is needed, e.g., n=seq(50, 500, 1)
Output.NULL2 <- sim(NULL, n=seq(50, 250, 25), model=CFA.Model.NULL, generate=CFA.Model.NULL)
Output.ALT2 <- sim(NULL, n=seq(50, 250, 25), model=CFA.Model.NULL, generate=CFA.Model.ALT)

# Plot the power based on derived cutoff from the null model using four fit indices along sample size plotPowerFit(Output.ALT2, nullObject=Output.NULL2, alpha=0.05, usedFit=c("RMSEA", "CFI", "TLI", "SRMR"))

# Plot the power based on rule of thumb along sample size plotPowerFit(Output.ALT2, cutoff=Rule.of.thumb, alpha=0.05, usedFit=c("RMSEA", "CFI", "TLI", "SRMR"))

## End(Not run)
```

# **Description**

This function will plot sampling distributions of the differences in fit indices between parent and nested models. Two sampling distributions will be compared: nested model is FALSE (alternative model) and nested model is TRUE (null model).

## Usage

```
plotPowerFitNested(altNested, altParent, nullNested = NULL,
nullParent = NULL, cutoff = NULL, usedFit = NULL, alpha = 0.05,
contN = TRUE, contMCAR = TRUE, contMAR = TRUE, useContour = TRUE,
logistic = TRUE)
```

by each fit index

## **Arguments**

altNested	SimResult that saves the simulation result of the nested model when the nested model is FALSE.
altParent	SimResult that saves the simulation result of the parent model when the nested model is FALSE.
nullNested	SimResult that saves the simulation result of the nested model when the nested model is TRUE. This argument may not be specified if the cutoff is specified.
nullParent	SimResult that saves the simulation result of the parent model when the nested model is TRUE. This argument may not be specified if the cutoff is specified.
cutoff	A vector of priori cutoffs for the differences in fit indices.
usedFit	Vector of names of fit indices that researchers wish to plot.
alpha	A priori alpha level
contN	Include the varying sample size in the power plot if available

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contMCAR Include the varying MCAR (missing completely at random percentage) in the

power plot if available

contMAR Include the varying MAR (missing at random percentage) in the power plot if

available

useContour If there are two of sample size, percent completely at random, and percent miss-

ing at random are varying, the plotCutoff function will provide 3D graph. Contour graph is a default. However, if this is specified as FALSE, perspective

plot is used.

logistic If logistic is TRUE and the varying parameter exists (e.g., sample size or per-

cent missing), the plot based on logistic regression predicting the significance by the varying parameters is preferred. If FALSE, the overlaying scatterplot with

a line of cutoff is plotted.

#### Value

NONE. Only plot the fit indices distributions.

# Author(s)

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#### See Also

- SimResult for simResult that used in this function.
- getCutoffNested to find the cutoffs of the differences in fit indices
- plotCutoffNested to visualize the cutoffs of the differences in fit indices
- getPowerFitNested to find the power in rejecting the nested model by the difference in fit indices cutoffs

```
## Not run:
# Null model: One-factor model
loading.null <- matrix(0, 6, 1)</pre>
loading.null[1:6, 1] <- NA</pre>
LY.NULL <- bind(loading.null, 0.7)
RPS.NULL <- binds(diag(1))</pre>
RTE <- binds(diag(6))
CFA.Model.NULL <- model(LY = LY.NULL, RPS = RPS.NULL, RTE = RTE, modelType="CFA")
# Alternative model: Two-factor model
loading.alt <- matrix(0, 6, 2)</pre>
loading.alt[1:3, 1] <- NA
loading.alt[4:6, 2] <- NA
LY.ALT <- bind(loading.alt, 0.7)
latent.cor.alt <- matrix(NA, 2, 2)</pre>
diag(latent.cor.alt) <- 1</pre>
RPS.ALT <- binds(latent.cor.alt, 0.7)</pre>
CFA.Model.ALT <- model(LY = LY.ALT, RPS = RPS.ALT, RTE = RTE, modelType="CFA")</pre>
# In reality, more than 10 replications are needed
Output.NULL.NULL <- sim(10, n=500, model=CFA.Model.NULL, generate=CFA.Model.NULL)
Output.ALT.NULL <- sim(10, n=500, model=CFA.Model.NULL, generate=CFA.Model.ALT)
```

```
Output.NULL.ALT <- sim(10, n=500, model=CFA.Model.ALT, generate=CFA.Model.NULL)
Output.ALT.ALT <- sim(10, n=500, model=CFA.Model.ALT, generate=CFA.Model.ALT)
# Plot the power based on the derived cutoff from the models analyzed on the null datasets
plotPowerFitNested(Output.ALT.NULL, Output.ALT.ALT, nullNested=Output.NULL.NULL, nullParent=Output.NULL.AL
# Plot the power by only CFI
plotPowerFitNested(Output.ALT.NULL, Output.ALT.ALT, nullNested=Output.NULL.NULL, nullParent=Output.NULL.AL
# The example of continous varying sample size. Note that more fine-grained
# values of n is needed, e.g., n=seq(50, 500, 1)
Output.NULL.NULL2 <- sim(NULL, n=seq(50, 500, 25), model=CFA.Model.NULL, generate=CFA.Model.NULL)
Output.ALT.NULL2 <- sim(NULL, n=seq(50, 500, 25), model=CFA.Model.NULL, generate=CFA.Model.ALT)
Output.NULL.ALT2 <- sim(NULL, n=seq(50, 500, 25), model=CFA.Model.ALT, generate=CFA.Model.NULL)
Output.ALT.ALT2 <- sim(NULL, n=seq(50, 500, 25), model=CFA.Model.ALT, generate=CFA.Model.ALT)
# Plot logistic line for the power based on the derived cutoff from the null model along sample size value:
plotPowerFitNested(Output.ALT.NULL2, Output.ALT.ALT2, nullNested=Output.NULL2, nullParent=Output.NULL
# Plot scatterplot for the power based on the derived cutoff from the null model along sample size values
plotPowerFitNested(Output.ALT.NULL2, Output.ALT.ALT2, nullNested=Output.NULL2, nullParent=Output.NULL2
# Plot scatterplot for the power based on the advanced CFI value
plotPowerFitNested(Output.ALT.NULL2, Output.ALT.ALT2, cutoff=c(CFI=-0.1), logistic=FALSE)
## End(Not run)
```

 ${\it plotPowerFitNonNested} \quad {\it Plot power of rejecting a non-nested model based on a difference in fit index}$ 

# **Description**

Plot the proportion of the difference in fit indices from one model that does not in the range of sampling distribution from another model (reject that the dataset comes from the second model) or indicates worse fit than a specified cutoff. This plot can show the proportion in the second model that does not in the range of sampling distribution from the first model too.

# Usage

```
plotPowerFitNonNested(dat2Mod1, dat2Mod2, dat1Mod1=NULL, dat1Mod2=NULL,
cutoff = NULL, usedFit = NULL, alpha = 0.05, contN = TRUE, contMCAR = TRUE,
contMAR = TRUE, useContour = TRUE, logistic = TRUE, onetailed = FALSE)
```

# **Arguments**

dat2Mod1	${\tt SimResult}$ that saves the simulation of analyzing Model 1 by datasets created from Model 2
dat2Mod2	${\tt SimResult}$ that saves the simulation of analyzing Model 2 by datasets created from Model 2
dat1Mod1	SimResult that saves the simulation of analyzing Model 1 by datasets created from Model 1

dat1Mod2	SimResult that saves the simulation of analyzing Model 2 by datasets created from Model 1
cutoff	A vector of priori cutoffs for the differences in fit indices.
usedFit	Vector of names of fit indices that researchers wish to plot.
alpha	A priori alpha level
contN	Include the varying sample size in the power plot if available
contMCAR	Include the varying MCAR (missing completely at random percentage) in the power plot if available
contMAR	Include the varying MAR (missing at random percentage) in the power plot if available
useContour	If there are two of sample size, percent completely at random, and percent missing at random are varying, the plotCutoff function will provide 3D graph. Contour graph is a default. However, if this is specified as FALSE, perspective plot is used.
logistic	If logistic is TRUE and the varying parameter exists (e.g., sample size or percent missing), the plot based on logistic regression predicting the significance by the varying parameters is preferred. If FALSE, the overlaying scatterplot with a line of cutoff is plotted.
onetailed	If TRUE, the function will use the cutoff from one-tail test. If FALSE, the function will use the cutoff from two-tailed test.

## Value

NONE. Only plot the fit indices distributions.

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# See Also

- SimResult for simResult that used in this function.
- getCutoffNonNested to find the cutoffs of the differences in fit indices for non-nested model comparison
- plotCutoffNonNested to visualize the cutoffs of the differences in fit indices for non-nested model comparison
- getPowerFitNonNested to find the power in rejecting the non-nested model by the difference in fit indices cutoffs

```
## Not run:
# Model A: Factor 1 on Items 1-3 and Factor 2 on Items 4-8
loading.A <- matrix(0, 8, 2)
loading.A[1:3, 1] <- NA
loading.A[4:8, 2] <- NA
LY.A <- bind(loading.A, 0.7)
latent.cor <- matrix(NA, 2, 2)
diag(latent.cor) <- 1
RPS <- binds(latent.cor, "runif(1, 0.7, 0.9)")</pre>
```

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```
RTE <- binds(diag(8))
CFA.Model.A <- model(LY = LY.A, RPS = RPS, RTE = RTE, modelType="CFA")
# Model B: Factor 1 on Items 1-4 and Factor 2 on Items 5-8
loading.B <- matrix(0, 8, 2)</pre>
loading.B[1:4, 1] <- NA
loading.B[5:8, 2] <- NA
LY.B <- bind(loading.B, 0.7)
CFA.Model.B <- model(LY = LY.B, RPS = RPS, RTE = RTE, modelType="CFA")
# The actual number of replications should be greater than 10.
Output.A.A <- sim(10, n=500, model=CFA.Model.A, generate=CFA.Model.A)
Output.A.B <- sim(10, n=500, model=CFA.Model.B, generate=CFA.Model.A)
Output.B.A <- sim(10, n=500, model=CFA.Model.A, generate=CFA.Model.B)</pre>
Output.B.B <- sim(10, n=500, model=CFA.Model.B, generate=CFA.Model.B)
\# Plot the power based on the derived cutoff for both models
plotPowerFitNonNested(Output.B.A, Output.B.B, dat1Mod1=Output.A.A, dat1Mod2=Output.A.B)
# Plot the power based on AIC and BIC cutoffs
plotPowerFitNonNested(Output.B.A, Output.B.B, cutoff=c(AIC=0, BIC=0))
## End(Not run)
```

popDiscrepancy Find the discrepancy value between two means and covariance matrices

# **Description**

Find the discrepancy value between two means and covariance matrices. See the definition of each index at summaryMisspec.

# Usage

```
popDiscrepancy(paramM, paramCM, misspecCM)
```

# **Arguments**

paramM	The model-implied mean from the real parameters
paramCM	The model-implied covariance matrix from the real parameters
misspecM	The model-implied mean from the real and misspecified parameters
misspecCM	The model-implied covariance matrix from the real and misspecified parameters

# Value

The discrepancy between two means and covariance matrices

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#### References

Browne, M. W., & Cudeck, R. (1992). Alternative ways of assessing model fit. *Sociological Methods & Research*, 21, 230-258.

# **Examples**

```
\begin{array}{l} m1 <- \ rep(0,\ 3) \\ m2 <- \ c(0.1,\ -0.1,\ 0.05) \\ S1 <- \ matrix(c(1,\ 0.6,\ 0.5,\ 0.6,\ 1,\ 0.4,\ 0.5,\ 0.4,\ 1),\ 3,\ 3) \\ S2 <- \ matrix(c(1,\ 0.55,\ 0.55,\ 0.55,\ 1,\ 0.55,\ 0.55,\ 0.55,\ 1),\ 3,\ 3) \\ popDiscrepancy(m1,\ S1,\ m2,\ S2) \end{array}
```

popMisfitMACS

Find population misfit by sufficient statistics

# Description

Find the value quantifying the amount of population misfit:  $F_0$ , RMSEA, and SRMR. See the definition of each index at summaryMisspec.

## Usage

```
popMisfitMACS(paramM, paramCM, misspecM, misspecCM, dfParam=NULL, fit.measures="all")
```

# Arguments

paramM	The model-implied mean from the real parameters
paramCM	The model-implied covariance matrix from the real parameters
misspecM	The model-implied mean from the real and misspecified parameters
misspecCM	The model-implied covariance matrix from the real and misspecified parameters
dfParam	The degree of freedom of the real model
fit.measures	The names of indices used to calculate population misfit. There are three types of misfit: 1) discrepancy function ("f0"; see popDiscrepancy), 2) root mean squared error of approximation ("rmsea"; Equation 12 in Browne & Cudeck, 1992), and 3) standardized root mean squared residual ("srmr")

# Value

The vector of the misfit indices

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# References

Browne, M. W., & Cudeck, R. (1992). Alternative ways of assessing model fit. *Sociological Methods & Research*, 21, 230-258.

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#### **Examples**

```
\begin{array}{l} m1 <- \ rep(0,\ 3) \\ m2 <- \ c(0.1,\ -0.1,\ 0.05) \\ S1 <- \ matrix(c(1,\ 0.6,\ 0.5,\ 0.6,\ 1,\ 0.4,\ 0.5,\ 0.4,\ 1),\ 3,\ 3) \\ S2 <- \ matrix(c(1,\ 0.55,\ 0.55,\ 0.55,\ 1,\ 0.55,\ 0.55,\ 0.55,\ 1),\ 3,\ 3) \\ popMisfitMACS(m1,\ S1,\ m2,\ S2) \end{array}
```

pValue

Find p-values (1 - percentile)

# **Description**

This function will provide *p* value from comparing number and vector or the analytic result to the observed data (in lavaan) and the simulation result (in SimResult).

# Usage

```
pValue(target, dist, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

target	A value, multiple values, or a lavaan object used to find p values. This argument could be a cutoff of a fit index.
dist	The comparison distribution, which can be a vector of numbers, a data frame, or a result object.
	Other values that will be explained specifically for each class

## **Details**

In comparing fit indices, the *p* value is the proportion of the number of replications that provide poorer fit (e.g., less CFI value or greater RMSEA value) than the analysis result from the observed data. If the target is a critical value (e.g., fit index cutoff) and the dist is the sampling distribution underlying the alternative hypothesis, this function can provide a statistical power.

### Value

Mostly, this function provides a vector of p values based on the comparison. If the target is a model output object and dist is a result object, the p values of fit indices are provided, as well as two additional values: andRule and orRule. The andRule is based on the principle that the model is retained only when all fit indices provide good fit. The proportion is calculated from the number of replications that have all fit indices indicating a better model than the observed data. The proportion from the andRule is the most stringent rule in retaining a hypothesized model. The orRule is based on the principle that the model is retained only when at least one fit index provides good fit. The proportion is calculated from the number of replications that have at least one fit index indicating a better model than the observed data. The proportion from the orRule is the most lenient rule in retaining a hypothesized model.

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signature(target="numeric", dist="vector") This method will find the *p* value (quantile rank) of the target value on the dist vector. The additional arguments are revDirec, x, xval, condCutoff, and df. The revDirec is a logical argument whether to reverse the direction of comparison. If TRUE, the proportion of the dist that is lower than target value is reported. If FALSE, the proportion of the dist that is higher than the target value is reported. The x is the data. frame of the predictor values. The number of rows of the x argument should be equal to the number of rows in the dist. The xval is the values of predictor that researchers would like to find the fit indices cutoffs from. The condCutoff is a logical argument. If TRUE, the cutoff is applicable only a given value of xval. If FALSE, the cutoff is applicable in any values of predictor. The df is the degree of freedom used in spline method in predicting the fit indices by the predictors. If df is 0, the spline method will not be applied.

signature(target="numeric", dist="data.frame") This method will find the *p* value of each columns in the dist based on the value specified in the target. The additional arguments are revDirec, x,xval, df, and asLogical. The revDirec is a logical vector whether to reverse the direction of comparison. If TRUE, the proportion of the dist that is lower than target value is reported. If FALSE, the proportion of the dist that is higher than the target value is reported. The x is the data. frame of the predictor values. The number of rows of the x argument should be equal to the number of rows in the dist. The xval is the values of predictor that researchers would like to find the fit indices cutoffs from. The df is the degree of freedom used in spline method in predicting the fit indices by the predictors. If df is 0, the spline method will not be applied. The asLogical is to provide the result as the matrix of significance result (TRUE) or just the proportion of significance result (FALSE).

**signature(target="lavaan", dist="SimResult")** This method will find the *p* value of the analysis result compared to the simulated sampling distribution in a result object (SimResult). The additional arguments are usedFit, nVal, pmMCARval, pmMARval, and df. The usedFit is the vector of names of fit indices that researchers wish to find the *p* value from. The nVal is the sample size value that researchers wish to find the fit indices cutoffs from. The pmMCARval is the percent missing completely at random value that researchers wish to find the fit indices cutoffs from. The pmMARval is the percent missing at random value that researchers wish to find the fit indices cutoffs from. The df is the degree of freedom used in spline method in predicting the fit indices by the predictors. If df is 0, the spline method will not be applied.

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# See Also

• SimResult to run a simulation study

```
## Not run:
# Compare number with a vector
pValue(0.5, rnorm(1000, 0, 1))
# Compare numbers with a data frame
pValue(c(0.5, 0.2), data.frame(rnorm(1000, 0, 1), runif(1000, 0, 1)))
# Compare an analysis result with a result of simulation study
library(lavaan)
loading <- matrix(0, 9, 3)</pre>
```

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```
loading[1:3, 1] <- NA
loading[4:6, 2] <- NA
loading[7:9, 3] <- NA
targetmodel <- estmodel(LY=loading, modelType="CFA", indLab=paste("x", 1:9, sep=""))
out <- analyze(targetmodel, HolzingerSwineford1939)

loading.trivial <- matrix("runif(1, -0.2, 0.2)", 9, 3)
loading.trivial[is.na(loading)] <- 0
mismodel <- model.lavaan(out, std=TRUE, LY=loading.trivial)

# The actual number of replications should be much greater than 20.
simout <- sim(20, n=nrow(HolzingerSwineford1939), mismodel)

# Find the p-value comparing the observed fit indices against the simulated
# sampling distribution of fit indices
pValue(out, simout)

## End(Not run)</pre>
```

pValueNested

Find p-values (1 - percentile) for a nested model comparison

# Description

This function will provide p value from comparing the differences in fit indices between nested models with the simulation results of both parent and nested models when the nested model is true.

## Usage

```
pValueNested(outNested, outParent, simNested, simParent, usedFit = NULL, \\ nVal = NULL, pmMCARval = NULL, pmMARval = NULL, df = 0)
```

## **Arguments**

outNested	lavaan that saves the analysis result of the nested model from the target dataset
outParent	lavaan that saves the analysis result of the parent model from the target dataset
simNested	$\ensuremath{\operatorname{SimResult}}$ that saves the analysis results of nested model from multiple replications
simParent	${\tt SimResult}$ that saves the analysis results of parent model from multiple replications
usedFit	Vector of names of fit indices that researchers wish to getCutoffs from. The default is to getCutoffs of all fit indices.
nVal	The sample size value that researchers wish to find the $p$ value from.
pmMCARval	The percent missing completely at random value that researchers wish to find the $p$ value from.
pmMARval	The percent missing at random value that researchers wish to find the the $p$ value from.
df	The degree of freedom used in spline method in predicting the fit indices by the predictors. If df is 0, the spline method will not be applied.

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#### **Details**

In comparing fit indices, the *p* value is the proportion of the number of replications that provide less preference for nested model (e.g., larger negative difference in CFI values or larger positive difference in RMSEA values) than the analysis result from the observed data.

#### Value

This function provides a vector of p values based on the comparison of the difference in fit indices from the real data with the simulation result. The p values of fit indices are provided, as well as two additional values: andRule and orRule. The andRule is based on the principle that the model is retained only when all fit indices provide good fit. The proportion is calculated from the number of replications that have all fit indices indicating a better model than the observed data. The proportion from the andRule is the most stringent rule in retaining a hypothesized model. The orRule is based on the principle that the model is retained only when at least one fit index provides good fit. The proportion is calculated from the number of replications that have at least one fit index indicating a better model than the observed data. The proportion from the orRule is the most lenient rule in retaining a hypothesized model.

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#### See Also

• SimResult to run a simulation study

```
## Not run:
library(lavaan)
# Nested Model: Linear growth curve model
LY <- matrix(1, 4, 2)
LY[,2] <- 0:3
PS <- matrix(NA, 2, 2)
TY \leftarrow rep(0, 4)
AL \leftarrow rep(NA, 2)
TE <- diag(NA, 4)
nested <- estmodel(LY=LY, PS=PS, TY=TY, AL=AL, TE=TE, modelType="CFA", indLab=paste("t", 1:4, sep=""))</pre>
# Parent Model: Unconditional growth curve model
LY2 <- matrix(1, 4, 2)
LY2[,2] \leftarrow c(0, NA, NA, 3)
parent <- estmodel(LY=LY2, PS=PS, TY=TY, AL=AL, TE=TE, modelType="CFA", indLab=paste("t", 1:4, sep=""))
# Analyze the output
outNested <- analyze(nested, Demo.growth)</pre>
outParent <- analyze(parent, Demo.growth)</pre>
# Create data template from the nested model with small misfit on the linear curve
loadingMis <- matrix(0, 4, 2)</pre>
loadingMis[2:3, 2] <- "runif(1, -0.1, 0.1)"
datamodel <- model.lavaan(outNested, LY=loadingMis)</pre>
# Get the sample size
```

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```
n <- nrow(Demo.growth)

# The actual replications should be much greater than 30.
simNestedNested <- sim(30, n=n, nested, generate=datamodel)
simNestedParent <- sim(30, n=n, parent, generate=datamodel)

# Find the p-value comparing the observed fit indices against the simulated
# sampling distribution of fit indices
pValueNested(outNested, outParent, simNestedNested, simNestedParent)

## End(Not run)</pre>
```

pValueNonNested

Find p-values (1 - percentile) for a non-nested model comparison

# **Description**

This function will provide p value from comparing the results of fitting real data into two models against the simulation from fitting the simulated data from both models into both models. The p values from both sampling distribution under the datasets from the first and the second models are reported.

# Usage

```
pValueNonNested(outMod1, outMod2, dat1Mod1, dat1Mod2, dat2Mod1, dat2Mod2,
usedFit = NULL, nVal = NULL, pmMCARval = NULL, pmMARval = NULL, df = 0,
onetailed=FALSE)
```

#### **Arguments**

outMod1	lavaan that saves the analysis result of the first model from the target dataset
outMod2	lavaan that saves the analysis result of the second model from the target dataset
dat1Mod1	${\tt SimResult}$ that saves the simulation of analyzing Model 1 by datasets created from Model 1
dat1Mod2	${\tt SimResult}$ that saves the simulation of analyzing Model 2 by datasets created from Model 1
dat2Mod1	$\mbox{SimResult}$ that saves the simulation of analyzing Model 1 by datasets created from Model 2
dat2Mod2	${\tt SimResult}$ that saves the simulation of analyzing Model 2 by datasets created from Model 2
usedFit	Vector of names of fit indices that researchers wish to getCutoffs from. The default is to getCutoffs of all fit indices.
nVal	The sample size value that researchers wish to find the $p$ value from.
pmMCARval	The percent missing completely at random value that researchers wish to find the $p$ value from.
pmMARval	The percent missing at random value that researchers wish to find the the $p$ value from.
df	The degree of freedom used in spline method in predicting the fit indices by the predictors. If df is 0, the spline method will not be applied.
onetailed	If TRUE, the function will convert the $p$ value based on two-tailed test.

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#### **Details**

In comparing fit indices, the p value is the proportion of the number of replications that provide less preference for either model 1 or model 2 than the analysis result from the observed data. In two-tailed test, the function will report the proportion of values under the sampling distribution that are more extreme that one obtained from real data. If the resulting p value is high (> .05) on one model and low (< .05) in the other model, the model with high p value is preferred. If the p values are both high or both low, the decision is undetermined.

#### Value

This function provides a vector of *p* values based on the comparison of the difference in fit indices from the real data with the simulation results. The *p* values of fit indices are provided, as well as two additional values: andRule and orRule. The andRule is based on the principle that the model is retained only when all fit indices provide good fit. The proportion is calculated from the number of replications that have all fit indices indicating a better model than the observed data. The proportion from the andRule is the most stringent rule in retaining a hypothesized model. The orRule is based on the principle that the model is retained only when at least one fit index provides good fit. The proportion is calculated from the number of replications that have at least one fit index indicating a better model than the observed data. The proportion from the orRule is the most lenient rule in retaining a hypothesized model.

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#### See Also

• SimResult to run a simulation study

```
## Not run:
# Model A; Factor 1 --> Factor 2; Factor 2 --> Factor 3
library(lavaan)
loading <- matrix(0, 11, 3)</pre>
loading[1:3, 1] <- NA
loading[4:7, 2] \leftarrow NA
loading[8:11, 3] <- NA
path.A <- matrix(0, 3, 3)</pre>
path.A[2, 1] <- NA
path.A[3, 2] <- NA
model.A <- estmodel(LY=loading, BE=path.A, modelType="SEM", indLab=c(paste("x", 1:3, sep=""), paste("y", 1</pre>
out.A <- analyze(model.A, PoliticalDemocracy)</pre>
# Model A; Factor 1 --> Factor 3; Factor 3 --> Factor 2
path.B <- matrix(0, 3, 3)
path.B[3, 1] <- NA
path.B[2, 3] <- NA
model.B <- estmodel(LY=loading, BE=path.B, modelType="SEM", indLab=c(paste("x", 1:3, sep=""), paste("y", 1</pre>
out.B <- analyze(model.B, PoliticalDemocracy)</pre>
loading.mis <- matrix("runif(1, -0.2, 0.2)", 11, 3)</pre>
loading.mis[is.na(loading)] <- 0</pre>
```

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```
# Create SimSem object for data generation and data analysis template
datamodel.A <- model.lavaan(out.A, std=TRUE, LY=loading.mis)</pre>
datamodel.B <- model.lavaan(out.B, std=TRUE, LY=loading.mis)</pre>
# Get sample size
n <- nrow(PoliticalDemocracy)</pre>
# The actual number of replications should be greater than 20.
output.A.A <- sim(20, n=n, model.A, generate=datamodel.A)</pre>
output.A.B <- sim(20, n=n, model.B, generate=datamodel.A)
output.B.A <- sim(20, n=n, model.A, generate=datamodel.B)</pre>
output.B.B <- sim(20, n=n, model.B, generate=datamodel.B)
# Find the p-value comparing the observed fit indices against the simulated
# sampling distribution of fit indices
pValueNonNested(out.A, out.B, output.A.A, output.A.B, output.B.A, output.B.B)
# If the p-value for model A is significant but the p-value for model B is not
# significant, model B is preferred.
## End(Not run)
```

rawDraw

Draw values from vector or matrix objects

#### **Description**

Takes one matrix or vector object (SimMatrix or SimVector) and returns a matrix or a vector with numerical values for population parameters. If a matrix is symmetric, it is arbitrarily chosen that parameters on the upper triangular elements are set equal to the parameters on the lower triangular elements.

## Usage

```
rawDraw(simDat, constraint = TRUE, misSpec = TRUE, parMisOnly = FALSE,
    misOnly = FALSE)
```

## **Arguments**

simDat A matrix or vector object (SimMatrix or SimVector)

constraint If TRUE, then constraints are applied simultaneously

misSpec If TRUE, then a list is returned with [[1]] parameters with no misspec and [[2]] same parameters + misspec (if any)

parMisOnly If TRUE, then only the parameters + misspecification is returned

misOnly If TRUE, then only the misspecification is returned

#### Value

A matrix (or vector) or a list of matrices (or vectors) which contains the draw result.

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#### **Examples**

```
loading <- matrix(0, 7, 3)</pre>
loading[1:3, 1] <- NA
loading[4:6, 2] <- NA
loading[1:7, 3] <- NA
loadingVal <- matrix(0, 7, 3)</pre>
loadingVal[1:3, 1] <- "runif(1, 0.5, 0.7)"</pre>
loadingVal[4:6, 2] <- "runif(1, 0.5, 0.7)"</pre>
loadingVal[1:6, 3] <- "runif(1, 0.3, 0.5)"</pre>
loadingVal[7, 3] <- 1</pre>
loading.mis <- matrix("runif(1, -0.2, 0.2)", 7, 3)</pre>
loading.mis[is.na(loading)] <- 0</pre>
loading.mis[,3] <- 0</pre>
loading.mis[7,] <- 0</pre>
loading[1:3, 1] <- "con1"
LY <- bind(loading, loadingVal, misspec=loading.mis)
# Draw values
rawDraw(LY)
# Draw only model parameters containing misspecification
rawDraw(LY, parMisOnly=TRUE)
# Draw only misspecification.
rawDraw(LY, misOnly=TRUE)
```

setPopulation

Set the data generation population model underlying an object

#### **Description**

This function will set the data generation population model to be an appropriate one. If the appropriate data generation model is specified, the additional features can be seen in summary or summaryParam functions on the target object, such as bias in parameter estimates or percentage coverage.

# Usage

```
setPopulation(target, population)
```

# **Arguments**

target The result object that you wish to set the data generation population model

 $(link S4class \{Sim Result\}).$ 

population The population parameters specified in the linkS4class{SimSem} object

#### Value

The target object that is changed the parameter.

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#### See Also

• SimResult for result object

```
# See each class for an example.
## Not run:
# Data generation model
loading <- matrix(0, 7, 3)</pre>
loading[1:3, 1] <- NA
loading[4:6, 2] <- NA
loading[1:7, 3] <- NA
loadingVal <- matrix(0, 7, 3)</pre>
loadingVal[1:3, 1] <- "runif(1, 0.5, 0.7)"</pre>
loadingVal[4:6, 2] <- "runif(1, 0.5, 0.7)"
loadingVal[1:6, 3] <- "runif(1, 0.3, 0.5)"</pre>
loadingVal[7, 3] <- 1</pre>
loading.mis <- matrix("runif(1, -0.2, 0.2)", 7, 3)</pre>
loading.mis[is.na(loading)] <- 0</pre>
loading.mis[,3] <- 0</pre>
loading.mis[7,] <-0
LY <- bind(loading, loadingVal, misspec=loading.mis)
RPS <- binds(diag(3))</pre>
path <- matrix(0, 3, 3)</pre>
path[2, 1] <- NA
BE <- bind(path, "runif(1, 0.3, 0.5)")
RTE <- binds(diag(7))
VY <- bind(c(rep(NA, 6), 0), c(rep(1, 6), ""))</pre>
datamodel <- model(LY=LY, RPS=RPS, BE=BE, RTE=RTE, VY=VY, modelType="SEM")</pre>
# Data analysis model
loading <- matrix(0, 7, 3)</pre>
loading[1:3, 1] <- NA
loading[4:6, 2] <- NA
loading[7, 3] <- NA</pre>
path <- matrix(0, 3, 3)</pre>
path[2, 1] <- NA
path[1, 3] <- NA
path[2, 3] <- NA
errorCov <- diag(NA, 7)</pre>
errorCov[7, 7] <- 0
facCov <- diag(3)</pre>
analysis <- estmodel(LY=loading, BE=path, TE=errorCov, PS=facCov, modelType="SEM", indLab=paste("y", 1:7, september 1:7, september 2:10 | 1:7, september 2
# In reality, more than 10 replications are needed.
Output <- sim(10, n=200, analysis, generate=datamodel)
```

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```
# Population
loadingVal <- matrix(0, 7, 3)</pre>
loadingVal[1:3, 1] <- 0.6
loadingVal[4:6, 2] <- 0.6
loadingVal[7, 3] <- 1</pre>
LY <- bind(loading, loadingVal)
pathVal \leftarrow matrix(0, 3, 3)
pathVal[2, 1] <- 0.4
pathVal[1, 3] <- 0.4</pre>
pathVal[2, 3] <- 0.4
BE <- bind(path, pathVal)</pre>
PS <- binds(facCov)
errorCovVal <- diag(0.64, 7)</pre>
errorCovVal[7, 7] <- 0
TE <- binds(errorCov, errorCovVal)
population <- model(LY=LY, PS=PS, BE=BE, TE=TE, modelType="SEM")</pre>
# Set up the new population
Output <- setPopulation(Output, population)</pre>
# This summary will contain the bias information
summary(Output)
## End(Not run)
```

sim

Run a monte carlo simulation with a structural equation model.

# Description

This function will draw parameters in data-generation model, create data, impose missing, analyze data by the target model, and summarize the outputs across replications. Data can be transformed by the datafun argument. The additional output can be extracted by the outfun argument. Paralleled processing is also available by the multicore argument.

# Usage

```
sim(nRep, model, n, generate = NULL, rawData = NULL, miss = NULL, datafun=NULL, outfun=NULL,
pmMCAR = NULL, pmMAR = NULL, facDist = NULL, indDist = NULL, errorDist = NULL, sequential = FALSE
modelBoot = FALSE, realData = NULL, maxDraw = 50, misfitType = "f0",
misfitBounds = NULL, averageNumMisspec = NULL, optMisfit=NULL, optDraws = 50,
aux = NULL, seed = 123321, silent = FALSE, multicore = FALSE, cluster = FALSE, numProc = NULL,
paramOnly = FALSE, dataOnly=FALSE, ...)
```

# **Arguments**

nRep	Number of replications. Users can specify as NULL and specify n, pmMCAR, and pmMAR $$
model	SimSem object created by model. Will be used to generate data and analyze it.
n	Sample size. This argument is not necessary except the user wish to vary sample size across replications. The sample size here is a vector of sample size in integers. For the random distribution object, if the resulting value has decimal, the value will be rounded.

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SimSem object created by model. If included, this will be used to generate data generate instead of the codeSimSem object specified in the model option. rawData If included, this data is used for simulations instead of being generated from the SimSem template. Should be a list of length nRep. Missing data handling template, created by the function miss. miss datafun Function to be applied to generated data set at each replication. outfun Function to be applied to the lavaan output at each replication. The output of this function in each replication will be saved in the simulation output (SimResult). The extra outputs can be obtained by the getExtraOutput function. pmMCAR The percent completely missing at random. This argument is not necessary except the user wish to vary percent missing completely at random across replications. The pmMCAR here is a vector of percent missing, which the values can be in between 0 and 1 only. The specification of objMissing is not needed (but is needed if users wish to specify complex missing value data generation or wish to use multiple imputation). pmMAR The percent missing at random. This argument is not necessary except the user wish to vary percent missing at random across replications. The pmMAR here is a vector of percent missing, which the values can be in between 0 and 1 only. The specification of objMissing is not needed (but is needed if users wish to specify complex missing value data generation or wish to use multiple imputation). facDist A SimDataDist object or list of objects for the distribution of factors. If one object is passed, all factors will have the same distribution. Use when sequential is TRUE. indDist A SimDataDist object or list of objects for a distribution of indicators. If one object is passed, each indicator will have the same distribution. Use when sequential is FALSE. errorDist An object or list of objects of type SimDataDist indicating the distribution of errors. If a single SimDataDist is specified, each error will be genrated with that distribution. sequential If TRUE, use a sequential method to create data such that the data from factor are generated first and apply to a set of equations to obtain the data of indicators. If FALSE, create data directly from model-implied mean and covariance of indicators. modelBoot When specified, a model-based bootstrap is used for data generation. See draw for further information. This argument requires real data to be passed to realData. realData A data frame containing real data. The data generated will follow the distribution of this data set. maxDraw Integer specifying the maximum number of attempts to draw a valid set of parameters (no negative error variance, standardized coefficients over 1). misfitType Character vector indicating the fit measure used to assess the misfit of a set of parameters. Can be "f0", "rmsea", "srmr", or "all". misfitBounds Vector that contains upper and lower bounds of the misfit measure. Sets of

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If TRUE, the provided fit will be divided by the number of misspecified parameters.

parameters drawn that are not within these bounds are rejected.

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optMisfit	Character vector of either "min" or "max" indicating either maximum or minimum optimized misfit. If not null, the set of parameters out of the number of draws in "optDraws" that has either the maximum or minimum misfit of the given misfit type will be returned.
optDraws	Number of parameter sets to draw if optMisfit is not null. The set of parameters with the maximum or minimum misfit will be returned.
aux	The names of auxiliary variables saved in a vector
seed	Random number seed. Reproducibility across multiple cores or clusters is ensured using R'Lecuyer package.
silent	If TRUE, suppress warnings.
multicore	Use multiple processors within a computer. Specify as TRUE to use it.
cluster	Not applicable now. Use for specify nodes in hpc in order to be parallelizable.
numProc	Number of processors for using multiple processors. If it is NULL, the package will find the maximum number of processors.
paramOnly	If TRUE, only the parameters from each replication will be returned.
dataOnly	If TRUE, only the data generated from each replication will be returned.
	Additional arguments to be passed to lavaan.

#### Value

A result object (SimResult)

# Author(s)

# See Also

• SimResult for the resulting output description

```
loading <- matrix(0, 6, 2)
loading[1:3, 1] <- NA
loading[4:6, 2] <- NA
LY <- bind(loading, 0.7)

latent.cor <- matrix(NA, 2, 2)
diag(latent.cor) <- 1
RPS <- binds(latent.cor, 0.5)

RTE <- binds(diag(6))

VY <- bind(rep(NA,6),2)

CFA.Model <- model(LY = LY, RPS = RPS, RTE = RTE, modelType = "CFA")

# In reality, more than 5 replications are needed.
Output <- sim(5, CFA.Model, n=200)
summary(Output)</pre>
```

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```
# Example of data transformation: Transforming to standard score
fun1 <- function(data) {
  temp <- scale(data)
  temp[,"group"] <- data[,"group"]
  as.data.frame(temp)
}

# Example of additional output: Extract modification indices from lavaan
fun2 <- function(out) {
  inspect(out, "mi")
}

# In reality, more than 5 replications are needed.
Output <- sim(5, CFA.Model,n=200,datafun=fun1, outfun=fun2)
summary(Output)

# Get modification indices
getExtraOutput(Output)</pre>
```

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Class "SimDataDist": Data distribution object

# **Description**

This class will provide the distribution of a dataset.

# **Objects from the Class**

Objects can be created by bindDist function. It can also be called from the form new("SimDataDist", ...).

#### **Slots**

p: Number of variables

margins: A character vector specifying all the marginal distributions

paramMargins: A list whose each component is a list of named components, giving the parameter values of the marginal distributions.

keepScale: Transform back to retain the mean and standard deviation of a variable equal to the model implied mean and standard deviation (with sampling error)

reverse: To mirror each variable or not. If TRUE, reverse the distribution of a variable (e.g., from positive skewed to negative skewed).

#### Methods

- summaryTo summarize the object
- plotDistTo plot a density distribution (for one variable) or a contour plot (for two variables).

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#### See Also

• bindDist The constructor of this class.

#### **Examples**

```
showClass("SimDataDist")

d1 <- list(df=2)
d2 <- list(df=3)
d3 <- list(df=4)
d4 <- list(df=5)
d5 <- list(df=3)
d6 <- list(df=3)
d6 <- list(df=6)

dist <- bindDist(c(rep("t", 4), rep("chisq", 8)), d1, d2, d3, d4, d5, d6, d7, d8, d5, d6, d7, d8)
summary(dist)</pre>
```

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Matrix object: Random parameters matrix

## **Description**

This object can be used to represent a matrix in SEM model. It contains free parameters, fixed values, starting values, and model misspecification. This object can be represented mean, intercept, or variance vectors.

# **Objects from the Class**

This object is created by bind or binds function.

## **Slots**

free: The free-parameter vector. Any NA elements or character elements are free. Any numeric elements are fixed as the specified number. If any free elements have the same characters (except NA), the elements are equally constrained.

popParam: Real population parameters of the free elements.

misspec: Model misspecification that will be added on top of the fixed and real parameters.

symmetric: If TRUE, the specified matrix is symmetric.

## Methods

```
rawDraw Draws data-generation parameters.

summaryShort Provides a short summary of all information in the object summary Provides a thorough description of all information in the object
```

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#### See Also

• SimVector for random parameter vector.

# **Examples**

```
showClass("SimMatrix")
loading <- matrix(0, 6, 2)</pre>
loading[1:3, 1] <- NA
loading[4:6, 2] <- NA
loadingValues <- matrix(0, 6, 2)</pre>
loadingValues[1:3, 1] <- 0.7</pre>
loadingValues[4:6, 2] <- 0.7</pre>
LY <- bind(loading, loadingValues)
summary(LY)
rawDraw(LY)
LY <- bind(loading, "rnorm(1, 0.6, 0.05)")
summary(LY)
rawDraw(LY)
mis <- matrix("runif(1, -0.1, 0.1)", 6, 2)
mis[is.na(loading)] <- 0</pre>
LY <- bind(loading, "rnorm(1, 0.6, 0.05)", mis)
summary(LY)
rawDraw(LY)
```

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Class "SimMissing"

# **Description**

Missing information imposing on the complete dataset

# **Objects from the Class**

Objects can be created by miss function.

#### **Slots**

cov: Column indices of any normally distributed covariates used in the data set.

pmMCAR: Decimal percent of missingness to introduce completely at random on all variables.

pmMAR: Decimal percent of missingness to introduce using the listed covariates as predictors.

nforms: The number of forms for planned missing data designs, not including the shared form.

itemGroups: List of lists of item groupings for planned missing data forms. Without this, items will be divided into groups sequentially (e.g. 1-3,4-6,7-9,10-12)

twoMethod: Vector of (percent missing, column index). Will put a given percent missing on that column in the matrix to simulate a two method planned missing data research design.

prAttr: Probability (or vector of probabilities) of an entire case being removed due to attrition at a given time point. See imposeMissing for further details.

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m: The number of imputations. The default is 0 such that the full information maximum likelihood is used.

chi: The chi-square pooling method. See runMI function for further details.

package: The package to be used in multiple imputation. The default value of this function is "default". For the default option, if m is 0, the full information maximum likelihood is used. If m is greater than 0, the Amelia package is used.

convergentCutoff: If the proportion of convergent results across imputations are greater than the specified value (the default is 80%), the analysis on the dataset is considered as convergent. Otherwise, the analysis is considered as nonconvergent. This attribute is applied for multiple imputation only.

timePoints: Number of timepoints items were measured over. For longitudinal data, planned missing designs will be implemented within each timepoint.

ignoreCols: The columns not imposed any missing values for any missing data patterns

threshold: The threshold of covariates that divide between the area to impose missing and the area not to impose missing. The default threshold is the mean of the covariate.

covAsAux: If TRUE, the covariate listed in the object will be used as auxiliary variables when putting in the model object. If FALSE, the covariate will be included in the analysis.

logical: A matrix of logical values (TRUE/FALSE). If a value in the dataset is corresponding to the TRUE in the logical matrix, the value will be missing.

args: A list of additional options to be passed to the multiple imputation function in each package.

# Methods

- summary To summarize the object
- impose To impose missing information into data

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# See Also

• imposeMissing for directly imposing missingness into a dataset.

```
misstemplate <- miss(pmMCAR=0.2)
summary(misstemplate)</pre>
```

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Class "SimResult": Simulation Result Object

## **Description**

This class will save data analysis results from multiple replications, such as fit indices cutoffs or power, parameter values, model misspecification, etc.

#### **Objects from the Class**

Objects can be created by sim.

#### Slots

modelType: Analysis model type (CFA, Path, or SEM)

nRep: Number of replications have been created and run simulated data.

coef: Parameter estimates from each replication

se: Standard errors of parameter estimates from each replication

fit: Fit Indices values from each replication

converged: Number of convergence replications

seed: Seed number.

paramValue: Population model underlying each simulated dataset.

paramonly: If TRUE, the result object saves only population characteristics and do not save sample characteristics (e.g., parameter estimates and standard errors.

misspecValue: Misspecified-parameter values that are imposed on the population model in each replication.

popFit: The amount of population misfit. See details at summaryMisspec

FMI1: Fraction Missing Method 1.

FMI2: Fraction Missing Method 2.

stdCoef: Standardized coefficients from each replication

n: The total sample size of the analyzed data.

nobs: The sample size within each group.

pmMCAR: Percent missing completely at random.

pmMAR: Percent missing at random.

extraOut: Extra outputs obtained from running the function specified in outfun argument in the sim function.

timing: Time elapsed in each phase of the simulation.

# Methods

The following methods are listed alphabetically. More details can be found by following the link of each method.

anova to find the averages of model fit statistics and indices for nested models, as well as the
differences of model fit indices among models. This function requires at least two SimResult
objects.

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• findPower to find a value of independent variables (e.g., sample size) that provides a given value of power of a parameter estimate.

- getCutoff to get the cutoff of fit indices based on a priori alpha level.
- getCutoffNested to get the cutoff of the difference in fit indices of nested models based on a priori alpha level.
- getCutoffNonNested to get the cutoff of the difference in fit indices of nonnested models based on a priori alpha level.
- getExtraOutput to get extra outputs that users requested before running a simulation
- getPopulation to get population parameter values underlying each dataset
- getPower to get the power of each parameter estimate
- getPowerFit to get the power in rejecting alternative models based on absolute model fit cutoff.
- getPowerFitNested to get the power in rejecting alternative models based on the difference between model fit cutoffs of nested models.
- getPowerFitNonNested to get the power in rejecting alternative models based on the difference between model fit cutoffs of nonnested models.
- likRatioFit to find the likelihood ratio (or Bayes factor) based on the bivariate distribution of fit indices
- plotCutoff to plot sampling distributions of fit indices with an option to draw fit indices cutoffs by specifying a priori alpha level.
- plotCutoffNested to plot sampling distributions of the difference in fit indices between nested models with an option to draw fit indices cutoffs by specifying a priori alpha level.
- plotCutoffNonNested to plot sampling distributions of the difference in fit indices between nonnested models with an option to draw fit indices cutoffs by specifying a priori alpha level.
- plotMisfit to visualize the population misfit and misspecified parameter values
- plotPower to plot power of parameter estimates
- plotPowerFit to plot the power in rejecting alternative models based on absolute model fit cutoff.
- plotPowerFitNested to plot the power in rejecting alternative models based on the difference between model fit cutoffs of nested models.
- plotPowerFitNonNested to plot the power in rejecting alternative models based on the difference between model fit cutoffs of nonnested models.
- pValue to find a p-value in comparing sample fit indices with the null sampling distribution of fit indices
- pValueNested to find a p-value in comparing the difference in sample fit indices between nested models with the null sampling distribution of the difference in fit indices
- pValueNonNested to find a p-value in comparing the difference in sample fit indices between nonnested models with the null sampling distribution of the difference in fit indices
- setPopulation to set population model for computing bias
- summary to summarize the result output
- summaryConverge to provide a head-to-head comparison between the characteristics of convergent and nonconvergent replications
- summaryMisspec to provide a summary of model misfit
- summaryParam to summarize all parameter estimates
- summaryPopulation to summarize the data generation population underlying the simulation study.
- summaryShort to provide a short summary of the result output

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#### See Also

• sim for the constructor of this class

### **Examples**

```
showClass("SimResult")
loading <- matrix(0, 6, 1)</pre>
loading[1:6, 1] <- NA
LY <- bind(loading, 0.7)
RPS <- binds(diag(1))</pre>
RTE <- binds(diag(6))
CFA.Model <- model(LY = LY, RPS = RPS, RTE = RTE, modelType="CFA")
# We make the examples running only 5 replications to save time.
# In reality, more replications are needed.
Output <- sim(5, n=500, CFA.Model)
# Summary the simulation result
summary(Output)
# Short summary of the simulation result
summaryShort(Output)
# Find the fit index cutoff
getCutoff(Output, 0.05)
# Summary of parameter estimates
summaryParam(Output)
# Summary of population parameters
summaryPopulation(Output)
```

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Class "SimSem"

#### **Description**

The template containing data-generation and data-analysis specification

# **Objects from the Class**

Objects can be created by model.

#### **Slots**

```
pt: Parameter table used in data analysis dgen: Data generation template modelType: Type of models (CFA, Path, or SEM) contained in this object groupLab: The label of grouping variable
```

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#### Methods

summary Get the summary of model specification

# Author(s)

#### See Also

• Create an object this class by CFA, Path Analysis, or SEM model by model.

## **Examples**

```
showClass("SimSem")
loading <- matrix(0, 6, 2)</pre>
loading[1:3, 1] <- NA
loading[4:6, 2] <- NA
loadingValues <- matrix(0, 6, 2)</pre>
loadingValues[1:3, 1] <- 0.7</pre>
loadingValues[4:6, 2] <- 0.7</pre>
LY <- bind(loading, loadingValues)
summary(LY)
latent.cor <- matrix(NA, 2, 2)</pre>
diag(latent.cor) <- 1</pre>
RPS <- binds(latent.cor, 0.5)</pre>
# Error Correlation Object
error.cor <- matrix(0, 6, 6)
diag(error.cor) <- 1</pre>
RTE <- binds(error.cor)</pre>
CFA.Model <- model(LY = LY, RPS = RPS, RTE = RTE, modelType="CFA")
summary(CFA.Model)
```

SimVector-class

Vector object: Random parameters vector

# **Description**

This object can be used to represent a vector in SEM model. It contains free parameters, fixed values, starting values, and model misspecification. This object can be represented mean, intercept, or variance vectors.

#### **Objects from the Class**

This object is created by bind function.

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#### **Slots**

free: The free-parameter vector. Any NA elements or character elements are free. Any numeric elements are fixed as the specified number. If any free elements have the same characters (except NA), the elements are equally constrained.

 ${\tt popParam:}\ Real\ population\ parameters\ of\ the\ free\ elements.$ 

misspec: Model misspecification that will be added on top of the fixed and real parameters.

# Methods

```
rawDraw Draws data-generation parameters.
summaryShort Provides a short summary of all information in the object
summary Provides a thorough description of all information in the object
```

#### Author(s)

#### See Also

SimMatrix for random parameter matrix

# **Examples**

```
showClass("SimVector")

factor.mean <- rep(NA, 2)
factor.mean.starting <- c(5, 2)
AL <- bind(factor.mean, factor.mean.starting)
rawDraw(AL)
summary(AL)
summaryShort(AL)</pre>
```

summaryConverge

Provide a comparison between the characteristics of convergent replications and nonconvergent replications

## **Description**

This function provides a comparison between the characteristics of convergent replications and non-convergent replications. The comparison includes sample size (if varying), percent missing completely at random (if varying), percent missing at random (if varying), parameter values, misspecified-parameter values (if applicable), and population misfit (if applicable).

# Usage

```
summaryConverge(object)
```

# **Arguments**

```
object SimResult object being described
```

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#### Value

A list with the following elements:

- Converged The number of convergent and nonconvergent replications
- n Sample size
- pmMCAR Percent missing completely at random
- pmMAR Percent missing at random
- paramValue Parameter values
- misspecValue Misspecified-parameter values
- popFit Population misfit. See details of each element at summaryMisspec.

Each element will provide the head-to-head comparison between convergent and nonconvergent replications properties.

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```
## Not run:
path.BE <- matrix(0, 4, 4)</pre>
path.BE[3, 1:2] <- NA
path.BE[4, 3] <- NA
starting.BE <- matrix("", 4, 4)</pre>
starting.BE[3, 1:2] <- "runif(1, 0.3, 0.5)"
starting.BE[4, 3] <- "runif(1, 0.5, 0.7)"
mis.path.BE <- matrix(0, 4, 4)</pre>
mis.path.BE[4, 1:2] <- "runif(1, -0.1, 0.1)"
BE <- bind(path.BE, starting.BE, misspec=mis.path.BE)</pre>
residual.error <- diag(4)</pre>
residual.error[1,2] <- residual.error[2,1] <- NA</pre>
RPS <- binds(residual.error, "rnorm(1, 0.3, 0.1)")</pre>
loading <- matrix(0, 12, 4)</pre>
loading[1:3, 1] <- NA
loading[4:6, 2] <- NA
loading[7:9, 3] <- NA
loading[10:12, 4] <- NA
mis.loading <- matrix("runif(1, -0.3, 0.3)", 12, 4)
mis.loading[is.na(loading)] <- 0</pre>
LY <- bind(loading, "runif(1, 0.7, 0.9)", misspec=mis.loading)
mis.error.cor <- matrix("rnorm(1, 0, 0.1)", 12, 12)
diag(mis.error.cor) <- 0</pre>
RTE <- binds(diag(12), misspec=mis.error.cor)</pre>
SEM.Model <- model(RPS = RPS, BE = BE, LY=LY, RTE=RTE, modelType="SEM")</pre>
n1 <- list(mean = 0, sd = 0.1)
chi5 \leftarrow list(df = 5)
facDist <- bindDist(c("chisq", "chisq", "norm", "norm"), chi5, chi5, n1, n1)</pre>
```

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```
# In reality, more than 50 replications are needed.
simOut <- sim(50, n=500, SEM.Model, sequential=TRUE, facDist=facDist, estimator="mlr")
# Summary the convergent and nonconvergent replications
summaryConverge(simOut)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

summaryFit

Provide summary of model fit across replications

# **Description**

This function will provide fit index cutoffs for values of alpha, and mean fit index values across all replications.

#### Usage

```
summaryFit(object, alpha = NULL)
```

#### **Arguments**

object SimResult to be summarized

alpha The alpha level used to find the fit indices cutoff. If there is no varying condition,

a vector of different alpha levels can be provided.

# Value

A data frame that provides fit statistics cutoffs and means

When linkS4class{SimResult} has fixed simulation parameters the first colmns are fit index cutoffs for values of alpha and the last column is the mean fit across all replications. Rows are

- Chi Chi-square fit statistic
- AIC Akaike Information Criterion
- BIC Baysian Information Criterion
- RMSEA Root Mean Square Error of Approximation
- CFI Comparative Fit Index
- TLI Tucker-Lewis Index
- SRMR Standardized Root Mean Residual

When linkS4class{SimResult} has random simulation parameters (sample size or percent missing), columns are the fit indices listed above and rows are values of the random parameter.

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#### See Also

SimResult for the result object input

# **Examples**

```
loading <- matrix(0, 6, 1)
loading[1:6, 1] <- NA
LY <- bind(loading, 0.7)
RPS <- binds(diag(1))
RTE <- binds(diag(6))
CFA.Model <- model(LY = LY, RPS = RPS, RTE = RTE, modelType="CFA")
# We make the examples running only 5 replications to save time.
# In reality, more replications are needed.
Output <- sim(5, n=500, CFA.Model)
# Summarize the sample fit indices
summaryFit(Output)</pre>
```

summaryMisspec

Provide summary of the population misfit and misspecified-parameter values across replications

#### **Description**

This function provides the summary of the population misfit and misspecified-parameter values across replications. The summary will be summarized for the convergent replications only.

## Usage

```
summaryMisspec(object)
```

## **Arguments**

object

SimResult object being described

#### Value

A data frame that provides the summary of population misfit and misspecified-parameter values imposed on the real parameters.

The discrepancy value ( $f_0$ ; Browne & Cudeck, 1992) is calculated by

$$F_0 = tr\left(\tilde{\Sigma}\Sigma^{-1}\right) - \log\left|\tilde{\Sigma}\Sigma^{-1}\right| - p + (\tilde{\mu} - \mu)'\Sigma^{-1}(\tilde{\mu} - \mu).$$

where  $\mu$  is the model-implied mean from the real parameters,  $\Sigma$  is the model-implied covariance matrix from the real parameters,  $\tilde{\mu}$  is the model-implied mean from the real and misspecified parameters,  $\tilde{\Sigma}$  is the model-implied covariance matrix from the real and misspecified parameter, p is the number of indicators. For the multiple groups, the resulting  $f_0$  value is the sum of this value across groups.

The root mean squared error of approximation (rmsea) is calculated by

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$$rmsea = \sqrt{\frac{f_0}{df}}$$

where df is the degree of freedom in the real model.

The standardized root mean squared residual (srmr) can be calculated by

$$srmr = \sqrt{\frac{2\sum_{g}\sum_{i}\sum_{j\leq i}\left(\frac{s_{gij}}{\sqrt{s_{gii}}\sqrt{s_{gjj}}} - \frac{\hat{\sigma}_{gij}}{\sqrt{\hat{\sigma}_{gii}}\sqrt{\hat{\sigma}_{gjj}}}\right)}{g\times p(p+1)}}$$

where  $s_{gij}$  is the observed covariance between indicators i and j in group g,  $\hat{\sigma}_{ij}$  is the model-implied covariance between indicators i and j in group g, p is the number of indicators.

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Browne, M. W., & Cudeck, R. (1992). Alternative ways of assessing model fit. *Sociological Methods & Research*, 21, 230-258.

#### See Also

SimResult for the object input

```
## Not run:
path <- matrix(0, 4, 4)</pre>
path[3, 1:2] <- NA
path[4, 3] <- NA
pathVal <- matrix("", 4, 4)</pre>
pathVal[3, 1:2] <- "runif(1, 0.3, 0.5)"</pre>
pathVal[4, 3] <- "runif(1, 0.5, 0.7)"</pre>
pathMis <- matrix(0, 4, 4)</pre>
pathMis[4, 1:2] <- "runif(1, -0.1, 0.1)"</pre>
BE <- bind(path, pathVal, pathMis)</pre>
residual.error <- diag(4)</pre>
residual.error[1,2] <- residual.error[2,1] <- NA</pre>
RPS <- binds(residual.error, "rnorm(1, 0.3, 0.1)")
Path.Model <- model(RPS = RPS, BE = BE, modelType="Path")
# The number of replications in actual analysis should be much more than 5
ParamObject <- sim(5, n=200, Path.Model)</pre>
\hbox{\tt\# Summarize the model misspecification that is specified in the 'pathMis' object}\\
summaryMisspec(ParamObject)
## End(Not run)
```

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summaryParam	Provide summary of parameter estimates and standard error across replications

# **Description**

This function will provide averages of parameter estimates, standard deviations of parameter estimates, averages of standard errors, and power of rejection with a priori alpha level for the null hypothesis of parameters equal 0.

#### Usage

```
summaryParam(object, alpha = 0.05, detail = FALSE)
```

#### **Arguments**

object	SimResult object being described
alpha	The alpha level used to find the statistical power of each parameter estimate
detail	If TRUE, more details about each parameter estimate are provided, such as relative bias, standardized bias, or relative standard error bias.

#### Value

A data frame that provides the statistics described above from all parameters. For using with linkS4class{SimResult}, each column means

- Estimate. Average: Average of parameter estimates across all replications
- Estimate. SD: Standard Deviation of parameter estimates across all replications
- Average . SE: Average of standard errors across all replications
- Power (Not equal 0): Proportion of significant replications when testing whether the parameters are different from zero. The alpha level can be set by the alpha argument of this function.
- Average.Param: Parameter values or average values of parameters if random parameters are specified
- SD.Param: Standard Deviations of parameters. Show only when random parameters are specified.
- · Average.Bias: The difference between parameter estimates and parameter underlying data
- SD.Bias: Standard Deviations of bias across all replications. Show only when random parameters are specified. This value is the expected value of average standard error when random parameter are specified.
- Coverage: The percentage of (1-alpha)% confidence interval covers parameters underlying the data.
- Rel.Bias: Relative Bias, which is (Estimate.Average Average.Param)/Average.Param. Hoogland and Boomsma (1998) proposed that the cutoff of .05 may be used for acceptable relative bias. This option will be available when detail=TRUE. This value will not be available when parameter values are very close to 0.

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• Std.Bias: Standardized Bias, which is (Estimate.Average-Average.Param)/Estimate.SD for fixed parameters and (Estimate.Average-Average.Param)/SD.Bias for random parameters. Collins, Schafer, and Kam (2001) recommended that biases will be only noticeable when standardized bias is greater than 0.4 in magnitude. This option will be available when detail=TRUE

• Rel.SE.Bias: Relative Bias in standard error, which is (Average.SE-Estimate.SD)/Estimate.SD for fixed parameters and (Average.SE-SD.Bias)/SD.Bias for random parameters. Hoogland and Boomsma (1998) proposed that 0.10 is the acceptable level. This option will be available when detail=TRUE

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#### References

Collins, L. M., Schafer, J. L., & Kam, C. M. (2001). A comparison of inclusive and restrictive strategies in modern missing data procedures. *Psychological Methods*, *6*, 330-351.

Hoogland, J. J., & Boomsma, A. (1998). Robustness studies in covariance structure modeling. *Sociological Methods & Research*, 26, 329-367.

#### See Also

SimResult for the object input

## **Examples**

```
showClass("SimResult")
loading <- matrix(0, 6, 1)
loading[1:6, 1] <- NA
LY <- bind(loading, 0.7)
RPS <- binds(diag(1))
RTE <- binds(diag(6))
CFA.Model <- model(LY = LY, RPS = RPS, RTE = RTE, modelType="CFA")

# We make the examples running only 5 replications to save time.
# In reality, more replications are needed.
Output <- sim(5, n=500, CFA.Model)

# Summary of the parameter estimates
summaryParam(Output)

# Summary of the parameter estimates with additional details
summaryParam(Output, detail=TRUE)</pre>
```

summaryPopulation

Summarize the population model used for data generation underlying a result object

# **Description**

Summarize the population model used for data generation underlying a result object

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# Usage

```
summaryPopulation(object)
```

## **Arguments**

object

The result object that you wish to extract the data generation population model from (linkS4class{SimResult}).

#### Value

A data.frame contianing the summary of population model across replications.

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#### See Also

• SimResult for result object

# **Examples**

```
## Not run:
loading <- matrix(0, 6, 1)
loading[1:6, 1] <- NA
LY <- bind(loading, "runif(1, 0.4, 0.9)")
RPS <- binds(diag(1))
RTE <- binds(diag(6))
CFA.Model <- model(LY = LY, RPS = RPS, RTE = RTE, modelType="CFA")

# We will use only 10 replications to save time.
# In reality, more replications are needed.
Output <- sim(10, n=200, model=CFA.Model)

# Get the summary of population model
summaryPopulation(Output)

## End(Not run)</pre>
```

summaryShort

Provide short summary of an object.

# **Description**

Provide short summary if it is available. Otherwise, it is an alias for summary.

# Usage

```
summaryShort(object, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

```
object Desired object being described ... any additional arguments
```

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# Value

NONE. This function will print on screen only.

# Author(s)

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# See Also

This is the list of classes that can use summaryShort method.

- SimMatrix
- SimVector

```
loading <- matrix(0, 6, 2)
loading[1:3, 1] <- NA
loading[4:6, 2] <- NA
loadingValues <- matrix(0, 6, 2)
LY <- bind(loading, "runif(1, 0.8, 0.9)")
summaryShort(LY)</pre>
```

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