

# Package ‘postMCMCglmm’

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**Description** R package to support Modern Modeling Methods presentation on using average marginal predicted probabilities as an intuitive way to present results from a Bayesian cross classified hierarchical ordered probit model.

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fixef.MCMCglmm	<i>Extract fixed effects from an MCMCglmm object</i>
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## Description

Function designed to extract the fixed effects from an MCMCglmm model object. Can either extract all samples from the fixed effects posteriors or return the posterior means.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'MCMCglmm'
fixef(object, use = c("all", "mean"),
      ...)
```

## Arguments

object	An MCMCglmm model object to extract the effects from
use	A character string indicating whether to extract all posterior samples or the mean of the posteriors. Defaults to "all".
...	Arguments passed on to the worker function.

## Value

A matrix of the fixed effects

## See Also

[ranef.MCMCglmm](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:
# a simple MCMCglmm model
data(PlodiaPO)
m <- MCMCglmm(PO ~ 1, random= ~ FSfamily, data=PlodiaPO, verbose=FALSE)

# only extract average fixed effects
fixef(m, use = "mean")

# histogram of posterior samples of fixed effects
hist(fixef(m))
# matches the mean
rowMeans(fixef(m))

## End(Not run)
```

jointPosterior

*Plot the joint posterior from an MCMC***Description**

A function to calculate the HPD region for a joint posterior, and plot the bivariate density with HPD region, and univariate densities on the margins using the **ggplot2** package.

**Usage**

```
jointPosterior(dat, x, y, xlab = "", ylab = "",
  probs = 0.95, plot = TRUE, topleftmargin = 0.2)
```

**Arguments**

dat	A data frame, typically of MCMC posterior samples.
x	A character string of the variable in dat to plot on the x-axis.
y	A character string of the variable in dat to plot on the y-axis.
xlab	A character string or expression containing the x-axis label. Expressions may be used for Greek or mathematical symbols. Defaults to blank.
ylab	A character string or expression containing the x-axis label. Expressions may be used for Greek or mathematical symbols. Defaults to blank.
probs	A numeric value of the probability to use for calculating the HPD region for the two dimensional density plot. Passed to HPDregionplot from the <b>emdbook</b> package.
plot	A logical whether the graph should be plotted or not. Defaults to TRUE.
topleftmargin	A numeric value of the left margin of the upper univariate density plot. Need to adjust this to get the upper univariate density to line up with the bivariate density plot.

**Value**

An invisible list of the univariate and bivariate density plots and the viewport used to put them all together. Primarily called for the side effect of creating a graph.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
# sample data
set.seed(10)
dens2dtestdat <- as.data.frame(MASS::mvrnorm(4500, c(b1 = -.1, b2 = .05),
  Sigma = c(.05, .02)*matrix(c(1, -.5, -.5, 1), 2)*rep(c(.05, .02), each = 2)))
d <- as.data.frame(mar2c$Sol[, 10:11]); colnames(d) <- c("b1", "b2")
tmp <- as.data.frame(HPDregionplot(as.mcmc(d), n = 200)[[1]])
jointPosterior(d, x = "b1", y = "b2", tmp, xlab = "Reactivity x Support", ylab = "Recovery x Support")

# make the plot
jointPosterior(dens2dtestdat, x = "b1", y = "b2", xlab = "Time x Constraint",
  ylab = bquote(Time^2 ~ x ~ Constraint))
# clean up
```

```
rm(dens2dtestdat)

## End(Not run)
```

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paramNamesMCMCglmm	<i>Extract the parameter names from an MCMCglmm object</i>
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## Description

Simple function to extract the fixed and random effects parameter names from an MCMCglmm object.

## Usage

```
paramNamesMCMCglmm(object, ...)
```

## Arguments

object	An MCMCglmm object
...	not used

## Value

A list with two elements:

fixed	A character vector of the fixed effects parameter names
random	A character vector of the random effects parameter names

## See Also

[fixef.MCMCglmm](#), [ranef.MCMCglmm](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:
# a simple MCMCglmm model
data(PlodiaP0)
m <- MCMCglmm(P0 ~ 1, random = ~ FSfamily, data = PlodiaP0, verbose=FALSE)

# extract the parameter names
paramNamesMCMCglmm(m)

## End(Not run)
```

postMCMCglmm

*Post Estimation for MCMCglmm***Description**

Post Estimation for MCMCglmm

**Details**

postMCMCglmm is a simple package to support a proposal at Modern Modeling Methods 2013. It has extraction functions and prediction functions for MCMCglmm models to help get average marginal predicted probabilities from a probit model.

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**See Also**See [fixef.MCMCglmm](#),**Examples**

```
## Not run:
# fill me in!!

## End(Not run)
```

predict2

*Define a generic prediction function***Description**

This defines a generic predict2 function which is similar to the usual predict but can use different methods. In particular, the MCMCglmm method has features not available in the regular predict method for MCMCglmm objects.

This is the main workhorse of the package. It is a predict2 method for MCMCglmm objects. There are a few core arguments. The model object and design matrices, X (fixed effects) and Z (random effects). If X and Z are missing, it will attempt to fill them in from the model object (which optionally saves them). If X and Z are specified or NULL, they are not used. This is useful either

for out of sample predictions or to use just the fixed effects. Note that these must be full design matrices, not data matrices. For example, they must dummy code factors and include the intercept (if there was an intercept in the model).

### Usage

```
predict2(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'MCMCglmm'
predict2(object, X, Z,
  use = c("all", "mean"), type = c("lp", "response"),
  ...)
```

### Arguments

<code>object</code>	A model object to predict from
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments passed to the methods
<code>X</code>	The fixed effects design matrix. Can be the original or new data.
<code>Z</code>	The random effects design matrix. Can be the original or new data.
<code>use</code>	A character string. Use just the posterior “mean” or “all” posterior samples (the default).
<code>type</code>	A character string. Either “lp” for the linear predictor (the default) or “response” for the predicted values on the response scale.

### Details

You can also use all posterior samples or just the mean. All is nice because it lets you construct highest posterior density (HPD) intervals around the predicted values, rather than just get an estimate. The mean is nice because if that is all you care about, it is much much faster. You can get either the linear predictor values or the response scale. However, response is currently only implemented for ordinal (probit) models. Theoretically it could be extended but the code is a pain.

### Value

Either a matrix of the linear predictor if `type = "lp"` or a list of class `MCMCglmmPredictedProbs` if `type = "response"`

### See Also

[summary.MCMCglmmPredictedProbs](#), [recycler](#)

### Examples

```
# to see available methods
methods(predict2)
## Not run:
## Make me!

## End(Not run)
```

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ranef.MCMCglmm

*Extract random effects from an MCMCglmm object*


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## Description

Function designed to extract the random effects from an MCMCglmm model object. Can either extract all samples from the random effects posteriors or return the posterior means.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'MCMCglmm'
ranef(object, use = c("all", "mean"),
      ...)
```

## Arguments

object	An MCMCglmm model object to extract the effects from
use	A character string indicating whether to extract all posterior samples or the mean of the posteriors. Defaults to "all".
...	Arguments passed on to the worker function.

## Value

A matrix of the fixed effects

## See Also

[fixef.MCMCglmm](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:
# a simple MCMCglmm model
data(PlodiaPO)
m <- MCMCglmm(PO ~ 1, random= ~ FSfamily, data=PlodiaPO, pr=TRUE, verbose=FALSE)

# only extract average fixed effects
head(ranef(m, use = "mean"))

# histogram of posterior samples of fixed effects
hist(ranef(m)[1, ])
# matches the mean
rowMeans(ranef(m)[1:6, ])

## End(Not run)
```

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ranefLevels	<i>Extract the levels of factors used for random effects in MCMCglmm objects</i>
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### Description

Extract the levels of factors used for random effects in MCMCglmm objects

### Usage

```
ranefLevels(object, data, ...)
```

### Arguments

object	An MCMCglmm model object
data	The dataset used for the model
...	Not currently used

### See Also

[paramNamesMCMCglmm](#), [ranef.MCMCglmm](#)

### Examples

```
## Not run:
# a simple MCMCglmm model
data(PlodiaP0)
m <- MCMCglmm(P0 ~ 1, random = ~ FSfamily, data = PlodiaP0, verbose=FALSE)

# extract the random effects levels
ranefLevels(m, PlodiaP0)

## End(Not run)
```

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recycler	<i>Calculate change in predicted probabilities</i>
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### Description

recycler wraps many of the functions in **postMCMCglmm** to calculate the change in predicted probabilities for a twiddle change in the predictor, or for discrete predictors, it can use values so it is the change from 0 to 1 (for example). The result is a **MCMCglmmPredictedProbs** (of course a difference but still) object, so it can be summarized using the **MCMCglmmPredictedProbs** summary method. This gives average marginal recycled predicted probabilities, as well as highest posterior density intervals.

### Usage

```
recycler(object, index = 2L, twiddle, values, ...)
```



**Arguments**

object	A MCMCglmm model object to use for recycled predictions.
index	An integer indicating the column of the fixed effects design matrix, X, to vary. Defaults to 2L.
twiddle	A twiddle value for continuous variables. Needs to be small enough for the scale of the predictor that a twiddle change is a reasonable approximation of taking the first derivative at a point. That is, a very small change. If missing, reverts to .01.
values	Specific values to use for the varying predictor. These are primarily meant for discrete predictors rather than continuous ones.
...	Passed on to predict2

**Value**

A list of class MCMCglmmPredictedProbs that are the differences in predicted probabilities for a one unit change (calculated from the twiddle value or between the discrete values supplied in values).

**See Also**

[summary.MCMCglmmPredictedProbs](#), [predict2.MCMCglmm](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
## Make me!

## End(Not run)
```

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```
summary.MCMCglmmPredictedProbs
```

*Summary method for MCMCglmm predicted probabilities*

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**Description**

Optionally first marginalizes across all observations by taking the row means. If the predicted values only used the posterior means, highest posterior density (HPD) intervals cannot be generated, so only the means are returned. Otherwise, it calculates the mean predicted probability, as well as the HPD interval. This can either be per observation or marginalized.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'MCMCglmmPredictedProbs'
summary(object,
  marginalize = FALSE, level = 0.95, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	A MCMCglmmPredictedProbs object to summarize
marginalize	Logical whether or not to marginalize by taking the row means. Defaults to FALSE.
level	A numeric value, the value to use when calculating HPD intervals. Defaults to .95.
...	Not currently used.

**Value**

If HPD intervals are calculated, returns a list of matrices with the means, lower limit, and upper limit. If no HPD intervals are calculated, returns a list of means.

**See Also**

[predict2.MCMCglmm](#), [recycler](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
  ## Make me!  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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