# Package 'asremlPlus'

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who will supply a zip file for local installation/updating.

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asremlPlus-package

Augments the Use of 'ASReml-R' and 'ASReml4-R' in Fitting Mixed Models

## **Description**

Assists in automating the testing of terms in mixed models when 'asreml' is used to fit the models. The content falls into the following natural groupings: (i) Data, (ii) Object manipulation functions, (iii) Model modification functions, (iv) Model testing functions, (v) Model diagnostics functions, (vi) Prediction production and presentation functions, (vii) Response transformation functions, and (viii) Miscellaneous functions. A history of the fitting of a sequence of models is kept in a data frame. Procedures are available for choosing models that conform to the hierarchy or marginality

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principle and for displaying predictions for significant terms in tables and graphs. The packages 'asreml' and 'asreml4' provide a computationally efficient algorithm for fitting mixed models using Residual Maximum Likelihood. They can be purchased from 'VSNi' <a href="http://www.vsni.co.uk/">http://www.vsni.co.uk/</a> as 'asreml-R', who will supply a zip file for local installation/updating.

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(i) Data

Wheat.dat Data for an experiment to investigate 25 varieties of

wheat.

WaterRunoff.dat Data for an experiment to investigate the quality of

water runoff over time

(ii) Object manipulation

as.alldiffs Forms an object of S3-class 'alldiffs' that stores the

predictions for a model fitted using asreml, along

with statistics for all pairwise differences.

asrtests Forms an object of S3-class 'asrtests' that stores (i) a

fitted asreml object, (ii) a pseudo-anova table for the fixed and (iii) a history of changes and hypthesis testing

used in obtaining the model.

print.alldiffs Prints the values in an 'alldiffs' object in a nice format.

print.asrtests Prints the values in an 'asrtests' object.

sort.alldiffs Sorts the components of an 'alldiffs' object according to

the predicted values associated with a factor.

subset.alldiffs Subsets the components in an alldiffs object according

to the supplied condition.

(iii) Model modification

changeTerms.asrtests Adds and drops the specified sets of terms from one

or both of the fixed or random model and/or replaces the

residual (rcov) model with a new model.

newfit.asreml Refits an asreml model with modified model formula

using either a call to 'update.asreml' or a direct

call to 'asreml'.

reparamSigDevn.asrtests Reparamterizes each random (deviations) term

involving 'devn.fac' to a fixed term and ensures that the same term, with 'trend.num' replacing 'devn.fac', is included if any other term with

'trend.num' is included in 'terms'.

rmboundary.asrtests Removes any boundary or singular variance components

from the fit stored in 'asreml.obj' and records their

removal in a data.frame.

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for terms in the 'random' and 'residual' arguments of an

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Determines the set of significant terms taking into account hierarchy or marginality relations and records

the tests performed in a data.frame. Computes AIC and BIC for a model.

Recalculates the denDF, F.inc and P values for a table of Wald test statistics obtained using 'wald.asreml'.

Performs a REML ratio test.

Performs a REML ratio test using the parametric

bootstrap.

Tests for a single fixed or random term in model fitted using 'asreml' and records the result in a

data.frame.

Fits a new residual formula using 'asreml', tests whether the change is significant and records the

result in a data.frame.

Tests, using a REMLRT, the significance of the difference between the current random model and one in which oldterms are dropped and newterms are added. The result is recorded

in a data.frame.

Plots empirical variogram faces, including envelopes, from supplied residuals as described by Stefanova, Smith & Cullis (2009).

Calculates and plots empirical variogram faces, including envelopes, as described by Stefanova, Smith & Cullis (2009). Forms the estimated variance, random or residual matrix for the observations from the variance parameter estimates. Produce sets of simulated data from a multivariate normal distribtion and save quantites related to the simulated data.

Using supplied predictions, forms all pairwise differences between a set of predictions, their standard errors and p-values for the differences. Plots the predictions for a term, possibly with

error bars.

Plots the p-values in the p.differences components

of an alldiffs object as a heat map.

Plots the p-values in data.frame as a heat map. Forms the predictions and associated statistics for a term, using an asreml object and a wald.tab and

taking into account that a numeric vector

and a factor having parallel values may occur in the model. It stores the results in an object of class 'alldifffs' and may print the results. It can be

when there are not parallel values.

Forms the predictions for each of one or more terms

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and presents them in tables and/or graphs. recalcLSD.alldiffs Adds or recalculates the LSD component of an alldiffs object. redoErrorIntervals.alldiffs Adds or replaces the error intervals stored in the

prediction component of an alldiffs.object. Sorts the components in an alldiffs object

> according to the predicted values associated with a factor. Subsets the components in an alldiffs object according

to the supplied condition.

(vii) Response transformation

sort.alldiffs

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angular Applies the angular transformation to proportions. Applies the modified angular transformation to a angular.mod

vector of counts.

Performs a combination of a linear and a power powerTransform transformation on a variable. The transformed

variable is stored in the 'data.frame data'.

(viii) Miscellaneous

num.recode Recodes the unique values of a vector using the values

in a new vector.

permute.square Permutes the rows and columns of a square matrix. permute.to.zero.lowertri

Permutes a square matrix until all the lower

triangular elements are zero.

The functions whose names end in 'asrtests', which are most of the model functions, utilize an asrtests object that stores: (i) the currently fitted model in asreml.obj, (ii) the table of test statistics for the fixed effects in wald.tab, and (iii) a data frame that contains a history of the changes made to the model in test.summary.

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## References

Butler, D. G., Cullis, B. R., Gilmour, A. R., Gogel, B. J. and Thompson, R. (2017). ASReml-R User Guide Version 4. VSN International Ltd, http://www.vsni.co.uk/software/asreml/.

Stefanova, K. T., Smith, A. B. & Cullis, B. R. (2009) Enhanced diagnostics for the spatial analysis of field trials. Journal of Agricultural, Biological, and Environmental Statistics, 14, 392-410.

#### See Also

asreml

#### **Examples**

## Not run:

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```
## Analyse wheat dat using asrem14 and asrem1Plus
## Set up for analysis
library(dae)
library(asreml4)
library(asremlPlus)
## use ?Wheat.dat for data set details
data(Wheat.dat)
# Fit initial model
current.asr <- asreml(yield ~ Rep + WithinColPairs + Variety,</pre>
                       random = ~ Row + Column + units,
                       residual = ~ ar1(Row):ar1(Column),
                       data=Wheat.dat)
summary(current.asr)
# Load current fit into an asrtests object
current.asrt <- asrtests(current.asr, NULL, NULL)</pre>
# Check for and remove any boundary terms
current.asrt <- rmboundary(current.asrt)</pre>
# Check term for within Column pairs
current.asrt <- testranfix(current.asrt, "WithinColPairs", drop.fix.ns=TRUE)</pre>
# Test nugget term
current.asrt <- testranfix(current.asrt, "units", positive=TRUE)</pre>
# Test Row autocorrelation
current.asrt <- testresidual(current.asrt, "~ Row:ar1(Column)",</pre>
                              label="Row autocorrelation", simpler=TRUE)
# Test Col autocorrelation (depends on whether Row autocorrelation retained)
k <- match("Row autocorrelation", current.asrt$test.summary$terms)</pre>
p <- current.asrt$test.summary$p</pre>
\{ if (p[k] \le 0.05) \}
    current.asrt <- testresidual(current.asrt, "~ ar1(Row):Column",</pre>
                                   label="Col autocorrelation", simpler=TRUE,
                                   update=FALSE)
    else
      current.asrt <- testresidual(current.asrt, "~ Row:Column",</pre>
                                     label="Col autocorrelation", simpler=TRUE,
                                     update=FALSE)
}
print(current.asrt)
info <- infoCriteria(current.asrt$asreml.obj)</pre>
# Get current fitted asreml object
current.asr <- current.asrt$asreml.obj</pre>
current.asr <- update(current.asr, aom=TRUE)</pre>
# Do residuals-versus-fitted values plot
plot(fitted(current.asr),residuals(current.asr))
#Produce variogram and variogram faces plot (Stefanaova et al, 2009)
plot.varioGram(varioGram(current.asr))
faces <- variofaces(current.asr, V=V, maxiter=50, units="addtores")</pre>
```

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Using supplied predictions, forms all pairwise differences between a set of predictions, their standard errors and p-values for the differences.

## **Description**

Uses predictions and standard errors of pairwise differences from an alldiffs object to form, for those components not already present, (i) a table of all pairwise differences of the predictions in an alldiffs object, (ii) the p-values of each pairwise difference, and (iii) the minimum, mean and maximum LSD values. Predictions that are aliased (or nonestimable) are removed from the predictions component of the alldiffs object and standarard errors of differences involving them are removed from the sed component. Also, unless the sortFactor or sortOrder arguments are invoked, the rows of predictions component are ordered so that they are in standard order for the variables in the classify. That is, the values of the last variable change with every row, those of the second-last variable only change after all the values of the last variable have been traversed; in general, the values of a variable are the same for all the combinations of the values to the variables to its right in the classify. In addition, if necessary, the order of the columns of the variables in the predictions component are changed to match their order in the classify.

Each p-value is computed as the probability of a t-statistic as large as or larger than the absolute value of the observed difference divided by its standard error. The p-values are stored in the p.differences component. The degrees of freedom of the t-distribution is the degrees of freedom stored in the tdf attribute of the alldiffs object. This t-distibution is also used in calculating the LSD statistics stored in the alldiffs object.

The order of plotting the levels of one of the factors indexing the predictions can be modified and is achieved using sort.alldiffs.

## Usage

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```
x.num = NULL, x.fac = NULL,
level.length = NA,
pairwise = TRUE, alpha = 0.05,
inestimable.rm = TRUE,
sortFactor = NULL, sortWithinVals = NULL,
sortOrder = NULL, decreasing = FALSE, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

predictions

a data.frame containing the predicted values that is consistent with an object of class asremlPredict such as is stored in the pvals component of the prediction component of the value produced by predict.asreml. That is, in addition to variables classifying the predictions, it will include columns named predicted.value, standard.error and est.status; each row contains a single predicted value. It may also contain columns for the lower and upper confidence limits for the predictions. If LSD is not NULL then the mean LSD will be added as an attribute named meanLSD, it being calculated as the square root of the mean of the variances of pairwise differences.

classify

a character string giving the variables that define the margins of the multiway table that has been predicted. Multiway tables are specified by forming an interaction type term from the classifying variables, that is, separating the variable names with the : operator.

differences

a matrix containing all pairwise differences between the predictions; it should have the same number of rows and columns as there are rows in predictions.

p.differences

a matrix containing p-values for all pairwise differences between the predictions; each p-value is computed as the probability of a t-statistic as large as or larger than the observed difference divided by its standard error. The degrees of freedom of the t distribution for computing it are computed as the denominator degrees of freedom of the F value for the fixed term, if available; otherwise, the degrees of freedom stored in the attribute tdf are used; the matrix should be of the same size as that for differences.

sed

a matrix containing the standard errors of all pairwise differences between the predictions; they are used in computing the p-values.

LSD

a data.frame containing the mean, minimum and maximum LSD for determining the significance of pairwise differences, the mean LSD being calculated using the square root of the mean of the variances of pairwise differences.

meanLSD.type

A character string determining whether the mean LSD stored is (i) the overall mean, based on the square root of the mean of the variances of all pairwise variances, (ii) the mean for each factor.combination of the factors specified by LSDby, which is based on the square root of the mean of the variances for all pairwise differences for each factor combination, or (iii) the per.prediction mean, based, for each prediction, on the square root of the mean of the variances for all pairwise differences involving that prediction.

LSDby

A character (vector) of factor names, being the names of the factors for each of whose levels combinations a mean LSD, minLSD and max LSD is stored in the LSD component of the alldiffs object when meanLSD.type is factor.combinatons.

backtransforms

a data.frame containing the backtransformed values of the predicted values that is consistent with an object of class asremlPredict such as is stored in the pvals component of the prediction component of the value produced by

predict.asreml. That is, in addition to variables classifying the predictions, it will include columns named backtransformed.predictions and est.status; it may also contain columns for the lower and upper confidence limits; each row contains a single predicted value.

response a character specifying the response variable for the predictions. It is stored as

an attribute to the alldiffs object.

response.title a character specifying the title for the response variable for the predictions. It

is stored as an attribute to the alldiffs object.

term a character string giving the variables that define the term that was fitted using

as reml and that corresponds to classify. It is often the same as classify. It

is stored as an attribute to the alldiffs object.

tdf an integer specifying the degrees of freedom of the standard error. It is used as

the degrees of freedom for the t-distribution on which p-values and confidence intervals are based. It is stored as an attribute to the alldiffs object.

x.num A character string giving the name of the numeric covariate that corresponds to

x.fac, is potentially included in terms in the fitted model and which corresponds to the x-axis variable. It should have the same number of unique values as the

number of levels in x.fac.

x.fac A character string giving the name of the factor that corresponds to x.num, is

potentially included in terms in the fitted model and which corresponds to the x-axis variable. It should have the same number of levels as the number of unique values in x.num. The levels of x.fac must be in the order in which they are to be plotted - if they are dates, then they should be in the form yyyymmdd, which can be achieved using as.Date. However, the levels can be non-numeric in nature,

provided that x. num is also set.

level.length The maximum number of characters from the levels of factors to use in the

row and column labels of the tables of pairwise differences and their p-values

and standard errors.

pairwise A logical indicating whether all pairwise differences of the predictions and

their standard errors and p-values are to be computed and stored. If FALSE, the components differences and p.differences will be NULL in the returned

alldiffs object.

alpha The significance level for an LSD to compare a pair of predictions.

inestimable.rm A logical indicating whether rows for predictions that are not estimable are to

be removed from the components of the alldiffs object.

sortFactor A character containing the name of the factor that indexes the set of predicted

values that determines the sorting of the alldiffs components by sort.alldiffs. If NULL then sorting is not carried out. If there is more than one variable in the classify term then sortFactor is sorted for the predicted values within each combination of the values of the sortWithin variables: the classify variables, excluding the sortFactor. There should be only one predicted value for each unique value of sortFactor within each set defined by a combination of the

values of the sortWithin variables.

sortWithinVals A list with a component named for each factor and numeric that is a classify

variable for the predictions, excluding sortFactor. Each component should contain a single value that is a value of the variable. The combination of this set of values will be used to define a subset of the predicted values whose order will define the order of sortFactor to be used for all combinations of the sortWithinVals variables. If sortWithinVals is NULL then the first value of

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 $each \ sort Within \ variable \ in \ predictions \ component \ is \ used \ to \ define \ sort Within \ Vals.$ 

If there is only one variable in the classify then sortWithinVals is ignored.

sortOrder A character vector whose length is the same as the number of levels for

 $sortFactor\ in\ the\ predictions\ component\ of\ the\ all diffs\ object.\ It\ specifies\ the\ desired\ order\ of\ the\ levels\ in\ the\ reordered\ components\ of\ the\ all diffs$ 

object. The argument sortWithinVals is ignored.

The following creates a sortOrder vector levs for factor f based on the values

in x: levs <- levels(f)[order(x)].</pre>

decreasing A logical passed to order that detemines whether the order for sorting the

alldiffs components is for increasing or decreasing magnitude of the predicted

values

... provision for passing arguments to functions called internally - not used at

present.

## Value

An alldiffs object that is a list with components predictions containing the predictions and their standard errors, differences containing all pairwise differences between the predictions, p.differences containing p-values for all pairwise differences between the predictions, sed containing the standard errors of all pairwise differences between the predictions, and an LSD containing the mean, minimum and maximum LSDs.

## Author(s)

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## See Also

```
asremlPlus-package, as.alldiffs, sort.alldiffs, subset.alldiffs, print.alldiffs, redoErrorIntervals.alldiffs, recalcLSD.alldiffs, plotPredictions.data.frame, predictPlus.asreml, predictPresent.asreml
```

## **Examples**

angular

Applies the angular transformation to proportions.

## **Description**

Applies the angular transformation to numeric values. It is given by  $\sin^{-1}(\sqrt{proportions})$ 

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## Usage

```
angular(proportions, n)
```

## **Arguments**

proportions The proportions.

n The divisor(s) for each proportion

## Value

A numeric.

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

```
angular.mod, powerTransform.
```

## **Examples**

```
n <-25
y <- rbinom(10, n, 0.5)
y <- c(y,0,n)
p <- y/n
p.ang <- angular(p, n)</pre>
```

angular.mod

Applies the modified angular transformation to a vector of counts.

## **Description**

Applies the angular transformation to a vector of counts. A modified transformation is used that is appropriate when N < 50 and the proportion is not between 0.3 and 0.7. The transformation is given by  $\sin^{-1}\frac{count+0.375}{n+0.75}$  arcsin( sqrt( (count + 0.375) / (n + 0.75) ) ).

## Usage

```
angular.mod(count, n)
```

## **Arguments**

count The numeric vector of counts.

n The number(s) of observations from which the count(s) were obtained.

## Value

A numeric vector.

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#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

```
angular, powerTransform.
```

#### **Examples**

```
n <-25
y <- rbinom(10, n, 0.5)
y <- c(y,0,n)
p.ang.mod <- angular.mod(y, n)</pre>
```

as.alldiffs

Forms an object of S3-class alldiffs that stores the predictions for a model fitted using asreml, along with supplied statistics for all pairwise differences.

## **Description**

Creates an object of S3-class alldiffs that consists of a list containing the following components: predictions, differences, p.differences, sed, LSD and backtransforms. Predictions must be supplied to the functions while the others will be set only if they are supplied; those not supplied are set to NULL. It also has attributes response, response.title, term, classify, tdf, sortFactor and sortOrder. which will be set to the values supplied or NULL if none are supplied.

## Usage

```
as.alldiffs(predictions, differences = NULL, p.differences = NULL,
    sed = NULL, LSD = NULL, backtransforms = NULL,
    response = NULL, response.title = NULL,
    term = NULL, classify = NULL, tdf = NULL,
    sortFactor = NULL, sortOrder = NULL)
```

## Arguments

predictions

a data.frame containing the predicted values that is consistent with an object of class asremlPredict such as is stored in the pvals component of the prediction component of the value produced by predict.asreml. That is, in addition to variables classifying the predictions, it will include columns named predicted.value, standard.error and est.status; each row contains a single predicted value. Note that the names standard.error and est.status have been changed to std.error and status in asreml4; if the new names are present in predictions, they will be returned to the previous names. It may also contain columns for the lower and upper confidence limits for the predictions. If LSD is not NULL then the mean LSD will be added as an attribute named meanLSD, it being calculated using the square root of the mean of the variances of pairwise differences.

differences

a matrix containing all pairwise differences between the predictions; it should have the same number of rows and columns as there are rows in predictions.

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a matrix containing p-values for all pairwise differences between the predic-

tions; each p-value is computed as the probability of a t-statistic as large as or larger than the observed difference divided by its standard error. The degrees of freedom of the t distribution for computing it are computed as the denominator degrees of freedom of the F value for the fixed term, if available; otherwise, the degrees of freedom stored in the attribute tdf are used; the matrix should be of the same size as that for differences. a matrix containing the standard errors of all pairwise differences between the sed predictions; they are used in computing the p-values. a data.frame containing the mean, minimum and maximum LSD for deter-LSD mining the significance of pairwise differences, the mean LSD being calculated using the square root of the mean of the variances of pairwise differences. backtransforms a data.frame containing the backtransformed values of the predicted values that is consistent with an object of class asremlPredict such as is stored in the pvals component of the prediction component of the value produced by predict.asreml. That is, in addition to variables classifying the predictions, it will include columns named backtransformed.predictions and est.status; it may also contain columns for the lower and upper confidence limits; each row contains a single predicted value. response a character specifying the response variable for the predictions. It is stored as an attribute to the alldiffs object. response.title a character specifying the title for the response variable for the predictions. It is stored as an attribute to the alldiffs object. term a character string giving the variables that define the term that was fitted using asreml and that corresponds to classify. It is often the same as classify. It

classify

p.differences

is stored as an attribute to the alldiffs object.

a character string giving the variables that define the margins of the multiway table used in the prediction. Multiway tables are specified by forming an interaction type term from the classifying variables, that is, separating the variable names with the: operator. It is stored as an attribute to the alldiffs object.

tdf

an integer specifying the degrees of freedom of the standard error. It is used as the degrees of freedom for the t-distribution on which p-values and confidence intervals are based. It is stored as an attribute to the alldiffs object.

sortFactor

A character containing the name of the factor that indexes the set of predicted values that determined the sorting of the components.

sortOrder

A character vector that is the same length as the number of levels for sortFactor in the predictions component of the alldiffs object. It specifies the order of the levels in the reordered components of the alldiffs object.

The following creates a sortOrder vector levs for factor f based on the values

in x: levs <- levels(f)[order(x)].</pre>

#### Value

An object of S3-class alldiffs that consists of a list containing the following components as desribed in the arguments above: predictions, differences, p.differences, sed, LSD and backtransforms and with attributes names, class, response, response.title, term, classify, tdf, meanLSD, sortFactor and sortOrder. The last two attributes are also set by sort.alldiffs.

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

```
asremlPlus-package, print.alldiffs, sort.alldiffs, subset.alldiffs, allDifferences.data.frame, redoErrorIntervals.alldiffs, recalcLSD.alldiffs, predictPlus.asreml, plotPredictions.data.frame, predictPresent.asreml
```

## **Examples**

asremlPlus-deprecated Deprecated Functions in the Package asremlPlus

## **Description**

These functions have been renamed and deprecated in asremlPlus:

- 1. addrm.terms.asreml and addrm.terms.asrtests -> changeTerms.asrtests,
- 2. alldiffs -> as.alldiffs,
- 3. choose.model.asreml and choose.model.asrtests -> chooseModel.asrtests,
- 4. info.crit and info.crit.asreml -> infoCriteria.asreml,
- 5. newrcov.asrtests -> changeTerms.asrtests,
- 6. plotvariofaces.asreml -> plotVariofaces.data.frame,
- 7. power.transform -> powerTransform,
- 8. predictiondiffs.asreml -> allDifferences.data.frame,
- 9. predictionplot.asreml -> plotPredictions.data.frame,
- 10. predictparallel.asreml -> predictPlus.asreml,
- 11. pred.present.asreml -> predictPresent.asreml,
- 12. recalc.wald.tab.asreml and recalc.wald.tab.asrtests -> recalcWaldTab.asrtests,
- 13. reml.lrt and reml.lrt.asreml -> REMLRT.asreml,
- 14. rmboundary.asreml -> rmboundary.asrtests,
- 15. setvarianceterms.asreml -> setvarianceterms.call,
- 16. sig.devn.reparam.asreml and sig.devn.reparam.asrtests -> reparamSigDevn.asrtests,
- 17. testranfix.asreml -> testranfix.asrtests,
- 18. testrcov.asreml and testrcov.asrtests -> testresidual.asrtests,
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#### Usage

```
addrm.terms.asreml(...)
addrm.terms.asrtests(...)
alldiffs(...)
choose.model.asreml(...)
choose.model.asrtests(...)
info.crit(...)
info.crit.asreml(...)
newrcov.asrtests(...)
plotvariofaces.asreml(...)
power.transform(...)
predictiondiffs.asreml(...)
predictionplot.asreml(...)
predictparallel.asreml(...)
pred.present.asreml(...)
recalc.wald.tab.asreml(...)
recalc.wald.tab.asrtests(...)
reml.lrt(...)
reml.lrt.asreml(...)
## S3 method for class 'asreml'
rmboundary(...)
setvarianceterms.asreml(...)
sig.devn.reparam.asreml(...)
sig.devn.reparam.asrtests(...)
testranfix.asreml(...)
testrcov.asreml(...)
testrcov.asrtests(...)
## S3 method for class 'asreml'
testswapran(...)
```

## **Arguments**

... absorbs arguments passed from the old functions of the style foo.bar().

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

asremlPlusTips

The randomly-presented, startup tips.

## **Description**

The intermittent, randomly-presented, startup tips.

## Startup tips

Need help? The manual is in the doc subdirectory of the package's install directory.

Find out what has changed in asremlPlus: enter news(package = 'asremlPlus').

Need help getting started? Look at the example in ¿asremlPlus-package'.

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To avoid start-up message that ASReml-R is needed, load asreml before asremlPlus.

Use suppressPackageStartupMessages() to eliminate all package startup messages.

To see all the intermittent, randomly-presented, startup tips enter ?asremlPlusTips.

To install the latest version: enter devtools::install\_github('briencj/asremlPlus')

For versions between CRAN releases (and more) go to http://chris.brien.name/rpackages.

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asrtests

Forms an object of S3-class asrtests that stores (i) a fitted asreml object, (ii) a pseudo-anova table for the fixed and (iii) a history of changes and hypthesis testing used in obtaining the model.

#### **Description**

An object of S3-class asrtests consists of a list containing:

- 1. asreml.obj: an asreml object containing the fit of the model;
- 2. wald.tab: a data.frame containing a pseudo-anova table for the fixed terms produced by wald.asreml, which will be called if wald.tab is NULL;
- 3. test.summary: a data.frame with columns term, DF, denDF, p and action. A row is added to it for each term that is dropped, added or tested or a note that several terms have been added or removed. A row contains the name of the term, the DF, the p-value and the action taken. Possible codes are: Dropped, Retained, Swapped, Unswapped, Significant, Nonsignificant, Absent, Added, Removed and Boundary. If the changed model did not converge, Unconverged will be added to the code. Note that the logical asreml.obj\$converge also reflects whether there is convergence.

A call to asrtests with test.summary = NULL re-initializes the test.summary data.frame.

If there is no wald.tab, wald.asreml is called. In all cases, recalcWaldTab is called and any changes made as specified by the the recalcWaldTab arguments supplied via . . . .

## Usage

## **Arguments**

asreml.obj

an asreml object for a fitted model.

wald.tab

a data.frame containing a pseudo-anova table for the fixed terms produced by wald.asreml; it should have 4 columns. Sometimes wald.asreml returns a data.frame and at other times a list. For example, it may return a list when denDF is used. In this case, the Wald component of the list is to be extracted and stored. It is noted that, as of asreml version 4, wald.asreml has a codekenadj argument.

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test.summary a data.frame with columns term, DF, denDF, p and action containing the re-

sults of previous hypothesis tests.

denDF Specifies the enthod to use in computing approximate denominator degrees of

freedom when wald.asreml is called. Can be none to suppress the computations, numeric for numerical methods, algebraic for algebraic methods or default, the default, to autommatically choose numeric or algebraic computations depending on problem size. The denominator degrees of freedom are calculated according to Kenward and Roger (1997) for fixed terms in the dense

part of the model.

... further arguments passed to wald.asreml and recalcWaldTab.

#### Value

An object of S3-class asrtests.

#### Author(s)

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#### See Also

as reml Plus-package, recalc Wald Tab, testran fix. as rtests, choose Model. as rtests, rmboundary. as rtests, reparam Sig Devn. as rtests

## **Examples**

bootREMLRT.asreml

Uses the parametric bootstrap to calculate the p-value for a REML ratio test to compare two models.

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#### **Description**

Extracts the REML log likelhood for two asreml objects and forms the observed REML ratio statistic. It assumes that the second asreml object is the result of fitting a model that is a reduced version of the model for the first object and is considered to the null model. Using the mean and V, nboot bootstrap samples of simulated response values are generated in parallel; that is, ncores cores are used and each is used to generate and analyse a sample. The full and reduced models are fitted to the data and if either analysis fails to converge another sample is generated and analysed using the current core, with a maximum of max.retries attempts to obtain a sample that converges for both analysis. Thus the maximum number of data sets that will be generated is nboot \* max.retries. If a bootstrap sample converges for both analyses, the REML ratio test statistic is formed for it. The p-value is then calculated as (k+1)/(b+1) where k is the number of simulated ratio test statistics greater than the observed test statistic and s is the number of bootstrap samples that were returned.

The function checks that the models do not differ in either their fixed or sparse models. It also check the difference in the number of variance parameters between the two fits to the models, taking into account the bound.exclusions.

## Usage

#### Arguments

h0.asreml.obj asreml object containing the fit under the model for the null hypothesis.

h1.asreml.obj asreml object containing the fit under the model for the alternative hypothesis.

nboot The number of bootstrap samples to be generated.

max.retries The maximum number of attempts to generate a sample whose analyses con-

verge for both models.

seed A single value, interpreted as an integer, that specifies the starting value of the

random number generator. The "L'Ecuyer-CMRG" random generator is used

and nextRNGStream is used to seed each core from the original seed.

means The vector of means to be used in generating simulated bootstrap samples. If it

is NULL, the fitted values based on object are used. It must be the same length

as the response variable for object.

V The fitted variance matrix, i.e. having the pattern and values that conform to

the model fit stored in the supplied object. If it is NULL, estimateV.asreml is used to estimate the variance matrix for the observations from the variance

parameter estimates from the reduced.asreml.obj.

extra.matrix A matrix of order equal to the number of observations that is to be added to

the variance matrix, the latter based on the information in asreml.obj. It is assumed that the sigma-parameterized values of the variance parameter estimates, such as is given in the varcomp component of summary.asreml, have been used in calculating extra.matrix; the values in the vparameters component of G.param and R.param may be either gamma- or sigma-parameterized.

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The argument extra.matrix can be used in conjunction with ignore.terms as a workaround to include components of the variance matrix for variance functions that have not been implemented in estimateV.

ignore.terms

A character giving terms from either the random or residual models that are to be ignored in that their contributions to the variance is not to be included in the estimated matrix. The term names are those given in the vparameters component of the asreml object or the varcomp component produced by summary.asreml, but only up to the first exclamation mark (!). This can be used in conjunction with estimateV.asreml as a workaround to include components of the variance matrix for variance functions that have not been implemented in estimateV.

fixed.spline.terms

A character vector giving one or mor spline terms in the random model that are regarded as fixed and so are to be ignored because they are not regarded as contributing to the variance. The term names are those given in the vparameters component of the asreml object or the varcomp component produced by summary.asreml, but only up to the first exclamation mark (!).

bound.exclusions

A character specifying one or more bound codes that will result in a variance parameter in the random model being excluded from contributing to the variance. If set to NULL then none will be excluded.

tolerance The value such that eigenvalues less than it are considered to be zero.

update if TRUE then the arguments R.param and G.param are set to those in the asreml

object supplied in object so that the values from the original model are used as starting values. If FALSE then calls are made to asreml in which the only changes from the previous call are (i) the model is fitted to simulated data and (ii) modifications specified via . . . are made, except that changes cannot be

made to any of the models.

trace if TRUE then partial iteration details are displayed when ASReml-R functions are

invoked; if FALSE then no output is displayed.

ncores A numeric specifying the number of cores to use in doing the simulations.

Other arguments that are passed down to the function asreml. Changes to the models are not allowed. Other changes are dangerous and generally should be

avoided.

## Value

A list with the following components:

- 1. **REMLRT:** the observed REML ratio statistic.
- 2. **p:** the bootstrap p-value for the observed test statistic.
- 3. **DF:** the calculated difference in DF for the variance parameters in the two models.
- 4. **totalunconverged:** the total number of unconverged analyses over the simulations.
- 5. **REMLRT.sim:** a numeric containing the values of the ratio statistics for the simulated data. It has an attribute called na.action that can be retrieved using attr(REMLRT.sim, which = "na.action"); it contains a list of the simulation numbers that were abandoned because max.retries failed to converge for both models.
- nunconverged: the number of unconverged analyses for each bootstap sample, the maximum being max.retries.

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#### Note

A boostrap sample is generated using a multivariate normal distribution with expected value as specified by means and variance matrix given by V. Each simulated sample is analysed according to the reduced model and, provided this analysis converges, according to the full.model. If one of these analyses fails to converge, it is abandoned and another sample is generated for this simulation. As many as max.retries attempts are made to generate a data set for which both analyses converge. If data set that converges for both analyses is not generated for a simulation, NA is returned for that bootstrap sample. Hence, the maximum number of data sets that will be generated is nboot \*max.retries and less than nboot samples will be generated if a data set that converges for both analyses is not obtained within max.retries attempts.

If a bootstrap sample converges for both analyses, the REML ratio test statistic is calculated as  $2(log(REML)_F - log(REML)_R)$ .

The DF is calculated from the information in full.asreml.obj and reduced.asreml.obj. The degrees of freedom are computed as the difference between the two models in the number of variance parameters whose estimates do not have a code for bound specified in bound.exclusions.

If ASReml-R version 4 is being used then the codes specified in bound.exclusions are not restricted to a subset of the default codes, but a warning is issued if a code other than these is specified. For ASReml-R version 3, only a subset of the default codes are allowed: F (Fixed), B (Boundary), C (Constrained) and S (Singular).

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

## See Also

```
REMLRT.asreml, infoCriteria.asreml, testranfix.asrtests
```

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
   bootREMLRT(ICV.max, ICV.red, ncores = 2)
## End(Not run)
```

changeTerms.asrtests

Adds and drops the specified sets of terms from one or both of the fixed or random model and/or replaces the residual (rcov) model with a new model.

## **Description**

The specified terms are simply added or dropped, without testing, from either the fixed or random model and/or the residual (rcov) model replaced. No hypothesis testing is performed, but a check is made for boundary or singular terms. A row is added to the test.summary data.frame stating which models have been changed. Convergence in fitting the model is checked and a note included in the action if there was not. All components of the asrtests object are updated.

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#### Usage

#### **Arguments**

asrtests.obj An asrtests object for a fitted model that is a list containing an asreml object,

a wald.tab data.frame with 4 columns, and a data.frame with 5 columns

that records any previous changes and tests in the fitted model.

dropFixed A single character string in the form of a formula which, after addition of

".  $\sim$  . -" and after expansion, specifies the sum of a set of terms to be dropped

from the fixed formula.

addFixed A single character string in the form of a formula which, after addition of

".  $\sim$  . +" and expansion, specifies the sum of a set of terms to be added to the

fixed formula.

dropRandom A single character string in the form of a formula which, after addition of

"  $\sim$  . -" and expansion, specifies the sum of a set of terms to be dropped from

the random formula.

addRandom A single character string in the form of a formula which, after addition of

"  $\sim$  . +"and expansion, specifies the sum of a set of terms to be added to the

random formula.

newResidual A single character string in the form of a formula which, after addition of

" ~ ", specifies the residual (or rcov) model. To remove the model, enter

"-(.)".

label A character string to use as the label in test. summary and which indicates what

is being tested.

allow.unconverged

A logical indicating whether to accept a new model even when it does not converge. If FALSE and the fit does not converge, the supplied asreml object is

returned.

checkboundaryonly

 $if \ \mathsf{TRUE} \ then \ boundary \ and \ singular \ terms \ are \ not \ removed \ by \ \mathsf{rmboundary} \ . \ \mathsf{asrtests};$ 

a warning is issued instead.

trace If TRUE then partial iteration details are displayed when ASReml-R functions

are invoked; if FALSE then no output is displayed.

update if TRUE then update.asreml is called to fit the model to be tested. In doing

this the arguments R.param and G.param are set to those in the asreml object stored in asrtests.obj so that the values from the previous model are used as starting values. If FALSE then a call is made to asreml in which the only changes from the previous call are that (i) models are modified as specified and

(ii) modifications specified via . . . are made.

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denDF

Specifies the enthod to use in computing approximate denominator degrees of freedom when wald.asreml is called. Can be none to suppress the computations, numeric for numerical methods, algebraic for algebraic methods or default, the default, to autommatically choose numeric or algebraic computations depending on problem size. The denominator degrees of freedom are calculated according to Kenward and Roger (1997) for fixed terms in the dense part of the model.

set.terms

A character vector specifying the terms that are to have bounds and/or initial values set prior to fitting.

ignore.suffices

A logical vector specifying whether the suffices of the asreml-assigned names of the variance terms (i.e. the information to the right of an "!", other than "R!") is to be ignored in matching elements of terms. If TRUE for an element of terms, the suffices are stripped from the asreml-assigned names. If FALSE for an element of terms, the element must exactly match an asreml-assigned name for a variance term. This vector must be of length one or the same length as terms. If it is of length one then the same action is applied to the asremlassigned suffices for all the terms in terms.

bounds

a character vector specifying the bounds to be applied to the terms specified in set.terms. This vector must be of length one or the same length as set. terms. If it is of length one then the same constraint is applied to all the terms in set.terms. If any of the bounds are equal to NA then they are left unchanged for those terms.

initial.values A character vector specifying the initial values for the terms specified in terms. This vector must be of length one or the same length as terms. If it is of length one then the same initial value is applied to all the terms in terms. If any of the initial.values are equal to NA then they are left unchanged for those terms.

Further arguments passed to asreml, wald.asreml and asrtests.

#### Value

An asrtests object, which is a list containing:

- 1. asreml.obj: an asreml object containing the fit of the model after all boundary and singular terms have been removed;
- 2. wald. tab: a 4-column data. frame containing a pseudo-anova table for the fixed terms produced by wald.asreml;
- 3. test.summary: a data.frame with columns term, DF, denDF, p and action. A row is added to it for each term that is dropped, added or tested or a note that several terms have been added or removed. A row contains the name of the term, the DF, the p-value and the action taken. Possible codes are: Dropped, Retained, Swapped, Unswapped, Significant, Nonsignificant, Absent, Added, Removed and Boundary. If the changed model did not converge, Unconverged will be added to the code. Note that the logical asreml.obj\$converge also reflects whether there is convergence.

## Author(s)

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## See Also

asrtests, rmboundary.asrtests, testranfix.asrtests, testresidual.asrtests, newfit.asreml, reparamSigDevn.asrtests, chooseModel.asrtests

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#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
terms <- "(Date/(Sources * (Type + Species)))"</pre>
current.asrt <- changeTerms(current.asrt, addFixed = terms)</pre>
current.asrt <- changeTerms(current.asrt, dropFixed = "A + B", denDF = "algebraic")</pre>
data(Wheat.dat)
current.asr <- asreml(yield ~ Rep + WithinColPairs + Variety,</pre>
                       random = ~ Row + Column + units,
                       residual = ~ ar1(Row):ar1(Column),
                       data=Wheat.dat)
current.asrt <- asrtests(current.asr, NULL, NULL)</pre>
current.asrt <- rmboundary(current.asrt)</pre>
# Add and drop both fixed and random terms
current.asrt <- changeTerms(current.asrt,</pre>
                              addFixed = "vRow", dropFixed = "WithinColPairs",
                              addRandom = "spl(vRow)", dropRandom = "units",
                              checkboundaryonly = TRUE)
# Replace residual with model without Row autocorrelation
current.asrt <- changeTerms(current.asrt,</pre>
                              newResidual = "Row:ar1(Column)",
                              label="Row autocorrelation")
## End(Not run)
```

chooseModel.asrtests

Determines the set of significant terms taking into account the hierarchy or marginality relations and records the tests performed in a data.frame.

## Description

Performs a series of hypothesis tests taking into account the marginality of terms. In particular, a term will not be tested if it is marginal to (or nested in) one that is significant. For example, if A:B is significant, then neither A nor B will be tested. For a random term, the term is removed from the model fit, any boundary terms are removed using rmboundary.asrtests and a REML likelihood ratio test is performed using REMLRT.asreml. If it is not significant and drop.ran.ns is TRUE, the term is permanently removed from the model. Note that if boundary terms are removed, the reduced model may not be nested in the full model in which case the test is not valid. For fixed terms, the Wald tests are performed and the p-value for the term obtained. If it is not significant and drop.fix.ns is TRUE, the term is permanently removed from the model. A row is added to test.summary for each term that is tested.

## Usage

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```
drop.fix.ns=FALSE, denDF = "numeric", dDF.na = "none",
dDF.values = NULL, trace = FALSE, update = TRUE,
set.terms = NULL, ignore.suffices = TRUE,
bounds = "P", initial.values = NA, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

asrtests.obj

an asrtests object for a fitted model that is a list containing an asreml object, a wald.tab data.frame with 4 columns, and a data.frame with 5 columns that records any previous changes and tests in the fitted model.

terms.marginality

a square matrix of ones and zeros with row and column names being the names of the terms. The diagonal elements should be one, indicating that a term is marginal to itself. Elements should be one if the row term is marginal to the column term. All other elements should be zero.

alpha

the significance level for the test.

allow.unconverged

A logical indicating whether to accept a new model even when it does not converge. If FALSE and a fit when a term is removed does not converge, the term will not be removed.

checkboundaryonly

if TRUE then boundary and singular terms are not removed by rmboundary.asrtests; a warning is issued instead.

drop.ran.ns

a logical indicating whether to drop nonsignificant random terms from the model.

positive.zero

Indicates whether the hypothesized values for the variance components being tested are on the boundary of the parameter space. For example, this is true for positively-constrained variance components that, under the reduced model, are zero. This argument does not need to be set if bound.test.parameters is set.

bound.test.parameters

Indicates whether for the variance components being tested, at least some of the hypothesized values are on the boundary of the parameter space. The possibilities are "none", "onlybound" and "one-and-one". The default is "none", although if it is set to "none" and positive.zero is TRUE then bound.test.parameters is taken to be "onlybound". When bound.test.parameters is set to "one-and-one", it signifies that there are two parameters being tested, one of which is bound and the other is not. For example, the latter is true for testing a covariance and a positively-constrained variance component that, under the reduced model, are zero.

drop.fix.ns

a logical indicating whether to drop a fixed term from the model when it is nonsignificant

denDF

Specifies the enthod to use in computing approximate denominator degrees of freedom when wald.asreml is called. Can be none to suppress the computations, numeric for numerical methods, algebraic for algebraic methods or default, the default, to autommatically choose numeric or algebraic computations depending on problem size. The denominator degrees of freedom are calculated according to Kenward and Roger (1997) for fixed terms in the dense part of the model.

dDF.na

the method to use to obtain substitute denominator degrees of freedom. when the numeric or algebraic methods produce an NA. If dDF.na = "none", no subtitute denominator degrees of freedom are employed; if dDF.na = "residual", the

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> residual degrees of freedom from asreml.obj\$nedf are used; if dDF.na = "maximum", the maximum of those denDF that are available, excluding that for the Intercept, is used; if all denDF are NA, as reml. obj\$nedf is used. If dDF. na = "supplied", a vector of values for the denominator degrees of freedom is to be supplied in dDF. values. Any other setting is ignored and a warning message produced. Generally, substituting these degrees of freedom is anticonservative in that it is likely that the degrees of freedom used will be too large.

dDF.values

A vector of values to be used when dDF.na = "supplied". Its values will be used when denDF in a test for a fixed effect is NA. This vector must be the same length as the number of fixed terms, including (Intercept) whose value could be NA.

trace

if TRUE then partial iteration details are displayed when ASReml-R functions are invoked; if FALSE then no output is displayed.

update

if TRUE then update.asreml is called in testing models. In doing this the arguments R.param and G.param are set to those in the asreml object stored in asrtests.obj so that the values from the previous model are used as starting values. If FALSE then a call is made to asreml in which the only changes to the asreml.obj stored in the supplied asrtests.obj are (i) to the terms in the fixed and random models corresponding to terms in terms.marginality and (ii) those modifications specified via . . . .

set.terms

a character vector specifying the terms that are to have bounds and/or initial values set prior to fitting.

ignore.suffices

a logical vector specifying whether the suffices of the asreml-assigned names of the variance terms (i.e. the information to the right of an "!", other than "R!") is to be ignored in matching elements of terms. If TRUE for an element of terms, the suffices are stripped from the asreml-assigned names. If FALSE for an element of terms, the element must exactly match an asreml-assigned name for a variance term. This vector must be of length one or the same length as terms. If it is of length one then the same action is applied to the asremlassigned suffices for all the terms in terms.

bounds

a character vector specifying the bounds to be applied to the terms specified in set. terms. This vector must be of length one or the same length as set.terms. If it is of length one then the same constraint is applied to all the terms in set. terms. If any of the bounds are equal to NA then they are left unchanged for those terms.

initial.values a character vector specifying the initial values for the terms specified in terms. This vector must be of length one or the same length as terms. If it is of length one then the same initial value is applied to all the terms in terms. If any of the initial.values are equal to NA then they are left unchanged for those terms.

further arguments passed to asreml, wald.asreml and asrtests via testranfix.asrtests.

## Value

## A list containing:

- 1. asrtests.obj: an asrtests object, containing the asreml object corresponding to the final fit, a wald.tab data.frame, and a test.summary data.frame that contains a record of the testing of the terms (see asrtests for more details);
- 2. sig.tests: a character vector whose elements are the the significant terms amongst those tested.

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#### Author(s)

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#### See Also

```
asrtests, testranfix.asrtests, testresidual.asrtests, REMLRT.asreml, rmboundary.asrtests, newfit.asreml, changeTerms.asrtests, reparamSigDevn.asrtests
```

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
data(WaterRunoff.dat)
asreml.options(keep.order = TRUE) #required for asreml4 only
current.asr <- asreml(log.Turbidity ~ Benches + (Sources * (Type + Species)) * Date,</pre>
                      random = ~Benches:MainPlots:SubPlots:spl(xDay),
                      data = WaterRunoff.dat, keep.order = TRUE)
current.asrt <- asrtests(current.asr, NULL, NULL)</pre>
terms.treat <- c("Sources", "Type", "Species",</pre>
                 "Sources:Type", "Sources:Species")
terms <- sapply(terms.treat,</pre>
                FUN=function(term){paste("Date:",term,sep="")},
                simplify=TRUE)
terms <- c("Date", terms)</pre>
terms <- unname(terms)</pre>
1,0,1,1,0,0, 1,1,1,0,1,0, 1,1,1,1,1), nrow=6)
rownames(marginality) <- terms</pre>
colnames(marginality) <- terms</pre>
choose <- chooseModel(current.asrt, marginality)</pre>
current.asrt <- choose$asrtests.obj</pre>
sig.terms <- choose$sig.terms</pre>
## End(Not run)
```

estimateV.asreml

Forms the estimated variance, random or residual matrix for the observations from the variance parameter estimates.

## Description

Forms the estimated variance (V), random (G) or (R) matrix for the observations, a square symmetric matrix of order equal to the number of observations. The estimates of the variance parameters and the information about the random and residual models for which they were estimated are obtained from the asreml object. This function is not available in ASReml-R version 3.

## Usage

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#### **Arguments**

asreml.obj

An asreml object from a call to asreml in which the data argument has been set.

which.matrix

A character giving the matrix that is to be formed. It must be one of "V", to produce the variance matrix V = G + R, "G" to produce the matrix G, corresponding to the random formula, or "R" to produce the matrix R, corresponding to the residual formula.

extra.matrix

A matrix of order equal to the number of observations that is to be added to the matrix specified by which.matrix, the latter based on the information in asreml.obj. It is assumed that the sigma-parameterized values of the variance parameter estimates, such as is given in the varcomp component of summary.asreml, have been used in calculating extra.matrix; the values in the vparameters component of G.param and R.param may be either gammaor sigma-parameterized. The argument extra.matrix can be used in conjunction with ignore.terms as a workaround to include components of the variance matrix for variance functions that have not been implemented in estimateV.

ignore.terms

A character giving terms from either the random or residual models that are to be ignored in that their contributions to the variance is not to be included in the estimated matrix. The term names are those given in the vparameters component of the asreml object or the varcomp component produced by summary.asreml, but only up to the first exclamation mark (!). This can be used in conjunction with estimateV.asreml as a workaround to include components of the variance matrix for variance functions that have not been implemented in estimateV.

fixed.spline.terms

A character vector giving one or mor spline terms in the random model that are regarded as fixed and so are to be ignored because they are not regarded as contributing to the variance. The term names are those given in the vparameters component of the asreml object or the varcomp component produced by summary.asreml, but only up to the first exclamation mark (!).

bound.exclusions

A character specifying one or more bound codes that will result in a variance parameter in the random model being excluded from contributing to the variance. If set to NULL then none will be excluded.

Provision for passing arguments to functions called internally - not used at present.

## **Details**

The information about the variance parameters in the fitted mixed model are obtained from the G.param and R.param components of the asreml object. The function can deal with the following variance functions in either the random or residual models: id, diag, us, ar1, ar2, ar3, sar,sar2, ma1, ma2, arma, exp, gau, cor, corb and corg. All of these functions, except us, can be combined with either v or h. It will also cope with the following functions in the random model: at, str, spl, dev, grp, fa and rr. Additionally, it can deal with the function dsum in the residual model. For further information see the ASReml-R User Guide Version 4 (Butler et al., 2017).

## Value

A matrix containing the estimated variance matrix.

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#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### References

Butler, D. G., Cullis, B. R., Gilmour, A. R., Gogel, B. J. and Thompson, R. (2017). ASReml-R User Guide Version 4. VSN International Ltd, http://www.vsni.co.uk/software/asreml/.

## See Also

```
asreml, simulate.asreml, variofaces.asreml.
```

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
data(Wheat.dat)
current.asr <- asreml(yield ~ Rep + WithinColPairs + Variety,</pre>
                       random = ~ Row + Column + units,
                       residual = ~ ar1(Row):ar1(Column),
                       data=Wheat.dat)
# Form variance matrix based on estimated variance parameters
V <- estimateV(current.asr)</pre>
## End(Not run)
```

infoCriteria.asreml

Computes AIC and BIC for a model.

## **Description**

Computes Akiake and Bayesian (Schwarz) Information Criteria for a model.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'asreml'
infoCriteria(asreml.obj, DF = NULL,
            bound.exclusions = c("F","B","S","C"), ...)
```

## **Arguments**

asreml.obj An asreml object resulting from the fitting of a model using REML.

DF A numeric giving the number of estimated variance parameters. If NULL then

this is determined from the information in asreml.obj.

bound.exclusions

A character specifying the bound (constraint) codes that will result in a variance parameter being excluded from the count of estimated variance parameters.

If set to NULL then none will be excluded.

Provision for passsing arguments to functions called internally - not used at present.

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#### **Details**

The degrees of freedom (DF) are the number of number of variance parameters that have been estimated, excluding those whose estimates have a code for bound specified in bound.exclusions. If DF is not NULL, the supplied value is used. Otherwise DF is determined from the information in asreml.obj.

If ASReml-R version 4 is being used then the codes specified in bound.exclusions are not restricted to a subset of the default codes, but a warning is issued if a code other than these is specified. For ASReml-R version 3, only a subset of the default codes are allowed: F (Fixed), B (Boundary), C (Constrained) and S (Singular).

The AIC is calculated as  $-2 \times log(REML) + 2 \times DF$  and the BIC as  $-2 \times log(REML) + DF \times (n-p)$ , where n is the number of observations and r is the rank of the fixed effects design matrix.

#### Value

A data frame containing the degrees of freedom, number of bound parameters, AIC, BIC and log of the REML value.

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

REMLRT.asreml

## **Examples**

newfit.asreml

Refits an asreml model with modified model formula using either a call to update.asreml or a direct call to asreml.

## Description

Extracts the call from the asreml.obj and evaluates that call, replacing any arguments with changed values. If update is TRUE and set.terms is not set, the call is evaluated using update.asreml; otherwise, it is evaluated using a direct call to asreml. The principal difference is that the latter does not enforce the use of previous values of the variance parameters as initial values; it sets G.param and R.param to NULL or to values as specified for set.terms. The ... argument can be used to pass G.param and/or R.param, provided update is FALSE and set.terms is not set.

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#### **Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'asreml'
newfit(asreml.obj, fixed., random., sparse.,
       residual., rcov., update = TRUE,
       allow.unconverged = TRUE, keep.order = TRUE,
       set.terms = NULL, ignore.suffices = TRUE, bounds = "P",
       initial.values = NA, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

asreml.obj a valid asreml object with with a component named call (from a previous call

to either asreml or update.asreml).

fixed. a character or formula specifying changes to the fixed formula. This is a two-

sided formula where "." is substituted for existing components in the fixed com-

ponent of asreml.obj\$call.

random. a character or formula specifying changes to the random formula. This is a one-

sided formula where "." is substituted for existing components in the random

component of asreml.obj\$call.

a character or formula specifying changes to the sparse formula. This is a onesparse.

sided formula where "." is substituted for existing components in the sparse

component of asreml.obj\$call.

residual. a character or formula specifying changes to the error formula, used when ver-

sion 4 or later of ASReml-R is loaded. This is a one-sided formula where "." is substituted for existing components in the residual component of asreml.obj\$call.

a character or formula specifying changes to the error formula, used when verrcov.

sion 3 of ASReml-R is loaded. This is a one-sided formula where "." is substituted for existing components in the residual component of asreml.obj\$call.

update a logical indicated whether to use update.asreml or asreml to evaluate the

> modified call. If TRUE, use update.asreml to evaluate the modified call. In doing this the arguments R. param and G. param are set to those in the asreml.obj so that the values from the previous model are used as starting values. If FALSE then a call is made to asreml itself, in which the only changes from the previous

call are those specified in the arguments to newfit.asreml.

allow.unconverged

A logical indicating whether to accept a new model even when it does not converge. If FALSE and the fit does not converge, the supplied asreml object is

a logical value indicating whether the terms should keep their positions. If FALSE

the terms are reordered so that main effects come first, followed by the interactions, all second-order, all third-order and so on. Effects of a given order are

kept in the order specified.

set.terms a character vector specifying the terms that are to have bounds and/or initial

values set prior to fitting.

ignore.suffices

a logical vector specifying whether the suffices of the asreml-assigned names of the variance terms (i.e. the information to the right of an "!", other than "R!") is to be ignored in matching elements of terms. If TRUE for an element of terms, the suffices are stripped from the asreml-assigned names. If FALSE for an element of terms, the element must exactly match an asreml-assigned

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> name for a variance term. This vector must be of length one or the same length as terms. If it is of length one then the same action is applied to the asremlassigned suffices for all the terms in terms.

bounds

a character vector specifying the bounds to be applied to the terms specified in set.terms. This vector must be of length one or the same length as set. terms. If it is of length one then the same constraint is applied to all the terms in set.terms. If any of the bounds are equal to NA then they are left unchanged for those terms.

initial.values a character vector specifying the initial values for the terms specified in terms. This vector must be of length one or the same length as terms. If it is of length one then the same initial value is applied to all the terms in terms. If any of the initial.values are equal to NA then they are left unchanged for those terms.

additional arguments to the call, or arguments with changed values.

## Value

An asreml object.

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

## References

Butler, D. G., Cullis, B. R., Gilmour, A. R., Gogel, B. J. and Thompson, R. (2017). ASReml-R User Guide Version 4. VSN International Ltd, http://www.vsni.co.uk/software/asreml/.

#### See Also

```
update.asreml, setvarianceterms.call
```

## **Examples**

```
m2.asreml <- newfit(m1.asreml, random. = "~ . - Blocks:Plots", maxiter=75)</pre>
## End(Not run)
```

num.recode

*Recodes the unique values of a vector using the values in a new vector.* 

## **Description**

Recodes the unique values of a variate using the value in position i of the new values vector to replace the ith sorted unique values of x. The new levels do not have to be unique.

## Usage

```
num.recode(x, new.values)
```

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## **Arguments**

x The vector to be recoded.

new.values A vector of length unique(x) containing values to use in the recoding.

#### Value

A vector.

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

## See Also

```
dae::fac.recode.
```

## **Examples**

```
## set up a factor with labels
x <- rep(c(-42, -14, 14, 42), 4)

## recode x
b <- num.recode(x, c(0, 28, 56, 84))</pre>
```

Oats.dat

Data for an experiment to investigate nitrogen response of 3 oats varieties

## Description

Yates (1937) describes a split-plot experiment that investigates the effects of three varieties of oats and four levels of Nitrogen fertilizer. The varieties are assigned to the main plots using a randomized complete block design with 6 blocks and the nitrogen levels are randomly assigned to the subplots in each main plot.

The columns in the data frame are: Blocks, Wplots, Subplots, Variety, Nitrogen, xNitrogen, Yield. The column xNitrogen is a numeric version of the factor Nitrogen. The response variable is Yield.

## Usage

```
data(Oats.dat)
```

## Format

A data.frame containing 72 observations of 7 variables.

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### **Source**

Yates, F. (1937). The Design and Analysis of Factorial Experiments. *Imperial Bureau of Soil Science, Technical Communication*, **35**, 1-95.

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permute.square

Permutes the rows and columns of a square matrix.

## **Description**

Permutes the rows and columns of a square matrix.

## Usage

```
permute.square(x, permutation)
```

## **Arguments**

x A square matrix.

permutation A vector specifying the new order of rows and columns.

## Value

A square matrix.

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

## See Also

```
permute.to.zero.lowertri
```

## **Examples**

```
permute.to.zero.lowertri
```

Permutes a square matrix until all the lower triangular elements are zero.

## Description

Permutes a square matrix until all the lower triangular elements are zero.

## Usage

```
permute.to.zero.lowertri(x)
```

## **Arguments**

x A square matrix of order n with at least n\*(n-1)/2 zero elements.

#### Value

A square matrix.

#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

```
permute.square
```

## **Examples**

```
\label{eq:condition} \begin{array}{lll} \text{terms.marginality} & <- & \text{matrix}(c(1,0,0,0,0,\ 0,1,0,0,0,\ 0,1,1,0,0,\\ & & 1,1,1,1,0,\ 1,1,1,1,1),\ \text{nrow=5}) \\ \text{terms.marginality} & <- & \text{permute.to.zero.lowertri}(\text{terms.marginality}) \end{array}
```

```
plotPredictions.data.frame
```

Plots the predictions for a term, possibly with error bars.

#### **Description**

This function plots the predictions y that are based on classify and stored in the data. frame data. The package ggplot2 is used to produce the plots. Line plots are produced when variables involving x.num or x.fac are involved in classify for the predictions; otherwise, bar charts are produced. Further, for line charts, the argument panels determines whether a single plot or multiple plots in a single window are produced; for bar charts, the argument panels is ignored.

## Usage

#### **Arguments**

data

a data.frame containing the values of the variables to be plotted. It should be consistent with an object of class asremlPredict or asreml.predict such as is stored in the pvals component of the value produced by predict.asreml; that is, in addition to variables classifying the predictions, it will include a column with the name specified in the y argument, usually predicted.value or backtransformed.predictions; each row contains a single predicted value. If error.intervals is not "none", then the predictions component and, if present, the backtransforms component should contain columns for the lower and upper values of the limits for the interval with names that begin with lower and upper, respectively. The second part of the name must be one of Confidence, StandardError or halfLeastSignificant. The last part needs to be consistent between the lower and upper limits.

classify

a character string giving the combinations of the independent variables on which the predictions are based. It is an interaction type term formed from the independent variables, that is, separating the variable names with the : operator.

У

a character string giving the name of the variable that is to be plotted on the Y axis

x.num

A character string giving the name of the numeric covariate that corresponds to x.fac, is potentially included in terms in the fitted model and which corresponds to the x-axis variable. It should have the same number of unique values as the number of levels in x.fac.

x.fac

A character string giving the name of the factor that corresponds to x.num, is potentially included in terms in the fitted model and which corresponds to the x-axis variable. It should have the same number of levels as the number of unique values in x.num. The levels of x.fac must be in the order in which they are to be plotted - if they are dates, then they should be in the form yyyymmdd, which can be achieved using as .Date. However, the levels can be non-numeric in nature, provided that x.num is also set.

nonx.fac.order

A character vector giving the order in which factors other than x. fac are to be plotted in facetted plots (i.e. where the number of non x factors is greater than 1). The first factor in the vector will be plotted on the X axis (if there is no x.num or x.fac. Otherwise, the order of plotting the factors is in columns (X facets) and then rows (Y facets). By default the order is in decreasing order for the numbers of levels of the non x factors.

colour.scheme

A character string specifying the colour scheme for the plots. The default is "colour" which produces coloured lines and bars, a grey background and white gridlines. A value of "black" results in black lines, grey bars and gridlines and a white background.

panels

Possible values are "single" and "multiple". When line plots are to be produced, because variables involving x.num or x.fac are involved in classify for the predictions, panels determines whether or not a single panel or multiple panels in a single window are produced. The panels argument is ignored for bar charts.

graphics.device

A character specifying a graphics device for plotting. The default is graphics.device = NULL, which will result in plots being produced on the current graphics device. Setting it to "windows", for example, will result in a windows graphics device being opened.

error.intervals

A character string indicating the type of error interval, if any, to plot in order to indicate uncertainty in the results. Possible values are "none", "StandardError", "Confidence" and "halfLeastSignificant". Here, any option other than "none" will result in the interval limits contained in data being plotted.

titles

A list, each component of which is named for a column in the data. frame for the asreml.obj used in making the predictions and contains a character string giving a title to use in output (e.g. tables and graphs). Here they will be used for axis labels for nonresponse variables. For response variable labels see y.title.

filestem

A character sting giving the beginning of the name of the file in which to save the plot. If filestem = NULL, the plot is not saved. The remainder of the file name will be generated automatically and consists of the following elements separated by full stops: the classify term, Bar or Line and, if error.intervals is not "none", one of SE, CI or LSI. The file will be saved as a 'png' file in the current work directory.

y.title The title to be displayed on the y axis of any plot.

ggplotFuncs A list, each element of which contains the results of evaluating a ggplot func-

tion. It is created by calling the list function with a ggplot function call for

each element.

... further arguments passed to ggplot.

#### Value

no values are returned.

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

```
allDifferences.data.frame, predictPresent.asreml, redoErrorIntervals.alldiffs, recalcLSD.alldiffs, ggplot, Devices
```

#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
data(WaterRunoff.dat)
asreml.options(keep.order = TRUE) #required for asreml4 only
current.asr <- asreml(fixed = log.Turbidity ~ Benches + Sources + Type + Species +</pre>
                                  Sources:Type + Sources:Species +
                                  Sources:xDay + Species:xDay + Species:Date,
                       data = WaterRunoff.dat, keep.order = TRUE)
current.asrt <- asrtests(current.asr, NULL, NULL)</pre>
#### Get the observed combinations of the factors and variables in classify
class.facs <- c("Species","Date","xDay")</pre>
levs <- as.data.frame(table(WaterRunoff.dat[class.facs]))</pre>
levs <- as.list(levs[levs$Freq != 0, class.facs])</pre>
levs$xDay <- as.numfac(levs$xDay)</pre>
predictions <- predict(current.asr, classify="Species:Date:xDay",</pre>
                        parallel = TRUE, levels = levs,
                        present = c("Type", "Species", "Sources"))
#### for asreml3
predictions <- predictions$predictions$pvals</pre>
predictions <- predictions[predictions$est.status == "Estimable",]</pre>
#### for asreml4
predictions <- predictions$pvals</pre>
predictions <- predictions[predictions$status == "Estimable",]</pre>
plotPredictions(classify="Species:Date:xDay", y = "predicted.value",
                 data = predictions, wald.tab = current.asrt$wald.tab,
                 x.num = "xDay", x.fac = "Date",
                 x.title = "Days since first observation",
                 y.title = "Predicted log(Turbidity)",
                 present = c("Type", "Species", "Sources"),
                 error.intervals = "none",
                 ggplotFuncs = list(ggtitle("Transformed turbidity over time")))
diffs <- predictPlus(classify="Species:Date:xDay",</pre>
```

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plotPvalues.alldiffs Plots a heat map of p-values for pairwise differences between predictions.

#### **Description**

Produces a heat-map plot of the p-values for pairwise differences between predictions that is stored in the p.differences component of an all.diffs object. This is generally a matrix whose rows and columns are labelled by the levels of one or more factors, the set of labels being the same for rows and columns. The sections argument allows multiple plots to be produced, one for each combination of the levels of the factors listed in sections. Otherwise, a single plot is produced for all observed combinations of the levels of the factors in the classify for the alldiffs object. The plots are produced using plotPvalues.data.frame. The order of plotting the levels of one of the factors indexing the predictions can be modified and is achieved using sort.alldiffs.

## Usage

## Arguments

object

An alldiffs object with a p. differences component that is not NULL. with either 3 or 4 columns. Only if there are 4 columns, the first should be a factor indexing sections for which separate variogram plots are to be produced. In either case, the other 3 columns should be, in order, (i) a factor indexing the x-direction, (ii) a factor indexing the y-direction, and (iii) the residuals for the observed response.

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sections A character listing the names of the factors that are to be used to break the plot into sections. A separate plot will be produced for each observed combination

of the levels of these factors.

gridspacing A numeric specifying the number(s) of rows and columns that form groups in

the grid of differences. This is most useful when two or more factors index the rows and columns. If a single, nonzero number, k say, is given then a grid line is placed after every kth row and column. If a vector of values is given then the number of grid lines is the length of the vector and the spacing between each is

specified by the elements of the vector.

show.sig A logical that specifies whether asterisks indicating the level of significance

are to be added to the plot. If they are then '\*\*\*' indicates that  $p \leq 0.001$ , '\*\*' that 0.001 , '\*' that <math>0.01 '.' that <math>0.05 .

triangles A character indicating whether the plot should include the lower, upper or

both traingle(s).

title A character string giving the main title for the plot and to which is appended

the levels combination of the sectioning factors, if any, for each plot.

axis.labels A logical indicating whether a label is to be added to the x- and y-axes. If

TRUE, the label is the comma-separated list of factors whose levels combinations are involved in the prediction differences for which the p-values are calcu-

lated.

colours A vector of of colours to be passed to the ggplot function scale\_colour\_gradientn.

sep A character giving the characters separating the levels of different factors in

the row and column names of the p.differences component.

ggplotFuncs A list, each element of which contains the results of evaluating a ggplot func-

tion. It is created by calling the list function with a ggplot function call for

each element. It is passed to ggplot via plotPvalues.data.frame.

sortFactor A character containing the name of the factor that indexes the set of predicted

values that determines the sorting of the alldiffs components by sort.alldiffs. If NULL then sorting is not carried out. If there is more than one variable in the classify term then sortFactor is sorted for the predicted values within each combination of the values of the sortWithin variables: the classify variables, excluding the sortFactor. There should be only one predicted value for each unique value of sortFactor within each set defined by a combination of the

values of the sortWithin variables.

sortWithinVals A list with a component named for each factor and numeric that is a classify

variable for the predictions, excluding sortFactor. Each component should contain a single value that is a value of the variable. The combination of this set of values will be used to define a subset of the predicted values whose order will define the order of sortFactor to be used for all combinations of the sortWithinVals variables. If sortWithinVals is NULL then the first value of each sortWithin variable in predictions component is used to define sortWithinVals.

If there is only one variable in the classify then sortWithinVals is ignored.

sortOrder A character vector whose length is the same as the number of levels for sortFactor in the predictions component of the alldiffs object. It specifies the desired order of the levels in the reordered components of the alldiffs

object. The argument sortWithinVals is ignored.

The following creates a sortOrder vector levs for factor f based on the values

in x: levs <- levels(f)[order(x)].</pre>

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decreasing A logical passed to order that determines whether the order for sorting the alldiffs components is for increasing or decreasing magnitude of the predicted

values.

Provision for passsing arguments to functions called internally - not used at

present.

### Value

A data.frame with the columns X1, X2, p, sections1 and sections2. This data.frame is formed from the p.differences component of object and is used in producing the plot.

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

```
plotPvalues.data.frame, allDifferences.data.frame, sort.alldiffs, subset.alldiffs, ggplot
```

## **Examples**

```
plotPvalues.data.frame
```

Plots a heat map of p-values for pairwise differences between predictions

## **Description**

Produces a heat-map plot of the p-values for pairwise differences between predictions that is in a data.frame. The data.frame includes two factors whose levels specify, for each p-value, which factor levels are being compared.

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## Usage

# **Arguments**

object	A data. frame containing the three columns specified by p, x and y.
p	A character giving the name of the column in object that contains the p-values to be plotted.
x	A character giving the name of the column in object that contains the factor whose levels index the p-values that are to be plotted in the same column.
у	A character giving the name of the column in object that contains the labels of the p-values that are to be plotted as the rows.
gridspacing	A numeric specifying the number(s) of rows and columns that form groups in the grid of differences. This is most useful when two or more factors index the rows and columns. If a single, nonzero number, <i>k</i> say, is given then a grid line is placed after every <i>k</i> th row and column. If a vector of values is given then the number of grid lines is the length of the vector and the spacing between each is specified by the elements of the vector.
show.sig	A logical that specifies whether asterisks indicating the level of significance are to be added to the plot. If they are then '***' indicates that $p \leq 0.001$ , '**' that $0.001 , '*' that 0.01  '.' that 0.05 .$
title	A character string giving the main title for the plot.
axis.labels	A character string giving the label to use for both the x- and y-axis.
colours	A vector of of colours to be passed to the ggplot function scale_colour_gradientn.
ggplotFuncs	A list, each element of which contains the results of evaluating a ggplot function. It is created by calling the list function with a ggplot function call for each element. It is passed to ggplot.
•••	Provision for passing arguments to functions called internally - not used at present.

# Value

No values are returned, but a plot is printed.

# Author(s)

Chris Brien

# See Also

```
plotPvalues.alldiffs, allDifferences.data.frame, ggplot
```

#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
data(WaterRunoff.dat)
asreml.options(keep.order = TRUE) #required for asreml4 only
current.asr <- asreml(fixed = pH ~ Benches + (Sources * (Type + Species)),</pre>
                       random = ~ Benches:MainPlots,
                       keep.order=TRUE, data= WaterRunoff.dat)
current.asrt <- asrtests(current.asr, NULL, NULL)</pre>
diffs <- predictPlus.asreml(classify = "Sources:Type",</pre>
                              asreml.obj = current.asr, tables = "none",
                              wald.tab = current.asrt$wald.tab,
                              present = c("Type", "Species", "Sources"))
p <- within(reshape::melt(diffs$p.differences),</pre>
               X1 <- factor(X1, levels=dimnames(diffs$p.differences)[[1]])</pre>
               X2 <- factor(X2, levels=levels(X1))</pre>
            })
names(p)[match("value", names(p))] <- "p"</pre>
plotPvalues(p, x = "X1", y = "X2",
            gridspacing = rep(c(3,4), c(4,2)), show.sig = TRUE)
## End(Not run)
```

plotVariofaces.data.frame

Plots empirical variogram faces, including envelopes, from supplied residuals as described by Stefanova, Smith & Cullis (2009).

## Description

Produces a plot for each face of an empirical 2D variogram based on supplied residuals from both an observed data set and simulated data sets. Those from simulated data sets are used to produce confidence envelopes If the data consists of sections, such as separate experiments, the two variogram faces are produced for each section. This function is less efficient in storage terms than variofaces.asreml, because here the residuals from all simulated data sets must be saved, in addition to the values for the variogram faces; in variofaces.asreml, the residuals for each simulated data set are discarded after the variogram has been calculated. On the other hand, the present function is more flexible, because there is no restriction on how the residuals are obtained.

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'data.frame'
plotVariofaces(data, residuals, restype="Residuals", ...)
```

## **Arguments**

data

A data.frame with either 3 or 4 columns. Only if there are 4 columns, the first should be a factor indexing sections for which separate variogram plots are to be produced. In either case, the other 3 columns should be, in order, (i) a factor indexing the x-direction, (ii) a factor indexing the y-direction, and (iii) the residuals for the observed response.

residuals	A data.frame, with either 2 or 3 initial columns followed by columns, each of which are the residuals from a simulated data set.
restype	A character describing the type of residuals that have been supplied. It will be used in the plot titles.

Other arguments that are passed down to the function asreml.variogram.

For each set of residuals, asreml.variogram is used to obtain the empirical variogram, from which the values for its faces are obtained. Plots are produced for each face and include the observed residuals and the 2.5%, 50% & 97.5% quantiles.

### Value

. . .

**Details** 

A list with the following components:

- face1: a data. frame containing the variogram values on which the plot for the first dimension is based.
- face2: a data.frame containing the variogram values on which the plot for the second dimension is based.

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### References

Stefanova, K. T., Smith, A. B. & Cullis, B. R. (2009) Enhanced diagnostics for the spatial analysis of field trials. *Journal of Agricultural, Biological, and Environmental Statistics*, **14**, 392–410.

# See Also

asremlPlus-package, asreml, asreml.variogram, variofaces.asreml, simulate.asreml.

```
## Not run:
data(Wheat.dat)
current.asr <- asreml(yield ~ Rep + WithinColPairs + Variety,</pre>
                        random = ~ Row + Column + units,
                        residual = ~ ar1(Row):ar1(Column),
                        data=Wheat.dat)
current.asrt <- asrtests(current.asr, NULL, NULL)</pre>
current.asrt <- rmboundary.asrtests(current.asrt)</pre>
# Form variance matrix based on estimated variance parameters
s2 <- current.asr$sigma2</pre>
gamma.Row <- current.asr$gammas[1]</pre>
gamma.unit <- current.asr$gammas[2]</pre>
rho.r <- current.asr$gammas[4]</pre>
rho.c <- current.asr$gammas[5]</pre>
row.ar1 <- mat.ar1(order=10, rho=rho.r)</pre>
col.ar1 <- mat.ar1(order=15, rho=rho.c)</pre>
V <- gamma.Row * fac.sumop(Wheat.dat$Row) +</pre>
  gamma.unit * diag(1, nrow=150, ncol=150) +
  mat.dirprod(col.ar1, row.ar1)
```

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powerTransform

Performs a combination of a linear and a power transformation on a variable. The transformed variable is stored in the data. frame data.

## **Description**

Perform a combination of a linear and a power transformation on a variable whose name is given as a character string in var.name. The transformed variable is stored in the data. frame data. The name of the transformed variable is made by prepending to the original var.name a combination of (i).offset, if offset is nonzero, (ii) neg., if scale is -1, or scaled., if abs(scale) is other than one, and (iii) either log., sqrt., recip. or power., if power is other than one. No action is taken if there is no transformation (i.e. offset = 0, scale = 1 and power = 1). Also, the titles list is extended to include a component with a generated title for the transformed variable with text indicating the transformation prepended to the title for the var.name obtained from the titles list. For nonzero offset, 'Offset' is prepended, For scaled not equal to one, the possible prepends are 'Negative of' and 'Scaled'. The possible prepended texts for power not equal to one are 'Logarithm of', 'Square root of', 'Reciprocal of' and 'Power nnnn of', where nnn is the power used.

## Usage

```
powerTransform(var.name, power = 1, offset = 0, scale = 1, titles = NULL, data)
```

#### **Arguments**

scale

var.name	$\boldsymbol{A}$ character string specifying the name of the variable in the data. frame data that is to be transformed.
power	A number specifying the power to be used in the transformation. If equal to 1, the default, no power transformation is applied. Otherwise, the variable is raised to the specified power, after scaling and applying any nonzero offset. If power = 0, the natural logarithm is used to transform the response; however, if the smallest value to be log-transformed is less than 1e-04, an error is generated. A log-transformation in this situation may be possible if a nonzero offset and/or a scale not equal to one is used.
offset	A number to be added to each value of the variable, after any scaling and before applying any power transformation.

applying any power transformation.

A number to multiply each value of the variable, before adding any offset and

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titles A character vector, each element of which is named for a variable in data

and is a character string giving a title to use in output (e.g. tables and graphs) involving the variable. If titles are not supplied, the column name of the variable

in data is used.

data A data. frame containing the variable to be transformed and to which the trans-

formed variable is to be appended.

#### Value

A list with a component named data that is the data.frame containing the transformed variable, a component named tvar.name that is a character string that is the name of the transformed variable in data, and a component named titles that extends the list supplied in the titles argument to include a generated title for the transformed title, the name of the new component being tvar.name.

# Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

```
angular, angular.mod.
```

## **Examples**

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Forms the predictions and associated statistics for a term, using an asreml object and a wald.tab and taking into account that a numeric vector and a factor having parallel values may occur in the model. It stores the results in an object of class alldiffs and may print the results. It can be used when there are not parallel values.

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#### **Description**

This function forms the predictions for term using classify and the supplied asreml object and stores them in an alldiffs object. If x.num is supplied, the predictions will be obtained for the values supplied in x.pred.values and, if supplied, x.plot.values will replace them in the alldiffs object that is returned. If x.fac, but not x.num, is specified, predictions will involve it and, if supplied, x.plot.values will replace the levels of x.fac in the alldiffs object that is returned. In order to get the correct predictions you may need to supply additional arguments to predict.asreml through . . . e.g. present, parallel, levels. Any aliased predictions will be removed, as will any standard error of pairwise differences involving them.

Also calculated are the approximate degrees of freedom of the standard errors of the predictions. If the deominator degrees of freedom for term are available in wald. tab, they are used. Otherwise the residual degrees of freedom or the maximum of the denominator degrees in wald. tab, excluding the Intercept, are used. Which is used depends on the setting of dDF.na. These degrees of freedom are used for the t-distribution on which p-values and confidence intervals are based. It is stored as an attribute to the alldiffs object. The degrees of freedom are also used in calculating the minimum, mean and maximum LSD for comparing pairs of predictions, which are also stored in the alldiffs object.

If pairwise = TRUE, all pairwise differences between the predictions, their standard errors, p-values and LSD statistics are computed using allDifferences.data.frame. This adds them to the alldiffs object as additional list components named differences, sed, p.differences and LSD.

If a transformation has been applied (any one of transform. power is not one, scale is not one and offset is nonzero), the back-transforms of the predicted values and their lower and upper confidence intervals are added to a data. frame that is consistent with an object of class asremlPredict, such as is stored in the pvals component of the prediction component of the value produced by predict.asreml. This data.frame is added to the alldiffs object as a list component called backtransforms.

The printing of the components produced is controlled by the tables argument. The order of plotting the levels of one of the factors indexing the predictions can be modified and is achieved using sort.alldiffs.

## Usage

## **Arguments**

```
asreml.obj asreml object for a fitted model.
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classify

a character string giving the variables that define the margins of the multiway table to be predicted. Multiway tables are specified by forming an interaction type term from the classifying variables, that is, separating the variable names with the : operator.

term

a character string giving the variables that define the term that was fitted using asreml and that corresponds to classify. It only needs to be specified when it is different to classify.

titles

A list, each component of which is named for a column in the data. frame for asreml.obj and contains a character string giving a title to use in output (e.g. tables and graphs). Here they will be used for table headings.

x.num

A character string giving the name of the numeric covariate that (i) corresponds to x. fac, (ii) is potentially included in terms in the fitted model, and (iii) which corresponds to the x-axis variable. It should have the same number of unique values as the number of levels in x. fac.

x.fac

A character string giving the name of the factor that (i) corresponds to x.num, (ii) is potentially included in terms in the fitted model, and (iii) which corresponds to the x-axis variable. It should have the same number of levels as the number of unique values in x. num. The levels of x. fac must be in the order in which they are to be plotted - if they are dates, then they should be in the form yyyymmdd, which can be achieved using as. Date. However, the levels can be non-numeric in nature, provided that x. num is also set.

x.pred.values

The values of x.num for which predicted values are required. If levels is set for passing to predict.asreml, x.pred.values is ignored. Note that while levels is and alternative to x.pred.values, it allows more general setting of the levels to be predicted.

x.plot.values

The actual values to be plotted on the x axis. They are needed when values different to those in x.num are to be plotted or x.fac is to be plotted because there is no x. num term corresponding to the same term with x. fac.

error.intervals

A character string indicating the type of error interval, if any, to calculate in order to indicate uncertainty in the results. Possible values are "none", "StandardError", "Confidence" and "halfLeastSignificant". The default is for confidence limits to be used. The "halfLeastSignificant" option results in half the Least Significant Difference (LSD) being added and subtracted to the predictions, the LSD being calculated using the square root of the mean of the variances of all or a subset of pairwise differences between the predictions. If meanLSD. type is set to overall, the avsed. tolerance is not NA and the range of the SEDs divided by the average of the SEDs exceeds avsed.tolerance then the error intervals calculations and the plotting will revert to confidence intervals. Also, half LSDs cannot be used for backtansformed values and so confidence intervals will be used instead.

avsed.tolerance

A numeric giving the value of the SED range, the range of the SEDs divided by the square root of the mean of the variances of all or a subset of the pairwise differences, that is considered reasonable in calculating error.intervals. It should be a value between 0 and 1. The following rules apply:

- 1. If avsed. tolerance is NA then mean LSDs of the type specified by meanLSD. type are calculated and used in error. intervals and plots.
- 2. Irrespective of the setting of meanLSD.type, if avsed.tolerance is not exceeded then the mean LSDs are used in error.intervals and plots.

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> 3. If meanLSD. type is set to overall, avsed. tolerance is not NA, and avsed. tolerance is exceeded then error. intervals and plotting revert to confidence inter-

- 4. If meanLSD.type is set to factor.combinations and avsed.tolerance is not exceeded for any factor combination then the half LSDs are used in error.intervals and plots; otherwise, error.intervals and plotting revert to confidence intervals.
- 5. If meanLSD.type is set to per.prediction and avsed.tolerance is not exceeded for any prediction then the half LSDs are used in error. intervals and plots; otherwise, error.intervals and plotting revert to confidence intervals.

meanLSD.type

A character string determining whether the mean LSD stored is (i) the overall mean, based on the square root of the mean of the variances of all pairwise variances, (ii) the mean for each factor. combination of the factors specified by LSDby, which is based on the square root of the mean of the variances for all pairwise differences for each factor combination, or (iii) the per.prediction mean, based, for each prediction, on the square root of the mean of the variances for all pairwise differences involving that prediction. It also determines, in conjunction with avsed. tolerance, which LSD will be used in calculating error. intervals and, hence, is used for plots.

LSDby

A character (vector) of factor names, being the names of the factors for each of whose levels combinations a mean LSD, minLSD and max LSD is stored in the LSD component of the alldiffs object when meanLSD. type is factor.combinatons.

pairwise

A logical indicating whether all pairwise differences of the predictions and their standard errors and p-values are to be computed and stored. If tables is equal to "differences" or "all" or error.intervals is equal to "halfLeastSignificant", they will be stored irrespective of the value of pairwise.

tables

A character vector containing a combination of none, predictions, backtransforms, differences, p. differences, sed, LSD and all. These nominate which components of the alldiffs object to print.

level.length

The maximum number of characters from the the levels of factors to use in the row and column labels of the tables of pairwise differences and their p-values and standard errors.

transform.power

A numeric specifying the power of a transformation, if one has been applied to the response variable. Unless it is equal to 1, the default, back-transforms of the predictions will be obtained and presented in tables or graphs as appropriate. The back-transformation raises the predictions to the power equal to the reciprocal of transform.power, unless it equals 0 in which case the exponential of the predictions is taken.

offset

A numeric that has been added to each value of the response after any scaling and before applying any power transformation.

scale

A numeric by which each value of the response has been multiplied before adding any offset and applying any power transformation.

inestimable.rm A logical indicating whether rows for predictions that are not estimable are to be removed from the components of thealldiffs object.

sortFactor

A character containing the name of the factor that indexes the set of predicted values that determines the sorting of the alldiffs components by sort.alldiffs. 48 predictPlus.asreml

> If NULL then sorting is not carried out. If there is more than one variable in the classify term then sortFactor is sorted for the predicted values within each combination of the values of the sortWithin variables: the classify variables, excluding the sortFactor. There should be only one predicted value for each unique value of sortFactor within each set defined by a combination of the values of the sortWithin variables.

sortWithinVals A list with a component named for each factor and numeric that is a classify variable for the predictions, excluding sortFactor. Each component should contain a single value that is a value of the variable. The combination of this set of values will be used to define a subset of the predicted values whose order will define the order of sortFactor to be used for all combinations of the sortWithinVals variables. If sortWithinVals is NULL then the first value of each sortWithin variable in predictions component is used to define sortWithinVals. If there is only one variable in the classify then sortWithinVals is ignored.

sortOrder

A character vector whose length is the same as the number of levels for sortFactor in the predictions component of the alldiffs object. It specifies the desired order of the levels in the reordered components of the alldiffs object. The argument sortWithinVals is ignored.

The following creates a sortOrder vector levs for factor f based on the values in x: levs <- levels(f)[order(x)].</pre>

decreasing

A logical passed to order that determines whether the order for sorting the alldiffs components is for increasing or decreasing magnitude of the predicted values.

wald.tab

A data. frame containing the pseudo-anova table for the fixed terms produced by a call to wald. as reml. The main use of it here is in determinining the degrees of freedom of the standard errors of the predictions. denominator degrees of freedom when p-values or confidence intervals are to be calculated.

alpha

A numeric giving the significance level for LSDs or one minus the confidence level for confidence intervals.

dDF.na

A character specifying the method to use to obtain approximate denominator degrees of freedom. when the numeric or algebraic methods produce an NA. Consistent with when no denDF are available, the default is "residual" and so the residual degrees of freedom from asreml.obj\$nedf are used. If dDF.na = "none", no subtitute denominator degrees of freedom are employed; if dDF.na = "maximum", the maximum of those denDF that are available, excluding that for the Intercept, is used; if all denDF are NA, asreml.obj\$nedf is used. If dDF.na = "supplied", a vector of values for the denominator degrees of freedom is to be supplied in dDF. values. Any other setting is ignored and a warning message produced. Generally, substituting these degrees of freedom is anticonservative in that it is likely that the degrees of freedom used will be too

dDF.values

A vector of values to be used when dDF.na = "supplied". Its values will be used when denDF in a test for a fixed effect is NA. This vector must be the same length as the number of fixed terms, including (Intercept) whose value could be

trace

A logical that control output from ASReml-R. If TRUE then partial iteration details are displayed when ASReml-R functions are invoked; if FALSE then no output is displayed.

further arguments passed to predict.asreml.

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#### Value

An alldiffs object with predictions and their standard errors and, depending on the settings of the arguments, all pairwise differences between predictions, their standard errors and p-values and LSD statistics. Also, unless the sortFactor or sortOrder arguments are invoked, the rows of predictions component are ordered so that they are in standard order for the variables in the classify. That is, the values of the last variable change with every row, those of the second-last variable only change after all the values of the last variable have been traversed; in general, the values of a variable are the same for all the combinations of the values to the variables to its right in the classify. In addition, if necessary, the order of the columns of the variables in the predictions component are changed to match their order in the classify.

If power. transform is not one, it will contain a data. frame with the backtransformed predictions.

If error.intervals is not "none", then the predictions component and, if present, the backtransforms component will contain columns for the lower and upper values of the limits for the interval. The names of these columns will consist of three parts separated by full stops: 1) the first part will be lower or upper; 2) the second part will be one of Confidence, StandardError or halfLeastSignificant; 3) the third component will be limits.

The name of the response, the term, the classify and tdf, as well as the degrees of freedom of the standard error, will be set as attributes to the object.

#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

### See Also

```
as.alldiffs, print.alldiffs, sort.alldiffs, subset.alldiffs, allDifferences.data.frame, redoErrorIntervals.alldiffs, recalcLSD.alldiffs, predictPresent.asreml, plotPredictions.data.frame, as.Date, predict.asreml
```

## **Examples**

predictPresent.asreml Forms the predictions for each of one or more terms and presents them in tables and/or graphs.

#### **Description**

This function forms the predictions for each term in terms using a supplied asreml object and predictPlus.asreml. Tables are produced using predictPlus.asreml, in conjunction with allDifferences.data.f with the argument tables specifying which tables are printed. The argument plots, along with transform.power, controls which plots are produced. The plots are produced using plotPredictions.data.frame, with line plots produced when variables involving x.num or x.fac are involved in classify for the predictions and bar charts otherwise. In order to get the correct predictions you may need to supply additional arguments to predict.asreml through . . . e.g. present, parallel, levels.

The order of plotting the levels of one of the factors indexing the predictions can be modified and is achieved using sort.alldiffs.

#### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'asreml'
predictPresent(asreml.obj, terms,
               wald.tab = NULL, dDF.na = "residual", dDF.values = NULL,
               x.num = NULL, x.fac = NULL, nonx.fac.order = NULL,
               x.pred.values = NULL, x.plot.values = NULL,
               plots = "predictions", panels = "multiple",
               graphics.device = NULL,
               error.intervals = "Confidence", meanLSD.type = "overall",
               LSDby = NULL, avsed.tolerance = 0.25, titles = NULL,
               colour.scheme = "colour", save.plots = FALSE,
               transform.power = 1, offset = 0, scale = 1,
               pairwise = TRUE, tables = "all", level.length = NA,
               alpha = 0.05, inestimable.rm = TRUE,
               sortFactor = NULL, sortWithinVals = NULL,
               sortOrder = NULL, decreasing = FALSE,
               trace = FALSE, ggplotFuncs = NULL, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

dDF.na

dDF.values

asreml.obj asreml object for a fitted model.

terms a character vector giving the terms for which predictions are required.

wald.tab a data frame containing the pseudo-anova table for the fixed terms produced by a call to wald.asreml. The main use of it here is in getting denominator

degrees of freedom when confidence intervals are to be plotted.

the method to use to obtain approximate denominator degrees of freedom. when the numeric or algebraic methods produce an NA. Consistent with when no denDF are available, the default is "residual" and so the residual degrees of freedom from asreml.obj\$nedf are used. If dDF.na = "none", no subtitute denominator degrees of freedom are employed; if dDF.na = "maximum", the maximum of those denDF that are available, excluding that for the Intercept, is used; if all denDF are NA, asreml.obj\$nedf is used. If dDF.na = "supplied", a vector of values for the denominator degrees of freedom is to be supplied in dDF.values. Any other setting is ignored and a warning message produced. Generally, substituting these degrees of freedom is anticonservative in that it is likely that the degrees of freedom used will be too large.

A vector of values to be used when dDF.na = "supplied". Its values will be used when denDF in a test for a fixed effect is NA. This vector must be the same

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> length as the number of fixed terms, including (Intercept) whose value could be NA.

x.num

A character string giving the name of the numeric covariate that corresponds to x.fac, is potentially included in terms in the fitted model and which corresponds to the x-axis variable. It should have the same number of unique values as the number of levels in x. fac.

x.fac

A character string giving the name of the factor that corresponds to x.num, is potentially included in terms in the fitted model and which corresponds to the x-axis variable. It should have the same number of levels as the number of unique values in x.num. The levels of x. fac must be in the order in which they are to be plotted - if they are dates, then they should be in the form yyyymmdd, which can be achieved using as. Date. However, the levels can be non-numeric in nature, provided that x. num is also set.

nonx.fac.order A character vector giving the order in which factors other than x.fac are to be plotted in plots with multiple panels (i.e. where the number of non-x factors is greater than 1). The first factor in the vector will be plotted on the X axis (if there is no x. num or x. fac. Otherwise, the order of plotting the factors is in columns (X facets) and then rows (Y facets). By default the order is in decreasing order for the numbers of levels of the non x factors.

x.pred.values

The values of x. num for which predicted values are required.

x.plot.values

The actual values to be plotted on the x axis or in the labels of tables. They are needed when values different to those in x.num are to be plotted or x.fac is to be plotted because there is no x. num term corresponding to the same term with x.fac.

plots

Possible values are "none", "predictions", "backtransforms" and "both". Plots are not produced if the value is "none". If data are not transformed for analysis (transform. power = 1), a plot of the predictions is produced provided plots is not "none". If the data are transformed, the value of plots determines what is produced.

panels

Possible values are "single" and "multiple". When line plots are to be produced, because variables involving x.num or x.fac are involved in classify for the predictions, panels determines whether or not a single panel or multiple panels in a single window are produced. The panels argument is ignored for for bar charts.

graphics.device

A character specifying a graphics device for plotting. The default is graphics.device = NULL, which will result in plots being produced on the current graphics device. Setting it to "windows", for example, will result in a windows graphics device being opened.

error.intervals

A character string indicating the type of error interval, if any, to calculate in order to indicate uncertainty in the results. Possible values are "none", "StandardError", "Confidence" and "halfLeastSignificant". The default is for confidence limits to be used. The "halfLeastSignificant" option results in half the Least Significant Difference (LSD) being added and subtracted to the predictions, the LSD being calculated using the square root of the mean of the variances of all or a subset of pairwise differences between the predictions. If meanLSD. type is set to overall, the avsed. tolerance is not NA and the range of the SEDs divided by the average of the SEDs exceeds avsed.tolerance

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then the error.intervals calculations and the plotting will revert to confidence intervals. Also, half LSDs cannot be used for backtansformed values and so confidence intervals will be used instead.

avsed.tolerance

A numeric giving the value of the SED range, the range of the SEDs divided by the square root of the mean of the variances of all or a subset of the pairwise differences, that is considered reasonable in calculating error.intervals. It should be a value between 0 and 1. The following rules apply:

- 1. If avsed.tolerance is NA then mean LSDs of the type specified by meanLSD.type are calculated and used in error.intervals and plots.
- 2. Irrespective of the setting of meanLSD.type, if avsed.tolerance is not exceeded then the mean LSDs are used in error.intervals and plots.
- 3. If meanLSD. type is set to overall, avsed. tolerance is not NA, and avsed. tolerance is exceeded then error.intervals and plotting revert to confidence intervals
- 4. If meanLSD.type is set to factor.combinations and avsed.tolerance is not exceeded for any factor combination then the half LSDs are used in error.intervals and plots; otherwise, error.intervals and plotting revert to confidence intervals.
- 5. If meanLSD.type is set to per.prediction and avsed.tolerance is not exceeded for any prediction then the half LSDs are used in error.intervals and plots; otherwise, error.intervals and plotting revert to confidence intervals.

meanLSD.type

A character string determining whether the mean LSD stored is (i) the overall mean, based on the square root of the mean of the variances of all pairwise variances, (ii) the mean for each factor.combination of the factors specified by LSDby, which is based on the square root of the mean of the variances for all pairwise differences for each factor combination, or (iii) the per.prediction mean, based, for each prediction, on the square root of the mean of the variances for all pairwise differences involving that prediction. It also determines, in conjunction with avsed.tolerance, which LSD will be used in calculating error.intervals and, hence, is used for plots.

LSDby

A character (vector) of factor names, being the names of the factors for each of whose levels combinations a mean LSD, minLSD and max LSD is stored in the LSD component of the alldiffs object when meanLSD.type is factor.combinatons.

titles

A list, each component of which is named for a column in the data.frame for asreml.obj and contains a character string giving a title to use in output (e.g. tables and graphs). Here they will be used for axis labels.

colour.scheme

A character string specifying the colour scheme for the plots. The default is "colour" which produces coloured lines and bars, a grey background and white gridlines. A value of "black" results in black lines, grey bars and gridlines and a white background.

save.plots

A logical that determines whether any plots will be saved. If they are to be saved, a file name will be generated that consists of the following elements separated by full stops: the response variable name with .back if backtransformed values are being plotted, the classify term, Bar or Line and, if error.intervals is not "none", one of SE, CI or LSI. The file will be saved as a 'png' file in the current work directory.

transform.power

A number specifying the power of a transformation, if one has been applied to the response variable. Unless it is equal to 1, the default, back-transforms of the predictions will be obtained and presented in tables or graphs as appropriate. The back-transform will raise the predictions to the power equal to the reciprocal of transform. power, unless it equals 0 in which case the exponential will be taken. Any scaling and offsetting will also be taken into account in the backtransformation.

offset

A number that has been added to each value of the response after any scaling and before applying any power transformation. Unless it is equal to 0, the default, back-transforms of the predictions will be obtained and presented in tables or graphs as appropriate. The back-transform will, after backtransforming for any power transformation and scaling for any scale transformation, subtract the offset.

scale

A number by which each value of the response has been multiply before adding any offset and applying any power transformation. Unless it is equal to 1, the default, back-transforms of the predictions will be obtained and presented in tables or graphs as appropriate. The back-transform will, after backtransforming for any power transformation, divide by the scale.

pairwise

A logical indicating whether all pairise differences of the predictions and their standard errors and p-values are to be computed and stored. If tables is equal to "differences" or "all" or error.intervals is equal to "halfLeastSignificant", they will be stored irrespective of the value of pairwise.

tables

The elements of the alldiffs object to print. Possible values are "none", "predictions", "backtransforms", "nodifferences", "differences" and "all". The option "nodifferences" will result in "predictions" and "backtransforms" being printed. The option "differences" will also result in the printing of the predictions from the alldiffs object.

level.length

The maximum number of characters from the the levels of factors to use in the row and column labels of the tables produced by allDifferences.data.frame.

alpha

the significance level for LSDs or 1 - alpha is the confidence level for confidence intervals.

inestimable.rm A logical indicating whether rows for predictions that are not estimable are to be removed from the components of the alldiffs object.

sortFactor

A character containing the name of the factor that indexes the set of predicted values that determines the sorting of the alldiffs components by sort.alldiffs. If NULL then sorting is not carried out. If there is more than one variable in the classify term then sortFactor is sorted for the predicted values within each combination of the values of the sortWithin variables: the classify variables, excluding the sortFactor. There should be only one predicted value for each unique value of sortFactor within each set defined by a combination of the values of the sortWithin variables.

sortWithinVals A list with a component named for each factor and numeric that is a classify variable for the predictions, excluding sortFactor. Each component should contain a single value that is a value of the variable. The combination of this set of values will be used to define a subset of the predicted values whose order will define the order of sortFactor to be used for all combinations of the sortWithinVals variables. If sortWithinVals is NULL then the first value of each sortWithin variable in predictions component is used to define sortWithinVals. If there is only one variable in the classify then sortWithinVals is ignored.

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sortOrder A character vector whose length is the same as the number of levels for sortFactor in the predictions component of the alldiffs object. It specifies the desired order of the levels in the reordered components of the alldiffs object. The argument sortWithinVals is ignored. The following creates a sortOrder vector levs for factor f based on the values in x: levs <- levels(f)[order(x)].</pre> decreasing A logical passed to order that determines whether the order for sorting the alldiffs components is for increasing or decreasing magnitude of the predicted values. if TRUE then partial iteration details are displayed when ASReml-R functions trace are invoked; if FALSE then no output is displayed.

A list, each element of which contains the results of evaluating a ggplot funcggplotFuncs

> tion. It is created by calling the list function with a ggplot function call for each element. It is passed to plotPredictions.data.frame.

further arguments passed to predict.asreml via predictPlus.asreml and to

ggplot via plotPredictions.data.frame.

#### Value

a list containing an alldiffs object for each term for which tables are produced. The names of the components of this list are the terms with full-stops (.) replacing colons (:).

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

## See Also

```
predictPlus.asreml, allDifferences.data.frame, sort.alldiffs, subset.alldiffs,
redoErrorIntervals.alldiffs, recalcLSD.alldiffs, plotPredictions.data.frame,
print.alldiffs, as.Date, Devices
```

```
## Not run:
data(WaterRunoff.dat)
titles <- list("Days since first observation", "Days since first observation",
                "pH", "Turbidity (NTU)")
names(titles) <- names(WaterRunoff.dat)[c(5,7,11:12)]</pre>
asreml.options(keep.order = TRUE) #required for asreml4 only
current.asr <- asreml(fixed = log.Turbidity ~ Benches + Sources + Type + Species +</pre>
                                   Sources:Type + Sources:Species + Sources:Species:xDay +
                                   Sources:Species:Date,
                       data = WaterRunoff.dat, keep.order = TRUE)
current.asrt <- asrtests(current.asr, NULL, NULL)</pre>
#### Get the observed combinations of the factors and variables in classify
class.facs <- c("Sources", "Species", "Date", "xDay")</pre>
levs <- as.data.frame(table(WaterRunoff.dat[class.facs]))</pre>
levs <- levs[do.call(order, levs), ]</pre>
levs <- as.list(levs[levs$Freq != 0, class.facs])</pre>
levs$xDay <- as.numfac(levs$xDay)</pre>
#### parallel and levels are arguments from predict.asreml
```

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print.alldiffs

Prints the values in an alldiffs object in a nice format.

## **Description**

Prints the predictions and standard errors from using asreml to fit models in the same way as asreml prints them. Also prints out all pairwise differences between the predictions to 2 significant figures, along with their p-values and standard errors to 4 decimal places. If LSDs are requested the mean, minimum and maximum LSDs will be printed.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'alldiffs'
print(x, which = "all", ...)
```

## **Arguments**

x An object of S3-class alldiffs.

 $\label{eq:Acharacter} A \ character \ vector \ containing \ a \ combination \ of \ predictions, \ backtransforms,$ 

differences, p. differences, sed, LSD and all. These nominate which com-

ponents of the alldiffs object to print.

... further arguments passed to or from other methods.

### Value

No value is returned, but the components of x are printed.

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

## See Also

```
as.alldiffs, allDifferences.data.frame
```

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#### **Examples**

## **Description**

Prints a summary of the asreml object and the test.summary data.frame that are stored in the asrtests object.

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'asrtests'
print(x, which = "all", ...)
```

## Arguments

x An asrtests object.
 which Which elements of the asrtests object to print. Possible values are some combination of asremlsummary, pseudoanova, testsummary and all.
 ... further arguments passed to print.

## Value

No value is returned, but the elements of the list in x are printed.

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

```
asrtests, asremlPlus-package
```

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recalcLSD.alldiffs

Adds or recalculates the LSD component of an alldiffs object.

## **Description**

Given an alldiffs object, adds or recalculate its LSD component.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'alldiffs'
recalcLSD(alldiffs.obj, meanLSD.type = "overall", LSDby = NULL,
          alpha = 0.05, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

alldiffs.obj

An alldiffs object that is a list with components predictions containing the predictions and their standard errors, differences containing all pairwise differences between the predictions, p.differences containing p-values for all pairwise differences between the predictions, sed containing the standard errors of all pairwise differences between the predictions, and an LSD containing the mean, minimum and maximum LSDs.

meanLSD.type

A character string determining whether the mean LSD stored is (i) the overall mean, based on the square root of the mean of the variances of all pairwise variances, (ii) the mean for each factor. combination of the factors specified by LSDby, which is based on the square root of the mean of the variances for all pairwise differences for each factor combination, or (iii) the per.prediction mean, based, for each prediction, on the square root of the mean of the variances for all pairwise differences involving that prediction. It also determines, in conjunction with avsed.tolerance, which LSD will be used in calculating error. intervals and, hence, is used for plots.

LSDby

A character (vector) of factor names, being the names of the factors for each of whose levels combinations a mean LSD, minLSD and max LSD is stored in the LSD component of the alldiffs object when meanLSD.type is factor.combinatons.

alpha

The significance level for an LSD to compare a pair of predictions.

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further arguments passed to allDifferences.data.frame.

#### Value

An alldiffs object that is a list with components predictions containing the predictions and their standard errors, differences containing all pairwise differences between the predictions, p. differences containing p-values for all pairwise differences between the predictions, sed containing the standard errors of all pairwise differences between the predictions, and an LSD containing the mean, minimum and maximum LSDs.

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

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#### See Also

asremlPlus-package, as.alldiffs, sort.alldiffs, subset.alldiffs, print.alldiffs, redoErrorIntervals.alldiffs, plotPredictions.data.frame, predictPlus.asreml, predictPresent.asreml

## **Examples**

recalcWaldTab.asrtests

Recalculates the denDF, F.inc and P values for a table of Wald test statistics obtained using wald.asreml

## **Description**

If some or all denDF are not available, either because they are NA or because F.inc values were not calculated, this function allows the user to specify how approximate denDF values are to be obtained. This is done through the dDF.na and dDF.values arguments. Note that if denDF values are available in the Wald table then only those that are NA will be replaced. It is noted that, as of asreml version 4, wald.asreml has a codekenadj argument.

# Usage

# Arguments

asrtests.obj an asrtests object for a fitted model that is a list containing an asreml object, a wald.tab data.frame with 4 columns, and a data.frame with 5 columns

that records any previous changes and tests in the fitted model.

recalc.wald a logical indicating whether to call wald. asreml to recalculate the pseudoanova table for the model fit stored in the asreml object contained in asrtests.

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denDF

Specifies the method to use in computing approximate denominator degrees of freedom when wald.asreml is called. Can be none to suppress the computations, numeric for numerical methods, algebraic for algebraic methods or default, the default, to autommatically choose numeric or algebraic computations depending on problem size. The denominator degrees of freedom are calculated according to Kenward and Roger (1997) for fixed terms in the dense part of the model.

dDF.na

The method to use to obtain substitute denominator degrees of freedom. when the numeric or algebraic methods produce an NA. If dDF.na = "none", no subtitute denominator degrees of freedom are employed; if dDF.na = "residual", the residual degrees of freedom from asreml.obj\$nedf are used; if dDF.na = "maximum", the maximum of those denDF that are available, excluding that for the Intercept, is used; if all denDF are NA, asreml.obj\$nedf is used. If dDF.na = "supplied", a vector of values for the denominator degrees of freedom is to be supplied in dDF.values. Any other setting is ignored and a warning message produced. Generally, substituting these degrees of freedom is anticonservative in that it is likely that the degrees of freedom used will be too large.

dDF.values

A vector of values to be used when dDF.na = "supplied". Its values will be used when denDF in a test for a fixed effect is NA. This vector must be the same length as the number of fixed terms, including (Intercept) whose value could be NA.

trace

if TRUE then partial iteration details are displayed when ASReml-R functions are invoked; if FALSE then no output is displayed.

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further arguments passed to asreml and to wald.asreml.

#### Value

A wald.tab: a 4-column data.frame containing a pseudo-anova table for the fixed terms produced by wald.asreml.

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

### See Also

```
asrtests, testranfix.asrtests
```

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redoErrorIntervals.alldiffs

Adds or replaces the error intervals stored in a prediction component of an alldiffs.object.

## **Description**

Given an alldiffs object, adds or replaces error.intervals for its prediction component.

## Usage

### **Arguments**

alldiffs.obj

An alldiffs object that is a list with components predictions containing the predictions and their standard errors, differences containing all pairwise differences between the predictions, p. differences containing p-values for all pairwise differences between the predictions, sed containing the standard errors of all pairwise differences between the predictions, and an LSD containing the mean, minimum and maximum LSDs.

error.intervals

A character string indicating the type of error interval, if any, to calculate in order to indicate uncertainty in the results. Possible values are "none", "StandardError", "Confidence" and "halfLeastSignificant". The default is for confidence limits to be used. The "halfLeastSignificant" option results in half the Least Significant Difference (LSD) being added and subtracted to the predictions, the LSD being calculated using the square root of the mean of the variances of all or a subset of pairwise differences between the predictions. If meanLSD. type is set to overall, the avsed. tolerance is not NA and the range of the SEDs divided by the average of the SEDs exceeds avsed. tolerance then the error.intervals calculations and the plotting will revert to confidence intervals. Also, half LSDs cannot be used for backtansformed values and so confidence intervals will be used instead.

alpha

avsed.tolerance

The significance level for an LSD to compare a pair of predictions.

A numeric giving the value of the SED range, the range of the SEDs divided by the square root of the mean of the variances of all or a subset of the pairwise differences, that is considered reasonable in calculating error.intervals. It should be a value between 0 and 1. The following rules apply:

- 1. If avsed.tolerance is NA then mean LSDs of the type specified by meanLSD.type are calculated and used in error.intervals and plots.
- 2. Irrespective of the setting of meanLSD.type, if avsed.tolerance is not exceeded then the mean LSDs are used in error.intervals and plots.
- If meanLSD. type is set to overall, avsed. tolerance is not NA, and avsed. tolerance is exceeded then error. intervals and plotting revert to confidence intervals.

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4. If meanLSD.type is set to factor.combinations and avsed.tolerance is not exceeded for any factor combination then the half LSDs are used in error.intervals and plots; otherwise, error.intervals and plotting revert to confidence intervals.

5. If meanLSD.type is set to per.prediction and avsed.tolerance is not exceeded for any prediction then the half LSDs are used in error.intervals and plots; otherwise, error.intervals and plotting revert to confidence intervals.

meanLSD.type

A character string determining whether the mean LSD stored is (i) the overall mean, based on the square root of the mean of the variances of all pairwise variances, (ii) the mean for each factor.combination of the factors specified by LSDby, which is based on the square root of the mean of the variances for all pairwise differences for each factor combination, or (iii) the per.prediction mean, based, for each prediction, on the square root of the mean of the variances for all pairwise differences involving that prediction. It also determines, in conjunction with avsed.tolerance, which LSD will be used in calculating error.intervals and, hence, is used for plots.

LSDby

A character (vector) of factor names, being the names of the factors for each of whose levels combinations a mean LSD, minLSD and max LSD is stored in the LSD component of the alldiffs object when meanLSD.type is factor.combinatons.

provision for passing arguments to functions called internally - not used at present.

## Value

An alldiffs object with predictions and their standard errors and, depending on the settings of the arguments, all pairwise differences between predictions, their standard errors and p-values and LSD statistics. If power.transform is not one, it will contain a data.frame with the backtransformed predictions. If error.intervals is not "none", then the predictions component and, if present, the backtransforms component will contain columns for the lower and upper values of the limits for the interval. The names of these columns will consist of three parts separated by full stops: 1) the first part will be lower or upper; 2) the second part will be one of Confidence, StandardError or halfLeastSignificant; 3) the third component will be limits.

The name of the response, the term, the classify and tdf, as well as the degrees of freedom of the standard error, will be set as attributes to the object.

#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

```
as.alldiffs, print.alldiffs, sort.alldiffs, subset.alldiffs, allDifferences.data.frame, recalcLSD.alldiffs, predictPresent.asreml, plotPredictions.data.frame, as.Date, predict.asreml
```

```
## Not run:
data(WaterRunoff.dat)
asreml.options(keep.order = TRUE) #required for asreml4 only
```

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REMLRT.asreml

Performs a REML ratio test to compare two models.

# Description

Extracts the REML log likelhood and the number of variance parameters from two asreml objects. It assumes that that the first asreml object corresponds to the null hypothesis and the second asreml object to the alternative hypothesis for the test being conducted. That is, the second asreml object is the result of fitting a model that is a reduced version of the model for the first object. In the case where the reduced model is obtained by setting positively-constrained variance parameters in the full model to zero, the positive.zero argument should be set to TRUE so that the p-value is computed using a mixture of chi-square distributions as described in Self and Liang (1987).

The function checks that the models do not differ in either their fixed or sparse models.

# Usage

## **Arguments**

h0.asreml.obj asreml object containing the fit under the model for the null hypothesis.

h1.asreml.obj asreml object containing the fit under the model for the alternative hypothesis.

positive.zero Indicates whether the hypothesized values for the variance components being

tested are on the boundary of the parameter space. For example, this is true for positively-constrained variance components that, under the reduced model, are zero. This argument does not need to be set if bound.test.parameters is set.

bound.test.parameters

Indicates whether for the variance components being tested, at least some of the hypothesized values are on the boundary of the parameter space. The possibilities are "none", "onlybound" and "one-and-one". The default is "none", although if it is set to "none" and positive.zero is TRUE then bound.test.parameters is taken to be "onlybound". When bound.test.parameters is set to "one-and-one", it signifies that there are two parameters being tested, one of which is bound and the other is not. For example, the latter is true for testing a covariance and a positively-constrained variance component that, under the reduced model, are zero.

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DF

A numeric giving the difference between the two models in the number of variance parameters whose estimates are not of the type specified in bound.exclusions. If NULL then this is determined from the information in full.asreml.obj and reduced.asreml.obj.

bound.exclusions

A character specifying one or more bound (constraint) codes that will result in a variance parameter being excluded from the count of estimated variance parameters. If set to NULL then none will be excluded.

Provision for passing arguments to functions called internally - not used at present.

#### Value

A data.frame containing the log of the likelihood ratio, its degrees of freedom, its p-value and the number of bound parameters in each of the two models being compared.

#### Note

If DF is not NULL, the supplied value is used. Otherwise DF is determined from the information in h1.asreml.obj and h0.asreml.obj. In this case, the degrees of freedom for the test are computed as the difference between the two models in the number of variance parameters whose estimates do not have a code for bound specified in bound.exclusions.

If ASReml-R version 4 is being used then the codes specified in bound.exclusions are not restricted to a subset of the default codes, but a warning is issued if a code other than these is specified. For ASReml-R version 3, only a subset of the default codes are allowed: F (Fixed), B (Boundary), C (Constrained) and S (Singular).

The test statistic is calculated as  $2(log(REML)_1 - log(REML)_0)$ .

This procedure is only approriate when the null hypothesis is that (i) all parameters are on the boundary of the parameter space (ii) all parameters are in the interior of the parameter space, or (iii) there are two parameters, one of which is on the boundary and the other is not. Other cases have been discussed by Self and Liang (1987), but are not implemented here.

# Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### References

Self, S.G., and Liang, K-Y. (1987) Asymptotic Properties of Maximum Likelihood Estimators and Likelihood Ratio Tests Under Nonstandard Conditions. *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, **82**, 605-10.

## See Also

```
infoCriteria.asreml, testranfix.asrtests
```

```
## Not run:
    REMLRT(ICV.max, ICV.red, bound.test.parameters = "onlybound")
## End(Not run)
```

reparamSigDevn.asrtests

Reparamterizes each random (deviations) term involving devn.fac to a fixed term and ensures that the same term, with trend.num replacing devn.fac, is included if any other term with trend.num is included in terms.

## **Description**

This function reparamterizes each random (deviations) term involving devn.fac to a fixed term and ensures that the same term with trend.num replacing devn.fac is included if any other term with trend.num is included in terms. It also ansures that any term with spl{trend.num} replacing devn.fac in a term being reparameterized is removed from the model.

## Usage

## **Arguments**

asrtests.obj

an asrtests object for a fitted model that is a list containing an asreml object, a wald.tab data.frame with 4 columns, and a data.frame with 5 columns that records any previous changes and tests in the fitted model.

terms

a character string vector giving the terms that are to be reparameterized.

trend.num

A character string giving the name of the numeric covariate that corresponds to devn. fac and is potentially included in terms in the fitted model.

devn.fac

A character string giving the name of the factor that corresponds to trend.num and is included in terms in the fitted model.

allow.unconverged

A logical indicating whether to accept a new model even when it does not converge. Initially all changes are made with allow.unconverged set to TRUE. If allow.unconverged has been set to FALSE in the call and the final fit does not converge, an attempt is made to achieve convergence by removing any boundary terms. If this is unsuccessful, the supplied asrtsts object is returned.

checkboundaryonly

if TRUE then boundary and singular terms are not removed by rmboundary.asrtests; a warning is issued instead.

denDF

Specifies the enthod to use in computing approximate denominator degrees of freedom when wald.asreml is called. Can be none to suppress the computations, numeric for numerical methods, algebraic for algebraic methods or default, the default, to autommatically choose numeric or algebraic computations depending on problem size. The denominator degrees of freedom are calculated according to Kenward and Roger (1997) for fixed terms in the dense part of the model.

trace

if TRUE then partial iteration details are displayed when ASReml-R functions

are invoked; if FALSE then no output is displayed.

update if TRUE then update.asreml is called in removing and adding terms to the

model. In doing this the arguments R.param and G.param are set to those in the asreml object stored in the supplied asrtests.obj so that the values from the previous model are used as starting values. If FALSE then calls are made to asreml in which the only changes from the previous call are (i) that the models

are updated and (ii) modifications specified via . . . are made.

a character vector specifying the terms that are to have bounds and/or initial set.terms

values set prior to fitting.

ignore.suffices

a logical vector specifying whether the suffices of the asreml-assigned names of the variance terms (i.e. the information to the right of an "!", other than "R!") is to be ignored in matching elements of terms. If TRUE for an element of terms, the suffices are stripped from the asreml-assigned names. If FALSE for an element of terms, the element must exactly match an asreml-assigned name for a variance term. This vector must be of length one or the same length as terms. If it is of length one then the same action is applied to the asreml-

assigned suffices for all the terms in terms.

bounds a character vector specifying the bounds to be applied to the terms speci-

> fied in set.terms. This vector must be of length one or the same length as set.terms. If it is of length one then the same constraint is applied to all the terms in set.terms. If any of the bounds are equal to NA then they are left

unchanged for those terms.

initial.values a character vector specifying the initial values for the terms specified in terms.

This vector must be of length one or the same length as terms. If it is of length one then the same initial value is applied to all the terms in terms. If any of the initial.values are equal to NA then they are left unchanged for those terms.

further arguments passed to asreml via changeTerms.asrtests and asrtests.

# Value

An asrtests object, which is a list containing:

- 1. asreml.obj: an asreml object containing the fit of the model after all boundary and singular terms have been removed;
- 2. wald.tab: a 4-column data.frame containing a pseudo-anova table for the fixed terms produced by wald.asreml;
- 3. test.summary: a data.frame with columns term, DF, denDF, p and action. It contains a row for each term that is dropped, added or tested or a note that several terms have been added or removed.

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

### See Also

asrtests, changeTerms.asrtests, testranfix.asrtests, testresidual.asrtests, newfit.asreml, chooseModel.asrtests

```
## Not run:
  data(WaterRunoff.dat)
  asreml.options(keep.order = TRUE) #required for asreml4 only
  current.asr <- asreml(fixed = log.Turbidity ~ Benches + Sources + Type + Species +</pre>
                             Sources:Type + Sources:Species + Sources:Species:xDay +
                             Sources:Species:Date,
                         data = WaterRunoff.dat, keep.order = TRUE)
  current.asrt <- asrtests(current.asr, NULL, NULL)</pre>
  #Examine terms that describe just the interactions of Date and the treatment factors
  terms.treat <- c("Sources", "Type", "Species", "Sources:Type", "Sources:Species")</pre>
  date.terms <- sapply(terms.treat,</pre>
                        FUN=function(term){paste("Date:",term,sep="")},
                        simplify=TRUE)
  date.terms <- c("Date", date.terms)</pre>
  date.terms <- unname(date.terms)</pre>
  1,0,1,1,0,0, 1,1,1,0,1,0, 1,1,1,1,1,1), nrow=6)
  rownames(treat.marginality) <- date.terms</pre>
  colnames(treat.marginality) <- date.terms</pre>
  choose <- chooseModel(current.asrt, treat.marginality, denDF="algebraic")</pre>
  current.asrt <- choose$asrtests.obj</pre>
  current.asr <- current.asrt$asreml.obj</pre>
  sig.date.terms <- choose$sig.terms</pre>
  #Remove all Date terms left in the fixed model
  terms <- "(Date/(Sources * (Type + Species)))"</pre>
  current.asrt <- changeTerms(current.asrt, dropFixed = terms)</pre>
  \#if there are significant date terms, reparameterize to xDays + spl(xDays) + Date
  if (length(sig.date.terms) != 0)
  { #add lin + spl + devn for each to fixed and random models
    trend.date.terms <- sapply(sig.date.terms,</pre>
                                FUN=function(term){sub("Date", "xDay", term)},
                                simplify=TRUE)
    trend.date.terms <- paste(trend.date.terms, collapse=" + ")</pre>
    current.asrt <- changeTerms(current.asrt, addFixed=trend.date.terms)</pre>
    trend.date.terms <- sapply(sig.date.terms,</pre>
                                FUN=function(term){sub("Date", "spl(xDay)", term)},
                                simplify=TRUE)
    trend.date.terms <- c(trend.date.terms, sig.date.terms)</pre>
    trend.date.terms <- paste(trend.date.terms, collapse=" + ")</pre>
    current.asrt <- changeTerms(current.asrt, addRandom = trend.date.terms)</pre>
    current.asrt <- rmboundary(current.asrt)</pre>
  #Now test terms for sig date terms
  spl.terms <- sapply(terms.treat,</pre>
                       FUN=function(term){paste("spl(xDay):",term,sep="")},
                       simplify=TRUE)
  spl.terms <- c("spl(xDay)",spl.terms)</pre>
  lin.terms <- sapply(terms.treat,</pre>
                       FUN=function(term){paste(term,":xDay",sep="")},
                       simplify=TRUE)
  lin.terms <- c("xDay",lin.terms)</pre>
  systematic.terms <- c(terms.treat, lin.terms, spl.terms, date.terms)</pre>
```

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```
systematic.terms <- unname(systematic.terms)</pre>
 1,0,1,1,0,0, 1,1,1,1,1,0, 1,1,1,1,1), nrow=6)
 systematic.marginality <- kronecker(matrix(c(1,0,0,0, 1,1,0,0,
                                             1,1,1,0,1,1,1,1, nrow=4),
                                    treat.marginality)
 systematic.marginality <- systematic.marginality[-1, -1]</pre>
 rownames(systematic.marginality) <- systematic.terms</pre>
 colnames(systematic.marginality) <- systematic.terms</pre>
 choose <- chooseModel(current.asrt, systematic.marginality,</pre>
                        denDF="algebraic", pos=TRUE)
 current.asrt <- choose$asrtests.obj</pre>
 #Check if any deviations are significant and, for those that are, go back to
 #fixed dates
 current.asrt <- reparamSigDevn(current.asrt, choose$sig.terms,</pre>
                                trend.num = "xDay", devn.fac = "Date",
                                denDF = "algebraic")
## End(Not run)
```

rmboundary.asrtests

Removes any boundary or singular variance components from the fit stored in asrtests.obj and records their removal in a data.frame.

## **Description**

Any terms specified in the random model that are estimated on the boundary or are singular and can be removed are removed from the fit stored in the asreml object stored in the asrtests object. Terms that specify multiple parameters in the random model cannot be removed (e.g. terms specified using the at function with more than one level of the factor) and terms in residual model are not removed. Terms that can be removed are selected for removal in the following order based on whether they involve: (i) a dev function, (ii) only factors, (iii) an spl function, (iv) a pol function and (v) a lin function or a variable that is an integer or a numeric. It should be noted that this order of removal presumes that random deviation terms are specified via the dev function rather than via a random factor. Once the earliest of the above classes with a boundary term is identified, a term within this class is selected for removal. For all classes, except for factor-only terms, the smallest term with the largest number of variables/factors is removed. Amongst factor-only terms, the smallest term with the smallest number of variables/factors is removed. After each variance component is removed, a row for it is added to the test.summary data.frame and the model refitted. If there are further boundary or singular terms, one is removed using the above strategy. This process continues until there are no further boundary or singular variance components that are removable. Other types of boundary or singular terms, which cannot be removed, are reported in warning messages.

## Usage

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## **Arguments**

asrtests.obj

an asrtests object for a fitted model that is a list containing an asreml object, a wald.tab data.frame with 4 columns, and a data.frame with 5 columns that records any previous changes and tests in the fitted model.

checkboundaryonly

if TRUE then boundary and singular terms are not removed by rmboundary.asrtests; a warning is issued instead.

trace

if TRUE then partial iteration details are displayed when ASReml-R functions are invoked; if FALSE then no output is displayed.

update

if TRUE then update.asreml is called to fit the model with any boundary terms removed. In doing this the arguments R. param and G. param are set to those in the asreml object stored in asrtests.obj so that the values from the previous model are used as starting values. If FALSE then a call is made to asreml in which the only changes from the previous call are that (i) the terms for boundary variance components are removed from the models and (ii) modifications specified via . . . are made.

set.terms

a character vector specifying the terms that are to have bounds and/or initial values set prior to fitting.

ignore.suffices

a logical vector specifying whether the suffices of the asreml-assigned names of the variance terms (i.e. the information to the right of an "!", other than "R!") is to be ignored in matching elements of terms. If TRUE for an element of terms, the suffices are stripped from the asreml-assigned names. If FALSE for an element of terms, the element must exactly match an asreml-assigned name for a variance term. This vector must be of length one or the same length as terms. If it is of length one then the same action is applied to the asremlassigned suffices for all the terms in terms.

bounds

a character vector specifying the bounds to be applied to the terms specified in set.terms. This vector must be of length one or the same length as set.terms. If it is of length one then the same constraint is applied to all the terms in set.terms. If any of the bounds are equal to NA then they are left unchanged for those terms.

initial.values a character vector specifying the initial values for the terms specified in terms. This vector must be of length one or the same length as terms. If it is of length one then the same initial value is applied to all the terms in terms. If any of the initial.values are equal to NA then they are left unchanged for those terms.

further arguments passed to asreml.

## Value

An asrtests object, which is a list containing:

- 1. asreml.obj: an asreml object containing the fit of the model after all boundary and singular terms have been removed;
- 2. wald. tab: a 4-column data. frame containing a pseudo-anova table for the fixed terms produced by wald.asreml;
- 3. test.summary: a data.frame with columns term, DF, denDF, p and action. A row is added to it for each of the boundary terms removed, the row containing the name of the term, one for the DF, NA for the p-value and Boundary for the action.

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Chris Brien

#### See Also

```
asrtests, changeTerms.asrtests, testranfix.asrtests, testresidual.asrtests, newfit.asreml, reparamSigDevn.asrtests, chooseModel.asrtests
```

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
current.asrt <- rmboundary(current.asrt)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

setvarianceterms.call allows the seting of bounds and initial values for terms in the random and residual arguments of an asreml call, with the resulting call being evaluated.

# **Description**

Takes an unevaluated call and evaluates the call after setting the bounds and initial values for the terms specified in terms. The elements of terms are matched with those generated by asreml and used, for example, in the varcomp component of a summary.asreml object. These names generally include descriptive suffices. To match an element of terms that includes such a suffix, set ignore.suffices to FALSE so that a literal match between the element and the assigned names is sought.

# Usage

## Arguments

call

an unevaluated call to asreml. One way to create such a call is to use the call function with its name argument set to "asreml". Another is to obtain it from the call component of an asreml object (e.g. call <- asreml.obj\$call).

terms

a character vector specifying the terms that are to have bounds and/or initial values specified.

ignore.suffices

a logical vector specifying whether the suffices of the asreml-assigned names of the variance terms (i.e. the information to the right of an "!", other than "R!") is to be ignored in matching elements of terms. If TRUE for an element of terms, the suffices are stripped from the asreml-assigned names. If FALSE for an element of terms, the element must exactly match an asreml-assigned name for a variance term. This vector must be of length one or the same length as terms. If it is of length one then the same action is applied to the asreml-assigned suffices for all the terms in terms.

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bounds

a character vector specifying the bounds to be applied to the terms specified in set. terms. This vector must be of length one or the same length as set.terms. If it is of length one then the same constraint is applied to all the terms in set. terms. If any of the bounds are equal to NA then they are left unchanged for those terms.

The codes used by ASReml are:

- B fixed at a boundary;
- F fixed by the user;
- P positive definite;
- C Constrained by user;
- U unbounded.

initial.values a character vector specifying the initial values for the terms specified in terms. This vector must be of length one or the same length as terms. If it is of length one then the same initial value is applied to all the terms in terms. If any of the initial.values are equal to NA then they are left unchanged for those terms.

> additional arguments to be added to the call, or arguments in the call with changed values.

### Value

An asreml object.

#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

## References

Butler, D. G., Cullis, B. R., Gilmour, A. R., Gogel, B. J. and Thompson, R. (2017). ASReml-R User Guide Version 4. VSN International Ltd, http://www.vsni.co.uk/software/asreml/.

#### See Also

```
update.asreml
```

```
## Not run:
   m1.call <- call("asreml",</pre>
                   fixed = Height ~ (Block + Irrig)*csDay.num,
                   random= ~ spl(csDay.num)/(Irrig+Block)
                              + dev(csDay.num)
                              + str(~Block:Plot/csDay.num, ~us(2):id(20))
                              + Block:Plot:spl(csDay.num),
                   data=quote(dat)) ##use quote to stop evaluation of dat here
   terms <- c("Block:Plot+Block:Plot:csDay.num!us(2).2:1", "R!variance")</pre>
   m1.asreml <- setvarianceterms(m1.call, terms, bounds=c("U","P"),</pre>
                                  initial=c(NA,3), ignore.suffices=c(FALSE,TRUE))
   summary(m1.asreml)
## End(Not run)
```

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simulate.asreml	Produce sets of simulated data from a multivariate normal distribtion and save quantites related to the simulated data
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### **Description**

Produce in parallel sets of simulated data corresponding to an asreml model, along with its fitted values and residuals. A variance matrix V, corresponding to the random and residual models must be supplied. What to save is specified by the which argument.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'asreml'
simulate(object, nsim=100, seed = NULL, means=NULL, V, tolerance = 1E-10,
         update = TRUE, trace = FALSE, which="data", units = "ignore",
         ncores = detectCores(), ...)
```

## Arg

trace

which

units

guments	
object	An asreml object from a call to asreml in which the data argument has been set.
means	The vector of means to be used in generating simulated data sets. If it is NULL, the fitted values based on object are used. It must be the same length as the response variable for object.
V	The fitted variance matrix, i.e. having the pattern and values that conform to the model fit stored in the supplied object.
nsim	The number of data sets to be simulated.
seed	A single value, interpreted as an integer, that specifies the starting value of the random number generator. The "L'Ecuyer-CMRG" random generator is used and nextRNGStream is used to seed each core from the original seed.
tolerance	The value such that eigenvalues less than it are considered to be zero.
update	if TRUE then the arguments R. param and G. param are set to those in the asreml object supplied in object so that the values from the original model are used as starting values. If FALSE then calls are made to asreml in which the only changes from the previous call are (i) the model is fitted to simulated data and

made to any of the models. if TRUE then partial iteration details are displayed when ASReml-R functions are invoked; if FALSE then no output is displayed.

The quantites from the simulated data set to be stored. Any combination of "response", "residuals" and "fitted", or "all". If residuals and/or fitted is specified, those for the analysis stored in object will be added to the data. frame nominated in the data argument of object and the modified data.frame added as a component named data in the list that is the value

(ii) modifications specified via ... are made, except that changes cannot be

returned by the function.

A character indicating whether the BLUPs for units are added to the residuals when this reserved factor is included in the random model. Possible values are

addtoresiduals and ignore.

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ncores

A numeric specifying the number of cores to use in doing the simulations.

. . .

Other arguments that are passed down to the function asreml. Changes to the models are not allowed. Other changes are dangerous and generally should be avoided.

#### **Details**

Generate nsim sets of data and analyse them using asreml using the model in object, performing the generation and analysis of several sets in parallel. Note, if the analysis for a data set does not converge in maxiter iterations, it is discarded and a replacement data set generated. The value of maxiter can be specified in the call to simulate.asreml. The fitted values and residuals are extracted as required. If aom = TRUE when the simulated data are analysed, standardised conditional residuals are stored. If which includes residuals or fitted, the specified quantities for the observed data are added to the data.frame on which the fit in object is based.

#### Value

A list with the following components whose presence depends on the setting of which:

- 1. **observed:** present if which includes residuals or fitted, in which case it will be the data.frame on which the fit in object is based, with residuals and/or fitted.
- 2. data: present if which includes data, a data. frame containing the simulated data sets.
- 3. **fitted:** present if which includes fitted, a data. frame containing the fitted values from the analyses of the simulated data sets.
- 4. **residuals:** present if which includes residuals, a data. frame containing the residuals from the analyses of the simulated data sets.

#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

## See Also

```
asreml, variofaces.asreml, plotVariofaces.data.frame, set.seed.
```

```
## Not run:
data(Wheat.dat)
current.asr <- asreml(yield ~ Rep + WithinColPairs + Variety,</pre>
                        random = ~ Row + Column + units,
                        residual = ~ ar1(Row):ar1(Column),
                        data=Wheat.dat)
current.asrt <- asrtests(current.asr, NULL, NULL)</pre>
current.asrt <- rmboundary.asrtests(current.asrt)</pre>
# Form variance matrix based on estimated variance parameters
s2 <- current.asr$sigma2</pre>
gamma.Row <- current.asr$gammas[1]</pre>
gamma.unit <- current.asr$gammas[2]</pre>
rho.r <- current.asr$gammas[4]</pre>
rho.c <- current.asr$gammas[5]</pre>
row.ar1 <- mat.ar1(order=10, rho=rho.r)</pre>
col.ar1 <- mat.ar1(order=15, rho=rho.c)</pre>
V <- gamma.Row * fac.sumop(Wheat.dat$Row) +</pre>
```

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```
gamma.unit * diag(1, nrow=150, ncol=150) +
    mat.dirprod(col.ar1, row.ar1)
V <- s2*V

#Produce residuals from 100 simulated data sets
resid <- simulate(current.asr, V=V, which="residuals", ncores = 2)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

sort.alldiffs

Sorts the components in an alldiffs object according to the predicted values associated with a factor.

# **Description**

Sorts the rows of the components in an alldiffs object (see as.alldiffs) that are data.frames and the rows and columns of those that are matrices according to the predicted values in the predictions component. These predicted values are generally obtained using predict.asreml by specifying a classify term comprised of one or more variables. Generally, the values associated with one variable are sorted in parallel within each combination of values of the other variables. When there is more than one variable in the classify term, the sorting is controlled using one or more of sortFactor, sortWithinVals and sortOrder. If there is only one variable in the classify then all components are sorted according to the order of the complete set of predictions.

## Usage

## **Arguments**

x An object of S3-class alldiffs.

decreasing A logical passed to order that determines whether the order is for increasing

or decreasing magnitude of the predicted values.

classify a character string giving the variables that define the margins of the multiway table that was predicted. Multiway tables are specified by forming an interaction type term from the classifying variables, that is, separating the variable names with the: operator. If NULL, it will be obtained from the classify attribute of

the as.alldiffs object supplied through x.

sortFactor A character containing the name of the factor that indexes the set of pre-

dicted values that determines the sorting of the components. If there is only one variable in the classify term then sortFactor can be NULL and the order is defined by the complete set of predicted values. If there is more than one variable in the classify term then sortFactor must be set. In this case the sortFactor is sorted for the predicted values within each combination of the values of the sortWithin variables: the classify variables, excluding the sortFactor. There should be only one predicted value for each unique value of sortFactor within each set defined by a combination of the values of the sortWithin variables.

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sortWithinVals A list with a component named for each factor and numeric that is a classify variable for the predictions, excluding sortFactor. Each component should contain a single value that is a value of the variable. The combination of this set of values will be used to define a subset of the predicted values whose order will define the order of sortFactor to be used for all combinations of the sortWithinVals variables. If sortWithinVals is NULL then the first value of each sortWithin variable in predictions component is used to define sortWithinVals. If there is only one variable in the classify then sortWithinVals is ignored.

sortOrder

A character vector whose length is the same as the number of levels for sortFactor in the predictions component of the alldiffs object. It specifies the desired order of the levels in the reordered components of the alldiffs object. The argument sortWithinVals is ignored.

The following creates a sortOrder vector levs for factor f based on the values in x: levs <- levels(f)[order(x)].</pre>

further arguments passed to or from other methods. Not used at present.

#### **Details**

The basic technique is to change the order of the levels of the sortFactor within the predictions and, if present, backtransforms components so that they are ordered for a subset of predicted values, one for each levels of the sortFactor. When the classify term consists of more than one variable then a subset of one combination of the values of variables other than the sortFactor, the sortWithin set, must be chosen for determining the order of the sortFactor levels. Then the sorting of the rows (and columns) will be in parallel within each combination of the values of sortWithin variables: the classify term, excluding the sortFactor.

## Value

The alldiffs object supplied with the following components, if present, sorted: predictions, backtransforms, differences, p. differences and sed. Also, the sortFactor and sortOrder attributes are set.

# Author(s)

Chris Brien

# See Also

```
as.alldiffs, allDifferences.data.frame, print.alldiffs,
redoErrorIntervals.alldiffs, recalcLSD.alldiffs,
predictPlus.asreml, predictPresent.asreml
```

```
## Not run:
data(Smarthouse.dat)
#Set up without any sorting
m1.asr <- asreml(y1 ~ Genotype*A*B,</pre>
                   random=~Replicate/Mainplot/Subplot,
                   data=Smarthouse.dat)
current.asrt <- asrtests(m1.asr)</pre>
current.asrt <- rmboundary(current.asrt)</pre>
m1.asr <- current.asrt$asreml.obj</pre>
diffs <- predictPlus(m1.asr, classify = "Genotype:A:B",</pre>
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```
wald.tab = current.asrt$wald.tab,
                      error.intervals = "Stand", tables = "none")
#Use sort.alldiffs and save order for use with other response variables
diffs.sort <- sort(diffs, sortFactor = "Genotype")</pre>
sort.order <- attr(diffs.sort, which = "sortOrder")</pre>
#Use sort.alldiffs with y1 sortOrder to sort y2 alldiffs object
m2.asr <- asreml(y2 ~ Genotype*A*B,</pre>
                  random=~Replicate/Mainplot/Subplot,
                  data=Smarthouse.dat)
current.asrt <- asrtests(m2.asr)</pre>
#Get predictions, sorted according to sort.order
diffs2.sort <- predictPlus(m2.asr, classify = "Genotype:A:B",</pre>
                            wald.tab = current.asrt$wald.tab,
                            error.intervals = "Stand", tables = "none",
                            sortFactor = "Genotype", sortOrder = sort.order)
## End(Not run)
```

subset.alldiffs

Subsets the components in an alldiffs object according to the supplied condition.

# **Description**

Subsets each of the components of an alldiffs object. The subset is determined by applying the condition to the prediction component to determine which of its rows are to be included in the subset. Then, if present, this subset is applied to the rows of backtransforms and to the rows and columns of differences, p.differences and sed components. In addition, if sed is present, recalcLSD.alldiffs is called to recalculate the values in the LSD component, with any arguments supplied via the . . . argument passed ot it.

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'alldiffs'
subset(x, subset, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

x An object of S3-class alldiffs.

subset A logical that detemines rows of the predictions component of x to be in-

cluded in the subset.

... further arguments passed to recalcLSD.alldiffs.

## Value

An alldiffs object with the following components of the supplied alldiffs object subseted, if present in the original object: predictions, backtransforms, differences, p. differences and sed. In addition, if sed is present, the LSD component will be recalculated.

#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

```
as.alldiffs, allDifferences.data.frame, print.alldiffs, sort.alldiffs, redoErrorIntervals.alldiffs, recalcLSD.alldiffs, predictPlus.asreml, predictPresent.asreml
```

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
data(WaterRunoff.dat)
#Run analysis and produce alldiffs object
asreml.options(keep.order = TRUE) #required for asreml4 only
current.asr <- asreml(fixed = pH ~ Benches + (Sources * (Type + Species)),</pre>
                       random = ~ Benches:MainPlots,
                       keep.order=TRUE, data= WaterRunoff.dat)
current.asrt <- asrtests(current.asr, NULL, NULL)</pre>
diffs <- predictPlus.asreml(classify = "Sources:Type",</pre>
                             asreml.obj = current.asr, tables = "none",
                             wald.tab = current.asrt$wald.tab,
                             present = c("Type", "Species", "Sources"))
#Use subset.alldiffs to select a subset of the alldiffs object
diffs.subs <- subset(diffs,</pre>
                      subset = grepl("R", Sources, fixed = TRUE) &
                               Type %in% c("Control", "Medicinal"))
## End(Not run)
```

testranfix.asrtests

Tests for a single fixed or random term in model fitted using asreml and records the result in a data.frame.

# Description

Tests for a single term, using a REML LRT for a random term or based on Wald statistics for a fixed term. The term must be in the fitted model. A random term is removed from the model fit and a REML likelihood ratio test is performed using REMLRT.asreml. It compares the fit of the model in asreml.obj and the newly fitted model without the term. If the newly fitted model is retained, any boundary terms are then removed using rmboundary.asrtests. For a fixed term, the probability of the Wald statistics is extracted from the pseudo-anova table produced by wald.asreml. If this is available in the asrtests object, it is used; otherwise wald.asreml is called to add it to the asrtests object. Whether nonsignificant terms are dropped is controlled by drop.ran.ns for random terms and drop.fix.ns for fixed terms. A row is added to the test.summary data.frame for the term that is tested.

#### Usage

#### **Arguments**

asrtests.obj

An asrtests object for a fitted model that is a list containing an asreml object, a wald.tab data.frame with 4 columns, and a data.frame with 5 columns that records any previous changes and tests in the fitted model.

term

A single model term that is valid in asreml, stored as a character.

alpha

The significance level for the test.

allow.unconverged

A logical indicating whether to accept a new model even when it does not converge. If FALSE, it will be checked whether convergence can be achieved with the removal of any boundary random terms; random terms will be retested if terms are removed. Also, if FALSE and the fit of the new model has converged, but that of the old model has not, the new model will be accepted.

checkboundaryonly

if TRUE then boundary and singular terms are not removed by rmboundary.asrtests; a warning is issued instead.

drop.ran.ns

A logical indicating whether to drop a random term from the model when it is nonsignificant.

positive.zero

Indicates whether the hypothesized values for the variance components being tested are on the boundary of the parameter space. For example, this is true for positively-constrained variance components that, under the reduced model, are zero. This argument does not need to be set if bound.test.parameters is set.

bound.test.parameters

Indicates whether for the variance components being tested, at least some of the hypothesized values are on the boundary of the parameter space. The possibilities are "none", "onlybound" and "one-and-one". The default is "none", although if it is set to "none" and positive.zero is TRUE then bound.test.parameters is taken to be "onlybound". When bound.test.parameters is set to "one-and-one", it signifies that there are two parameters being tested, one of which is bound and the other is not. For example, the latter is true for testing a covariance and a positively-constrained variance component that, under the reduced model, are zero.

bound.exclusions

A character specifying one or more bound (constraint) codes that will result in a variance parameter being excluded from the count of estimated variance parameters in using REMLRT.asreml. If set to NULL then none will be excluded.

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A numeric giving the difference in the number of variance parameters whose estimates are not of the type specified in bound.exclusions for two models

being compared in a REML ratio test using REMLRT.asrem1. If NULL then this is determined from the information in the asrem1 object for the two models.

drop.fix.ns

a logical indicating whether to drop a fixed term from the model when it is nonsignificant

denDF

Specifies the enthod to use in computing approximate denominator degrees of freedom when wald.asreml is called. Can be none to suppress the computations, numeric for numerical methods, algebraic for algebraic methods or default, the default, to autommatically choose numeric or algebraic computations depending on problem size. The denominator degrees of freedom are calculated according to Kenward and Roger (1997) for fixed terms in the dense part of the model.

dDF.na

the method to use to obtain substitute denominator degrees of freedom. when the numeric or algebraic methods produce an NA. If dDF.na = "none", no subtitute denominator degrees of freedom are employed; if dDF.na = "residual", the residual degrees of freedom from asreml.obj\$nedf are used; if dDF.na = "maximum", the maximum of those denDF that are available, excluding that for the Intercept, is used; if all denDF are NA, asreml.obj\$nedf is used. If dDF.na = "supplied", a vector of values for the denominator degrees of freedom is to be supplied in dDF.values. Any other setting is ignored and a warning message produced. Generally, substituting these degrees of freedom is anticonservative in that it is likely that the degrees of freedom used will be too large.

dDF.values

A vector of values to be used when dDF.na = "supplied". Its values will be used when denDF in a test for a fixed effect is NA. This vector must be the same length as the number of fixed terms, including (Intercept) whose value could be NA.

trace

if TRUE then partial iteration details are displayed when ASReml-R functions are invoked; if FALSE then no output is displayed.

update

if TRUE then update.asreml is called to fit the model to be tested. In doing this the arguments R.param and G.param are set to those in the asreml object stored in asrtests.obj so that the values from the previous model are used as starting values. If FALSE then a call is made to asreml in which the only changes from the previous call are that (i) models are modified for the supplied terms and (ii) modifications specified via . . . are made.

set.terms

a character vector specifying the terms that are to have bounds and/or initial values set prior to fitting.

ignore.suffices

a logical vector specifying whether the suffices of the asreml-assigned names of the variance terms (i.e. the information to the right of an "!", other than "R!") is to be ignored in matching elements of terms. If TRUE for an element of terms, the suffices are stripped from the asreml-assigned names. If FALSE for an element of terms, the element must exactly match an asreml-assigned name for a variance term. This vector must be of length one or the same length as terms. If it is of length one then the same action is applied to the asreml-assigned suffices for all the terms in terms.

bounds

a character vector specifying the bounds to be applied to the terms specified in set.terms. This vector must be of length one or the same length as set.terms. If it is of length one then the same constraint is applied to all the terms in set.terms. If any of the bounds are equal to NA then they are left unchanged for those terms.

initial.values a character vector specifying the initial values for the terms specified in terms. This vector must be of length one or the same length as terms. If it is of length one then the same initial value is applied to all the terms in terms. If any of the initial.values are equal to NA then they are left unchanged for those terms.

... Further arguments passed to asreml, wald.asreml and asrtests.

#### Value

An asrtests object, which is a list containing:

- 1. asreml.obj: an asreml object containing the fit after the term has been tested; it will be a new model if the term is nonsignificant and the appropriate argument out of drop.ran.ns and drop.fix.ns is TRUE;
- 2. wald.tab: a 4-column data.frame containing a pseudo-anova table for the fixed terms produced by wald.asreml;
- 3. test.summary: a data.frame with columns term, DF, denDF, p and action. A row is added to it for each term that is tested, the row containing the name of the term, the degrees of freedom (numerator DF for a Wald test and the number of extra paramters for a REML ratio tests), the p-value and a for the action taken. Possible codes are: Dropped, Retained, Significant, Nonsignificant, Absent, Added, Removed and Boundary. If the changed model did not converge, Unconverged will be added to the code. Note that the logical asreml.obj\$converge also reflects whether there is convergence.

If the term is not in the model, then the supplied asreml object will be returned. Also, reml.test will have the likelihood ratio and the p-value set to NA and the degrees of freedom to zero. Similarly, the row of test.summary for the term will have its name, DF set to NA, p-value set to NA, and action set to Absent.

# Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

```
asremlPlus-package, asrtests, chooseModel.asrtests, REMLRT.asreml, rmboundary.asrtests, newfit.asreml, reparamSigDevn.asrtests, changeTerms.asrtests
```

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testresidual.asrtests Fits a new residual formula, tests whether the change is significant and records the result in a data.frame.

## **Description**

Fits a new residual formula using asreml4 (a new rcov formula with version 3 of asreml) and tests whether the change is significant. If simpler = FALSE the model to be fitted must be more complex than the one whose fit has been stored in asrtests.obj. That is, the new model must have more parameters. However, if simpler = TRUE the model to be fitted must be simpler than the one whose fit has been stored in asrtests.obj in that it must have fewer parameters. Any boundary terms are removed using rmboundary.asrtests, which may mean that the models are not nested. The test is a REML likelihood ratio test that is performed using REMLRT.asreml, which is only valid if the models are nested. It compares the newly fitted model with the fit of the model in asrtest.obj. A row is added to the test.summary data.frame using the supplied label.

# Usage

## **Arguments**

asrtests.obj an asrtests object for a fitted model that is a list containing an asreml object,

a wald.tab data.frame with 4 columns, and a data.frame with 5 columns  $\,$ 

that records any previous changes and tests in the fitted model.

terms a model for the residual argument in asrem14 (the rcov formula in older ver-

sions of asreml), stored as a character.

label a character string to use as the label in test.summary and which indicates what

is being tested.

simpler a logical indicating whether the new model to be fitted is simpler than the already

fitted model whose fit is stored in asrtests.obj.

alpha the significance level for the test.

allow.unconverged

A logical indicating whether to accept a new model even when it does not converge. If FALSE and the fit of the new model does not converge, the supplied asreml object is returned. Also, if FALSE and the fit of the new model has converged, but that of the old model has not, the new model will be accepted.

#### checkboundaryonly

if TRUE then boundary and singular terms are not removed by rmboundary.asrtests; a warning is issued instead.

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positive.zero

Indicates whether the hypothesized values for the variance components being tested are on the boundary of the parameter space. For example, this is true for positively-constrained variance components that, under the reduced model, are zero. This argument does not need to be set if bound. test. parameters is set.

bound.test.parameters

Indicates whether for the variance components being tested, at least some of the hypothesized values are on the boundary of the parameter space. The possibilities are "none", "onlybound" and "one-and-one". The default is "none", although if it is set to "none" and positive.zero is TRUE then bound.test.parameters is taken to be "onlybound". When bound test parameters is set to "one-and-one", it signifies that there are two parameters being tested, one of which is bound and the other is not. For example, the latter is true for testing a covariance and a positively-constrained variance component that, under the reduced model, are

bound.exclusions

A character specifying one or more bound (constraint) codes that will result in a variance parameter being excluded from the count of estimated variance parameters in using REMLRT. asreml. If set to NULL then none will be excluded.

A numeric giving the difference in the number of variance parameters whose estimates are not of the type specified in bound.exclusions for two models

being compared in a REML ratio test using REMLRT.asreml. If NULL then this is determined from the information in the asreml object for the two models.

Specifies the method to use in computing approximate denominator degrees of freedom when wald.asreml is called. Can be none to suppress the computations, numeric for numerical methods, algebraic for algebraic methods or default, the default, to autommatically choose numeric or algebraic computations depending on problem size. The denominator degrees of freedom are calculated according to Kenward and Roger (1997) for fixed terms in the dense

part of the model.

if TRUE then update.asreml is called to fit the model with the residual (rcov) model supplied in terms. In doing this the arguments R. param and G. param are set to those in the asreml object stored in asrtests.obj so that the values from the previous model are used as starting values. If FALSE then a call is made to asreml in which the only changes from the previous call are that (i) residual (rcov) model is that specified in terms and (ii) modifications specified via . . .

are made.

if TRUE then partial iteration details are displayed when ASReml-R functions are invoked; if FALSE then no output is displayed.

a character vector specifying the terms that are to have bounds and/or initial values set prior to fitting.

a logical vector specifying whether the suffices of the asreml-assigned names of the variance terms (i.e. the information to the right of an "!", other than "R!") is to be ignored in matching elements of terms. If TRUE for an element of terms, the suffices are stripped from the asreml-assigned names. If FALSE for an element of terms, the element must exactly match an asreml-assigned name for a variance term. This vector must be of length one or the same length as terms. If it is of length one then the same action is applied to the asremlassigned suffices for all the terms in terms.

a character vector specifying the bounds to be applied to the terms specified in set.terms. This vector must be of length one or the same length as

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set.terms. If it is of length one then the same constraint is applied to all the terms in set.terms. If any of the bounds are equal to NA then they are left unchanged for those terms.

initial.values a character vector specifying the initial values for the terms specified in terms. This vector must be of length one or the same length as terms. If it is of length one then the same initial value is applied to all the terms in terms. If any of the initial.values are equal to NA then they are left unchanged for those terms.

Further arguments passed to asreml, wald.asreml and asrtests.

#### Value

An asrtests object, which is a list containing:

- 1. asreml.obj: an asreml object containing the fit after the term has been omitted from the model;
- 2. wald.tab: a 4-column data.frame containing a pseudo-anova table for the fixed terms produced by wald.asreml;
- 3. test.summary: a data.frame with columns term, DF, denDF, p and action. A row is added to it for each term that is dropped, added or tested or a note that several terms have been added or removed. A row contains the name of the term, the DF, the p-value and the action taken. Possible codes are: Dropped, Retained, Swapped, Unswapped, Significant, Nonsignificant, Absent, Added, Removed and Boundary. If the changed model did not converge, Unconverged will be added to the code. Note that the logical asreml.obj\$converge also reflects whether there is convergence.

If the term is not in the model, then the supplied asreml object will be returned. Also, reml.test will have the likelihood ratio and the p-value set to NA and the degrees of freedom to zero. Similarly, the row of test.summary for the term will have its name, a p-value set to NA, and action set to Absent.

# Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

```
asremlPlus-package, asrtests, changeTerms.asrtests, chooseModel.asrtests, REMLRT.asreml, rmboundary.asrtests, newfit.asreml, testswapran.asrtests, changeTerms.asrtests, reparamSigDevn.asrtests
```

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```
print(current.asrt)
## End(Not run)
```

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Tests, using a REMLRT, the significance of the difference between current random model and one in which oldterms are dropped and newterms are added. The result is recorded in a data.frame.

## **Description**

Fits a new random model using asreml by removing oldterms and adding newterms. If simpler = FALSE the model to be fitted must be more complex than the one whose fit has been stored in asrtests.obj. That is, the new model must have more parameters. However, if simpler = TRUE the model to be fitted must be simpler than the one whose fit has been stored in asrtests.obj in that it must have fewer parameters. The test is a REML ratio test that is performed using REMLRT.asreml, which is only valid if the models are nested. It compares the newly fitted model with the fit of the model in asrtest.obj. A row is added to the test.summary data.frame using the supplied label. If the newly fitted model is retained, any boundary terms are then removed using rmboundary.asrtests.

#### Usage

### **Arguments**

asrtests.obj An asrtests object for a fitted model that is a list containing an asreml object,

a wald.tab data.frame with 4 columns, and a data.frame with 5 columns

that records any previous changes and tests in the fitted model.

oldterms Terms, stored as a character, that are to be removed from the random model

using asreml.

newterms Terms, stored as a character, that are to be added to the random model using

asreml.

simpler A logical indicating whether the new model to be fitted. after the changes made

as a result of swapping oldterms for newterms, is simpler than the already fitted

model whose fit is stored in asrtests.obj.

alpha The significance level for the test.

allow.unconverged

A logical indicating whether to accept a new model even when it does not converge. If FALSE and the fit of the new model does not converge, the supplied asreml object is returned. Also, if FALSE and the fit of the new model has converged, but that of the old model has not, the new model will be accepted.

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checkboundaryonly

if TRUE then boundary and singular terms are not removed by rmboundary.asrtests; a warning is issued instead.

label

A character string to use as the label in test. summary and which indicates what is being tested.

positive.zero

Indicates whether the hypothesized values for the variance components being tested are on the boundary of the parameter space. For example, this is true for positively-constrained variance components that, under the reduced model, are zero. This argument does not need to be set if bound.test.parameters is set.

bound.test.parameters

Indicates whether for the variance components being tested, at least some of the hypothesized values are on the boundary of the parameter space. The possibilities are "none", "onlybound" and "one-and-one". The default is "none", although if it is set to "none" and positive.zero is TRUE then bound.test.parameters is taken to be "onlybound". When bound.test.parameters is set to "one-and-one", it signifies that there are two parameters being tested, one of which is bound and the other is not. For example, the latter is true for testing a covariance and a positively-constrained variance component that, under the reduced model, are zero.

bound.exclusions

A character specifying one or more bound (constraint) codes that will result in a variance parameter being excluded from the count of estimated variance parameters in using REMLRT.asreml. If set to NULL then none will be excluded.

**REMLDF** 

A numeric giving the difference in the number of variance parameters whose estimates are not of the type specified in bound.exclusions for two models being compared in a REML ratio test using REMLRT.asreml. If NULL then this is determined from the information in the asreml object for the two models.

denDF

Specifies the enthod to use in computing approximate denominator degrees of freedom when wald.asreml is called. Can be none to suppress the computations, numeric for numerical methods, algebraic for algebraic methods or default, the default, to autommatically choose numeric or algebraic computations depending on problem size. The denominator degrees of freedom are calculated according to Kenward and Roger (1997) for fixed terms in the dense part of the model.

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If TRUE then partial iteration details are displayed when ASReml-R functions are invoked; if FALSE then no output is displayed.

update

If TRUE then update.asreml is called to change the model. In doing this the arguments R.param and G.param are set to those in the asreml object stored in asrtests.obj so that the values from the previous model are used as starting values. If FALSE then a call is made to asreml in which the only changes from the previous call are that (i) models are modifed for the supplied oldterms and newterms, and (ii) modifications specified via . . . are made.

set.terms

A character vector specifying the terms that are to have bounds and/or initial values set prior to fitting.

ignore.suffices

A logical vector specifying whether the suffices of the asreml-assigned names of the variance terms (i.e. the information to the right of an "!", other than "R!") is to be ignored in matching elements of terms. If TRUE for an element of terms, the suffices are stripped from the asreml-assigned names. If FALSE for an element of terms, the element must exactly match an asreml-assigned

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> name for a variance term. This vector must be of length one or the same length as terms. If it is of length one then the same action is applied to the asremlassigned suffices for all the terms in terms.

bounds

a character vector specifying the bounds to be applied to the terms specified in set.terms. This vector must be of length one or the same length as set.terms. If it is of length one then the same constraint is applied to all the terms in set.terms. If any of the bounds are equal to NA then they are left unchanged for those terms.

initial.values A character vector specifying the initial values for the terms specified in terms. This vector must be of length one or the same length as terms. If it is of length one then the same initial value is applied to all the terms in terms. If any of the initial.values are equal to NA then they are left unchanged for those terms.

Further arguments passed to asreml, wald.asreml and asrtests.

#### Value

An asrtests object, which is a list containing:

- 1. asreml.obj: an asreml object containing the fit after the term has been omitted from the
- 2. wald. tab: a 4-column data. frame containing a pseudo-anova table for the fixed terms produced by wald.asreml;
- 3. test.summary: a data.frame with columns term, DF, denDF, p and action. A row is added to it for each term that is dropped, added or tested or a note that several terms have been added or removed. A row contains the name of the term, the DF, the p-value and the action taken. Possible codes are: Dropped, Retained, Swapped, Unswapped, Significant, Nonsignificant, Absent, Added, Removed and Boundary. If the changed model did not converge, Unconverged will be added to the code. Note that the logical asreml.obj\$converge also reflects whether there is convergence.

If the term is not in the model, then the supplied asreml object will be returned. Also, reml.test will have the likelihood ratio and the p-value set to NA and the degrees of freedom to zero. Similarly, the row of test.summary for the term will have its name, a p-value set to NA, and action set to Absent.

#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

```
asrtests, chooseModel.asrtests, REMLRT.asreml, rmboundary.asrtests,
newfit.asreml, testresidual.asrtests, changeTerms.asrtests, reparamSigDevn.asrtests
```

```
## Not run:
current.asrt <- testswapran(current.asrt, oldterms = "str(~ Cart/xDays, ~us(2):id(184))",</pre>
                             newterms = "Cart/xDays", pos = FALSE,
                             label = "Intercept/Slope correlation",
                             simpler = TRUE)
  print(current.asrt)
## End(Not run)
```

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Plots empirical variogram faces, including envelopes, as described by Stefanova, Smith & Cullis (2009).

# Description

A function that produces a plot for each face of an empirical 2D variogram based on residuals produced after the fitting of a model using the function asreml. It also adds envelopes to the plot by simulating data sets in parallel from a multivariate normal distribution with expectation equal to the fitted values obtained from the fixed and spline terms and variance matrix equal to the fitted variance matrix (Stefanova, Smith & Cullis, 2009). The plot is constrolled by the residual model, which must consist of two factors corresponding to the two physical dimensions underlying the data. It can also have a third term involving the at or dsum function that defines sections of the data, such as experiments in different environments. In this case, the two variogram faces are produced for each section.

# Usage

# **Arguments**

nsim

asreml.obj An asreml object from a call to asreml in which the data argument has been

set.

means The vector of means to be used in generating simulated data sets. If it is NULL,

the fitted values based on object are used. It must be the same length as the

response variable for object.

V The fitted variance matrix, i.e. having the appropriate pattern and values given

the model fitted to the observed data and the estimates of the parameters ob-

tained. If V is NULL then estimateV.asreml is called to obtain it from asreml.obj

seed A single value, interpreted as an integer, that specifies the starting value of the

random number generator. The "L'Ecuyer-CMRG" random generator is used

and nextRNGStream is used to seed each core from the original seed.

The number of data sets to be simulated in obtaining the envelopes.

extra.matrix A matrix of order equal to the number of observations that is to be added to

the varaince matrix, the latter based on the information in asreml.obj. It is assumed that the sigma-parameterized values of the variance parameter estimates, such as is given in the varcomp component of summary.asreml, have been used in calculating extra.matrix; the values in the vparameters component of G.param and R.param may be either gamma- or sigma-parameterized. The argument extra.matrix can be used in conjunction with ignore.terms as a workaround to include components of the variance matrix for variance func-

tions that have not been implemented in estimateV.

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ignore.terms

A character giving terms from either the random or residual models that are to be ignored in that their contributions to the variance is not to be included in the estimated matrix. The term names are those given in the vparameters component of the asreml object or the varcomp component produced by summary.asreml, but only up to the first exclamation mark (!). This can be used in conjunction with estimateV. asreml as a workaround to include components of the variance matrix for variance functions that have not been implemented in estimateV.

fixed.spline.terms

A character vector giving one or mor spline terms in the random model that are regarded as fixed and so are to be ignored because they are not regarded as contributing to the variance. The term names are those given in the vparameters component of the asreml object or the varcomp component produced by summary. asreml, but only up to the first exclamation mark (!).

bound.exclusions

A character specifying one or more bound codes that will result in a variance parameter in the random model being excluded from contributing to the variance. If set to NULL then none will be excluded.

The value such that eigenvalues less than it are considered to be zero. tolerance

> A character indicating whether the BLUPs for units are added to the residuals when this reserved factor is included in the random model. Possible values are addtoresiduals and ignore. If standardized conditional residuals are plotted and the BLUPs for units are to be added then it is the standardized BLUPs that

are added.

if TRUE then the arguments R. param and G. param are set to those in the asreml object supplied in object so that the values from the original model are used as starting values. If FALSE then calls are made to asreml in which the only changes from the previous call are (i) the model is fitted to simulated data and (ii) modifications specified via ... are made, except that changes cannot be

made to any of the models.

if TRUE then partial iteration details are displayed when ASReml-R functions

are invoked; if FALSE then no output is displayed.

graphics.device

A character specifying a graphics device for plotting. The default is graphics.device = NULL, which will result in plots being produced on the current graphics device. Setting it to "windows", for example, will result in a

windows graphics device being opened.

A numeric specifying the number of cores to use in doing the simulations.

Other arguments that are passed down to the function asreml. Changes to the models are not allowed. Other changes are dangerous and generally should be avoided.

#### **Details**

The residual model is scanned to ensure that it involves only two factors not included in the at function, and to see if it has a third factor in an at function. If so, the faces of the 2D variogram, each based on one of the two non-at factors, are derived from the residuals in the supplied as reml object using asreml.variogram, this yielding the observed variogram faces. If aom was set to TRUE for the asreml object, the standardized consitional residuals are used. Then nsim data sets are generated by adding the fitted.values, extracted from the asreml object, to a vector of values randomly generated from a normal distribution with expectation zero and variance matrix V. Each

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data set is analyzed using the model in object and several sets are generated and analyzed in parallel. The variogram values for the faces are obtained using asreml.variogram stored. Note, if the analysis for a data set does not converge in maxiter iterations, it is discarded and a replacement data set generated. The value of maxiter can be specified in the call to variofaces.asreml. Plots are produced for each face and include the observed values and the 2.5%, 50% & 97.5% quantiles.

#### Value

A list with the following components:

- face1: a data. frame containing the variogram values on which the plot for the first dimension is based.
- 2. **face2:** a data.frame containing the variogram values on which the plot for the second dimension is based.

#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### References

Stefanova, K. T., Smith, A. B. & Cullis, B. R. (2009) Enhanced diagnostics for the spatial analysis of field trials. *Journal of Agricultural, Biological, and Environmental Statistics*, **14**, 392–410.

## See Also

asremlPlus-package, asreml, plotVariofaces.data.frame, simulate.asreml, set.seed.

```
## Not run:
data(Wheat.dat)
current.asr <- asreml(yield ~ Rep + WithinColPairs + Variety,</pre>
                        random = ~ Row + Column + units,
                        residual = ~ ar1(Row):ar1(Column),
                        data=Wheat.dat)
current.asrt <- asrtests(current.asr, NULL, NULL)</pre>
current.asrt <- rmboundary.asrtests(current.asrt)</pre>
# Form variance matrix based on estimated variance parameters
s2 <- current.asr$sigma2
gamma.Row <- current.asr$gammas[1]</pre>
gamma.unit <- current.asr$gammas[2]</pre>
rho.r <- current.asr$gammas[4]</pre>
rho.c <- current.asr$gammas[5]</pre>
row.ar1 <- mat.ar1(order=10, rho=rho.r)</pre>
col.ar1 <- mat.ar1(order=15, rho=rho.c)</pre>
V <- gamma.Row * fac.sumop(Wheat.dat$Row) +</pre>
     gamma.unit * diag(1, nrow=150, ncol=150) +
     mat.dirprod(col.ar1, row.ar1)
V <- s2*V
#Produce variogram faces plot (Stefanaova et al, 2009)
variofaces(current.asr, V=V, ncores = 2)
## End(Not run)
```

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WaterRunoff.dat Dat time	a for an experiment to investigate the quality of water runoff over
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# Description

This data is from an experiment to investigate the quality of water runoff. However, it has been modified to hide the true identity of the Species and Sources. It is used to provide executable examples of the functions listed under **Examples**.

## Usage

```
data(WaterRunoff.dat)
```

#### **Format**

A data.frame containing 440 observations of 13 variables.

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

## **Source**

```
Kazemi, F. (pers. comm.)
```

#### See Also

```
chooseModel.asrtests, reparamSigDevn.asrtests,
plotPredictions.data.frame, predictPlus.asreml, predictPresent.asreml
```

Wheat.dat

Data for an experiment to investigate 25 varieties of wheat

# **Description**

The data appears in Gilmour et al. [1995] and is from a field experiment designed to compare the performance of 25 varieties of wheat. An analysis of it using asreml is presented by Butler et al. (2010, Sectoion 8.6), although they suggest that it is a barley experiment. It is used in asremlPlus-package as an executable example of the use of the asremlPlus to analyse a data set.

The experiment was conducted at Slate Hall Farm, UK, in 1976 and was designed as a balanced lattice square with 6 replicates laid out in a  $10 \times 15$  rectangular grid. The columns in the data frame are: Rep, Row, Column, WithinColPairs, Variety, yield. The response variable is the grain yield.

## Usage

```
data(Wheat.dat)
```

# Format

A data frame containing 150 observations of 6 variables.

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# Author(s)

Chris Brien

## Source

Butler, D. G., et al. (2010). *Analysis of Mixed Models for S language environments: ASReml-R reference manual.* Brisbane, DPI Publications.

Gilmour, A. R., et al. (1995) Average Information REML: An efficient algorithm for variance parameter estimation in linear mixed models. *Biometrics*, **51**, 1440-1450.

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