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aic\_ad*Akaike information criterion for fitted Gaussian AD models*

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**Description**

Computes AIC using the fitted log likelihood and a parameter count that respects identifiability constraints for the Gaussian antedependence parameters.

**Usage**

```
aic_ad(fit)
```

**Arguments**

**fit**           A fitted model object returned by [fit\\_ad](#).

**Details**

The AIC is computed as:

$$AIC = -2 \times \ell + 2k$$

where  $\ell$  is the log-likelihood and  $k$  is the number of free parameters.

This function applies to Gaussian AD fits from [fit\\_ad](#).

**Value**

A numeric scalar AIC value.

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**aic\_cat**

*Compute AIC for a categorical antedependence model*

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**Description**

Calculates the Akaike Information Criterion for a fitted AD(p) model.

**Usage**

`aic_cat(fit)`

**Arguments**

**fit**            A fitted model object of class "cat\_fit" from `fit_cat()`.

**Details**

The AIC is computed as:

$$AIC = -2 \times \ell + 2k$$

where  $\ell$  is the log-likelihood and  $k$  is the number of free parameters.

**Value**

Scalar AIC value.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
y <- simulate_cat(100, 5, order = 1, n_categories = 2)
fit <- fit_cat(y, order = 1)
aic_cat(fit)

## End(Not run)
```

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**aic\_gau***Compute AIC for Gaussian AD model (alias of aic\_ad)*

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**Description**

Convenience alias for [aic\\_ad](#).

**Usage**

```
aic_gau(...)
```

**Arguments**

... Passed through to [aic\\_ad](#).

**Value**

See [aic\\_ad](#).

**See Also**

[aic\\_ad](#), [aic\\_cat](#), [aic\\_inad](#)

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**aic\_inad***Akaike information criterion for fitted INAD models*

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**Description**

Computes AIC using the fitted log likelihood and a parameter count that respects structural zeros and identifiability constraints.

**Usage**

```
aic_inad(fit)
```

**Arguments**

fit A fitted model object returned by [fit\\_inad](#).

**Details**

The AIC is computed as:

$$AIC = -2 \times \ell + 2k$$

where  $\ell$  is the log-likelihood and  $k$  is the number of free parameters.

**Value**

A numeric scalar AIC value.

**Bell***The Bell distribution***Description**

Density, distribution function, quantile function and random generation for the Bell distribution with parameter theta.

**Usage**

```
dbell(x, theta, log = FALSE)
pbell(x, theta)
rbell(n, theta, max_z = 100L)
qbell(p, theta, max_z = 100L)
```

**Arguments**

x	vector of nonnegative integers (for dbell and pbell).
theta	scalar real parameter.
log	logical; if TRUE, probabilities p are given as log(p).
n	number of observations to generate (for rbell).
max_z	maximum support value used for approximation in rbell and qbell.
p	numeric vector of probabilities between 0 and 1 inclusive (for qbell).

**Details**

Let  $B_x$  denote the  $x$ th Bell number. The Bell distribution has probability mass function

$$P(X = x) = \theta^x \exp(-\exp(\theta) + 1) \frac{B_x}{x!},$$

for nonnegative integers  $x$  and real  $\theta$ .

The functions follow the standard naming used in base R: dbell for the density, pbell for the distribution function, qbell for the quantile function and rbell for random generation.

**Value**

For dbell, a numeric vector of probabilities. For pbell, a numeric vector of cumulative probabilities. For qbell, an integer vector of quantiles. For rbell, an integer vector of random values.

**Examples**

```
dbell(0:5, theta = 1)
pbell(0:5, theta = 1)
qbell(c(0.25, 0.5, 0.9), theta = 1)
set.seed(1)
rbell(10, theta = 1)
```

**bic\_ad***Bayesian information criterion for fitted Gaussian AD models***Description**

Computes BIC using the fitted log likelihood and a parameter count that respects identifiability constraints for the Gaussian antedependence parameters.

**Usage**

```
bic_ad(fit, n_subjects = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

- |                         |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| <code>fit</code>        | A fitted model object returned by <a href="#">fit_ad</a> .   |
| <code>n_subjects</code> | Number of subjects, typically <code>nrow(y)</code> . If <code>NULL</code> , inferred from <code>fit\$settings\$n_subjects</code> . |

**Details**

The BIC is computed as:

$$BIC = -2 \times \ell + k \times \log(N)$$

where  $\ell$  is the log-likelihood,  $k$  is the number of free parameters, and  $N$  is the number of subjects.

This function applies to Gaussian AD fits from [fit\\_ad](#). For categorical and INAD models, use [bic\\_cat](#) and [bic\\_inad](#).

**Value**

A numeric scalar BIC value.

**bic\_cat***Compute BIC for a categorical antedependence model***Description**

Calculates the Bayesian Information Criterion for a fitted AD(p) model for categorical longitudinal data.

**Usage**

```
bic_cat(fit, n_subjects = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

- |                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| <code>fit</code>        | A fitted model object of class "cat_fit" from <a href="#">fit_cat()</a> . |
| <code>n_subjects</code> | Number of subjects. If <code>NULL</code> , extracted from fit.            |

## Details

The BIC is computed as:

$$BIC = -2 \times \ell + k \times \log(N)$$

where  $\ell$  is the log-likelihood,  $k$  is the number of free parameters, and  $N$  is the number of subjects.

## Value

A numeric scalar BIC value.

## Examples

```
## Not run:
# Simulate data
y <- simulate_cat(100, 5, order = 1, n_categories = 2)

# Fit models of different orders
fit0 <- fit_cat(y, order = 0)
fit1 <- fit_cat(y, order = 1)
fit2 <- fit_cat(y, order = 2)

# Compare BIC
c(BIC_0 = bic_cat(fit0), BIC_1 = bic_cat(fit1), BIC_2 = bic_cat(fit2))

## End(Not run)
```

**bic\_gau**

*Compute BIC for Gaussian AD model (alias of [bic\\_ad](#))*

## Description

Convenience alias for [bic\\_ad](#).

## Usage

`bic_gau(...)`

## Arguments

... Passed through to [bic\\_ad](#).

## Value

See [bic\\_ad](#).

## See Also

[bic\\_ad](#), [bic\\_cat](#), [bic\\_inad](#)

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<code>bic_inad</code>	<i>Bayesian information criterion for fitted INAD models</i>
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## Description

Computes BIC using the fitted log likelihood and a parameter count that respects structural zeros and identifiability constraints.

## Usage

```
bic_inad(fit, n_subjects = NULL)
```

## Arguments

<code>fit</code>	A fitted model object returned by <a href="#">fit_inad</a> .
<code>n_subjects</code>	Number of subjects, typically <code>nrow(y)</code> . If <code>NULL</code> , inferred from <code>fit\$settings\$n_subjects</code> or legacy <code>length(fit\$settings\$blocks)</code> when available (with a warning).

## Details

The BIC is computed as:

$$BIC = -2 \times \ell + k \times \log(N)$$

where  $\ell$  is the log-likelihood,  $k$  is the number of free parameters, and  $N$  is the number of subjects.

## Value

A numeric scalar BIC value.

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<code>bic_order_ad</code>	<i>BIC-based order selection for Gaussian AD models</i>
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## Description

Fits AD models of increasing orders and selects the best by BIC.

## Usage

```
bic_order_ad(y, max_order = 2L, ...)
```

## Arguments

<code>y</code>	Numeric matrix with <code>n_subjects</code> rows and <code>n_time</code> columns.
<code>max_order</code>	Maximum order to consider.
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments passed to <a href="#">fit_ad</a> .

**Value**

A list with class `ad_bic_order` containing:

- fits** List of fitted models
- bic** BIC values for each order
- best\_order** Order with lowest BIC
- table** Summary table

**See Also**

[bic\\_order\\_gau](#), [bic\\_order\\_cat](#), [bic\\_order\\_inad](#)

**bic\_order\_cat**

*Compare models across orders using BIC*

**Description**

Fits AD models of orders 0, 1, ..., max\_order and compares them using BIC.

**Usage**

```
bic_order_cat(
  y,
  max_order = 2,
  blocks = NULL,
  homogeneous = TRUE,
  n_categories = NULL,
  criterion = "bic"
)
```

**Arguments**

- |                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| <b>y</b>            | Integer matrix of categorical data (n_subjects x n_time). |
| <b>max_order</b>    | Maximum order to consider. Default is 2.                  |
| <b>blocks</b>       | Optional block membership vector.                         |
| <b>homogeneous</b>  | Whether to use homogeneous parameters across blocks.      |
| <b>n_categories</b> | Number of categories (inferred if NULL).                  |
| <b>criterion</b>    | Which criterion to use: "bic" (default) or "aic".         |

**Value**

A list containing:

- |                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| <b>table</b>      | Data frame with order, log_l, n_params, aic, bic |
| <b>best_order</b> | Order with lowest criterion value                |
| <b>fits</b>       | List of fitted models                            |

## Examples

```
## Not run:
y <- simulate_cat(100, 5, order = 1, n_categories = 2)
result <- bic_order_cat(y, max_order = 2)
print(result$table)
print(result$best_order)

## End(Not run)
```

bic\_order\_gau

*Compare Gaussian AD orders by BIC (alias of bic\_order\_ad)*

## Description

Convenience alias for [bic\\_order\\_ad](#).

## Usage

```
bic_order_gau(...)
```

## Arguments

...	Passed through to <a href="#">bic_order_ad</a> .
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## Value

See [bic\\_order\\_ad](#).

## See Also

[bic\\_order\\_ad](#), [bic\\_order\\_cat](#), [bic\\_order\\_inad](#)

bic\_order\_inad

*BIC Model Order Comparison*

## Description

BIC Model Order Comparison

## Usage

```
bic_order_inad(
  y,
  max_order = 2,
  thinning = "binom",
  innovation = "pois",
  blocks = NULL,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

<b>y</b>	Integer matrix.
<b>max_order</b>	Maximum order (1 or 2).
<b>thinning</b>	Thinning operator.
<b>innovation</b>	Innovation distribution.
<b>blocks</b>	Optional block assignments.
<b>...</b>	Additional arguments.

**Value**

A list with class "bic\_order\_inad".

**bolus\_inad**

*Morphine bolus analgesia counts*

**Description**

Morphine bolus self administration counts for two treatment groups recorded at 12 four hour time points. The data are stored in matrix form to facilitate use with antedependence models.

**Usage**

`bolus_inad`

**Format**

A list with four components:

- y** integer matrix of dimension N by n\_time containing all subjects and time points
- y\_2mg** integer matrix with rows corresponding to the 2 mg treatment group
- y\_1mg** integer matrix with rows corresponding to the 1 mg treatment group
- blocks** integer vector of length N giving the block or treatment group indicator, 1 for 2 mg and 2 for 1 mg

**Source**

Dataset `bolus` from the **cold** package, converted to matrix form and grouped by treatment.

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<code>cattle_growth</code>	<i>Cattle growth data (Treatments A and B)</i>
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### Description

Longitudinal cattle growth measurements for two treatment groups from Zimmerman and Nunez-Anton antedependence book companion data. This dataset is continuous-response data suitable for Gaussian AD modeling.

### Usage

```
cattle_growth
```

### Format

A list with five components:

- y** numeric matrix of dimension N by n\_time containing all subjects
- y\_A** numeric matrix for Treatment A subjects
- y\_B** numeric matrix for Treatment B subjects
- blocks** integer vector of length N (1 = Treatment A, 2 = Treatment B)
- time** integer vector of measurement occasions

### Source

[https://www.stat.uiowa.edu/~dzimmer/Data-for-AD/cattle\\_growth\\_data\\_Treatment%20A.txt](https://www.stat.uiowa.edu/~dzimmer/Data-for-AD/cattle_growth_data_Treatment%20A.txt) and [https://www.stat.uiowa.edu/~dzimmer/Data-for-AD/cattle\\_growth\\_data\\_Treatment%20B.txt](https://www.stat.uiowa.edu/~dzimmer/Data-for-AD/cattle_growth_data_Treatment%20B.txt)

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<code>ci_ad</code>	<i>Confidence intervals for fitted Gaussian AD models</i>
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### Description

Computes approximate Wald confidence intervals for selected parameters from a fitted Gaussian AD model.

### Usage

```
ci_ad(fit, level = 0.95, parameters = "all")
```

### Arguments

<b>fit</b>	A fitted model object returned by <a href="#">fit_ad</a> .
<b>level</b>	Confidence level between 0 and 1.
<b>parameters</b>	Which parameters to include: "all" (default), "mu", "phi", or "sigma".

## Details

This helper currently supports complete-data Gaussian AD fits.

Standard errors are based on large-sample approximations:

- $SE(\hat{\mu}_t) \approx \hat{\sigma}_t / \sqrt{n}$
- $SE(\hat{\sigma}_t) \approx \hat{\sigma}_t / \sqrt{2n}$
- $SE(\hat{\phi}) \approx \sqrt{(1 - \hat{\phi}^2)/n}$  for free  $\phi$  entries

## Value

An object of class `ad_ci`, a list with elements `settings`, `level`, `mu`, `phi`, and `sigma`. Each non-NULL element is a data frame with columns `param`, `est`, `se`, `lower`, `upper`, and `level`.

## See Also

[fit\\_ad](#), [ci\\_cat](#), [ci\\_inad](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:
y <- simulate_ad(n_subjects = 80, n_time = 6, order = 1, phi = 0.4)
fit <- fit_ad(y, order = 1)
ci <- ci_ad(fit)
ci$mu
ci$phi
ci$sigma

## End(Not run)
```

## ci\_cat

*Confidence intervals for categorical AD model parameters*

## Description

Computes Wald-based confidence intervals for the transition probability parameters of a fitted categorical antedependence model.

## Usage

```
ci_cat(fit, y = NULL, level = 0.95, parameters = "all")
```

## Arguments

<code>fit</code>	A fitted model object of class "cat_fit" from <code>fit_cat()</code> .
<code>y</code>	Optional data matrix. If <code>NULL</code> , <code>fit\$cell_counts</code> is used (observed counts for closed-form fits; expected counts for EM fits).
<code>level</code>	Confidence level (default 0.95).
<code>parameters</code>	Which parameters to compute CIs for: "all" (default), "marginal", or "transition".

## Details

Confidence intervals are computed using the Wald method based on the asymptotic normality of maximum likelihood estimators.

For a probability estimate  $\hat{\pi}$  based on count N, the standard error is:

$$SE(\hat{\pi}) = \sqrt{\frac{\hat{\pi}(1 - \hat{\pi})}{N}}$$

For conditional probabilities  $\hat{\pi}_{j|i}$  based on conditioning count  $N_i$ , the standard error is:

$$SE(\hat{\pi}_{j|i}) = \sqrt{\frac{\hat{\pi}_{j|i}(1 - \hat{\pi}_{j|i})}{N_i}}$$

The confidence interval is then:

$$\hat{\pi} \pm z_{\alpha/2} \times SE(\hat{\pi})$$

Note: CIs are truncated to the interval from 0 to 1 when they exceed these bounds.

Missing-data fits with na\_action = "marginalize" are not currently supported because observed cell counts are not stored for that path.

## Value

A list of class "cat\_ci" containing:

marginal	Data frame of CIs for marginal parameters (if requested)
transition	List of data frames of CIs for transition parameters (if requested)
level	Confidence level used
settings	Model settings from fit

## References

Agresti, A. (2013). Categorical Data Analysis (3rd ed.). Wiley.

## See Also

[fit\\_cat](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:
# Fit a model
set.seed(123)
y <- simulate_cat(200, 5, order = 1, n_categories = 2)
fit <- fit_cat(y, order = 1)

# Compute confidence intervals
ci <- ci_cat(fit)
print(ci)

# Just marginal CIs
ci_marg <- ci_cat(fit, parameters = "marginal")

## End(Not run)
```

**ci\_gau***Confidence intervals for Gaussian AD model (alias of ci\_ad)***Description**

Convenience alias for [ci\\_ad](#).

**Usage**

```
ci_gau(...)
```

**Arguments**

... Passed through to [ci\\_ad](#).

**Value**

See [ci\\_ad](#).

**See Also**

[ci\\_ad](#), [ci\\_cat](#), [ci\\_inad](#)

**ci\_inad***Confidence intervals for fitted INAD models***Description**

Computes confidence intervals for selected parameters from a fitted INAD model. For the fixed effect case, Wald intervals for time varying alpha and theta are computed via Louis identity for supported thinning-innovation combinations. For block effects tau, profile likelihood intervals are computed by fixing one component of tau and re maximizing the log likelihood over nuisance parameters. For negative binomial innovations, Wald intervals for the innovation size parameter are computed using a one dimensional observed information approximation per time point, holding other parameters fixed at their fitted values.

**Usage**

```
ci_inad(
  y,
  fit,
  blocks = NULL,
  level = 0.95,
  idx_time = NULL,
  ridge = 0,
  profile_maxeval = 2500,
  profile_xtol_rel = 1e-06
)
```

## Arguments

<code>y</code>	Integer matrix with <code>n_subjects</code> rows and <code>n_time</code> columns.
<code>fit</code>	A fitted model object returned by <code>fit_inad</code> .
<code>blocks</code>	Optional integer vector of length <code>n_subjects</code> . Required for block effect intervals. If provided, should match <code>fit\$settings\$blocks</code> .
<code>level</code>	Confidence level between 0 and 1.
<code>idx_time</code>	Optional integer vector of time indices for which to compute intervals. Default is all time points.
<code>ridge</code>	Nonnegative ridge value added to the observed information matrix used for Louis based Wald intervals.
<code>profile_maxeval</code>	Maximum number of function evaluations used in the profile likelihood refits.
<code>profile_xtol_rel</code>	Relative tolerance used in the profile likelihood refits.

## Value

An object of class `inad_ci`, a list with elements `settings`, `level`, `alpha`, `theta`, `nb_inno_size`, and `tau`. Each non NULL interval element is a data frame with columns `param`, `est`, `lower`, `upper`, and possibly `se` and `width`.

## Examples

```
## Not run:
fit <- fit_inad(y, order = 1, thinning = "nbinom", innovation = "bell", blocks = blocks)
ci <- ci_inad(y, fit, blocks = blocks)
ci$alpha
ci$theta
ci$tau

## End(Not run)
```

## Description

Longitudinal speech recognition outcomes for two groups (A/B), including incomplete records, from Zimmerman and Nunez-Anton antedependence book companion data. This dataset is continuous-response data suitable for Gaussian AD modeling.

## Usage

`cochlear_implant`

### Format

A list with six components:

**y** numeric matrix of dimension N by n\_time containing all subjects  
**y\_A** numeric matrix for Group A subjects  
**y\_B** numeric matrix for Group B subjects  
**blocks** integer vector of length N (1 = Group A, 2 = Group B)  
**group** character vector of group labels ("A"/"B")  
**time** integer vector of measurement occasions

### Source

[https://www.stat.uiowa.edu/~dzimmer/Data-for-AD/speech\\_recognition\\_data.txt](https://www.stat.uiowa.edu/~dzimmer/Data-for-AD/speech_recognition_data.txt)

**cochlear\_implant\_cat**    *Cochlear implant categorical outcomes (derived)*

### Description

Categorical version of the cochlear implant speech recognition data, created by mapping percentage scores to ordered 10-point bins (1..11). This dataset is intended for categorical AD examples related to the cochlear application discussed by Xie and Zimmerman (2013).

### Usage

`cochlear_implant_cat`

### Format

A list with seven components:

**y** integer matrix of dimension N by n\_time containing all subjects  
**y\_A** integer matrix for Group A subjects  
**y\_B** integer matrix for Group B subjects  
**blocks** integer vector of length N (1 = Group A, 2 = Group B)  
**group** character vector of group labels ("A"/"B")  
**n\_categories** number of categories (11)  
**category\_breaks** numeric cut points used for categorization

### Source

Raw percentages from [https://www.stat.uiowa.edu/~dzimmer/Data-for-AD/speech\\_recognition\\_data.txt](https://www.stat.uiowa.edu/~dzimmer/Data-for-AD/speech_recognition_data.txt); categorical mapping performed in `data-raw/cochlear_implant_cat.R`.

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em\_ad

*EM algorithm for Gaussian AD model estimation*

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## Description

Convenience wrapper around [fit\\_ad](#) with na\_action = "em" to provide a parallel entry point to [em\\_inad](#).

## Usage

```
em_ad(  
  y,  
  order = 1,  
  blocks = NULL,  
  estimate_mu = TRUE,  
  max_iter = 100,  
  tol = 1e-06,  
  verbose = FALSE,  
  ...  
)
```

## Arguments

y	Numeric matrix (n_subjects x n_time), may contain NA.
order	Integer 0, 1, or 2.
blocks	Optional vector of block membership (length n_subjects).
estimate_mu	Logical, whether to estimate mu (default TRUE).
max_iter	Maximum EM iterations.
tol	EM convergence tolerance.
verbose	Logical, print EM progress.
...	Additional arguments passed to <a href="#">fit_ad</a> .

## Details

This is an alias-style helper for users who prefer explicit em\_\* entry points across model families.

## Value

An ad\_fit object as returned by [fit\\_ad](#).

## See Also

[fit\\_ad](#), [em\\_inad](#), [em\\_cat](#), [fit\\_cat](#)

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`em_cat`*EM algorithm for categorical AD model estimation*

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## Description

Fits categorical antedependence models with missing outcomes using the Expectation-Maximization (EM) algorithm for orders 0 and 1.

## Usage

```
em_cat(  
  y,  
  order = 1,  
  blocks = NULL,  
  homogeneous = TRUE,  
  n_categories = NULL,  
  max_iter = 100,  
  tol = 1e-06,  
  epsilon = 1e-08,  
  safeguard = TRUE,  
  verbose = FALSE  
)
```

## Arguments

<code>y</code>	Integer matrix with <code>n_subjects</code> rows and <code>n_time</code> columns. Values are category codes in 1, ..., <code>n_categories</code> ; NA is allowed.
<code>order</code>	Antedependence order. Supported values are 0 and 1. Order 2 is not yet implemented in <code>em_cat()</code> .
<code>blocks</code>	Optional block/group vector of length <code>n_subjects</code> . Any coding is accepted (e.g., non-sequential integers or factor levels).
<code>homogeneous</code>	Logical. If TRUE, a single parameter set is fitted across blocks. If FALSE, separate parameters are fitted by block.
<code>n_categories</code>	Number of categories. If NULL, inferred from observed data.
<code>max_iter</code>	Maximum number of EM iterations.
<code>tol</code>	Convergence tolerance on absolute log-likelihood change.
<code>epsilon</code>	Small positive constant used for smoothing and numerical stability.
<code>safeguard</code>	Logical; if TRUE, apply step-halving when an M-step update decreases observed-data log-likelihood.
<code>verbose</code>	Logical; if TRUE, print EM progress.

## Details

For complete data (no missing values), this function defers to [fit\\_cat](#) with closed-form MLEs.

For missing data and orders 0/1, each EM iteration computes expected sufficient statistics with a forward-backward E-step, then updates probabilities by normalized expected counts in the M-step. If `safeguard` = TRUE, a step-halving line search is applied to the M-step update whenever the observed-data likelihood decreases.

A final E-step is run before returning so that `log_l/AIC/BIC` and expected cell counts correspond exactly to the returned parameter values.

**Value**

A `cat_fit` object with fields matching `fit_cat`. In EM mode, `cell_counts` stores expected counts from the final E-step, with `settings$cell_counts_type = "expected"`.

**See Also**

`fit_cat`, `logL_cat`

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em\_gau

*EM algorithm for Gaussian AD model (alias of em\_ad)*

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**Description**

Convenience alias for `em_ad`.

**Usage**

`em_gau(...)`

**Arguments**

... Passed through to `em_ad`.

**Value**

See `em_ad`.

**See Also**

`em_ad`, `em_inad`

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em\_inad

*EM Algorithm for INAD Model Estimation*

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**Description**

Fits INAD models using the Expectation-Maximization algorithm. This is an alternative to direct likelihood optimization.

**Usage**

```
em_inad(  
  y,  
  order = 1,  
  thinning = "binom",  
  innovation = "pois",  
  blocks = NULL,  
  max_iter = 200,  
  tol = 1e-07,  
  alpha_init = NULL,
```

```

theta_init = NULL,
tau_init = NULL,
nb_inno_size = NULL,
safeguard = TRUE,
verbose = FALSE
)

```

### Arguments

<code>y</code>	Integer matrix with n_subjects rows and n_time columns.
<code>order</code>	Model order (1 or 2). Order 0 does not require EM.
<code>thinning</code>	Thinning operator: "binom", "pois", or "nbinom".
<code>innovation</code>	Innovation distribution: "pois", "bell", or "nbinom".
<code>blocks</code>	Optional integer vector of length n_subjects for block effects.
<code>max_iter</code>	Maximum number of EM iterations.
<code>tol</code>	Convergence tolerance for log-likelihood change.
<code>alpha_init</code>	Optional initial values for alpha parameters.
<code>theta_init</code>	Optional initial values for theta parameters.
<code>tau_init</code>	Optional initial values for tau parameters.
<code>nb_inno_size</code>	Size parameter for negative binomial innovation (if used).
<code>safeguard</code>	Logical; if TRUE, use step-halving when likelihood decreases.
<code>verbose</code>	Logical; if TRUE, print iteration progress.

### Details

For Gaussian and CAT EM entry points, see [em\\_ad](#) and [em\\_cat](#). For CAT specifically, `fit_cat()` supports `na_action = "em"` for orders 0/1 and `na_action = "marginalize"` for order 2 missing-data fits.

### Value

A list with class "inad\_fit" containing estimated parameters.

### See Also

[em\\_ad](#), [em\\_cat](#), [fit\\_inad](#), [fit\\_cat](#)

**fit\_ad**

*Fit Gaussian antedependence model by maximum likelihood*

### Description

Fits an AD(0), AD(1), or AD(2) model for Gaussian longitudinal data by maximum likelihood. Missing values can be handled by complete-case deletion or by EM (see [em\\_ad](#) for an explicit EM wrapper).

**Usage**

```
fit_ad(
  y,
  order = 1,
  blocks = NULL,
  na_action = c("fail", "complete", "em"),
  estimate_mu = TRUE,
  em_max_iter = 100,
  em_tol = 1e-06,
  em_verbose = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

y	Numeric matrix (n_subjects x n_time). May contain NA.
order	Integer 0, 1, or 2.
blocks	Optional vector of block membership (length n_subjects).
na_action	One of "fail", "complete", or "em".
estimate_mu	Logical, whether to estimate mu (default TRUE).
em_max_iter	Maximum EM iterations (only used when na_action = "em").
em_tol	EM convergence tolerance (only used when na_action = "em").
em_verbose	Logical, print EM progress (only used when na_action = "em").
...	Passed through to the EM fitter.

**Details**

For missing data with na\_action = "em", AD orders 0 and 1 are the primary production path. AD order 2 is available, but the current EM implementation uses simplified second-order updates and should be treated as provisional for high-stakes inference.

**Value**

A list with components including mu, phi, sigma, tau, log\_l, n\_obs, n\_missing.

**See Also**

[em\\_ad](#), [fit\\_gau](#), [fit\\_cat](#), [fit\\_inad](#)

**fit\_cat**

*Fit a categorical antedependence model by maximum likelihood*

**Description**

Computes maximum likelihood estimates for the parameters of an AD(p) model for categorical longitudinal data. The model is parameterized by transition probabilities, and MLEs are obtained in closed form.

**Usage**

```
fit_cat(
  y,
  order = 1,
  blocks = NULL,
  homogeneous = TRUE,
  n_categories = NULL,
  na_action = c("fail", "complete", "marginalize", "em"),
  em_max_iter = 100,
  em_tol = 1e-06,
  em_epsilon = 1e-08,
  em_safeguard = TRUE,
  em_verbose = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>y</code>	Integer matrix with <code>n_subjects</code> rows and <code>n_time</code> columns. Each entry should be a category code from 1 to <code>c</code> , where <code>c</code> is the number of categories.
<code>order</code>	Antedependence order <code>p</code> . Must be 0, 1, or 2. Default is 1.
<code>blocks</code>	Optional integer vector of length <code>n_subjects</code> specifying group membership. If <code>NULL</code> , all subjects are treated as one group.
<code>homogeneous</code>	Logical. If <code>TRUE</code> (default), parameters are shared across all groups ( <code>blocks</code> are ignored for estimation). If <code>FALSE</code> , separate transition probabilities are estimated for each group.
<code>n_categories</code>	Number of categories. If <code>NULL</code> (default), inferred from the maximum value in <code>y</code> .
<code>na_action</code>	Handling of missing values in <code>y</code> . One of "fail" (default, error if any missing), "complete" (drop subjects with any missing values), or "marginalize" (maximize observed-data likelihood by integrating over missing outcomes), or "em" (use <code>em_cat</code> for orders 0 and 1).
<code>em_max_iter</code>	Maximum EM iterations used when <code>na_action = "em"</code> .
<code>em_tol</code>	EM convergence tolerance used when <code>na_action = "em"</code> .
<code>em_epsilon</code>	Numerical smoothing constant used when <code>na_action = "em"</code> .
<code>em_safeguard</code>	Logical; if <code>TRUE</code> , use step-halving safeguard in <code>em_cat</code> when <code>na_action = "em"</code> .
<code>em_verbose</code>	Logical; print EM progress when <code>na_action = "em"</code> .

**Details**

For  $AD(p)$ , the model decomposes as:

$$P(Y_1, \dots, Y_n) = P(Y_1, \dots, Y_p) \times \prod_{k=p+1}^n P(Y_k | Y_{k-p}, \dots, Y_{k-1})$$

MLEs are computed as empirical proportions:

- Marginal/joint probabilities: count / N
- Transition probabilities: conditional count / marginal count

Empty cells receive probability 0 (if denominator is also 0).

When `na_action = "em"`, `fit_cat()` dispatches to `em_cat`. In that case, `em_safeguard` controls step-halving protection against likelihood-decreasing updates, and returned `log_l/AIC/BIC/cell_counts` are synchronized via a final E-step under the returned parameters. For `order = 2`, `na_action = "em"` is not available and errors explicitly; use `na_action = "marginalize"`.

### Value

A list of class "`cat_fit`" containing:

<code>marginal</code>	List of marginal/joint probabilities for initial time points
<code>transition</code>	List of transition probability arrays for $k = p+1$ to $n$
<code>log_l</code>	Log-likelihood at MLE
<code>aic</code>	Akaike Information Criterion
<code>bic</code>	Bayesian Information Criterion
<code>n_params</code>	Number of free parameters
<code>cell_counts</code>	List of cell counts: observed counts for closed-form fits ( <code>na_action = "fail"/"complete"</code> ), expected counts from the final E-step for EM fits ( <code>na_action = "em"</code> ), and <code>NULL</code> for <code>na_action = "marginalize"</code>
<code>convergence</code>	Optimizer convergence code (0 for closed-form solutions)
<code>settings</code>	List of model settings

### References

Xie, Y. and Zimmerman, D. L. (2013). Antedependence models for nonstationary categorical longitudinal data with ignorable missingness: likelihood-based inference. *Statistics in Medicine*, 32, 3274-3289.

### Examples

```
## Not run:
# Simulate binary AD(1) data
set.seed(123)
y <- simulate_cat(n_subjects = 100, n_time = 5, order = 1, n_categories = 2)

# Fit model
fit <- fit_cat(y, order = 1)
print(fit)

# Compare orders
fit0 <- fit_cat(y, order = 0)
fit1 <- fit_cat(y, order = 1)
fit2 <- fit_cat(y, order = 2)
c(AIC_0 = fit0$aic, AIC_1 = fit1$aic, AIC_2 = fit2$aic)

# EM fit with missing data
y_miss <- y
y_miss[sample(length(y_miss), size = round(0.15 * length(y_miss)))] <- NA
fit_em <- fit_cat(
  y_miss,
  order = 1,
  na_action = "em",
  em_max_iter = 80,
```

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    em_tol = 1e-6
  )
fit_em$settings$n_iter
fit_em$settings$cell_counts_type

## End(Not run)

```

**fit\_gau***Fit Gaussian AD model (alias of fit\_ad)***Description**

Convenience alias for [fit\\_ad](#).

**Usage**

```
fit_gau(...)
```

**Arguments**

...	Passed through to <a href="#">fit_ad</a> .
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**Value**

See [fit\\_ad](#).

**See Also**

[fit\\_ad](#), [fit\\_cat](#), [fit\\_inad](#)

**fit\_inad***Fit INAD model by maximum likelihood***Description**

Fits INAD models by maximum likelihood.

**Usage**

```

fit_inad(
  y,
  order = 1,
  thinning = c("binom", "pois", "nbinom"),
  innovation = c("pois", "bell", "nbinom"),
  blocks = NULL,
  max_iter = 50,
  tol = 1e-06,
  verbose = FALSE,
  init_alpha = NULL,
  init_theta = NULL,

```

```

  init_tau = 0.4,
  init_nb_inno_size = 1,
  na_action = c("fail", "complete", "marginalize")
)

```

### Arguments

y	Integer matrix n_sub by n_time.
order	Integer in {0, 1, 2}.
thinning	One of "binom", "pois", "nbinom".
innovation	One of "pois", "bell", "nbinom".
blocks	Optional integer vector length n_sub. Default NULL.
max_iter	Max iterations for FE coordinate descent.
tol	Tolerance for FE log likelihood stopping.
verbose	Logical.
init_alpha	Optional initial alpha. For order 1 numeric length 1 or n_time. For order 2 matrix n_time by 2 or list(alpha1, alpha2).
init_theta	Optional initial theta numeric length 1 or n_time.
init_tau	Optional initial tau. Scalar expands to c(0, x, ..., x). Vector forces first to 0.
init_nb_inno_size	Optional initial size for innovation nbinom, length 1 or n_time.
na_action	How to handle missing values: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "fail": stop if any NA is present.</li> <li>• "complete": fit using complete-case subjects only.</li> <li>• "marginalize": maximize observed-data likelihood under MAR.</li> </ul>

### Details

No fixed effect: time separable optimization using logL\_inad\_i with theta eliminated by moment equations for order 1 and 2.

Fixed effect: block coordinate descent using nloptr BOBYQA, updating tau, alpha, theta, and nb\_inno\_size if needed.

### Value

A list with estimators, log likelihood, and settings.

### Description

Computes the log-likelihood for Gaussian antedependence models of order 0, 1, or 2. Supports missing data under MAR assumption via na\_action parameter.

**Usage**

```
logL_ad(
  y,
  order,
  mu = NULL,
  phi = NULL,
  sigma = NULL,
  blocks = NULL,
  tau = 0,
  na_action = c("marginalize", "complete", "fail")
)
```

**Arguments**

<i>y</i>	Numeric matrix with <i>n_subjects</i> rows and <i>n_time</i> columns. May contain NA.
<i>order</i>	Antedependence order, one of 0, 1, or 2.
<i>mu</i>	Mean vector (length <i>n_time</i> ).
<i>phi</i>	Dependence coefficient(s). For order 1: vector of length <i>n_time</i> -1. For order 2: matrix with 2 columns or vector of length 2*( <i>n_time</i> -2).
<i>sigma</i>	Innovation standard deviations (length <i>n_time</i> ).
<i>blocks</i>	Integer vector of block membership (length <i>n_subjects</i> ), or NULL.
<i>tau</i>	Block effects, first element constrained to zero
<i>na_action</i>	How to handle missing values: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>marginalize</i>: Compute observed-data likelihood (default)</li> <li>• <i>complete</i>: Use only complete cases</li> <li>• <i>fail</i>: Error if any NA present</li> </ul>

**Details**

For complete data (no NA), all three *na\_action* options give the same result.

For missing data:

- *marginalize*: Uses MVN marginalization to compute  $P(Y_{obs})$ . This is the correct observed-data likelihood for MAR missing data.
- *complete*: Removes subjects with any missing values. May lose information.
- *fail*: Stops with error. Useful to ensure no missing data present.

**Value**

Scalar log-likelihood value.

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<code>logL_cat</code>	<i>Compute log-likelihood for a categorical antedependence model</i>
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### Description

Evaluates the log-likelihood of an AD(p) model for categorical longitudinal data at given parameter values.

### Usage

```
logL_cat(
  y,
  order,
  marginal,
  transition = NULL,
  blocks = NULL,
  homogeneous = TRUE,
  n_categories = NULL,
  na_action = c("fail", "complete", "marginalize")
)
```

### Arguments

<code>y</code>	Integer matrix with <code>n_subjects</code> rows and <code>n_time</code> columns. Each entry should be a category code from 1 to <code>c</code> .
<code>order</code>	Antedependence order <code>p</code> . Must be 0, 1, or 2.
<code>marginal</code>	List of marginal/joint probabilities for initial time points. Structure depends on <code>order</code> (see Details).
<code>transition</code>	List of transition probability arrays for time points <code>k = p+1</code> to <code>n</code> . Each element should be an array of dimension <code>c^p x c</code> where the last dimension corresponds to the current time point.
<code>blocks</code>	Optional integer vector of length <code>n_subjects</code> specifying group membership. Required if <code>homogeneous = FALSE</code> .
<code>homogeneous</code>	Logical. If <code>TRUE</code> (default), same parameters used for all subjects. If <code>FALSE</code> , <code>marginal</code> and <code>transition</code> should be lists indexed by block.
<code>n_categories</code>	Number of categories. If <code>NULL</code> , inferred from data.
<code>na_action</code>	Handling of missing values in <code>y</code> . One of <code>"fail"</code> (default, error if any missing), <code>"complete"</code> (drop subjects with any missing values), or <code>"marginalize"</code> (integrate over missing categorical outcomes under the AD model).

### Details

The log-likelihood for AD( $p$ ) decomposes into contributions from initial time points and transition time points.

For order 0 (independence), the log-likelihood is the sum of log marginal probabilities at each time point.

Parameter structure for `marginal`:

- Order 0: List with elements  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n$ , each a vector of length  $c$

- Order 1: List with element t1 (vector of length c)
- Order 2: List with t1 (vector), t2\_given\_1to1 (c x c matrix)

Parameter structure for transition:

- Order 0: Not used (NULL or empty list)
- Order 1: List with elements t2, t3, ..., tn, each c x c matrix
- Order 2: List with elements t3, t4, ..., tn, each c x c x c array

### **Value**

Scalar log-likelihood value.

### **References**

Xie, Y. and Zimmerman, D. L. (2013). Antedependence models for nonstationary categorical longitudinal data with ignorable missingness: likelihood-based inference. *Statistics in Medicine*, 32, 3274-3289.

**logL\_gau**

*Log-likelihood for Gaussian AD model (alias of logL\_ad)*

### **Description**

Convenience alias for [logL\\_ad](#).

### **Usage**

`logL_gau(...)`

### **Arguments**

... Passed through to [logL\\_ad](#).

### **Value**

See [logL\\_ad](#).

### **See Also**

[logL\\_ad](#), [logL\\_cat](#), [logL\\_inad](#)

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logL_inad	<i>INAD log likelihood (full data)</i>
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### Description

If blocks is NULL, this computes the log likelihood as the sum of per time contributions from logL\_inad\_i for computational convenience.

### Usage

```
logL_inad(
  y,
  order = 1,
  thinning = c("binom", "pois", "nbinom"),
  innovation = c("pois", "bell", "nbinom"),
  alpha,
  theta,
  nb_inno_size = NULL,
  blocks = NULL,
  tau = 0,
  na_action = c("fail", "complete", "marginalize")
)
```

### Arguments

<code>y</code>	Integer matrix n_sub by n_time.
<code>order</code>	Integer in {0, 1, 2}.
<code>thinning</code>	One of "binom", "pois", "nbinom".
<code>innovation</code>	One of "pois", "bell", "nbinom".
<code>alpha</code>	Thinning parameters. For order 1, numeric length 1 or n_time. For order 2, either a matrix n_time by 2 or a list(alpha1, alpha2).
<code>theta</code>	Innovation mean parameters. Numeric length 1 or n_time.
<code>nb_inno_size</code>	Size parameter for innovation "nbinom". Numeric length 1 or n_time.
<code>blocks</code>	Optional integer vector of length n_sub. If NULL, no fixed effect.
<code>tau</code>	Optional numeric vector. Only used if blocks is not NULL.
<code>na_action</code>	How to handle missing values: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "fail": error if any NA is present.</li> <li>• "complete": use only complete-case subjects.</li> <li>• "marginalize": observed-data likelihood under MAR via truncated-state recursion.</li> </ul>

### Value

A scalar log likelihood.

`logL_inad_i`*INAD log likelihood contribution at time i (no fixed effect)***Description**

Returns the time i contribution, summed over subjects, for the no fixed effect model.

**Usage**

```
logL_inad_i(
  y,
  i,
  order = 1,
  thinning = c("binom", "pois", "nbinom"),
  innovation = c("pois", "bell", "nbinom"),
  alpha,
  theta,
  nb_inno_size = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>y</code>	Integer matrix n_sub by n_time.
<code>i</code>	Time index in 1..ncol(y).
<code>order</code>	Integer in {0, 1, 2}.
<code>thinning</code>	One of "binom", "pois", "nbinom".
<code>innovation</code>	One of "pois", "bell", "nbinom".
<code>alpha</code>	Thinning parameters. For order 1, numeric length 1 or n_time. For order 2, either a matrix n_time by 2 or a list(alpha1, alpha2).
<code>theta</code>	Innovation mean parameter at time i, or a vector length 1 or n_time.
<code>nb_inno_size</code>	Size parameter for innovation "nbinom". Numeric length 1 or n_time.

**Value**

A scalar log likelihood contribution for time i.

`lrt_contrast_ad`*Test linear hypotheses on the mean under antedependence***Description**

Tests the null hypothesis  $C * \mu = c$  for a specified contrast matrix C and vector c, under an AD(p) covariance structure. This implements Theorem 7.2 of Zimmerman & Núñez-Antón (2009).

**Usage**

```
lrt_contrast_ad(y, C, c = NULL, p = 1L)
```

### Arguments

<b>y</b>	Numeric matrix with n_subjects rows and n_time columns.
<b>C</b>	Contrast matrix with c rows and n_time columns, where c is the number of contrasts being tested. Rows must be linearly independent.
<b>c</b>	Right-hand side vector of length equal to nrow(C). Default is a vector of zeros.
<b>p</b>	Antedependence order of the covariance structure.

### Details

The Wald test statistic (Theorem 7.2) is:

$$(C\bar{Y} - c)^T (C\hat{\Sigma}C^T)^{-1} (C\bar{Y} - c)$$

where  $\hat{\Sigma}$  is the REML estimator of the covariance matrix under the AD(p) model.

Common examples include:

- Testing if mean is constant: C is the first-difference matrix
- Testing for linear trend: C tests deviations from linearity

### Value

A list with class ad\_contrast\_test containing:

**C** Contrast matrix  
**c** Right-hand side vector  
**mu\_hat** Estimated mean vector  
**contrast\_est** Estimated value of C \* mu  
**statistic** Wald test statistic  
**df** Degrees of freedom (number of contrasts)  
**p\_value** P-value from chi-square distribution

### References

Zimmerman, D.L. and Núñez-Antón, V. (2009). Antedependence Models for Longitudinal Data. Chapman & Hall/CRC. Chapter 7.

### Examples

```
## Not run:
y <- simulate_ad(n_subjects = 50, n_time = 5, order = 1)

# Test if mean is constant (all differences = 0)
# C is 4x5 matrix of first differences
C <- matrix(0, nrow = 4, ncol = 5)
for (i in 1:4) {
  C[i, i] <- 1
  C[i, i+1] <- -1
}
test <- lrt_contrast_ad(y, C = C, p = 1)
print(test)

## End(Not run)
```

**lrt\_contrast\_gau**      *Linear contrast test for Gaussian AD means (alias of lrt\_contrast\_ad)*

## Description

Convenience alias for [lrt\\_contrast\\_ad](#).

## Usage

```
lrt_contrast_gau(...)
```

## Arguments

...                  Passed through to [lrt\\_contrast\\_ad](#).

## Value

See [lrt\\_contrast\\_ad](#).

## See Also

[lrt\\_contrast\\_ad](#)

**lrt\_homogeneity\_ad**      *Test for homogeneity of AD covariance structure across groups*

## Description

Tests the null hypothesis that G groups have the same AD(p) covariance structure against the alternative that they have different AD(p) structures. This implements Theorem 6.6 of Zimmerman & Núñez-Antón (2009).

## Usage

```
lrt_homogeneity_ad(y, blocks, p = 1L, use_modified = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

- |              |  |
|--------------|--|
| y            | Numeric matrix with n_subjects rows and n_time columns.  |
| blocks       | Integer vector of length n_subjects indicating group membership.                               |
| p            | Antedependence order.  |
| use_modified | Logical. If TRUE (default), use modified test statistic for better small-sample approximation. |

## Details

The test compares:

- H0: All G groups have the same AD(p) covariance matrix Sigma(theta)
- H1: Groups have different AD(p) covariance matrices Sigma(theta\_g)

The likelihood ratio test statistic (Theorem 6.6) involves comparing pooled and within-group RSS values. The degrees of freedom are  $(G-1)(2n - p)(p + 1)/2$ .

This test is useful for determining whether a common covariance structure can be assumed across treatment groups before performing mean comparisons.

## Value

A list with class ad\_homogeneity\_test containing:

- statistic** Test statistic value
- statistic\_modified** Modified test statistic (if use\_modified = TRUE)
- df** Degrees of freedom
- p\_value** P-value from chi-square distribution
- p\_value\_modified** P-value from modified test
- G** Number of groups
- group\_sizes** Sample sizes for each group
- order** Antedependence order

## References

Zimmerman, D.L. and Núñez-Antón, V. (2009). Antedependence Models for Longitudinal Data. Chapman & Hall/CRC. Section 6.4.

Kenward, M.G. (1987). A method for comparing profiles of repeated measurements. *Applied Statistics*, 36, 296-308.

## See Also

[lrt\\_order\\_ad](#), [lrt\\_two\\_sample\\_ad](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:
# Simulate data from two groups with same covariance
n1 <- 30
n2 <- 35
y1 <- simulate_ad(n1, n_time = 6, order = 1, phi = 0.5, sigma = 1)
y2 <- simulate_ad(n2, n_time = 6, order = 1, phi = 0.5, sigma = 1)
y <- rbind(y1, y2)
blocks <- c(rep(1, n1), rep(2, n2))

# Test homogeneity
test <- lrt_homogeneity_ad(y, blocks, p = 1)
print(test)

## End(Not run)
```

**lrt\_homogeneity\_cat**    *Likelihood ratio test for homogeneity across groups (categorical data)*

## Description

Tests whether multiple groups share the same transition probability parameters in a categorical antedependence model.

## Usage

```
lrt_homogeneity_cat(
  y = NULL,
  blocks = NULL,
  order = 1,
  n_categories = NULL,
  fit_null = NULL,
  fit_alt = NULL
)
```

## Arguments

<b>y</b>	Integer matrix with n_subjects rows and n_time columns. Each entry should be a category code from 1 to c. Can be NULL if both fit_null and fit_alt are provided.
<b>blocks</b>	Integer vector of length n_subjects specifying group membership. Required unless pre-fitted models are provided.
<b>order</b>	Antedependence order p. Default is 1.
<b>n_categories</b>	Number of categories. If NULL, inferred from data.
<b>fit_null</b>	Optional pre-fitted homogeneous model (class "cat_fit" with homogeneous = TRUE). If provided, y is not required for fitting under H0.
<b>fit_alt</b>	Optional pre-fitted heterogeneous model (class "cat_fit" with homogeneous = FALSE). If provided, y is not required for fitting under H1.

## Details

The null hypothesis is that all G groups share the same transition probability parameters:

$$H_0 : \pi^{(1)} = \pi^{(2)} = \dots = \pi^{(G)}$$

The alternative hypothesis allows each group to have its own parameters.

The degrees of freedom are:

$$df = (G - 1) \times k$$

where G is the number of groups and k is the number of free parameters per population.

**Value**

A list of class "cat\_lrt" containing:

lrt_stat	Likelihood ratio test statistic
df	Degrees of freedom
p_value	P-value from chi-square distribution
fit_null	Fitted homogeneous model (H0)
fit_alt	Fitted heterogeneous model (H1)
n_groups	Number of groups
table	Summary data frame

**References**

Xie, Y. and Zimmerman, D. L. (2013). Antedependence models for nonstationary categorical longitudinal data with ignorable missingness: likelihood-based inference. *Statistics in Medicine*, 32, 3274-3289.

**See Also**

[fit\\_cat](#), [lrt\\_order\\_cat](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
# Simulate data with different transition probabilities for two groups
set.seed(123)
marg1 <- list(t1 = c(0.7, 0.3))
marg2 <- list(t1 = c(0.4, 0.6))
trans1 <- list(t2 = matrix(c(0.9, 0.1, 0.2, 0.8), 2, byrow = TRUE),
               t3 = matrix(c(0.9, 0.1, 0.2, 0.8), 2, byrow = TRUE))
trans2 <- list(t2 = matrix(c(0.5, 0.5, 0.5, 0.5), 2, byrow = TRUE),
               t3 = matrix(c(0.5, 0.5, 0.5, 0.5), 2, byrow = TRUE))

y1 <- simulate_cat(100, 3, order = 1, n_categories = 2,
                    marginal = marg1, transition = trans1)
y2 <- simulate_cat(100, 3, order = 1, n_categories = 2,
                    marginal = marg2, transition = trans2)
y <- rbind(y1, y2)
blocks <- c(rep(1, 100), rep(2, 100))

# Test homogeneity
test <- lrt_homogeneity_cat(y, blocks, order = 1)
print(test)

## End(Not run)
```

**lrt\_homogeneity\_gau** Covariance homogeneity test for Gaussian AD (alias of *lrt\_homogeneity\_ad*)

## Description

Convenience alias for [lrt\\_homogeneity\\_ad](#).

## Usage

```
lrt_homogeneity_gau(...)
```

## Arguments

...	Passed through to <a href="#">lrt_homogeneity_ad</a> .
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## Value

See [lrt\\_homogeneity\\_ad](#).

## See Also

[lrt\\_homogeneity\\_ad](#), [lrt\\_homogeneity\\_cat](#), [lrt\\_homogeneity\\_inad](#)

**lrt\_homogeneity\_inad** Likelihood Ratio Test for Homogeneity in INAD Models

## Description

Tests hypotheses about parameter equality across treatment or grouping factors in integer-valued antedependence models. Implements the homogeneity testing framework from Section 3.7 of Li & Zimmerman (2026).

## Usage

```
lrt_homogeneity_inad(
  y,
  blocks,
  order = 1,
  thinning = "binom",
  innovation = "pois",
  test = c("all", "mean", "dependence"),
  fit_pooled = NULL,
  fit_inadfe = NULL,
  fit_hetero = NULL,
  ...
)
```

### Arguments

<code>y</code>	Integer matrix with n_subjects rows and n_time columns.
<code>blocks</code>	Integer vector of length n_subjects specifying group membership.
<code>order</code>	Antedependence order (0, 1, or 2).
<code>thinning</code>	Thinning operator: "binom", "pois", or "nbinom".
<code>innovation</code>	Innovation distribution: "pois", "bell", or "nbinom".
<code>test</code>	Type of homogeneity test: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "all": Tests M1 (pooled) vs M3 (fully heterogeneous)</li> <li>• "mean": Tests M1 (pooled) vs M2 (shared dependence, different means)</li> <li>• "dependence": Tests M2 (INADFE) vs M3 (fully heterogeneous)</li> </ul>
<code>fit_pooled</code>	Optional pre-computed pooled fit (M1).
<code>fit_inadfe</code>	Optional pre-computed INADFE fit (M2).
<code>fit_hetero</code>	Optional pre-computed heterogeneous fit (M3).
...	Additional arguments passed to <code>fit_inad</code> .

### Details

The function supports three nested model comparisons as described in the paper:

**M1 (Pooled):** All parameters are common across groups. This corresponds to fitting `fit_inad(y, blocks = NULL)`.

**M2 (INADFE):** The thinning parameters  $\alpha$  are shared across groups, but innovation means differ via block effects  $\tau$ . This is the standard INADFE model fitted via `fit_inad(y, blocks = blocks)`.

**M3 (Fully Heterogeneous):** Both  $\alpha$  and  $\theta$  parameters can differ across groups. This is fitted by running separate `fit_inad` calls for each group.

The three test types correspond to:

- "all": H0: M1 vs H1: M3 (complete homogeneity vs complete heterogeneity)
- "mean": H0: M1 vs H1: M2 (test for group differences in means only)
- "dependence": H0: M2 vs H1: M3 (test for group differences in dependence)

Degrees of freedom are computed as the difference in free parameters between the null and alternative models.

### Value

A list with class "lrt\_homogeneity\_inad" containing:

- lrt\_stat** Likelihood ratio test statistic
- df** Degrees of freedom
- p\_value** P-value from chi-square distribution
- test** Type of test performed
- fit\_null** Fitted model under H0
- fit\_alt** Fitted model under H1
- bic\_null** BIC under H0
- bic\_alt** BIC under H1
- bic\_selected** Which model BIC prefers
- table** Summary data frame

## References

Li, C. and Zimmerman, D.L. (2026). Integer-valued antedependence models for longitudinal count data. *Biostatistics*. Section 3.7.

## See Also

[fit\\_inad](#), [lrt\\_order\\_inad](#), [lrt\\_stationarity\\_inad](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:
data("bolus_inad")
y <- bolus_inad$y
blocks <- bolus_inad$blocks

# Test for any group differences (M1 vs M3)
test_all <- lrt_homogeneity_inad(y, blocks, order = 1,
                                    thinning = "nbinom", innovation = "bell",
                                    test = "all")
print(test_all)

# Test only for mean differences (M1 vs M2)
test_mean <- lrt_homogeneity_inad(y, blocks, order = 1,
                                     thinning = "nbinom", innovation = "bell",
                                     test = "mean")
print(test_mean)

# Test for dependence differences given different means (M2 vs M3)
test_dep <- lrt_homogeneity_inad(y, blocks, order = 1,
                                    thinning = "nbinom", innovation = "bell",
                                    test = "dependence")
print(test_dep)

## End(Not run)
```

*lrt\_one\_sample\_ad*

*One-sample test for mean structure under antedependence*

## Description

Tests the null hypothesis that the mean vector equals a specified value  $\mu = \mu_0$  against the alternative  $\mu \neq \mu_0$ , under an AD( $p$ ) covariance structure. This implements Theorem 7.1 of Zimmerman & Núñez-Antón (2009).

## Usage

```
lrt_one_sample_ad(y, mu0, p = 1L, use_modified = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

<b>y</b>	Numeric matrix with n_subjects rows and n_time columns.
<b>mu0</b>	Hypothesized mean vector under the null (length n_time).
<b>p</b>	Antedependence order of the covariance structure.
<b>use_modified</b>	Logical. If TRUE (default), use the modified test statistic (formula 7.7) for better small-sample approximation.

### Details

The test exploits the AD structure to gain power over tests that don't assume any covariance structure. The likelihood ratio test statistic (Theorem 7.1) is:

$$N \sum_{i=1}^n [\log RSS_i(\mu_0) - \log RSS_i(\hat{\mu})]$$

where  $RSS_i(\mu)$  is the residual sum of squares from the regression of  $Y_{-i} - \mu_{-i}$  on its p predecessors  $Y_{-(i-1)} - \mu_{-(i-1)}, \dots, Y_{-(i-p)} - \mu_{-(i-p)}$ .

The test has n degrees of freedom (one for each component of mu).

### Value

A list with class ad\_mean\_test containing:

**test\_type** "one-sample"  
**mu0** Hypothesized mean under null  
**mu\_hat** MLE of mean (sample mean)  
**statistic** Test statistic value  
**statistic\_modified** Modified test statistic (if use\_modified = TRUE)  
**df** Degrees of freedom (n\_time)  
**p\_value** P-value from chi-square distribution  
**p\_value\_modified** P-value from modified test  
**order** Antedependence order used

### References

Zimmerman, D.L. and Núñez-Antón, V. (2009). Antedependence Models for Longitudinal Data. Chapman & Hall/CRC. Chapter 7.

### See Also

[lrt\\_two\\_sample\\_ad](#), [lrt\\_order\\_ad](#)

### Examples

```
## Not run:
# Simulate data with known mean
mu_true <- c(10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15)
y <- simulate_ad(n_subjects = 50, n_time = 6, order = 1, mu = mu_true)

# Test if mean is zero
```

```

test <- lrt_one_sample_ad(y, mu0 = rep(0, 6), p = 1)
print(test)

# Test if mean equals true value (should not reject)
test2 <- lrt_one_sample_ad(y, mu0 = mu_true, p = 1)
print(test2)

## End(Not run)

```

**lrt\_one\_sample\_gau**      *One-sample mean test for Gaussian AD (alias of lrt\_one\_sample\_ad)*

### Description

Convenience alias for [lrt\\_one\\_sample\\_ad](#).

### Usage

```
lrt_one_sample_gau(...)
```

### Arguments

...                          Passed through to [lrt\\_one\\_sample\\_ad](#).

### Value

See [lrt\\_one\\_sample\\_ad](#).

### See Also

[lrt\\_one\\_sample\\_ad](#), [lrt\\_two\\_sample\\_ad](#)

**lrt\_order\_ad**      *Likelihood ratio test for antedependence order*

### Description

Tests the null hypothesis that the data follow an AD(p) model against the alternative that they follow an AD(p+q) model, using the likelihood ratio test described in Theorem 6.4 and 6.5 of Zimmerman & Núñez-Antón (2009).

### Usage

```
lrt_order_ad(y, p = 0L, q = 1L, mu = NULL, use_modified = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

<b>y</b>	Numeric matrix with n_subjects rows and n_time columns.
<b>p</b>	Order under the null hypothesis (default 0).
<b>q</b>	Order increment under the alternative (default 1, so alternative is AD(p+q)).
<b>mu</b>	Optional mean vector. If NULL, the saturated mean (sample means) is used.
<b>use_modified</b>	Logical. If TRUE (default), use the modified test statistic (formula 6.9) which has better small-sample properties.

### Details

The test is based on the intervenor-adjusted sample partial correlations. Under the null hypothesis  $AD(p)$ , the partial correlations  $r_{(i,i-kl(i-k+1:i-1))}$  should be zero for  $k > p$ .

The likelihood ratio test statistic (Theorem 6.4) is:

$$-N \sum_{j=1}^q \sum_{i=p+j+1}^n \log(1 - r_{i,i-p-j \cdot (i-p-j+1:i-1)}^2)$$

which is asymptotically chi-square with  $(2n - 2p - q - 1)(q/2)$  degrees of freedom.

The modified test (formula 6.9) adjusts for small-sample bias using Kenward's (1987) correction.

### Value

A list with class ad\_order\_test containing:

- p** Order under null hypothesis
- q** Order increment
- statistic** Test statistic value
- statistic\_modified** Modified test statistic (if use\_modified = TRUE)
- df** Degrees of freedom
- p\_value** P-value from chi-square distribution
- p\_value\_modified** P-value from modified test (if use\_modified = TRUE)
- n\_subjects** Number of subjects
- n\_time** Number of time points

### References

Zimmerman, D.L. and Núñez-Antón, V. (2009). Antedependence Models for Longitudinal Data. Chapman & Hall/CRC. Chapter 6.

Kenward, M.G. (1987). A method for comparing profiles of repeated measurements. Applied Statistics, 36, 296-308.

### See Also

[lrt\\_one\\_sample\\_ad](#), [lrt\\_homogeneity\\_ad](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:
# Simulate AD(1) data
y <- simulate_ad(n_subjects = 50, n_time = 6, order = 1, phi = 0.5)

# Test AD(0) vs AD(1)
test01 <- lrt_order_ad(y, p = 0, q = 1)
print(test01)

# Test AD(1) vs AD(2)
test12 <- lrt_order_ad(y, p = 1, q = 1)
print(test12)

## End(Not run)
```

## **lrt\_order\_cat**

*Likelihood ratio test for antedependence order (categorical data)*

## Description

Tests whether a higher-order AD model provides significantly better fit than a lower-order model for categorical longitudinal data.

## Usage

```
lrt_order_cat(
  y = NULL,
  order_null = 0,
  order_alt = 1,
  blocks = NULL,
  homogeneous = TRUE,
  n_categories = NULL,
  fit_null = NULL,
  fit_alt = NULL
)
```

## Arguments

<b>y</b>	Integer matrix with n_subjects rows and n_time columns. Each entry should be a category code from 1 to c. Can be NULL if both fit_null and fit_alt are provided.
<b>order_null</b>	Order under the null hypothesis (default 0).
<b>order_alt</b>	Order under the alternative hypothesis (default 1). Must be greater than order_null.
<b>blocks</b>	Optional integer vector of length n_subjects specifying group membership.
<b>homogeneous</b>	Logical. If TRUE (default), parameters are shared across all groups.
<b>n_categories</b>	Number of categories. If NULL, inferred from data.
<b>fit_null</b>	Optional pre-fitted model under null hypothesis (class "cat_fit"). If provided, y is not required for fitting under H0.
<b>fit_alt</b>	Optional pre-fitted model under alternative hypothesis. If provided, y is not required for fitting under H1.

## Details

The likelihood ratio test statistic is:

$$\lambda = -2[\ell_0 - \ell_1]$$

where  $\ell_0$  and  $\ell_1$  are the maximized log-likelihoods under the null and alternative hypotheses.

Under H0,  $\lambda$  follows a chi-square distribution with degrees of freedom equal to the difference in the number of free parameters.

For testing AD(p) vs AD(p+1), the degrees of freedom are:

$$df = (c - 1) \times c^p \times (n - p - 1)$$

where c is the number of categories and n is the number of time points.

## Value

A list of class "cat\_lrt" containing:

lrt_stat	Likelihood ratio test statistic
df	Degrees of freedom
p_value	P-value from chi-square distribution
fit_null	Fitted model under H0
fit_alt	Fitted model under H1
order_null	Order under null
order_alt	Order under alternative
table	Summary data frame

## References

Xie, Y. and Zimmerman, D. L. (2013). Antedependence models for nonstationary categorical longitudinal data with ignorable missingness: likelihood-based inference. *Statistics in Medicine*, 32, 3274-3289.

## See Also

[fit\\_cat](#), [bic\\_order\\_cat](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:
# Simulate AD(1) data
set.seed(123)
y <- simulate_cat(200, 6, order = 1, n_categories = 2)

# Test AD(0) vs AD(1)
test_01 <- lrt_order_cat(y, order_null = 0, order_alt = 1)
print(test_01$table)

# Test AD(1) vs AD(2)
test_12 <- lrt_order_cat(y, order_null = 1, order_alt = 2)
print(test_12$table)

# Using pre-fitted models
fit0 <- fit_cat(y, order = 0)
```

```
fit1 <- fit_cat(y, order = 1)
test_prefitted <- lrt_order_cat(fit_null = fit0, fit_alt = fit1)

## End(Not run)
```

**lrt\_order\_gau***LRT for Gaussian AD order (alias of lrt\_order\_ad)***Description**

Convenience alias for [lrt\\_order\\_ad](#).

**Usage**

```
lrt_order_gau(...)
```

**Arguments**

... Passed through to [lrt\\_order\\_ad](#).

**Value**

See [lrt\\_order\\_ad](#).

**See Also**

[lrt\\_order\\_ad](#), [lrt\\_order\\_cat](#), [lrt\\_order\\_inad](#)

**lrt\_order\_inad***Likelihood Ratio Test for INAD Model Order***Description**

Performs a likelihood ratio test comparing INAD models of different orders.

**Usage**

```
lrt_order_inad(
  y,
  order_null = 1,
  order_alt = 2,
  thinning = "binom",
  innovation = "pois",
  blocks = NULL,
  use_chibar = TRUE,
  weights = NULL,
  fit_null = NULL,
  fit_alt = NULL,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

y	Integer matrix with n_subjects rows and n_time columns.
order_null	Order under null hypothesis (0 or 1).
order_alt	Order under alternative hypothesis (1 or 2). Must be order_null + 1.
thinning	Thinning operator: "binom", "pois", or "nbinom".
innovation	Innovation distribution: "pois", "bell", or "nbinom".
blocks	Optional integer vector for block effects.
use_chibar	Logical; if TRUE, use chi-bar-square for boundary test.
weights	Optional weights for chi-bar-square mixture.
fit_null	Optional pre-computed null fit.
fit_alt	Optional pre-computed alternative fit.
...	Additional arguments passed to fit_inad.

**Value**

A list with class "lrt\_order\_inad".

**lrt\_stationarity\_cat** *Likelihood ratio test for stationarity (categorical data)*

**Description**

Tests whether a categorical antedependence process is strictly stationary, meaning both the marginal distribution and transition probabilities are constant over time.

**Usage**

```
lrt_stationarity_cat(
  y,
  order = 1,
  blocks = NULL,
  homogeneous = TRUE,
  n_categories = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

y	Integer matrix with n_subjects rows and n_time columns. Each entry should be a category code from 1 to c.
order	Antedependence order p. Default is 1.
blocks	Optional integer vector of length n_subjects specifying group membership.
homogeneous	Logical. If TRUE (default), parameters are shared across all groups.
n_categories	Number of categories. If NULL, inferred from data.

## Details

Strict stationarity requires:

1. The marginal distribution  $P(Y_k)$  is constant for all  $k$
2. The transition probabilities  $P(Y_k | Y_{k-p}, \dots, Y_{k-1})$  are constant for all  $k > p$

This is stronger than time-invariance, which only requires condition 2.

The null hypothesis is tested against the general (non-stationary) AD( $p$ ) model. The degrees of freedom are:

$$df = (c - 1)(n - 1) + (c - 1)c^p(n - p - 1)$$

for order  $p \geq 1$ , which accounts for both marginal and transition constraints.

## Value

A list of class "cat\_lrt" containing:

<code>lrt_stat</code>	Likelihood ratio test statistic
<code>df</code>	Degrees of freedom
<code>p_value</code>	P-value from chi-square distribution
<code>fit_null</code>	Fitted stationary model ( $H_0$ )
<code>fit_alt</code>	Fitted non-stationary model ( $H_1$ )
<code>table</code>	Summary data frame

## References

Xie, Y. and Zimmerman, D. L. (2013). Antedependence models for nonstationary categorical longitudinal data with ignorable missingness: likelihood-based inference. *Statistics in Medicine*, 32, 3274-3289.

## See Also

`lrt_timeinvariance_cat`, `lrt_order_cat`

## Examples

```
## Not run:
# Simulate stationary AD(1) data
set.seed(123)
y <- simulate_cat(200, 6, order = 1, n_categories = 2)

# Test stationarity
test <- lrt_stationarity_cat(y, order = 1)
print(test)

## End(Not run)
```

---

**lrt\_stationarity\_inad** *Likelihood Ratio Test for INAD Stationarity*

---

**Description**

Tests whether time-varying parameters can be constrained to constants.

**Usage**

```
lrt_stationarity_inad(
  y,
  order = 1,
  thinning = "binom",
  innovation = "pois",
  blocks = NULL,
  constrain = "both",
  fit_unconstrained = NULL,
  verbose = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>y</code>	Integer matrix with n_subjects rows and n_time columns.
<code>order</code>	Model order (1 or 2).
<code>thinning</code>	Thinning operator: "binom", "pois", or "nbinom".
<code>innovation</code>	Innovation distribution: "pois", "bell", or "nbinom".
<code>blocks</code>	Optional integer vector for block effects.
<code>constrain</code>	Which parameters to constrain: "alpha", "theta", "both" for order 1; "alpha1", "alpha2", "alpha", "theta", "all" for order 2.
<code>fit_unconstrained</code>	Optional pre-computed unconstrained fit.
<code>verbose</code>	Logical; if TRUE, print progress.
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments.

**Value**

A list with class "lrt\_stationarity\_inad".

**lrt\_timeinvariance\_cat***Likelihood ratio test for time-invariance (categorical data)***Description**

Tests whether transition probabilities are constant over time in a categorical antedependence model.

**Usage**

```
lrt_timeinvariance_cat(
  y,
  order = 1,
  blocks = NULL,
  homogeneous = TRUE,
  n_categories = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>y</code>	Integer matrix with <code>n_subjects</code> rows and <code>n_time</code> columns. Each entry should be a category code from 1 to <code>c</code> .
<code>order</code>	Antedependence order <code>p</code> . Default is 1.
<code>blocks</code>	Optional integer vector of length <code>n_subjects</code> specifying group membership.
<code>homogeneous</code>	Logical. If TRUE (default), parameters are shared across all groups.
<code>n_categories</code>	Number of categories. If NULL, inferred from data.

**Details**

The null hypothesis is that all transition probabilities (for  $k > p$ ) are equal across time:

$$H_0 : \pi_{y_k | y_{k-p}, \dots, y_{k-1}} \text{ is constant for } k = p + 1, \dots, n$$

This reduces  $(n-p)$  separate transition matrices/arrays to a single one.

The degrees of freedom are:

$$df = (c - 1) \times c^p \times (n - p - 1)$$

**Value**

A list of class "cat\_lrt" containing:

<code>lrt_stat</code>	Likelihood ratio test statistic
<code>df</code>	Degrees of freedom
<code>p_value</code>	P-value from chi-square distribution
<code>fit_null</code>	Fitted time-invariant model ( $H_0$ )
<code>fit_alt</code>	Fitted time-varying model ( $H_1$ )
<code>table</code>	Summary data frame

## References

Xie, Y. and Zimmerman, D. L. (2013). Antedependence models for nonstationary categorical longitudinal data with ignorable missingness: likelihood-based inference. *Statistics in Medicine*, 32, 3274-3289.

## See Also

[fit\\_cat](#), [lrt\\_order\\_cat](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:
# Simulate data with time-invariant transitions
set.seed(123)
y <- simulate_cat(200, 6, order = 1, n_categories = 2)

# Test time-invariance
test <- lrt_timeinvariance_cat(y, order = 1)
print(test)

## End(Not run)
```

**lrt\_two\_sample\_ad**      *Two-sample test for equality of mean profiles under antedependence*

## Description

Tests the null hypothesis that two groups have equal mean profiles  $\mu_1 = \mu_2$  against the alternative  $\mu_1 \neq \mu_2$ , assuming a common AD( $p$ ) covariance structure. This implements Theorem 7.3 of Zimmerman & Núñez-Antón (2009).

## Usage

```
lrt_two_sample_ad(y, blocks, p = 1L, use_modified = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

<b>y</b>	Numeric matrix with n_subjects rows and n_time columns.
<b>blocks</b>	Integer vector of length n_subjects indicating group membership (must contain exactly two unique values, typically 1 and 2).
<b>p</b>	Antedependence order of the common covariance structure.
<b>use_modified</b>	Logical. If TRUE (default), use modified test statistic.

## Details

This test is also known as a "profile comparison" test. The likelihood ratio test statistic (Theorem 7.3) compares the pooled RSS (under  $H_0$ : common mean) to the sum of within-group RSS (under  $H_1$ : separate means):

$$N \sum_{i=1}^n [\log RSS_i(\mu) - \log RSS_i(\mu_1, \mu_2)]$$

where `RSS_i(mu)` uses a common mean and `RSS_i(mu_1, mu_2)` uses group-specific means.

### Value

A list with class `ad_mean_test` containing:

**test\_type** "two-sample"  
**mu1\_hat** Estimated mean for group 1  
**mu2\_hat** Estimated mean for group 2  
**mu\_pooled** Pooled mean estimate under H0  
**statistic** Test statistic value  
**statistic\_modified** Modified test statistic  
**df** Degrees of freedom (n\_time)  
**p\_value** P-value from chi-square distribution  
**p\_value\_modified** P-value from modified test  
**order** Antedependence order used

### References

Zimmerman, D.L. and Núñez-Antón, V. (2009). Antedependence Models for Longitudinal Data. Chapman & Hall/CRC. Chapter 7.

### Examples

```
## Not run:
# Simulate data from two groups with different means
n1 <- 30
n2 <- 35
y1 <- simulate_ad(n1, n_time = 6, order = 1, mu = rep(10, 6))
y2 <- simulate_ad(n2, n_time = 6, order = 1, mu = rep(12, 6))
y <- rbind(y1, y2)
blocks <- c(rep(1, n1), rep(2, n2))

# Test equality of profiles
test <- lrt_two_sample_ad(y, blocks, p = 1)
print(test)

## End(Not run)
```

**lrt\_two\_sample\_gau**      *Two-sample mean profile test for Gaussian AD (alias of lrt\_two\_sample\_ad)*

## Description

Convenience alias for [lrt\\_two\\_sample\\_ad](#).

## Usage

```
lrt_two_sample_gau(...)
```

## Arguments

...	Passed through to <a href="#">lrt_two_sample_ad</a> .
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## Value

See [lrt\\_two\\_sample\\_ad](#).

## See Also

[lrt\\_two\\_sample\\_ad](#), [lrt\\_one\\_sample\\_ad](#)

**partial\_corr**      *Compute intervenor-adjusted partial correlation matrix*

## Description

Computes the partial correlation between  $Y[i]$  and  $Y[j]$  adjusting for the "intervenor" variables  $Y[i+1], \dots, Y[j-1]$ . Under an antedependence model of order  $p$ , partial correlations for  $|i-j| > p$  should be approximately zero.

## Usage

```
partial_corr(y, test = FALSE, n_digits = 3)
```

## Arguments

<b>y</b>	Numeric matrix with $n_{\text{subjects}}$ rows and $n_{\text{time}}$ columns.
<b>test</b>	Logical; if TRUE, returns significance flags based on approximate threshold $2/\sqrt{n_{\text{eff}}}$ where $n_{\text{eff}} = n_{\text{subjects}} - (\text{lag} - 1)$ . Default FALSE.
<b>n_digits</b>	Integer; number of decimal places for rounding. Default 3.

## Details

The intervenor-adjusted partial correlation between  $Y[i]$  and  $Y[j]$  ( $i < j$ ) is computed as the correlation between the residuals from regressing  $Y[i]$  and  $Y[j]$  on the intervenor set  $Y[i+1], \dots, Y[j-1]$ .

For adjacent time points ( $|i-j|=1$ ), the partial correlation equals the ordinary correlation since there are no intervenors.

The diagonal of both returned matrices contains variances (not correlations). This keeps scale information available alongside correlation structure.

The significance test uses an approximate threshold of  $2/\sqrt{n_{eff}}$ , which corresponds roughly to a 95% confidence bound under normality. This is a rough screening tool, not a formal hypothesis test.

## Value

A list with components:

<code>correlation</code>	Matrix with correlations (upper triangle) and variances (diagonal)
<code>partial_correlation</code>	Matrix with partial correlations (lower triangle) and variances (diagonal)
<code>significant</code>	(If <code>test=TRUE</code> ) Matrix flagging significant partial correlations (1 = significant)
<code>n_subjects</code>	Number of subjects
<code>n_time</code>	Number of time points

## References

Zimmerman, D. L. and Nunez-Anton, V. (2009). Antedependence Models for Longitudinal Data. CRC Press.

## See Also

[plot\\_prism](#) for visual diagnostics

## Examples

```
## Not run:
data("bolus_inad")
pc <- partial_corr(bolus_inad$y, test = TRUE)

# View partial correlations (lower triangle)
pc$partial_correlation

# Extract variances from the diagonal
variances <- diag(pc$partial_correlation)

# Check which are "significant" (rough screen for AD order)
pc$significant

## End(Not run)
```

---

plot\_prism*PRISM plot (Partial Residual Intervenor Scatterplot Matrix)*

---

## Description

Creates a matrix of scatterplots for diagnosing antedependence structure. The upper triangle shows ordinary scatterplots of  $Y[i]$  vs  $Y[j]$ . The lower triangle shows PRISM plots: residuals from regressing  $Y[i]$  and  $Y[j]$  on the intervenor variables  $Y[i+1], \dots, Y[j-1]$ .

## Usage

```
plot_prism(
  y,
  time_labels = NULL,
  pch = 20,
  cex = 0.6,
  col_upper = "steelblue",
  col_lower = "firebrick",
  main = "PRISM Diagnostic Plot"
)
```

## Arguments

y	Numeric matrix with n_subjects rows and n_time columns.
time_labels	Optional character vector of time point labels. Default uses column names or "T1", "T2", etc.
pch	Point character for scatterplots. Default 20 (filled circle).
cex	Point size. Default 0.6.
col_upper	Color for upper triangle plots. Default "steelblue".
col_lower	Color for lower triangle (PRISM) plots. Default "firebrick".
main	Overall title. Default "PRISM Diagnostic Plot".

## Details

Under an antedependence model of order  $p$ , the partial correlation between  $Y[i]$  and  $Y[j]$  given the intervenors should be zero when  $|i-j| > p$ . This means PRISM plots in the lower triangle should show no association for lags greater than  $p$ .

Interpretation:

- Upper triangle: Shows marginal associations between time points
- Lower triangle (PRISM): Shows conditional associations after removing effects of intervenor variables
- If AD(1) holds: Only the first sub-diagonal of lower triangle should show association
- If AD(2) holds: First two sub-diagonals should show association

## Value

Invisibly returns NULL. Called for side effect (plotting).

## References

Zimmerman, D. L. and Nunez-Anton, V. (2009). Antedependence Models for Longitudinal Data. CRC Press. Chapter 2.

## See Also

[partial\\_corr](#) for numerical partial correlations

## Examples

```
## Not run:
data("bolus_inad")
plot_prism(bolus_inad$y)

# With custom labels
plot_prism(bolus_inad$y, time_labels = paste0("Hour ", seq(0, 44, by = 4)))

## End(Not run)
```

**plot\_profile**

*Profile plot (spaghetti plot) for longitudinal data*

## Description

Creates a profile plot showing individual subject trajectories with overlaid mean trajectory and standard deviation bands.

## Usage

```
plot_profile(
  y,
  time_points = NULL,
  blocks = NULL,
  block_labels = NULL,
  title = "Profile Plot",
  xlab = "Time",
  ylab = "Measurement",
  ylim = NULL,
  show_sd = TRUE,
  individual_alpha = 0.3,
  individual_color = "grey50",
  mean_color = "blue",
  sd_color = "red",
  mean_lwd = 2
)
```

### Arguments

<code>y</code>	Numeric matrix with n_subjects rows and n_time columns, or a data frame with measurements.
<code>time_points</code>	Optional numeric vector of time points for x-axis. Default uses 1:n_time or attempts to extract from column names.
<code>blocks</code>	Optional integer vector of block memberships for stratified plotting. If provided, creates separate panels for each block.
<code>block_labels</code>	Optional character vector of labels for blocks.
<code>title</code>	Plot title. Default "Profile Plot".
<code>xlab</code>	X-axis label. Default "Time".
<code>ylab</code>	Y-axis label. Default "Measurement".
<code>ylim</code>	Optional y-axis limits as c(min, max).
<code>show_sd</code>	Logical; if TRUE (default), show +/- 1 SD error bars.
<code>individual_alpha</code>	Alpha (transparency) for individual trajectories. Default 0.3.
<code>individual_color</code>	Color for individual trajectories. Default "grey50".
<code>mean_color</code>	Color for mean trajectory. Default "blue".
<code>sd_color</code>	Color for SD error bars. Default "red".
<code>mean_lwd</code>	Line width for mean trajectory. Default 2.

### Details

This function provides a quick visual summary of longitudinal data showing:

- Individual subject trajectories (light grey lines)
- Mean trajectory across subjects (bold colored line)
- +/- 1 standard deviation bands (error bars)

When `blocks` is provided, the plot is faceted by block membership, allowing comparison of trajectories across treatment groups or other strata.

### Value

A ggplot2 object (invisibly). Called primarily for side effect (plotting).

### Examples

```
## Not run:
data("bolus_inad")

# Basic profile plot
plot_profile(bolus_inad$y)

# With block stratification
plot_profile(bolus_inad$y, blocks = bolus_inad$blocks,
             block_labels = c("2mg", "1mg"))

# Customized
plot_profile(bolus_inad$y,
```

```

  time_points = seq(0, 44, by = 4),
  title = "Bolus Counts Over Time",
  xlab = "Hours", ylab = "Count")

## End(Not run)

```

**print.ad\_bic\_order** *Print method for BIC order selection*

### Description

Print method for BIC order selection

### Usage

```

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

```

### Arguments

x	Object of class ad_bic_order.
...	Unused.

**print.ad\_ci** *Print method for AD confidence intervals*

### Description

Print method for AD confidence intervals

### Usage

```

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

```

### Arguments

x	An object of class ad_ci.
...	Unused.

### Value

The input object, invisibly.

---

`print.ad_contrast_test`

*Print method for AD contrast test*

---

## Description

Print method for AD contrast test

## Usage

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

## Arguments

<code>x</code>	Object of class <code>ad_contrast_test</code> .
<code>...</code>	Unused.

---

`print.ad_homogeneity_test`

*Print method for AD homogeneity test*

---

## Description

Print method for AD homogeneity test

## Usage

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

## Arguments

<code>x</code>	Object of class <code>ad_homogeneity_test</code> .
<code>...</code>	Unused.

---

```
print.ad_mean_test      Print method for AD mean test
```

---

**Description**

Print method for AD mean test

**Usage**

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

**Arguments**

x	Object of class ad_mean_test.
...	Unused.

---

```
print.ad_order_test      Print method for AD order test
```

---

**Description**

Print method for AD order test

**Usage**

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

**Arguments**

x	Object of class ad_order_test.
...	Unused.

---

```
print.cat_ci              Print method for cat_ci objects
```

---

**Description**

Print method for cat\_ci objects

**Usage**

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

**Arguments**

x	A cat_ci object
...	Additional arguments (ignored)

---

```
print.cat_fit      Print method for cat_fit objects
```

---

**Description**

Print method for cat\_fit objects

**Usage**

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

**Arguments**

x	A cat_fit object
...	Additional arguments (ignored)

---

```
print.cat_lrt      Print method for cat_lrt objects
```

---

**Description**

Print method for cat\_lrt objects

**Usage**

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

**Arguments**

x	A cat_lrt object
...	Additional arguments (ignored)

---

```
print.homogeneity_tests_inad  
Print method for homogeneity_tests_inad
```

---

**Description**

Print method for homogeneity\_tests\_inad

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'homogeneity_tests_inad'  
print(x, digits = 4, ...)
```

**Arguments**

- x Object of class `homogeneity_tests_inad`
- digits Number of digits for printing
- ... Unused

**print.inad\_ci** *Print method for INAD confidence intervals*

**Description**

Print method for INAD confidence intervals

**Usage**

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

**Arguments**

- x An object of class `inad_ci`.
- ... Unused.

**Value**

The input object, invisibly.

**print.lrt\_homogeneity\_inad**  
*Print method for lrt\_homogeneity\_inad*

**Description**

Print method for `lrt_homogeneity_inad`

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'lrt_homogeneity_inad'
print(x, digits = 4, ...)
```

**Arguments**

- x Object of class `lrt_homogeneity_inad`
- digits Number of digits for printing
- ... Unused

---

**run\_homogeneity\_tests\_inad**

*Run all homogeneity tests for INAD*

---

### Description

Convenience function to run all three homogeneity tests at once and return a summary.

### Usage

```
run_homogeneity_tests_inad(
  y,
  blocks,
  order = 1,
  thinning = "binom",
  innovation = "pois",
  ...
)
```

### Arguments

y	Integer matrix with n_subjects rows and n_time columns.
blocks	Integer vector of length n_subjects specifying group membership.
order	Antedependence order (0, 1, or 2).
thinning	Thinning operator: "binom", "pois", or "nbinom".
innovation	Innovation distribution: "pois", "bell", or "nbinom".
...	Additional arguments passed to fit_inad.

### Value

A list with class "homogeneity\_tests\_inad" containing results for all three tests and a summary table.

### Examples

```
## Not run:
data("bolus_inad")
tests <- run_homogeneity_tests_inad(bolus_inad$y, bolus_inad$blocks,
                                      order = 1, thinning = "nbinom",
                                      innovation = "bell")
print(tests)

## End(Not run)
```

`run_order_tests_cat`    *Run all pairwise order tests*

## Description

Performs sequential likelihood ratio tests for AD orders 0 vs 1, 1 vs 2, etc.

## Usage

```
run_order_tests_cat(
  y,
  max_order = 2,
  blocks = NULL,
  homogeneous = TRUE,
  n_categories = NULL
)
```

## Arguments

<code>y</code>	Integer matrix of categorical data (n_subjects x n_time).
<code>max_order</code>	Maximum order to test. Default is 2.
<code>blocks</code>	Optional block membership vector.
<code>homogeneous</code>	Whether to use homogeneous parameters across blocks.
<code>n_categories</code>	Number of categories (inferred if NULL).

## Details

This function performs forward selection: starting from order 0, it tests whether increasing the order provides significant improvement. The selected order is the highest order where the test was significant (at alpha = 0.05).

## Value

A list containing:

<code>tests</code>	List of <code>lrt_order_cat</code> results for each comparison
<code>table</code>	Summary data frame with all comparisons
<code>fits</code>	List of all fitted models
<code>selected_order</code>	Recommended order based on sequential testing at alpha=0.05

## Examples

```
## Not run:
y <- simulate_cat(200, 6, order = 1, n_categories = 2)
result <- run_order_tests_cat(y, max_order = 2)
print(result$table)
cat("Selected order:", result$selected_order, "\n")

## End(Not run)
```

---

**run\_stationarity\_tests\_cat**

*Run all stationarity-related tests for categorical AD*

---

**Description**

Performs tests for time-invariance and strict stationarity.

**Usage**

```
run_stationarity_tests_cat(  
  y,  
  order = 1,  
  blocks = NULL,  
  homogeneous = TRUE,  
  n_categories = NULL  
)
```

**Arguments**

y	Integer matrix of categorical data (n_subjects x n_time).
order	Antedependence order p. Default is 1.
blocks	Optional block membership vector.
homogeneous	Whether to use homogeneous parameters across blocks.
n_categories	Number of categories (inferred if NULL).

**Value**

A list containing:

time_invariance	Result of lrt_timeinvariance_cat
stationarity	Result of lrt_stationarity_cat
table	Summary data frame

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
y <- simulate_cat(200, 6, order = 1, n_categories = 2)  
result <- run_stationarity_tests_cat(y, order = 1)  
print(result$table)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

**run\_stationarity\_tests\_inad**  
*Run All Stationarity Tests*

### Description

Run All Stationarity Tests

### Usage

```
run_stationarity_tests_inad(
  y,
  order = 1,
  thinning = "binom",
  innovation = "pois",
  blocks = NULL,
  verbose = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

### Arguments

<code>y</code>	Integer matrix.
<code>order</code>	Model order (1 or 2).
<code>thinning</code>	Thinning operator.
<code>innovation</code>	Innovation distribution.
<code>blocks</code>	Optional block assignments.
<code>verbose</code>	Logical.
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments.

### Value

A list with class "stationarity\_tests\_inad".

**simulate\_ad**      *Simulate Gaussian antedependence series*

### Description

Generate longitudinal continuous data from a Gaussian antedependence (AD) model of order 0, 1, or 2 using a conditional regression on predecessors.

**Usage**

```
simulate_ad(
  n_subjects,
  n_time,
  order = 1L,
  mu = NULL,
  phi = NULL,
  sigma = NULL,
  blocks = NULL,
  tau = 0,
  seed = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

n_subjects	number of subjects
n_time	number of time points
order	antedependence order, 0, 1 or 2
mu	mean parameter; NULL, scalar, or length n_time
phi	dependence parameter; ignored when order = 0. For order = 1, NULL, scalar, or length n_time. For order = 2, NULL or a 2 by n_time matrix.
sigma	innovation standard deviation; NULL, scalar, or length n_time
blocks	integer vector of length n_subjects indicating block membership for each subject; if NULL, no block effect is applied
tau	group effect vector indexed by block; tau[1] is forced to 0. If scalar x, it is expanded to c(0, x, ..., x) with length equal to the number of blocks
seed	optional random seed for reproducibility

**Details**

For order = 0, each time point is generated independently as  $Y[, t] = \mu[t] + \tauau[block] + \epsilon$ , with  $\epsilon \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$ .

For order = 1, for  $t \geq 2$ :  $Y[, t] = m_t + \phi[t] * (Y[, t - 1] - m_{t-1}) + \epsilon_t$ , where  $m_t = \mu[t] + \tauau[block]$  and  $\epsilon_t \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$ .

For order = 2, for  $t \geq 3$ :  $Y[, t] = m_t + \phi[1, t] * (Y[, t - 1] - m_{t-1}) + \phi[2, t] * (Y[, t - 2] - m_{t-2}) + \epsilon_t$ .

If blocks is provided, each subject s belongs to a block and receives a mean shift  $\tauau[blocks[s]]$ .  $\tauau[1]$  is forced to 0.

**Value**

numeric matrix with dimension n\_subjects by n\_time

---

**simulate\_cat***Simulate data from a categorical antedependence model*

---

## Description

Generates simulated longitudinal categorical data from an AD( $p$ ) model with specified transition probabilities.

## Usage

```
simulate_cat(
  n_subjects,
  n_time,
  order = 1,
  n_categories = 2,
  marginal = NULL,
  transition = NULL,
  blocks = NULL,
  homogeneous = TRUE,
  seed = NULL
)
```

## Arguments

<code>n_subjects</code>	Number of subjects to simulate.
<code>n_time</code>	Number of time points.
<code>order</code>	Antedependence order $p$ . Must be 0, 1, or 2. Default is 1.
<code>n_categories</code>	Number of categories $c$ . Default is 2 (binary).
<code>marginal</code>	List of marginal/joint probabilities for initial time points. If <code>NULL</code> , uniform probabilities are used. See Details for structure.
<code>transition</code>	List of transition probability arrays for time points $k = p+1$ to $n$ . If <code>NULL</code> , uniform transitions are used. See Details.
<code>blocks</code>	Optional integer vector of length <code>n_subjects</code> specifying group membership. Used with <code>homogeneous = FALSE</code> .
<code>homogeneous</code>	Logical. If <code>TRUE</code> (default), same parameters for all subjects. If <code>FALSE</code> , <code>marginal</code> and <code>transition</code> should be lists indexed by block.
<code>seed</code>	Optional random seed for reproducibility.

## Details

Data are simulated sequentially:

1. For  $k = 1$ : Draw  $Y(1)$  from marginal distribution
2. For  $k = 2$  to  $p$ : Draw  $Y(k)$  conditional on  $Y(1), \dots, Y(k-1)$
3. For  $k = p+1$  to  $n$ : Draw  $Y(k)$  conditional on  $Y(k-p), \dots, Y(k-1)$

Parameter structure for marginal:

- Order 0: List with elements  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n$ , each a vector of length  $c$  summing to 1

- Order 1: List with element t1 (vector of length c)
- Order 2: List with t1 (vector), t2\_given\_1to1 (c x c matrix where rows represent conditioning values and columns represent outcomes)

Parameter structure for transition:

- Order 0: Not used (NULL)
- Order 1: List with elements t2, t3, ..., tn, each c x c matrix where rows are previous values and columns are current values (rows sum to 1)
- Order 2: List with elements t3, t4, ..., tn, each c x c x c array where first two indices are conditioning values and third is outcome

## Value

Integer matrix with n\_subjects rows and n\_time columns, where each entry is a category code from 1 to c.

## References

Xie, Y. and Zimmerman, D. L. (2013). Antedependence models for nonstationary categorical longitudinal data with ignorable missingness: likelihood-based inference. *Statistics in Medicine*, 32, 3274-3289.

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simulate\_gau

*Simulate Gaussian AD data (alias of simulate\_ad)*

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## Description

Convenience alias for [simulate\\_ad](#).

## Usage

`simulate_gau(...)`

## Arguments

... Passed through to [simulate\\_ad](#).

## Value

See [simulate\\_ad](#).

## See Also

[simulate\\_ad](#), [simulate\\_cat](#), [simulate\\_inad](#)

**simulate\_inad***Simulate integer valued antedependence series*

## Description

Generate longitudinal count data from an INAD model using a thinning operator and an innovation distribution.

## Usage

```
simulate_inad(
  n_subjects,
  n_time,
  order = 1L,
  thinning = c("binom", "pois", "nbinom"),
  innovation = c("pois", "bell", "nbinom"),
  alpha = NULL,
  theta = NULL,
  nb_inno_size = NULL,
  blocks = NULL,
  tau = 0,
  seed = NULL
)
```

## Arguments

<code>n_subjects</code>	number of subjects
<code>n_time</code>	number of time points
<code>order</code>	antedependence order, 0, 1 or 2
<code>thinning</code>	thinning operator, one of "binom", "pois", "nbinom"
<code>innovation</code>	innovation distribution, one of "pois", "bell", "nbinom"
<code>alpha</code>	thinning parameter or vector or matrix; if <code>NULL</code> , defaults are used depending on the order
<code>theta</code>	innovation mean parameter or vector; if <code>NULL</code> , defaults are used depending on the innovation type. For negative binomial innovations, <code>theta</code> represents the mean of the innovation distribution.
<code>nb_inno_size</code>	size (dispersion) parameter for negative binomial innovations when <code>innovation = "nbinom"</code> ; must be positive. If <code>NULL</code> , defaults to 1. Larger values correspond to less overdispersion (approaching Poisson as size -> Inf).
<code>blocks</code>	integer vector of length <code>n_subjects</code> indicating block membership for each subject; if <code>NULL</code> , no block effect is applied
<code>tau</code>	group effect vector indexed by block; <code>tau[1]</code> is forced to 0. If scalar <code>x</code> , it is expanded to <code>c(0, x, ..., x)</code> with length equal to the number of blocks
<code>seed</code>	optional random seed for reproducibility

**Details**

Time 1 observations are generated from the innovation distribution alone. For times 2 to n\_time, counts are generated as thinning of previous counts plus independent innovations. When order = 0, all time points are generated from the innovation distribution and the thinning operator and alpha are ignored.

If blocks is provided, innovations include a block effect and use the parameter theta[t] + tau[blocks[i]] for subject i at time t.

**Value**

integer matrix of counts with dimension n\_subjects by n\_time

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summary.cat\_ci            *Summary method for cat\_ci objects*

---

**Description**

Summary method for cat\_ci objects

**Usage**

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

**Arguments**

object	A cat_ci object
...	Additional arguments (ignored)

**Value**

A data frame summarizing all CIs

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