# Package 'asremlPlus'

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**Title** Augments 'ASReml-R' in Fitting Mixed Models and Packages Generally in Exploring Prediction Differences

**Depends** R (>= 3.5.0)

**Imports** dae, ggplot2, stats, methods, utils, reshape, plyr, dplyr, stringr, RColorBrewer, grDevices, foreach, parallel, doParallel

Suggests testthat, lattice, emmeans, lmerTest, pbkrtest, R.rsp

Enhances asreml

VignetteBuilder R.rsp

SystemRequirements asreml-R 2.x

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(i) Data	
Wheat.dat	Data for an experiment to investigate 25 varieties of wheat.
WaterRunoff.dat	Data for an experiment to investigate the quality of water runoff over time
(ii) Object manipulation	
as.alldiffs	Forms an alldiffs.object from the supplied predictions, along with those statistics, associated with the predictions and their pairwise differences, that have been supplied.
asrtests	Pseudonym for as.asrtests.
as.asrtests	Forms an asrtests.object that stores (i) a fitted asreml object, (ii) a pseudo-anova table for the fixed terms and (iii) a history of changes and hypthesis testing used in obtaining the model.
as.predictions.frame	Forms a predictions. frame from a data.frame, ensuring that the correct columns are present.
facCombine.alldiffs	Combines several factors into one in the components of an alldiffs.object.
facRecode.alldiffs	Recodes factor levels using values in a vector. The values in the vector do not have to be unique.
facRename.alldiffs	Renames factors in the prediction component of an alldiffs.object.
getFormulae.asreml	Gets the formulae from an asreml object.
is.alldiffs	A single-line function that tests whether an object is of class alldiffs.
is.asrtests	A single-line function that tests whether an object is of class asrtests.
is.predictions.frame	A single-line function that tests whether an object is of classes predictions. frame and data. frame.
print.alldiffs	Prints the values in an alldiffs.object in a nice format.
print.asrtests	Prints the values in an asrtests.object.
print.predictions.frame	Prints the values in a predictions. frame, with or without title and heading
print.test.summary	Prints a data frame containing a test summary.
print.wald.tab	Prints a data frame containing a Wald or pseudoanova table.
<pre>printFormulae.asreml sort.alldiffs</pre>	Prints the formulae from an asreml object.  Sorts the components of an alldiffs.object according to
subset.alldiffs	the predicted values associated with a factor.  Subsets the components in an alldiffs.object according
	to the supplied condition.
validAlldiffs	Checks that an object is a valid alldiffs.object.
validAsrtests	Checks that an object is a valid asrtests.object.
validPredictionsFrame	Checks that an object is a valid predictions. frame.
(iii) Model modification	
changeTerms.asrtests	Adds and drops the specified sets of terms from one or both of the fixed or random model and/or replaces the residual (rcov) model with a new model.
iterate.asrtests	Subject the fitted asreml.obj stored in an asrtests.object

to further iterations of the fitting process. Refits an asreml model with modified model formula newfit.asreml using either a call to 'update.asreml' or a direct call to 'asreml'. Reparamterizes each random (deviations) term reparamSigDevn.asrtests involving 'devn.fac' to a fixed term and ensures that the same term, with 'trend.num' replacing 'devn.fac', is included if any other term with 'trend.num' is included in 'terms'. rmboundary.asrtests Removes any boundary or singular variance components from the fit stored in 'asreml.obj' and records their removal in an asrtests.object. setvarianceterms.call Allows the setting of bounds and initial values for terms in the 'random' and 'residual' arguments of an 'asreml' call. (iv) Model selection Uses information criteria to decide whether to change an changeModelOnIC.asrtests already fitted model. chooseModel.asrtests Determines and records the set of significant terms using an asrtests.object, taking into account the hierarchy or marginality relations of the terms.. Determines the set of significant terms from results stored chooseModel.data.frame in a data. frame, taking into account the marginality relations of terms and recording the tests used in a data.frame. getTestPvalue.asrtests Gets the p-value for a test recorded in the test.summary data.frame of an asrtests.object. Computes AIC and BIC for models. infoCriteria.asreml Computes AIC and BIC for models. infoCriteria.list Recalculates the denDF, F.inc and P values for a table recalcWaldTab.asrtests of Wald test statistics obtained using 'wald.asreml'. Performs a REML ratio test. REMLRT.asreml bootREMLRT.asreml Performs a REML ratio test using the parametric bootstrap. Tests for a single fixed or random term in model testranfix.asrtests fitted using 'asreml' and records the result in an asrtests.object. testresidual.asrtests Fits a new residual formula using 'asreml', tests whether the change is significant and records the result in an asrtests.object. Tests, using a REMLRT, the significance of the difference testswapran.asrtests between the current random model and one in which oldterms are dropped and newterms are added. The result is recorded in an asrtests.object. (v) Model diagnostics and simulation

& Cullis (2009).

plotVariofaces

Plots empirical variogram faces, including envelopes,

from supplied residuals as described by Stefanova, Smith

variofaces.asreml
estimateV.asreml
simulate.asreml

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

### (vi) Prediction production and presentation

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redoErrorIntervals.alldiffs

 ${\tt renewClassify.all} diffs$ 

sort.alldiffs

subset.alldiffs

(vii) Response transformation

angular angular.mod

powerTransform

(viii) Miscellaneous

Adds or recalculates the backtransforms component of an alldiffs.object.

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

Calculates a linear transformation of the predictions stored in an alldiffs.object. Plots the predictions for a term, possibly with error bars.

Plots the p-values in the p.differences components of an alldiffs.object as a heat map.
Plots the p-values in data.frame as a heat map.
Forms the predictions and associated statistics for a term, using an asreml object and a wald.tab and taking into account that a numeric vector and a factor having parallel values may occur in the model. It stores the results in an object of class 'alldifffs' and may print the results. It can be when there are not parallel values.

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

Adds or recalculates the LSD component of an alldiffs.object.

Adds or replaces the error intervals stored in the prediction component of an alldiffs.object. Renews the components in an alldiffs.object according to a new classify.

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

Applies the angular transformation to proportions. Applies the modified angular transformation to a vector of counts.

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

```
getASRemlVersionLoaded
loadASRemlVersion
num.recode
permute.square
permute.to.zero.lowertri
```

Finds the version of asreml that is loaded and returns the initial characters in version.

Ensures that a specific version of asreml is loaded.

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

Permutes the rows and columns of a square matrix.

Permutes a square matrix until all the lower

The functions whose names end in 'alldiffs" utilize an alldiffs.object that stores: (i) a predictions.frame, being a data frame containing predicted values, variables indexing them and their standard errores and estimability status; the lower and upper limits of error intervals will be included when these are requested, (ii) optionally, square matrices containing all pairwise differences, the standard errors and p-values of the differences, and a summary of the LSD values, (iii) optionally, the variance matrix of the predictions, and (iv) if the response was transformed for analysis, a data frame with backtransforms of the predicted values.

triangular elements are zero.

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

#### Author(s)

NA

Maintainer: NA

#### References

Butler, D. G., Cullis, B. R., Gilmour, A. R., Gogel, B. J. and Thompson, R. (2018). *ASReml-R Reference Manual Version 4*. VSN International Ltd, http://asreml.org.

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

# See Also

asreml

```
residual = ~ ar1(Row):ar1(Column),
                       data=Wheat.dat)
summary(current.asr)
# Intialize a testing sequence by loading the current fit into an asrtests object
current.asrt <- as.asrtests(current.asr, NULL, NULL)</pre>
# Check for and remove any boundary terms
current.asrt <- rmboundary(current.asrt)</pre>
#Unbind Rep, Row and Column components and reload into an asrtests object
current.asr <- setvarianceterms(current.asr$call,</pre>
                                  terms = c("Rep", "Rep:Row", "Rep:Column"),
                                  bounds = "U")
current.asrt <- as.asrtests(current.asr, NULL, NULL)</pre>
current.asrt <- rmboundary(current.asrt)</pre>
\verb|summary(current.asrt\$| asreml.obj) \$ varcomp
print(current.asrt, which = "testsummary")
print(current.asrt, which = "pseudoanova")
# Check term for within Column pairs (a post hoc covariate)
current.asrt <- testranfix(current.asrt, "WithinColPairs", drop.fix.ns=TRUE)</pre>
# Test nugget term
current.asrt <- testranfix(current.asrt, "units", positive=TRUE)</pre>
# Test Row autocorrelation
current.asrt <- testresidual(current.asrt, "~ Row:ar1(Column)",</pre>
                              label="Row autocorrelation", simpler=TRUE)
# Test Col autocorrelation (depends on whether Row autocorrelation retained)
(p <- getTestPvalue(current.asrt, label = "Row autocorrelation"))</pre>
\{ if (p \le 0.05) \}
    current.asrt <- testresidual(current.asrt, "~ ar1(Row):Column",</pre>
                                   label="Col autocorrelation",
                                   simpler=TRUE, update=FALSE)
  else
    current.asrt <- testresidual(current.asrt, "~ Row:Column",</pre>
                                   label="Col autocorrelation",
                                   simpler=TRUE, update=FALSE)
}
# Output the results
print(current.asrt, which = "test")
info <- infoCriteria(current.asrt$asreml.obj)</pre>
summary(current.asrt$asreml.obj)$varcomp
# Get current fitted asreml object and update to include standardized residuals
current.asr <- current.asrt$asreml.obj</pre>
current.asr <- update(current.asr, aom=TRUE)</pre>
Wheat.dat$res <- residuals(current.asr, type = "stdCond")</pre>
Wheat.dat$fit <- fitted(current.asr)</pre>
#### Do diagnostic checking
# Do residuals-versus-fitted values plot
with(Wheat.dat, plot(fit, res))
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```
#Produce variogram and variogram faces plot (Stefanaova et al, 2009)
 plot.varioGram(varioGram(current.asr))
 faces <- variofaces(current.asr, V=NULL, units="addtores",</pre>
                     maxiter=50, update = FALSE)
 #Get Variety predictions, sorted in increasing order for the predicted values,
 #and all pairwise prediction differences and p-values
 Var.diffs <- predictPlus(classify = "Variety",</pre>
                           asreml.obj=current.asr,
                           error.intervals="halfLeast",
                           wald.tab=current.asrt$wald.tab,
                           sortFactor = "Variety",
                           tables = "predictions")
 print(Var.diffs, which = c("differences", "p.differences"))
 # Plot the Variety predictions, with halfLSD intervals, and the p-values
 plotPredictions(Var.diffs$predictions,
                 classify = "Variety", y = "predicted.value",
                 error.intervals = "half")
 plotPvalues(Var.diffs)
 ## End(Not run)
addBacktransforms.alldiffs
                         Adds or recalculates the backtransforms component of an
                         alldiffs.object.
```

## **Description**

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

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'alldiffs'
addBacktransforms(alldiffs.obj, transform.power = 1,
                  offset = 0, scale = 1, ...)
```

# **Arguments**

alldiffs.obj An alldiffs.object. transform.power

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

the predictions is taken.

offset A numeric that has been added to each value of the response after any scaling

and before applying any power transformation.

scale A numeric by which each value of the response has been multiplied before

adding any offset and applying any power transformation.

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

present.

#### Value

An alldiffs.object with components predictions, vcov, differences, p. differences, sed, LSD and backtransforms.

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

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

```
data(WaterRunoff.dat)
##Use asreml to get predictions and associated statistics
## Not run:
asreml.options(keep.order = TRUE) #required for asreml-R4 only
current.asr <- asreml(fixed = log.Turbidity ~ Benches + (Sources * (Type + Species)),</pre>
                      random = ~ Benches:MainPlots,
                      keep.order=TRUE, data= WaterRunoff.dat)
current.asrt <- as.asrtests(current.asr, NULL, NULL)</pre>
TS.diffs <- predictPlus(classify = "Sources:Type",
                        asreml.obj = current.asr,
                        wald.tab = current.asrt$wald.tab,
                       present = c("Sources", "Type", "Species"))
## End(Not run)
## Use lmeTest and emmmeans to get predictions and associated statistics
if (requireNamespace("lmerTest", quietly = TRUE) &
    requireNamespace("emmeans", quietly = TRUE))
  m1.lmer <- lmerTest::lmer(log.Turbidity ~ Benches + (Sources * (Type + Species)) +
                              (1|Benches:MainPlots),
                            data=na.omit(WaterRunoff.dat))
  TS.emm <- emmeans::emmeans(m1.lmer, specs = ~ Sources:Species)
  TS.preds <- summary(TS.emm)
  den.df <- min(TS.preds$df, na.rm = TRUE)</pre>
  ## Modify TS.preds to be compatible with a predictions.frame
  TS.preds <- as.predictions.frame(TS.preds, predictions = "emmean",
                                    se = "SE", interval.type = "CI";
                                    interval.names = c("lower.CL", "upper.CL"))
  ## Form an all.diffs object and check its validity
  TS.vcov <- vcov(TS.emm)
  TS.diffs <- allDifferences(predictions = TS.preds, classify = "Sources:Species",
                             vcov = TS.vcov, tdf = den.df)
  validAlldiffs(TS.diffs)
```

```
## Plot p-values for predictions obtained using asreml or lmerTest
if (exists("TS.diffs"))
{
    ##Recalculate the LSD values for predictions obtained using asreml or lmerTest
    TS.diffs <- addBacktransforms.alldiffs(TS.diffs, transform.power = 0)
}</pre>
```

allDifferences.data.frame

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

#### **Description**

Uses supplied predictions and standard errors of pairwise differences, or the variance matrix of predictions to form, in an alldiffs.object, for those components not already present, (i) a table of all pairwise differences of the predictions, (ii) the p-value of each pairwise difference, and (iii) the minimum, mean and maximum LSD values. Predictions that are aliased (or nonestimable) are removed from the predictions component of the alldiffs.object and standard errors of differences involving them are removed from the sed component.

If necessary, the order of the columns of the variables in the predictions component are changed to be the initial columns of the predictions. frame and to match their order in the classify. Also, the rows of predictions component are ordered so that they are in standard order for the variables in the classify. That is, the values of the last variable change with every row, those of the second-last variable only change after all the values of the last variable have been traversed; in general, the values of a variable are the same for all the combinations of the values to the variables to its right in the classify. The sortFactor or sortOrder arguments can be used to order of the values for the classify variables, which is achieved using sort.alldiffs.

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

## Usage

#### **Arguments**

predictions

A predictions.frame, or a data.frame, beginning with the variables classifying the predictions and also containing columns named predicted.value, standard.error and est.status; each row contains a single predicted value. It may also contain columns for the lower and upper limits of error intervals for the predictions. Note that the names standard.error and est.status have been changed to std.error and status in the pvals component produced by asreml-R4; if the new names are in the data.frame supplied to predictions, they will be returned to the previous names.

classify

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

vcov

A matrix containing the variance matrix of the predictions; it is used in computing the variance of linear transformations of the predictions.

differences

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

p.differences

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

sed

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

LSD

A data frame containing the mean, minimum and maximum LSD for determining the significance of pairwise differences, the mean LSD being calculated using the square root of the mean of the variances of pairwise differences. If factor.combination was specified for meanLSD.type when the LSDs were being calculated, then LSD contains an LSD for each factor.combination of the factors specified by LSDby. Each LSD is calculated from the square root of the mean of the variances for all pairwise differences for each factor combination, unless there is only one predicted value for each factor.combination, when it is based on the standard error of the prediction multiplied by the square root of two. If LSD is not NULL then the overall mean LSD will be added as an attribute named meanLSD of the alldiffs.object, as will the values of meanLSD.type and LSDby. The LSD for a single prediction assumes that any predictions to be compared are independent; this is not the case if residual errors are correlated.

 ${\tt meanLSD.type}$ 

A character string determining whether the mean LSD stored is (i) the overall mean, based on the square root of the mean of the variances of all pairwise variances, (ii) the mean for each factor.combination of the factors specified by LSDby, which is based on the square root of the mean of the variances for all pairwise differences for each factor combination, unless there is only one prediction for a factor.combination, when notional LSDs are calculated that are based on the standard error of the prediction multiplied by the square root of two, or (iii) the per.prediction mean, based, for each prediction, on the square root of the mean of the variances for all pairwise differences involving that prediction. If LSD is not NULL then meanLSD.type will be added as an attribute of the alldiffs.object.

LSDby A character (vector) of variables names, being the names of the factors or

> numerics in the classify for each combination of which a mean LSD, minLSD and max LSD is stored in the LSD component of the alldiffs.object when

meanLSD.type is factor.combinatons.

backtransforms A data. frame containing the backtransformed values of the predicted values

> that is consistent with the predictions component, except that the column named predicted.value is replaced by one called backtransformed.predictions. Any error . interval values will also be the backtransformed values. Each row

contains a single predicted value.

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

an attribute to the alldiffs.object.

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

is stored as an attribute to the alldiffs.object.

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

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

is stored as an attribute to the alldiffs.object.

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

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

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

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

number of levels in x. fac.

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

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

provided that x. num is also set.

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

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

and standard errors

A logical indicating whether all pairwise differences of the predictions and pairwise their standard errors and p-values are to be computed and stored. If FALSE,

the components differences and p. differences will be NULL in the returned

alldiffs.object.

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

transform.power

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

the predictions is taken.

offset A numeric that has been added to each value of the response after any scaling

and before applying any power transformation.

scale A numeric by which each value of the response has been multiplied before

adding any offset and applying any power transformation.

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

sortFactor

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

combination of the values of the sortWithin variables.

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

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

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

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

> sortFactor in the predictions component of the alldiffs.object. It specifies the desired order of the levels in the reordered components of the alldiffs.object.

The argument sortWithinVals is ignored.

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

in x:

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

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

components of the alldiffs.object is for increasing or decreasing magnitude

of the predicted values.

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

present.

## Value

An alldiffs.object with components predictions, vcov, differences, p. differences sed, and LSD.

The name of the response, the response.title, the term, the classify, tdf, sortFactor and the sortOrder will be set as attributes to the object. Note that the classify in an alldiffs.object is based on the variables indexing the predictions, which may differ from the classify used to obtain the original predictions (for example, when the alldiffs.objects stores a linear transformation of predictions.

Also, see predictPlus.asreml for more information.

# Author(s)

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#### See Also

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

```
data(Oats.dat)
  ## Use asreml to get predictions and associated statistics
  ## Not run:
  m1.asr <- asreml(Yield ~ Nitrogen*Variety,</pre>
                   random=~Blocks/Wplots,
                    data=Oats.dat)
  current.asrt <- as.asrtests(m1.asr)</pre>
  Var.pred <- asreml::predict.asreml(m1.asr, classify="Nitrogen:Variety",</pre>
                                       sed=TRUE)
  if (getASRemlVersionLoaded(nchar = 1) == "3")
   Var.pred <- Var.pred$predictions</pre>
  Var.preds <- Var.pred$pvals</pre>
  Var.sed <- Var.pred$sed</pre>
  Var.vcov <- NULL
  wald.tab <- current.asrt$wald.tab</pre>
  den.df <- wald.tab[match("Variety", rownames(wald.tab)), "denDF"]</pre>
## End(Not run)
  ## Use lmerTest and emmmeans to get predictions and associated statistics
  if (requireNamespace("lmerTest", quietly = TRUE) &
      requireNamespace("emmeans", quietly = TRUE))
    m1.lmer <- lmerTest::lmer(Yield ~ Nitrogen*Variety + (1|Blocks/Wplots),</pre>
                               data=Oats.dat)
    Var.emm <- emmeans::emmeans(m1.lmer, specs = ~ Nitrogen:Variety)</pre>
    Var.preds <- summary(Var.emm)</pre>
    den.df <- min(Var.preds$df)</pre>
    \#\# Modify Var.preds to be compatible with a predictions.frame
    Var.preds <- as.predictions.frame(Var.preds, predictions = "emmean",</pre>
                                        se = "SE", interval.type = "CI",
                                        interval.names = c("lower.CL", "upper.CL"))
    Var.vcov <- vcov(Var.emm)</pre>
    Var.sed <- NULL
  ## Use the predictions obtained with either asreml or lmerTest
  if (exists("Var.preds"))
    ## Order the Varieties in decreasing order for the predictions values in the
    ## first N level
    Var.diffs <- allDifferences(predictions = Var.preds,</pre>
                                  classify = "Nitrogen:Variety",
                                  sed = Var.sed, vcov = Var.vcov, tdf = den.df,
                                  sortFactor = "Variety", decreasing = TRUE)
    print.alldiffs(Var.diffs, which="differences")
    ## Change the order of the factors in the alldiffs object and reorder components
    Var.reord.diffs <- allDifferences(predictions = Var.preds,</pre>
                                 classify = "Variety:Nitrogen",
                                  sed = Var.sed, vcov = Var.vcov, tdf = den.df)
   print.alldiffs(Var.reord.diffs, which="predictions")
```

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alldiffs.object

Description of an alldiffs object

## **Description**

An object of S3-class alldiffs that that stores the predictions for a model, along with supplied statistics for all pairwise differences. While alldiffs.object can be constructed by defining a list with the appropriate components, it can be formed by passing the components to as.alldiffs, or from a predictions data.frame using allDifferences.data.frame.

as alldiffs is function that assembles an object of this class from supplied components.

is.alldiffs is the membership function for this class; it tests that an object is of class alldiffs. validAlldiffs(object) can be used to test the validity of an object with this class.

allDifferences.data.frame is the function that constructs an object of this class by calculating components from statistics supplied via its arguments and then using as.alldiffs to make the object.

#### Value

A list of class alldiffs containing the following components: predictions, vcov, differences, p.differences, sed, LSD and backtransforms. Except for predictions, the components are optional and can be set to NULL.

An alldiffs.object also has attributes response, response.title, term, classify, tdf, sortFactor and sortOrder, which may be set to NULL.

The details of the components are as follows:

1. predictions: A predictions.frame, being a data.frame beginning with the variables classifying the predictions, in the same order as in the classify, and also containing columns named predicted.value, standard.error and est.status; each row contains a single predicted value. The number of rows should equal the number of unique combinations of the classify variables and will be in standard order for the classify variables. That is, the values of the last variable change with every row, those of the second-last variable only change after all the values of the last variable have been traversed; in general, the values of a variable are the same for all the combinations of the values to the variables to its right in the classify. The data.frame may also include columns for the lower and upper values of error intervals, either standard error, confidence or half-LSD intervals. The names of these columns will consist of three parts separated by full stops: 1) the first part will be lower or upper; 2) the second part will be one of Confidence, StandardError or halfLeastSignificant; 3) the third component will be limits.

Note that the names standard.error and est.status have been changed to std.error and status in the pvals component produced by asreml-R4; if the new names are in the data.frame supplied to predictions, they will be returned to the previous names.

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

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

- 5. vcov: A matrix containing the variance matrix of the predictions; it is used in computing the variance of linear transformations of the predictions.
- 6. LSD: A data.frame containing the mean, minimum and maximum LSD for determining the significance of pairwise differences, the mean LSD being calculated using the square root of the mean of the variances of pairwise differences. If factor.combination was specified for meanLSD.type when the LSDs were being calculated, then LSD contains an LSD for each factor.combination of the factors specified by LSDby. Each LSD is calculated from the square root of the mean of the variances for all pairwise differences for each factor combination, unless there is only one prediction for a factor.combination, when notional LSDs are calculated that are based on the standard error of the prediction multiplied by the square root of two. If LSD is not NULL then the overall mean LSD will be added as an attribute named meanLSD of the alldiffs.object, as will the values of meanLSD.type and LSDby. The LSD for a single prediction assumes that any predictions to be compared are independent; this is not the case if residual errors are correlated.
- 7. backtransforms: When the response values have been transformed for analysis, a data.frame containing the backtransformed values of the predicted values is added to the alldiffs.object. This data.frame is consistent with the predictions component, except that the column named predicted.value is replaced by one called backtransformed.predictions. Any error.interval values will also be the backtransformed values. Each row contains a single predicted value.

The details of the attributes of an alldiffs.object are:

- 1. response: A character specifying the response variable for the predictions.
- response.title: A character specifying the title for the response variable for the predictions.
- 3. term: A character string giving the variables that define the term that was fitted using asreml and that corresponds to classify. It is often the same as classify.
- 4. classify: A character string giving the variables that define the margins of the multiway table used in the prediction. Multiway tables are specified by forming an interaction type term from the classifying variables, that is, separating the variable names with the : operator.
- 5. tdf: An integer specifying the degrees of freedom of the standard error. It is used as the degrees of freedom for the t-distribution on which p-values and confidence intervals are based.
- 6. meanLSD: If the LSD component is not NULL then the mean LSD is added as an attribute, calculated using the square root of the mean of the variances of pairwise differences.
- 7. meanLSD.type: If the LSD component is not NULL then meanLSD.type is added as an attribute.
- 8. LSDby: If the LSD component is not NULL then LSDby is added as an attribute.
- 9. sortFactor: A character containing the name of the factor that indexes the set of predicted values that determined the sorting of the components.
- 10. sortOrder: A character vector that is the same length as the number of levels for sortFactor in the predictions component of the alldiffs.object. It specifies the order of the levels in the reordered components of the alldiffs.object.
  - The following creates a sortOrder vector levs for factor f based on the values in x: levs < -levels(f)[order(x)].

See predictPlus.asreml for more information.

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#### Author(s)

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#### See Also

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

```
data(Oats.dat)
  ## Use asreml to get predictions and associated statistics
 ## Not run:
  m1.asr <- asreml(Yield ~ Nitrogen*Variety,</pre>
                    random=~Blocks/Wplots,
                    data=Oats.dat)
  current.asrt <- as.asrtests(m1.asr)</pre>
  Var.pred <- asreml::predict.asreml(m1.asr, classify="Nitrogen:Variety",</pre>
                                        sed=TRUE)
  if (getASRemlVersionLoaded(nchar = 1) == "3")
    Var.pred <- Var.pred$predictions</pre>
  Var.preds <- Var.pred$pvals</pre>
  Var.sed <- Var.pred$sed
  Var.vcov <- NULL
## End(Not run)
  ## Use ImerTest and emmmeans to get predictions and associated statistics
  if (requireNamespace("lmerTest", quietly = TRUE) &
      requireNamespace("emmeans", quietly = TRUE))
    m1.lmer <- lmerTest::lmer(Yield ~ Nitrogen*Variety + (1|Blocks/Wplots),</pre>
                               data=Oats.dat)
    Var.emm <- emmeans::emmeans(m1.lmer, specs = ~ Nitrogen:Variety)</pre>
    Var.preds <- summary(Var.emm)</pre>
    den.df <- min(Var.preds$df)</pre>
    ## Modify Var.preds to be compatible with a predictions.frame
    Var.preds <- as.predictions.frame(Var.preds, predictions = "emmean",</pre>
                                        se = "SE", interval.type = "CI",
                                        interval.names = c("lower.CL", "upper.CL"))
    Var.vcov <- vcov(Var.emm)</pre>
    Var.sed <- NULL</pre>
  ## Use the predictions obtained with either asreml or lmerTest
  if (exists("Var.preds"))
    ## Form an all.diffs object
     Var.diffs <- as.alldiffs(predictions = Var.preds, classify = "Nitrogen: Variety",</pre>
                               sed = Var.sed, vcov = Var.vcov, tdf = den.df)
    ## Check the class and validity of the alldiffs object
    is.alldiffs(Var.diffs)
    validAlldiffs(Var.diffs)
```

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angular

Applies the angular transformation to proportions.

#### **Description**

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

# Usage

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

## **Arguments**

```
proportions The proportions.

n The divisor(s) for each proportion
```

## Value

A numeric.

# Author(s)

Chris Brien

# See Also

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

## **Examples**

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

angular.mod

Applies the modified angular transformation to a vector of counts.

## **Description**

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

## Usage

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

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## **Arguments**

count The numeric vector of counts.

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

#### Value

A numeric vector.

#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

```
angular, powerTransform.
```

# **Examples**

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

as.alldiffs

Forms an alldiffs. object from the supplied predictions, along with those statistics, associated with the predictions and their pairwise differences, that have been supplied.

## **Description**

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

#### Usage

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#### **Arguments**

predictions

A predictions. frame, being a data. frame beginning with the variables classifying the predictions and also containing columns named predicted.value, standard.error and est.status; each row contains a single predicted value. It may also contain columns for the lower and upper limits of error intervals for the predictions. Note that the names standard.error and est.status have been changed to std.error and status in the pvals component produced by asreml-R4; if the new names are in the data. frame supplied to predictions, they will be returned to the previous names.

differences

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

p.differences

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

sed

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

vcov

A matrix containing the variance matrix of the predictions; it is used in computing the variance of linear transformations of the predictions.

LSD

A data. frame containing the mean, minimum and maximum LSD for determining the significance of pairwise differences, the mean LSD being calculated using the square root of the mean of the variances of pairwise differences. If factor.combination was specified for meanLSD.type when the LSDs were being calculated, then LSD contains an LSD for each factor.combination of the factors specified by LSDby. Each LSD is calculated from the square root of the mean of the variances for all pairwise differences for each factor combination, unless there is only one prediction for a factor.combination, when notional LSDs are calculated that are based on the standard error of the prediction multiplied by the square root of two. If LSD is not NULL then the overall mean LSD will be added as an attribute named meanLSD of the alldiffs.object, as will the values of meanLSD. type and LSDby. The LSD for a single prediction assumes that any predictions to be compared are independent; this is not the case if residual errors are correlated.

backtransforms A data.frame containing the backtransformed values of the predicted values that is consistent with the predictions component, except that the column named predicted.value is replaced by one called backtransformed.predictions. Any error. interval values will also be the backtransformed values. Each row contains a single predicted value.

response

A character specifying the response variable for the predictions. It is stored as an attribute to the alldiffs.object.

response.title A character specifying the title for the response variable for the predictions. It is stored as an attribute to the alldiffs.object.

term

A character string giving the variables that define the term that was fitted using asreml and that corresponds to classify. It is often the same as classify. It is stored as an attribute to the alldiffs.object.

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classify A character string giving the variables that define the margins of the multiway table used in the prediction. Multiway tables are specified by forming an interaction type term from the classifying variables, that is, separating the variable names with the : operator. It is stored as an attribute to the alldiffs.object. an integer specifying the degrees of freedom of the standard error. It is used as tdf the degrees of freedom for the t-distribution on which p-values and confidence intervals are based. It is stored as an attribute to the alldiffs.object. A character containing the name of the factor that indexes the set of predicted sortFactor values that determined the sorting of the components. A character vector that is the same length as the number of levels for sortFactor sortOrder in the predictions component of the alldiffs.object. It specifies the order of the levels in the reordered components of the alldiffs.object. The following creates a sortOrder vector levs for factor f based on the values

#### Value

An S3-class alldiffs.object. Also, see predictPlus.asreml for more information.

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

#### Author(s)

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#### See Also

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

```
data(Oats.dat)
  ## Use asreml to get predictions and associated statistics
  ## Not run:
  m1.asr <- asreml(Yield ~ Nitrogen*Variety,</pre>
                    random=~Blocks/Wplots,
                    data=Oats.dat)
  current.asrt <- as.asrtests(m1.asr)</pre>
  Var.pred <- asreml::predict.asreml(m1.asr, classify="Nitrogen:Variety",</pre>
                                        sed=TRUE)
  if (getASRemlVersionLoaded(nchar = 1) == "3")
    Var.pred <- Var.pred$predictions</pre>
  Var.preds <- Var.pred$pvals</pre>
  Var.sed <- Var.pred$sed</pre>
  Var.vcov <- NULL
## End(Not run)
  ## Use lmerTest and emmmeans to get predictions and associated statistics
  if (requireNamespace("lmerTest", quietly = TRUE) &
      requireNamespace("emmeans", quietly = TRUE))
```

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```
{
 m1.lmer <- lmerTest::lmer(Yield ~ Nitrogen*Variety + (1|Blocks/Wplots),</pre>
                             data=Oats.dat)
 Var.emm <- emmeans::emmeans(m1.lmer, specs = ~ Nitrogen:Variety)</pre>
 Var.preds <- summary(Var.emm)</pre>
 den.df <- min(Var.preds$df)</pre>
 ## Modify Var.preds to be compatible with a predictions.frame
 Var.preds <- as.predictions.frame(Var.preds, predictions = "emmean",</pre>
                                      se = "SE", interval.type = "CI",
                                      interval.names = c("lower.CL", "upper.CL"))
 Var.vcov <- vcov(Var.emm)</pre>
 Var.sed <- NULL
## Use the predictions obtained with either asreml or lmerTest
if (exists("Var.preds"))
 ## Form an all.diffs object
   Var.diffs <- as.alldiffs(predictions = Var.preds, classify = "Nitrogen:Variety",</pre>
                             sed = Var.sed, vcov = Var.vcov, tdf = den.df)
 ## Check the class and validity of the alldiffs object
 is.alldiffs(Var.diffs)
 validAlldiffs(Var.diffs)
```

as.asrtests

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

## **Description**

An asrtests.object that is a list consisting of the components asreml.obj, wald.tab and test.summary.

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

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

The label argument can be used to include an entry in test.summary for the starting model. If a label is included, the information criteria calculated using asreml.obj can also be added to the test.summary.

## Usage

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## **Arguments**

asreml.obj an asreml object for a fitted model.

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

wald.asreml; it should have 4 or 6 columns. Sometimes wald.asreml returns a data.frame and at other times a list. For example, it may return a list when denDF is used. In this case, the Wald component of the list is to be extracted and stored. It is noted that, as of asreml version 4, wald.asreml has a kenadj

argument.

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

results of previous hypothesis tests.

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

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

part of the model.

label A character to use as an entry in the terms column in test. summary to indi-

cate as far as is possible the nature of the model that has been fitted. The action

column in test.summary will be Starting model.

IClikelihood A character that controls both the occurence and the type of likelihood for

information criterion in the test.summary of the asrtests.object. If none, none are included. Otherwise, if REML, then the AIC and BIC based on the Restricted Maximum Likelihood are included; if full, then the AIC and BIC based on the full likelihood are included. (See also infoCriteria.asreml.)

bound.exclusions

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

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

## Value

An object of S3-class asrtests.

#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

### References

Kenward, M. G., & Roger, J. H. (1997). Small sample inference for fixed effects from restricted maximum likelihood. *Biometrics*, **53**, 983-997.

#### See Also

asremlPlus-package, is.alldiffs, as.alldiffs, recalcWaldTab, testranfix.asrtests, chooseModel.asrtests, rmboundary.asrtests, reparamSigDevn.asrtests

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#### **Examples**

as.predictions.frame

Forms a predictions. frame from a data. frame, ensuring that the correct columns are present.

#### **Description**

Creates a predictions.frame from a data.frame by adding the class predictions.frame to it, and renaming the columns containing the predictions, se, est.status and error.intervals.

## Usage

#### **Arguments**

data A data. frame containing columns giving the variables that uniquely index the

predicted values and columns with the predicted values, their standard errors

and, optionally, their estimation status (est.status).

predictions A character giving the name of the column in data that contains the predicted

values. This column will be renamed to predicted.value.

se A character giving the name of the column in data that contains the standard

errors of the predicted values. This column will be renamed to standard.error.

est.status A character giving the name of the column in data that contains the estimation

status of the predicted values. It will have a value Estimable for predicted values that have been estimated and a value Aliased for predicted values that are NA. If a column named est.status is not present in data and est.status

is NULL, a column est. status will be generated.

interval.type A character specifying the type of error.intervals stored in data that re-

quire renaming. If NULL, error.intervals will not be renamed, even if they are present. Otherwise, interval.type should be set to one of "CI", "SE" or

"halfLSD".

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interval.names A character specifying the column names of the lower and upper limits stored in data that are to be renamed. The character must be of length two, with the first element being the name of the 'lower' limit and the second element being the name of the 'upper' limit.

#### Value

An S3-class predictions. frame.

#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

asremlPlus-package, predictions.frame, is.predictions.frame, as.predictions.frame

```
data(Oats.dat)
  ## Use asreml to get predictions and associated statistics
  ## Not run:
  m1.asr <- asreml(Yield ~ Nitrogen*Variety,</pre>
                    random=~Blocks/Wplots,
                    data=Oats.dat)
  current.asrt <- as.asrtests(m1.asr)</pre>
  Var.pred <- asreml::predict.asreml(m1.asr, classify="Nitrogen:Variety",</pre>
                                        sed=TRUE)
  if (getASRemlVersionLoaded(nchar = 1) == "3")
    Var.pred <- Var.pred$predictions</pre>
#Form predictions.frame changing asreml-R4 names to the standard names, if these are present
 Var.preds <- as.predictions.frame(Var.pred$pvals, se = "std.error",</pre>
                                     est.status = "status")
## End(Not run)
  ## Use ImerTest and emmmeans to get predictions and associated statistics
  if (requireNamespace("lmerTest", quietly = TRUE) &
      requireNamespace("emmeans", quietly = TRUE))
    m1.lmer <- lmerTest::lmer(Yield ~ Nitrogen*Variety + (1|Blocks/Wplots),</pre>
                               data=Oats.dat)
    Var.emm <- emmeans::emmeans(m1.lmer, specs = ~ Nitrogen:Variety)</pre>
    Var.preds <- summary(Var.emm)</pre>
    Var.preds <- as.predictions.frame(Var.preds, predictions = "emmean",</pre>
                                        se = "SE", interval.type = "CI",
                                        interval.names = c("lower.CL", "upper.CL"))
  }
  ## Check the class and validity of the alldiffs object
  if (exists("Var.preds"))
    is.predictions.frame(Var.preds)
    validPredictionsFrame(Var.preds)
```

asremlPlus-deprecated Deprecated Functions in the Package asremlPlus

# **Description**

These functions have been renamed and deprecated in asremlPlus:

```
1. addrm.terms.asreml and addrm.terms.asrtests -> changeTerms.asrtests,
```

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

## Usage

```
addrm.terms.asreml(...)
addrm.terms.asrtests(...)
alldiffs(...)
choose.model.asreml(...)
choose.model.asrtests(...)
info.crit(...)
info.crit.asreml(...)
newrcov.asrtests(...)
plotvariofaces.asreml(...)
predictiondiffs.asreml(...)
predictionplot.asreml(...)
predictparallel.asreml(...)
pred.present.asreml(...)
```

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```
recalc.wald.tab.asrtests(...)
reml.lrt(...)
reml.lrt.asreml(...)
## S3 method for class 'alldiffs'
reorderClassify(...)
## S3 method for class 'asreml'
rmboundary(...)
setvarianceterms.asreml(...)
sig.devn.reparam.asreml(...)
sig.devn.reparam.asrtests(...)
testranfix.asreml(...)
testrcov.asreml(...)
testrcov.asrtests(...)
## S3 method for class 'asreml'
testswapran(...)
```

## **Arguments**

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

#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

asremlPlusTips

The randomly-presented, startup tips.

#### **Description**

The intermittent, randomly-presented, startup tips.

## **Startup tips**

Need help? The manual is a vignette and is in the vignettes subdirectory of the package's install directory.

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

Need help getting started? Enter vignette(package = 'asremlPlus').

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

The methods for alldiffs and data.frame do not require asreml

Use suppressPackageStartupMessages() to eliminate all package startup messages.

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

To install the latest version: go to http://chris.brien.name/rpackages.

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

#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

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asrtests.object

Description of an asrtests object

# Description

An object of S3-class asrtests that contains information derived from the fits of a mixed model using asreml.

as. asrtests is function that makes an object of this class.

is.list is the membership function for this class; it tests that an object is of class list.

validAsrtests can be used to test the validity of an asrtests.object.

#### Value

A list that contains three components:

- 1. asreml.obj: an object of class asreml that contains the fit of a model;
- 2. wald.tab: A data.frame containing a pseudo-anova table for the fixed terms produced by wald.asreml. It has rownames that corresond to the fixed terms that were fitted and four columns. If denominator degrees of freedom were calculated then the columns are Df, denDF, F.inc, Pr; otherwise the columns are Df, Sum of Sq, Wald statistic, and Pr(Chisq).
- 3. test.summary: A data.frame with columns term, DF, denDF, p, AIC, BIC and action. Possible codes for action are: Dropped, Retained, Swapped, Unswapped, Unchanged, Significant, Nonsignificant, Absent, Added, Removed and Boundary. If the either of the models did not converge, unconverged will be added to the code. Unchanged is used when allow.unconverged is FALSE. Note that the logical asreml.obj\$converge also reflects whether there is convergence.

A row is added to the test.summary for each term that is dropped, added or tested or a note that several terms have been added or removed. When values for the AIC and BIC are included in the row, then the DF are the number of fixed parameters in the model and denDF are the numbers of variance parameters. When changeModelOnIC adds a row then the values of the degrees of freedom and information criteria are differences between those for the model that is supplied and the model changed by changeModelOnIC.

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

# See Also

as.asrtests, as.asrtests, validAsrtests

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bootREMLRT.asreml

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

## **Description**

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

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

# Usage

### **Arguments**

h0.asreml.obi	asreml object con	taining the fit unde	er the model for	the null hypothesis.

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

nboot The number of bootstrap samples to be generated.

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

verge for both models.

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

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

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

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

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

as the response variable for object.

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

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

parameter estimates from the reduced.asreml.obj.

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extra.matrix

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

ignore.terms

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

fixed.spline.terms

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

bound.exclusions

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

tolerance

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

update

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

trace

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

ncores

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

. . .

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

### Value

A list with the following components:

- 1. **REMLRT:** the observed REML ratio statistic.
- 2. **p:** the bootstrap p-value for the observed test statistic.
- 3. **DF:** the calculated difference in DF for the variance parameters in the two models.
- 4. **totalunconverged:** the total number of unconverged analyses over the simulations.

- 5. **REMLRT.sim:** a numeric containing the values of the ratio statistics for the simulated data. It has an attribute called na.action that can be retrieved using attr(REMLRT.sim,which = "na.action"); it contains a list of the simulation numbers that were abandoned because max.retries failed to converge for both models.
- 6. **nunconverged:** the number of unconverged analyses for each bootstap sample, the maximum being max.retries.

#### Note

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

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

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

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

#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

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

# **Examples**

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

changeModelOnIC.asrtests

Uses information criteria to decide whether to change an already fitted model.

#### **Description**

Uses information criteria to decide whether to change the fitted model stored in the supplied asrtests.object according to the specified modifications. The function changeTerms is used to change the model. Thus, the model can be modified using a combination of adding and removing sets of terms from one or both of the fixed or random models and replacing the residual model.

A row is added to the test.summary data.frame of the asrtests.object using the supplied label and stating whether or not the new model has been swpped for the supplied model. Convergence in fitting the model is checked and a note included in the action if there was not. All components of the asrtests.object are updated to exhibit the differences between the suupplied and new model.

To obtain a list of the information criteria for a set of models use changeTerms.asrtests with IClikelihood set to REML or full, or use infoCriteria.asreml.

#### Usage

#### **Arguments**

 $\label{eq:asymptotic_state} as \texttt{rtests.obj} \qquad \text{An asrtests.object containing the components (i) as \texttt{reml.obj}, (ii) \texttt{wald.tab}, \\ \text{and (iii) test.summary}.$ 

dropFixed A single character string in the form of a formula which, after addition of ". ~ . -" and after expansion, specifies the sum of a set of terms to be dropped from the fixed formula. The names must match those in the wald.tab component of

the asrtests.object.

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

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

formula.

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

. –" and expansion, specifies the sum of a set of terms to be dropped from the random formula. The names must match those in the vparameters component

of the asreml.obj component in the asrtests.object.

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

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

formula.

newResidual A single character string in the form of a formula which, after addition of "  $\sim$ 

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

label

A character to use as an entry in the terms column in test. summary to indicate as far as is possible the terms that are being manipulated.

allow.unconverged

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

checkboundaryonly

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

trace

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

update

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

denDF

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

 $\operatorname{set.terms}$ 

A character vector specifying the terms that are to have bounds and/or initial values set prior to fitting. The names must match those in the vparameters component of the asreml.obj component in the asrtests.object.

ignore.suffices

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

bounds

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

which.IC

A character specifying the information criterion to be used in selecting the best model. Possible values are AIC and BIC. The values of the criterion for supplied model must exceed that for changed model for the changed model to be returned.

IClikelihood

A character specifying whether Restricted Maximum Likelihood (REML) or the full likelihood (full) are to be used in calculating the information criteria.

fixedDF

A numeric giving the number of estimated fixed parameters. If NULL then this is determined from the information in asreml.obj.

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

this is determined from the information in  ${\tt asreml.obj.}$  It replaces the  ${\tt varDF}$ 

argument.

initial.values A character vector specifying the initial values for the terms specified in terms. This vector must be of length one or the same length as terms. If it is of length

one then the same initial value is applied to all the terms in terms. If any of the initial values are equal to NA then they are left unchanged for those terms.

bound.exclusions

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

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

#### Value

An asrtests.object containing the components (i) asreml.obj, (ii) wald.tab, and (iii) test.summary. The values of the degrees of freedom and the information criteria are differences between those of the changed model and those of the model supplied to changeModelOnIC.

#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

as.asrtests, rmboundary.asrtests, testranfix.asrtests, testresidual.asrtests, newfit.asreml, reparamSigDevn.asrtests, chooseModel.asrtests, changeTerms.asrtests, infoCriteria.asreml

```
## Not run:
data(Wheat.dat)
current.asr <- asreml(yield ~ Rep + WithinColPairs + Variety,</pre>
                       random = ~ Row + Column + units,
                       residual = ~ ar1(Row):ar1(Column),
                       data=Wheat.dat)
current.asrt <- as.asrtests(current.asr, NULL, NULL,</pre>
                             label = "Maximal model")
current.asrt <- rmboundary(current.asrt)</pre>
# Drop both Row and Column terms
current.asrt <- changeModelOnIC(current.asrt,</pre>
                                  dropRandom = "Row + Column",
                                  checkboundaryonly = TRUE,
                                  which.IC = "AIC", IClikelihood = "full")
current.asrt <- iterate(current.asrt)</pre>
# Add and drop both fixed and random terms
current.asrt <- changeModelOnIC(current.asrt,</pre>
                                  addFixed = "vRow", dropFixed = "WithinColPairs",
                                  addRandom = "spl(vRow)", dropRandom = "units",
                                  checkboundaryonly = TRUE,
                                  which.IC = "AIC", IClikelihood = "full")
```

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changeTerms.asrtests

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

## **Description**

The specified terms are simply added or dropped, without testing, from either the fixed or random model and/or the residual (rcov) model replaced. No hypothesis testing is performed, but a check is made for boundary or singular terms.

A row is added to the test.summary data.frame of the asrtests.object using the supplied label and stating which models have been changed. Information criteria can be included in the row of the test.summary. Convergence in fitting the model is checked and a note included in the action if there was not. All components of the asrtests.object are updated.

To only change the terms based on the information criteria use changeModelOnIC.asrtests.

# Usage

## Arguments

asrtests.obj An asrtests.object containing the components (i) asreml.obj, (ii) wald.tab, and (iii) test.summary.

dropFixed A single character string in the form of a formula which, after addition of ". ~ . -" and after expansion, specifies the sum of a set of terms to be dropped from

the fixed formula. The names must match those in the wald. tab component of the asrtests.object.

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

~ . +" and expansion, specifies the sum of a set of terms to be added to the fixed formula.

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

. –" and expansion, specifies the sum of a set of terms to be dropped from the random formula. The names must match those in the <code>vparameters</code> component

of the asreml.obj component in the asrtests.object.

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

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

formula.

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

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

label A character to use as an entry in the terms column in test. summary to indi-

cate as far as is possible the terms that are being manipulated.

allow.unconverged

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

returned.

checkboundaryonly

If TRUE then boundary and singular terms are not removed by rmboundary asrtests;

a warning is issued instead.

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

are invoked; if FALSE then no output is displayed.

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

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

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

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

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

part of the model.

set.terms A character vector specifying the terms that are to have bounds and/or initial values set prior to fitting. The names must match those in the vparameters

component of the asreml.obj component in the asrtests.object.

ignore.suffices

bounds

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

assigned suffices for all the terms in terms.

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

unchanged for those terms.

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

IClikelihood

A character that controls both the occurence and the type of likelihood for information criterion in the test.summary of the asrtests.object. If none, none are included. Otherwise, if REML, then the AIC and BIC based on the Restricted Maximum Likelihood are included; if full, then the AIC and BIC based on the full likelihood are included. (See also infoCriteria.asreml.)

bound.exclusions

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

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

### Value

An asrtests.object containing the components (i) asreml.obj, (ii) wald.tab, and (iii) test.summary.

### Author(s)

Chris Brien

### References

Kenward, M. G., & Roger, J. H. (1997). Small sample inference for fixed effects from restricted maximum likelihood. *Biometrics*, **53**, 983-997.

### See Also

```
as.asrtests, rmboundary.asrtests, testranfix.asrtests, testresidual.asrtests, newfit.asreml, reparamSigDevn.asrtests, chooseModel.asrtests, changeModelOnIC.asrtests, infoCriteria.asreml
```

```
## Not run:
terms <- "(Date/(Sources * (Type + Species)))"</pre>
current.asrt <- changeTerms(current.asrt, addFixed = terms)</pre>
current.asrt <- changeTerms(current.asrt, dropFixed = "A + B", denDF = "algebraic")</pre>
data(Wheat.dat)
current.asr <- asreml(yield ~ Rep + WithinColPairs + Variety,</pre>
                       random = ~ Row + Column + units,
                       residual = ~ ar1(Row):ar1(Column),
                       data=Wheat.dat)
current.asrt <- as.asrtests(current.asr, NULL, NULL)</pre>
current.asrt <- rmboundary(current.asrt)</pre>
# Add and drop both fixed and random terms
current.asrt <- changeTerms(current.asrt,</pre>
                              addFixed = "vRow", dropFixed = "WithinColPairs",
                              addRandom = "spl(vRow)", dropRandom = "units",
                              checkboundaryonly = TRUE)
```

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Determines the set of significant terms using p-values and records the tests performed in a data. frame, taking into account the marginality relations of terms.

## Description

Using p-values from hypothesis tests, determines the set of significant terms, taking into account the hierarchy or marginality of terms. In particular, a term will not be tested if it is marginal to (or nested in) one that is significant. For example, if A:B is significant, then neither A nor B will be tested. The tests conducted in choosing selected model are listed in a summary data.frame.

## Usage

```
chooseModel(object, ...)
```

### Arguments

object an object using which p-values can be obtained for use in model selection.

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

## **Details**

chooseModel is the generic function for the chooseModel method. Use methods("chooseModel") to get all the methods for the chooseModel generic.

chooseModel.asrtests is a method for an asrtests.object. It uses testranfix.asrtests to conduct tests to determine the p-values used in the model selection.

chooseModel.data.frame is a method for a data.frame. It uses the p-values stored in the data.frame in the model selection.

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

# See Also

 ${\tt chooseModel.asrtests, chooseModel.asrtests, changeModelOnIC.asrtests, testran fix.asrtests}$ 

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chooseModel.asrtests

Determines and records the set of significant terms using an asrtests.object, taking into account the hierarchy or marginality relations of the terms.

## **Description**

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

## Usage

## **Arguments**

object

an asrtests.object containing the components (i) asreml.obj, (ii) wald.tab, and (iii) test.summary.

terms.marginality

A square matrix of ones and zeros with row and column names being the names of the terms. The names of fixed terms must match those in the wald.tab component of the asrtests.object, while the names of random terms must match those in the vparameters component of the asreml.obj component in the asrtests.object. The diagonal elements of the matrix should be one, indicating that a term is marginal to itself. Elements should be one if the row term is marginal to the column term. All other elements should be zero.

alpha

The significance level for the test.

allow.unconverged

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

checkboundaryonly

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

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drop.ran.ns

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

positive.zero

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

bound.test.parameters

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

drop.fix.ns

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

denDF

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

dDF.na

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

dDF.values

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

trace

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

update

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

set.terms

A character vector specifying the terms that are to have bounds and/or initial values set prior to fitting. The names must match those in the vparameters component of the asreml.obj component in the asrtests.object.

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ignore.suffices

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

bounds

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

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

IClikelihood

A character that controls both the occurence and the type of likelihood for information criterion in the test.summary of the asrtests.object. If none, none are included. Otherwise, if REML, then the AIC and BIC based on the Restricted Maximum Likelihood are included; if full, then the AIC and BIC based on the full likelihood are included. (See also infoCriteria.asreml.)

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

### Value

A list containing:

- 1. asrtests.obj: an asrtests.object containing the components (i) asreml.obj, (ii) wald.tab, and (iii) test.summary.;
- 2. sig.tests: a character vector whose elements are the the significant terms amongst those tested.

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

## References

Kenward, M. G., & Roger, J. H. (1997). Small sample inference for fixed effects from restricted maximum likelihood. Biometrics, 53, 983-997.

### See Also

chooseModel, chooseModel.data.frame, as.asrtests, testranfix.asrtests, testresidual.asrtests, REMLRT.asreml, rmboundary.asrtests, newfit.asreml,  $change {\tt Model On IC.asrtests}, change {\tt Terms.asrtests}, reparam {\tt SigDevn.asrtests}$ 

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### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
data(WaterRunoff.dat)
asreml.options(keep.order = TRUE) #required for asreml-R4 only
current.asr <- asreml(log.Turbidity ~ Benches + (Sources * (Type + Species)) * Date,</pre>
                      random = ~Benches:MainPlots:SubPlots:spl(xDay),
                      data = WaterRunoff.dat, keep.order = TRUE)
current.asrt <- as.asrtests(current.asr, NULL, NULL)</pre>
terms.treat <- c("Sources", "Type", "Species",</pre>
                 "Sources:Type", "Sources:Species")
terms <- sapply(terms.treat,</pre>
                FUN=function(term){paste("Date:",term,sep="")},
                simplify=TRUE)
terms <- c("Date", terms)</pre>
terms <- unname(terms)</pre>
1,0,1,1,0,0, 1,1,1,0,1,0, 1,1,1,1,1,1), nrow=6)
rownames(marginality) <- terms</pre>
colnames(marginality) <- terms</pre>
choose <- chooseModel(current.asrt, marginality)</pre>
current.asrt <- choose$asrtests.obj</pre>
sig.terms <- choose$sig.terms</pre>
## End(Not run)
```

chooseModel.data.frame

Determines the set of significant terms from results stored in a data.frame, taking into account the marginality relations of terms and recording the tests used in a data.frame.

## Description

Uses the p.values from a set of hypothesis tests that are stored in the supplied data. frame to choose a model to describe the effects of the terms corresponding to the p-values, taking into account the hierarchy or marginality of terms. In particular, a term will not be tested if it is marginal to (or nested in) one that is significant. For example, if A:B is significant, then neither A nor B will be tested. The tests used in choosing the selected model are listed in the data. frame choose.summary.

No change is made to the p. values, the DF and denDF being for information only.

### Usage

# **Arguments**

object

a data.frame object containing the results of hypothesis tests for a set of terms. It components should include terms, p.values, and, if not set to NA, DF and denDF.

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terms A character giving the name of the column in object containing the terms

corresponding to the p.values. If NULL, it is assumed that the row names of

object give the terms.

 $\hbox{p.values} \qquad \qquad A \hbox{ character giving the name of the column in object containing the $p$-values}$ 

to use in deciding whether or not terms are significant.

DF Can be a character or a numeric that specifies the numerator degrees of free-

dom for the tests. If it is a character, it must be the name of a column in object containing the numerator degrees of freedom that are to be included in the choose.summary data.frame. if it is a numeric, its length must equal 1 or the number of rows in object. In either case, a column labelled DF will be included in the choose.summary data.frame. It will contain either the replicated

single value (which can be NA) or the values supplied.

denDF Can be a character or a numeric that specifies the denominator degrees of

freedom for the tests. If it is a character, it must be the name of a column in object containing the denominator degrees of freedom that are to be included in the choose.summary data.frame. if it is a numeric, its length must equal 1 or the number of rows in object. In either case, a column labelled denDF will be included in the choose.summary data.frame. It will contain either the

replicated single value (which can be NA) or the values supplied.

omit.DF A logical indicating whether or not both the numerator and denominator degrees of freedom are to be omitted from choose.summary. Doing so will mean that the choose.summary no longer has the same columns as a test.summary

from an asrtests.object.

terms.marginality

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

match the those elements of terms that are to be tested.

alpha The significance level for the hypothesis testing.

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

present.

### Value

## A list containing:

- choose.summary: a data.frame summarizing the tests carried out in choosing the significant terms; provided omit.DF = FALSE, it has the same columns as a test.summary from an asrtests.object
- sig.tests: a character vector whose elements are the significant terms amongst those tested.

### Author(s)

Chris Brien

## See Also

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### **Examples**

```
data("Ladybird.dat")
  ## Use asreml to get the table of p-values
  ## Not run:
  m1.asr <- asreml(logitP ~ Host*Cadavers*Ladybird,</pre>
                   random = ~ Run,
                   data = Ladybird.dat)
  current.asrt <- as.asrtests(m1.asr)</pre>
  fixed.tab <- current.asrt$wald.tab</pre>
 col.p <- "Pr"
  df = "Df"
  den.df = "denDF"
## End(Not run)
  ## Use lmeTest to get the table of p-values
  if (requireNamespace("lmerTest", quietly = TRUE) &
      requireNamespace("emmeans", quietly = TRUE))
  {
    m1.lmer <- lmerTest::lmer(logitP ~ Host*Cadavers*Ladybird + (1|Run),</pre>
                               data=Ladybird.dat)
    fixed.tab <- anova(m1.lmer, type = "II")</pre>
    col.p <- "Pr(>F)"
    df = "NumDF"
    den.df = "DenDF"
  ## Select a model using the table of p-values obtained with either asreml or lmerTest
  if (exists("fixed.tab"))
  {
    term.marg <- dae::marginality(dae::pstructure(~ Host*Cadavers*Ladybird,</pre>
                                                    data = Ladybird.dat))
    chosen <- chooseModel(fixed.tab, p.values = col.p, DF = df, denDF = den.df,</pre>
                           terms.marginality = term.marg)
  }
```

estimateV.asreml

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

# **Description**

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

# Usage

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### **Arguments**

asreml.obj

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

which.matrix

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

extra.matrix

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

ignore.terms

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

fixed.spline.terms

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

bound.exclusions

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

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

### **Details**

The information about the variance parameters in the fitted mixed model are obtained from the G.param and R.param components of the asreml object. The function can deal with the following variance functions in either the random or residual models: id, diag, us, ar1, ar2, ar3, sar,sar2, ma1, ma2, arma, exp, gau, cor, corb and corg. All of these functions, except us, can be combined with either v or h. It will also cope with the following functions in the random model: at, str, spl, dev, grp, fa and rr. Additionally, it can deal with the function dsum in the residual model. For further information see the ASReml-R User Guide Version 4 (Butler et al., 2018).

## Value

A matrix containing the estimated variance matrix.

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### Author(s)

Chris Brien

### References

Butler, D. G., Cullis, B. R., Gilmour, A. R., Gogel, B. J. and Thompson, R. (2018). *ASReml-R Reference Manual Version 4*. VSN International Ltd, http://asreml.org.

### See Also

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

## **Examples**

facCombine.alldiffs Combines several factors into one in the components of an alldiffs.object

## **Description**

Combines several factors, in the prediction component of object, into one whose levels are the combinations of the used levels of the individual factors. The matching changes are made to the other components of the alldiffs.object. The levels of the factors are combined using fac.combine from the dae package.

## Usage

# **Arguments**

object An alldiffs.object.

factors A character containing the names of factors in the prediction component

of object whose levels are to be combined.

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order

Either standard or yates. The order in which the levels combinations of the factors are to be considered as numbered when forming the levels of the combined factor; standard numbers them as if they are arranged in standard order, that is with the levels of the first factor moving slowest and those of the last factor moving fastest; yates numbers them as if they are arranged in Yates order, that is with the levels of the first factor moving fastest and those of the last factor moving slowest.

combine.levels A logical specifying whether the levels labels of the new factor are to be combined from those of the factors being combined. The default is to use the integers from 1 to the product of the numbers of combinations of used levels of the individual factors, numbering the levels according to order.

sep

A character string to separate the levels when combine.levels = TRUE.

level.length

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

Further arguments passed to the factor call creating the new factor.

#### Value

A modified alldiffs.object.

### Author(s)

Chris Brien

### See Also

```
as.alldiffs, allDifferences.data.frame, print.alldiffs, sort.alldiffs,
renewClassify.alldiffs; fac.combine in package dae.
```

```
data("Ladybird.dat")
  ## Use asreml to get predictions and associated statistics
  ## Not run:
  m1.asr <- asreml(logitP ~ Host*Cadavers*Ladybird,</pre>
                    random = \sim Run,
                    data = Ladybird.dat)
  current.asrt <- as.asrtests(m1.asr)</pre>
  HCL.pred <- asreml::predict.asreml(m1.asr, classify="Host:Cadavers:Ladybird",</pre>
                                       sed=TRUE)
  HCL.preds <- HCL.pred$pvals</pre>
  HCL.sed <- HCL.pred$sed</pre>
  HCL.vcov <- NULL
  wald.tab <- current.asrt$wald.tab</pre>
  den.df <- wald.tab[match("Host:Cadavers:Ladybird", rownames(wald.tab)), "denDF"]</pre>
## End(Not run)
  ## Use lmeTest and emmmeans to get predictions and associated statistics
  if (requireNamespace("lmerTest", quietly = TRUE) &
      requireNamespace("emmeans", quietly = TRUE))
```

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```
{
 m1.lmer <- lmerTest::lmer(logitP ~ Host*Cadavers*Ladybird + (1|Run),</pre>
                             data=Ladybird.dat)
 HCL.emm <- emmeans::emmeans(m1.lmer, specs = ~ Host:Cadavers:Ladybird)</pre>
 HCL.preds <- summary(HCL.emm)</pre>
 den.df <- min(HCL.preds$df)</pre>
 ## Modify HCL.preds to be compatible with a predictions.frame
 HCL.preds <- as.predictions.frame(HCL.preds, predictions = "emmean",</pre>
                                     se = "SE", interval.type = "CI",
                                      interval.names = c("lower.CL", "upper.CL"))
 HCL.vcov <- vcov(HCL.emm)</pre>
 HCL.sed <- NULL
}
## Use the predictions obtained with either asreml or lmerTest
if (exists("HCL.preds"))
 ## Form an all.diffs object
 HCL.diffs <- as.alldiffs(predictions = HCL.preds, classify = "Host:Cadavers:Ladybird",
                            sed = HCL.sed, vcov = HCL.vcov, tdf = den.df)
 ## Check the class and validity of the alldiffs object
 is.alldiffs(HCL.diffs)
 validAlldiffs(HCL.diffs)
 ## Combine Cadavers and Ladybird
 HCL.diffs <- facCombine(HCL.diffs, factors = c("Cadavers", "Ladybird"))</pre>
 ## Check the validity of HCL.diffs
 validAlldiffs(HCL.diffs)
```

facRecode.alldiffs

Recodes factor levels using values in a vector. The values in the vector do not have to be unique.

## **Description**

Recodes the levels and values of a factor, in the prediction component of an alldiffs.object using each value in the newlevels vector to replace the corresponding value in the vector of levels of the factor. The matching changes are made to the other components of the alldiffs.object. The levels of the factors are recoded using fac.recode from the dae package.

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'alldiffs'
facRecode(object, factor, newlevels, ...)
```

# Arguments

object An alldiffs.object.

factor A character containing the name of a factor in the prediction component of object whose levels are to be recoded.

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```
newlevels A vector of length levels(factor) containing values to use in the recoding.

... Further arguments passed to the factor call creating the new factor.
```

### Value

A modified alldiffs.object.

### Author(s)

Chris Brien

### See Also

```
as.alldiffs, allDifferences.data.frame, print.alldiffs, sort.alldiffs, facCombine.alldiffs, facRename.alldiffs, renewClassify.alldiffs; fac.recode in package dae.
```

```
data("Ladybird.dat")
  ## Use asreml to get predictions and associated statistics
  m1.asr <- asreml(logitP ~ Host*Cadavers*Ladybird,</pre>
                    random = ~ Run,
                    data = Ladybird.dat)
  current.asrt <- as.asrtests(m1.asr)</pre>
  HCL.pred <- asreml::predict.asreml(m1.asr, classify="Host:Cadavers:Ladybird",</pre>
                                       sed=TRUE)
 HCL.preds <- HCL.pred$pvals</pre>
 HCL.sed <- HCL.pred$sed</pre>
 HCL.vcov <- NULL
  wald.tab <- current.asrt$wald.tab</pre>
  den.df <- wald.tab[match("Host:Cadavers:Ladybird", rownames(wald.tab)), "denDF"]</pre>
## End(Not run)
  ## Use lmeTest and emmmeans to get predictions and associated statistics
  if (requireNamespace("lmerTest", quietly = TRUE) &
      requireNamespace("emmeans", quietly = TRUE))
  {
    m1.lmer <- lmerTest::lmer(logitP ~ Host*Cadavers*Ladybird + (1|Run),</pre>
                                data=Ladybird.dat)
    HCL.emm <- emmeans::emmeans(m1.lmer, specs = ~ Host:Cadavers:Ladybird)</pre>
    HCL.preds <- summary(HCL.emm)</pre>
    den.df <- min(HCL.preds$df)</pre>
    ## Modify HCL.preds to be compatible with a predictions.frame
    HCL.preds <- as.predictions.frame(HCL.preds, predictions = "emmean",</pre>
                                        se = "SE", interval.type = "CI",
                                        interval.names = c("lower.CL", "upper.CL"))
    HCL.vcov <- vcov(HCL.emm)</pre>
    HCL.sed <- NULL
  ## Use the predictions obtained with either asreml or lmerTest
```

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facRename.alldiffs Renames factors in the prediction component of an alldiffs.object.

## **Description**

Renames factors in the prediction component of an alldiffs.object. These changes are propagated to the other components of the alldiffs.object.

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'alldiffs'
facRename(object, factor.names, newnames, ...)
```

### **Arguments**

object An alldiffs.object.

 $\label{eq:containing} \textbf{A character containing the names of the factors in the prediction composition} \\$ 

nent of object that are to be renamed.

newnames A character containing the new names of the factors in the prediction com-

ponent of object.

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

present.

# Value

A modified alldiffs.object.

### Author(s)

Chris Brien

# See Also

```
as.alldiffs, allDifferences.data.frame, print.alldiffs, sort.alldiffs, facCombine.alldiffs, facRecode.alldiffs, renewClassify.alldiffs; fac.recode in package dae.
```

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```
data("Ladybird.dat")
  ## Use asreml to get predictions and associated statistics
  ## Not run:
  m1.asr <- asreml(logitP ~ Host*Cadavers*Ladybird,</pre>
                   random = \sim Run,
                   data = Ladybird.dat)
  current.asrt <- as.asrtests(m1.asr)</pre>
  HCL.pred <- asreml::predict.asreml(m1.asr, classify="Host:Cadavers:Ladybird",</pre>
                                       sed=TRUE)
  HCL.preds <- HCL.pred$pvals</pre>
  HCL.sed <- HCL.pred$sed</pre>
 HCL.vcov <- NULL
  wald.tab <- current.asrt$wald.tab</pre>
  den.df <- wald.tab[match("Host:Cadavers:Ladybird", rownames(wald.tab)), "denDF"]</pre>
## End(Not run)
  ## Use lmeTest and emmmeans to get predictions and associated statistics
  if (requireNamespace("lmerTest", quietly = TRUE) &
      requireNamespace("emmeans", quietly = TRUE))
    m1.lmer <- lmerTest::lmer(logitP ~ Host*Cadavers*Ladybird + (1|Run),</pre>
                               data=Ladybird.dat)
    HCL.emm <- emmeans::emmeans(m1.lmer, specs = ~ Host:Cadavers:Ladybird)</pre>
    HCL.preds <- summary(HCL.emm)</pre>
    den.df <- min(HCL.preds$df)</pre>
    ## Modify HCL.preds to be compatible with a predictions.frame
    HCL.preds <- as.predictions.frame(HCL.preds, predictions = "emmean",</pre>
                                        se = "SE", interval.type = "CI",
                                        interval.names = c("lower.CL", "upper.CL"))
    HCL.vcov <- vcov(HCL.emm)</pre>
    HCL.sed <- NULL
  ## Use the predictions obtained with either asreml or lmerTest
  if (exists("HCL.preds"))
    ## Form an all.diffs object
   HCL.diffs <- as.alldiffs(predictions = HCL.preds, classify = "Host:Cadavers:Ladybird",
                              sed = HCL.sed, vcov = HCL.vcov, tdf = den.df)
    ## Check the class and validity of the alldiffs object
    is.alldiffs(HCL.diffs)
    validAlldiffs(HCL.diffs)
    ## Rename Cadavers
   HCL.diffs <- facRename(HCL.diffs, factor.names = "Cadavers", newnames = "Cadaver.nos")</pre>
    ## Check the validity of HCL.diffs
    validAlldiffs(HCL.diffs)
```

getASRemlVersionLoaded

Finds the version of asreml that is loaded and returns the initial characters in version.

# Description

Checks that asreml is loaded and, if it is, returns the first nchar characters of the version that is loaded.

# Usage

```
getASRemlVersionLoaded(nchar = NULL, notloaded.fault = FALSE)
```

## **Arguments**

```
nchar The number of characters in the asreml version to get.

notloaded.fault

A logical indicating whether a fault is to occur if asreml is not loaded.
```

## Value

A character, being the first nchar characters of the version of asreml that is loaded.

# Author(s)

Chris Brien

# See Also

loadASRemlVersion.

# **Examples**

```
## Not run:
getASRemlVersionLoaded()
## End(Not run)
```

getFormulae.asreml

Gets the formulae from an asreml object.

## **Description**

Gets the formulae nominated in the which argument from the call stored in an asreml object.

# Usage

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## **Arguments**

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

which A character listing the formula(e) to be extracted from the call stored in

asreml.obj. it should be some combination of fixed, random, residual, sparse and all. If all is included then all formula(e) will be returned, those

not having been specified in the call being NULL.

expanded A logical indicating whether terms are to be expanded to the sum of a set of

individual terms.

.. Arguments passed on to update.formula and ultimately to terms.formula.

### Value

A list containing a component with each of the extracted formula(e), the name of a component being the formula that it contains.

### Author(s)

Chris Brien

### See Also

```
printFormulae.asreml
```

## **Examples**

getTestPvalue.asrtests

Gets the p-value for a test recorded in the test.summary data.frame of an asrtests.object

## **Description**

Matches the label in the term column of the test. summary data. frame in the supplied asrtests.object and extracts the its p-value. It only matches the first occurence of label.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'asrtests'
getTestPvalue(asrtests.obj, label, ...)
```

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# **Arguments**

An asrtests.object containing the components (i) asreml.obj, (ii) wald.tab, and (iii) test.summary.

A character specifying the label of the test for which the p-value is required. If testranfix.asrtests was used for the test of interest, then the label will be the value of the term argument supplied to testranfix.asrtests.

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

### Value

An numeric containing the p-value. It can be NA, for example when a p-value could not be calculated.

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

### See Also

```
as.asrtests, testranfix.asrtests, testswapran.asrtests, testresidual.asrtests, change Terms.asrtests, choose Model.asrtests
```

### **Examples**

infoCriteria

Computes AIC and BIC for models.

## **Description**

Computes Akiake and Bayesian (Schwarz) Information Criteria for models. Either the Restricted Maximum likelihood (REML) or the full likelihood (full) can be used. The full likelihood is used when it is desired to compare models that differ in their fixed models.

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### **Usage**

### **Arguments**

object An asreml object resulting from the fitting of a model using REML or a list

of asreml objects. If the components of the list are named, then those names

will be used as the rownames for the returned data. frame.

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

this is determined from the information in object. This argument has been replaced by varDF, but is retained for compatibility with legacy code. It is not

available with the list method.

bound.exclusions

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

If set to NULL then none will be excluded.

IClikelihood A character specifying whether Restricted Maximum Likelihood (REML) or the

full likelihood (full) are to be used in calculating the information criteria.

fixedDF A numeric giving the number of estimated fixed parameters. If NULL then this

is determined from the information in object. For object a list only a single

value that is used for all components of the list has been implemented.

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

this is determined from the information in object. It replaces the DF argument. For object a list only a single value that is used for all components of the

list has been implemented.

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

present.

### **Details**

The variance degrees of freedom (varDF) are the number of number of variance parameters that have been estimated, excluding those whose estimates have a code for bound specified in bound.exclusions. If varDF is not NULL, the supplied value is used. Otherwise varDF is determined from the information in object, i.e. if object is an asreml object then from it, or if object is a list then from each asreml object in the list. Similarly, the fixed degrees of freedom (fixedDF) are the number of number of fixed parameters that have been estimated, any coefficients that have the value NA being excluded. If fixedDF is not NULL, the supplied value is used. Otherwise fixedDF is determined from the information in object.

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

The calculation of the information criteria is an adaption of the code supplied in File S1 of Verbyla (2019). The log-likeliood is calculated as loglik = log(REML) - log(|C|)/2, where C is the

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inverse coefficient matrix; the term involving C is omitted for REML. The AIC is calculated as -2 \* loglik + 2 \* (varDF + fixedDF) and the BIC as -2 \* loglik + (fixedDF + varDF) \* log(n - r + fixedDF), where n is the number of observations and r is the rank of the fixed effects design matrix. For REML, fixedDF = 0.

### Value

A data.frame containing the numbers of estimated fixed (fixedDF) and variance (varDF) parameters, the number of bound parameters (NBound), AIC, BIC and the value of the log-likelihood (loglik). If object is a list and its components are named, then those names will be used to set the rownames of the data.frame.

### Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### References

Verbyla, A. P. (2019). A note on model selection using information criteria for general linear models estimated using REML. *Australian* & *New Zealand Journal of Statistics*, **61**, 39–50. https://doi.org/10.1111/anzs.12254.

### See Also

REMLRT.asreml, changeTerms.asrtests, changeModelOnIC.asrtests

```
## Not run:
   data(Wheat.dat)
   ## Fit several models to the wheat data and caclulate their ICs
   # Fit initial model
   m.max <- asreml(yield ~ Rep + WithinColPairs + Variety,</pre>
                   random = ~ Row + Column + units,
                   residual = ~ ar1(Row):ar1(Column),
                   data=Wheat.dat)
   infoCriteria(m.max.asr, IClikelihood = "full")
  \hbox{\tt\#Drop term for within Column pairs}
   m1 <- asreml(yield ~ Rep + Variety,
                random = ~ Row + Column + units,
                residual = ~ ar1(Row):ar1(Column),
                data=Wheat.dat)
   #Drop nugget term
   m2 <- asreml(yield ~ Rep + WithinColPairs + Variety,</pre>
                random = \sim Row + Column,
                residual = ~ ar1(Row):ar1(Column),
                data=Wheat.dat)
   #Drop Row autocorrelation
   m3 <- asreml(yield ~ Rep + WithinColPairs + Variety,
                   random = ~ Row + Column + units,
                   residual = ~ Row:ar1(Column),
                   data=Wheat.dat)
```

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is.alldiffs

Tests whether an object is of class alldiffs

## **Description**

A single-line function that tests whether an object is of class alldiffs.

### Usage

```
is.alldiffs(object)
```

### **Arguments**

object

An object to be tested.

### Value

A logical.

# Author(s)

Chris Brien

## See Also

```
asremlPlus-package, alldiffs.object, is.alldiffs, as.alldiffs
```

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is.asrtests

Tests whether an object is of class asrtests

# Description

A single-line function that tests whether an object is of class asrtests.

## Usage

```
is.asrtests(object)
```

## **Arguments**

object

An object to be tested.

### Value

A logical.

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

# See Also

```
asremlPlus-package, asrtests.object, is.asrtests, as.asrtests
```

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```
# Load current fit into an asrtests object
current.asrt <- as.asrtests(current.asr, NULL, NULL)
# check the class of current.asrt
is.asrtests(current.asrt)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

is.predictions.frame Tests whether an object is of class predictions.frame

# Description

A single-line function that tests whether an object is of class predictions. frame.

## Usage

```
is.predictions.frame(object)
```

# Arguments

object

An object to be tested.

### Value

A logical.

# Author(s)

Chris Brien

## See Also

```
as reml Plus-package, predictions. frame, is.predictions. frame, as.predictions. frame\\
```

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```
## End(Not run)
  ## Use lmerTest and emmmeans to get predictions and associated statistics
  if (requireNamespace("lmerTest", quietly = TRUE) &
      requireNamespace("emmeans", quietly = TRUE))
    m1.lmer <- lmerTest::lmer(Yield ~ Nitrogen*Variety + (1|Blocks/Wplots),</pre>
                               data=Oats.dat)
    Var.emm <- emmeans::emmeans(m1.lmer, specs = ~ Nitrogen:Variety)</pre>
    Var.preds <- summary(Var.emm)</pre>
    Var.preds <- as.predictions.frame(Var.preds, predictions = "emmean",</pre>
                                       se = "SE", interval.type = "CI",
                                       interval.names = c("lower.CL", "upper.CL"))
  }
  if (exists("Var.preds"))
    ## Check the class and validity of the alldiffs object
    is.predictions.frame(Var.preds)
  }
```

iterate.asrtests

Subject the fitted asreml.obj stored in an asrtests.object to further iterations of the fitting process.

# Description

In an effort to improve convergence, subject the fitted asreml.obj stored in an asrtests.object to further iterations of the fitting process; the model specification is not changed. While no change is made to the test.summary, the wald.tab is updated.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'asrtests'
iterate(asrtests.obj, denDF="numeric", trace = FALSE, ...)
```

# **Arguments**

asrtests.obj an asrtests.object containing the components (i) asreml.obj, (ii) wald.tab, and (iii) test.summary.

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

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

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

... further arguments passed to update.asreml.

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### Value

An object of S3-class asrtests.

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

### References

Kenward, M. G., & Roger, J. H. (1997). Small sample inference for fixed effects from restricted maximum likelihood. *Biometrics*, **53**, 983-997.

### See Also

```
as.asrtests, asrtests.object, newfit.asreml
```

# **Examples**

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

Ladybird.dat

Data for an experiment to investigate whether ladybirds transfer aphids

## **Description**

Welham et al. (2015, Example 8.2) describe a three-factor factorial experiment to investigate whether ladybirds transfer fungus to live aphids on plants. The three factors are Host plant (beans, trefoil), infected Cadavers (5, 10, 20), and Ladybird (-, +). A generalized randomized complete-block design is used to assign the three factors to 2 Runs, each of which involves 36 containers with a plant and live aphids. The response to be analyzed is the logit of the proportion of live aphids that were infected.

The columns in the data frame are: ID, Run, Plant, Host, Ladybird, Cadavers, Live, Infected, logitP, Prop. The column ID numbers the observations. Live, Infected, logitP, Prop are response variables.

# Usage

```
data(Ladybird.dat)
```

### **Format**

A data frame containing 72 observations of 10 variables.

# Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### Source

Welham, S. J., Gezan, S. A., Clark, S. J., & Mead, A. (2015). *Statistical Methods in Biology: Design and Analysis of Experiments and Regression*. Boca Raton: Chapman and Hall/CRC..

linTransform.alldiffs Calculates a linear transformation of the predictions stored in an alldiffs.object.

## **Description**

Effects the linear transformation of the predictions in the supplied alldiffs.object, the transformation being specified by a matrix or a formula. The values of the transformed values are stored in an alldiffs.object. A matrix might be a contrast matrix or a matrix of weights for the levels of a factor used to obtain the weighted average over the levels of that factor. A formula gives rise to a projection matrix that linearly transforms the predictions so that they conform to the model specified by the formula, this model being a submodel of that inherent in the classify.

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

If a transformation has been applied (any one of transform.power is not one, scale is not one and offset is nonzero), the backtransforms of the transformed values and their lower and upper confidence intervals are added to a data.frame that is consistent with a predictions.frame. If transform.power is other than one, the standard.error column of the data.frame is set to NA. This data.frame is added to the alldiffs.object as a list component called backtransforms.

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

## Usage

### **Arguments**

```
alldiffs.obj An alldiffs.object.
```

classify

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

term

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

linear.transformation

A formula or a matrix. If a formula is given then it is taken to be a submodel of the model term corresponding to the classify. The projection matrix that transforms the predictions so that they conform to the submodel is obtained; the submodel should involving the variables in the classify. For example, for classify set to "A:B", the submodel ~ A + B will result in the predictions for the combinations of A and B being made additive for the factors A and B.

If a matrix is provided then it will be used to apply the linear transformation to the predictions. The number of rows in the matrix should equal the number of linear combinations of the predictions desired and the number of columns should equal the number of predictions.

In either case, as well as the values of the linear combinations, their standard errors, pairwise differences and associated statistics are returned.

Vmatrix

A logical indicating whether the variance matrix of the predictions will be stored as a component of the alldiffs.object that is returned. If linear.transformation is set, it will be stored irrespective of the value of Vmatrix.

error.intervals

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

avsed.tolerance

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

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

meanLSD.type A character string determining whether the mean LSD stored is (i) the overall mean, based on the square root of the mean of the variances of all pairwise variances, (ii) the mean for each factor. combination of the factors specified by LSDby, which is based on the square root of the mean of the variances for all pairwise differences for each factor combination, or (iii) the per.prediction mean, based, for each prediction, on the square root of the mean of the variances for all pairwise differences involving that prediction, unless there is only one prediction for a factor.combination, when notional LSDs are calculated that are based on the standard error of the prediction multiplied by the square root of two. It also determines, in conjunction with avsed.tolerance, which LSD will be used in calculating error. intervals and, hence, is used for plots. A character (vector) of variables names, being the names of the factors or LSDby numerics in the classify for each combination of which a mean LSD, minLSD and max LSD is stored in the LSD component of the alldiffs.object when meanLSD.type is factor.combinatons. A character specifying the response variable for the predictions. It is stored as response an attribute to the alldiffs.object. response.title A character specifying the title for the response variable for the predictions. It is stored as an attribute to the alldiffs.object. A character string giving the name of the numeric covariate that (i) correx.num sponds to x. fac, (ii) is potentially included in terms in the fitted model, and (iii) which corresponds to the x-axis variable. It should have the same number of unique values as the number of levels in x. fac. x.fac A character string giving the name of the factor that (i) corresponds to x. num, (ii) is potentially included in terms in the fitted model, and (iii) which corresponds to the x-axis variable. It should have the same number of levels as the number of unique values in x. num. The levels of x. fac must be in the order in which they are to be plotted - if they are dates, then they should be in the form yyyymmdd, which can be achieved using as.Date. However, the levels can be non-numeric in nature, provided that x. num is also set. tables A character vector containing a combination of none, predictions, vcov, backtransforms, differences, p.differences, sed, LSD and all. These nominate which components of the alldiffs.object to print. level.length The maximum number of characters from the levels of factors to use in the row and column labels of the tables of pairwise differences and their p-values and standard errors. A logical indicating whether all pairwise differences of the predictions and pairwise their standard errors and p-values are to be computed and stored. If tables is

equal to "differences" or "all" or error.intervals is equal to "halfLeastSignificant",

they will be stored irrespective of the value of pairwise.

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

level for confidence intervals.

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

be removed from the components of the alldiffs.object.

further arguments passed to redoErrorIntervals.alldiffs.

# **Details**

For a matrix L, vector of predictions p and variance matrix of the predictions  $V_p$ , the linear transformed predictions are given by Lp with variance matrix  $\mathbf{L}\mathbf{V}_{p}\mathbf{L}^{T}$ . The last matrix is used to compute the variance of pairwise differences between the transformed values.

The matrix  ${\bf L}$  is directly specified by setting linear.transformation to it. If linear.transformation is a formula then  ${\bf L}$  is formed as the sum of the orthogonal projection matrices obtained using pstructure.formula from the package dae; grandMean is set to TRUE and orthogonalize to "eigenmethods".

### Value

A alldiffs.object with the linear transformation of the predictions and their standard errors and all pairwise differences between the linear transforms of their predictions, their standard errors and p-values and LSD statistics.

If the supplied alldiffs.object contained a backtransforms component, then the returned alldiffs.object will contain a backtransforms component with the backtransformed linear transformation of the predictions. The backtransformation will, after backtransforming for any power transformation, subtract the offset and then divide by the scale.

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

The name of the response, the response.title, the term, the classify, tdf, sortFactor and the sortOrder will be set as attributes to the object.

### Author(s)

Chris Brien

## See Also

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

```
data(WaterRunoff.dat)
##Use asreml to get predictions and associated statistics
## Not run:
asreml.options(keep.order = TRUE) #required for asreml-R4 only
current.asr <- asreml(fixed = pH ~ Benches + (Sources * (Type + Species)),</pre>
                      random = ~ Benches:MainPlots,
                      keep.order=TRUE, data= WaterRunoff.dat)
current.asrt <- as.asrtests(current.asr, NULL, NULL)</pre>
#Get additive predictions directly using predictPlus
diffs.sub <- predictPlus.asreml(classify = "Sources:Species", Vmatrix = TRUE,</pre>
                                 linear.transformation = ~ Sources + Species,
                                 asreml.obj = current.asr, tables = "none",
                                 wald.tab = current.asrt$wald.tab,
                                 present = c("Type", "Species", "Sources"))
## End(Not run)
## Use lmeTest and emmmeans to get predictions and associated statistics
```

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```
if (requireNamespace("lmerTest", quietly = TRUE) &
    requireNamespace("emmeans", quietly = TRUE))
  m1.lmer <- lmerTest::lmer(pH ~ Benches + (Sources * Species) +
                               (1|Benches:MainPlots),
                             data=na.omit(WaterRunoff.dat))
  SS.emm <- emmeans::emmeans(m1.lmer, specs = ~ Sources:Species)
  SS.preds <- summary(SS.emm)</pre>
  den.df <- min(SS.preds$df, na.rm = TRUE)</pre>
  ## Modify SS.preds to be compatible with a predictions.frame
  SS.preds <- as.predictions.frame(SS.preds, predictions = "emmean",
                                    se = "SE", interval.type = "CI",
                                    interval.names = c("lower.CL", "upper.CL"))
  ## Form an all.diffs object and check its validity
  SS.vcov <- vcov(SS.emm)
  SS.diffs <- allDifferences(predictions = SS.preds, classify = "Sources:Species",
                              vcov = SS.vcov, tdf = den.df)
  validAlldiffs(SS.diffs)
  #Get additive predictions
  diffs.sub <- linTransform(SS.diffs, classify = "Sources:Species",</pre>
                             linear.transformation = ~ Sources + Species,
                            Vmatrix = TRUE, tables = "none")
}
##Calculate contrasts from prediction obtained using asreml or lmerTest
if (exists("diffs.sub"))
 #Contrast matrix for differences between each species and non-planted for the last source
 L \leftarrow cbind(matrix(rep(0,7*32), nrow = 7, ncol = 32),
             diag(1, nrow = 7),
             matrix(rep(-1, 7), ncol = 1))
  rownames(L) <- as.character(diffs.sub$predictions$Species[33:39])</pre>
  diffs.L <- linTransform(diffs.sub,</pre>
                          classify = "Sources:Species",
                           linear.transformation = L,
                           tables = "predictions")
}
```

loadASRemlVersion

Ensures that a specific version of asreml is loaded.

## **Description**

Loads the specified version of asreml, provided that it is not already loaded. If the version of asreml is not the required version, then the loaded version is unloaded first.

# Usage

```
loadASRemlVersion(version = 4, ...)
```

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## **Arguments**

version

The version that is to be loaded, the vesion consisting of just the initial characters that are significant in the version that should be loaded. For example, the default value of 4 implies that any version that begins with "4" is acceptable. It is used to check that the required version is loaded.

Other library/require arguments that are needed to load the specified version of

asreml.

### Value

A character, being all characters in the version of asreml that is loaded on exit from the function.

### Author(s)

Chris Brien

### See Also

```
getASRemlVersionLoaded.
```

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
loadASRemlVersion(3, lib.loc = "D:\Analyses\R asreml3")
## End(Not run)
```

newfit.asreml

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

## **Description**

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

# Usage

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### **Arguments**

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

to either asreml or update.asreml).

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

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

ponent of asreml.obj\$call.

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

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

component of asreml.obj\$call.

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

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

component of asreml.obj\$call.

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

sion 4 or later of ASReml-R is loaded. This is a one-sided formula where "." is

substituted for existing components in the residual component of asreml.obj\$call.

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

sion 3 of ASReml-R is loaded. This is a one-sided formula where "." is substi-

tuted for existing components in the residual component of asreml.obj\$call.

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

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

A logical that control output from ASReml-R. If TRUE then partial iteration trace

details are displayed when ASReml-R functions are invoked; if FALSE then no

output is displayed.

allow.unconverged

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

returned.

keep.order A logical value indicating whether the terms should keep their positions. If FALSE the terms are reordered so that main effects come first, followed by the

interactions, all second-order, all third-order and so on. Effects of a given order

are kept in the order specified.

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

> values set prior to fitting. The names must match those in the vparameters component of the asreml.obj component in the asrtests.object.

ignore.suffices

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

name for a variance term. This vector must be of length one or the same length as terms. If it is of length one then the same action is applied to the asreml-

assigned suffices for all the terms in terms.

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

fied in set.terms. This vector must be of length one or the same length as

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bounds

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

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

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

### Value

An asreml object.

# Author(s)

Chris Brien

### References

Butler, D. G., Cullis, B. R., Gilmour, A. R., Gogel, B. J. and Thompson, R. (2018). ASReml-R Reference Manual Version 4. VSN International Ltd, http://asreml.org.

### See Also

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

## **Examples**

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

num recode

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

# **Description**

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

## Usage

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

## Arguments

The vector to be recoded.

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

# Value

A vector.

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## Author(s)

Chris Brien

## See Also

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

## **Examples**

```
## set up a factor with labels
x <- rep(c(-42, -14, 14, 42), 4)
## recode x
b <- num.recode(x, c(0, 28, 56, 84))</pre>
```

Oats.dat

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

# **Description**

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

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

# Usage

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

# **Format**

A data.frame containing 72 observations of 7 variables.

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

## Source

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

permute.square

Permutes the rows and columns of a square matrix.

## **Description**

Permutes the rows and columns of a square matrix.

### Usage

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

# **Arguments**

x A square matrix.

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

## Value

A square matrix.

### Author(s)

Chris Brien

### See Also

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

## **Examples**

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

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

# Description

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

## Usage

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

## **Arguments**

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

#### Value

A square matrix.

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

```
permute.square
```

#### **Examples**

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

plotPredictions.data.frame

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

# **Description**

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

## Usage

### **Arguments**

data

A predictions.frame, or data.frame, containing the values of the variables to be plotted. Generally, it should contain the variables classifying the predictions and include a column with the name specified in the y argument, usually predicted.value or backtransformed.predictions; each row contains a single predicted value. It should also include columns for the standard.error and est.status. The number of rows should equal the number of unique combinations of the classifying variables. While such a data.frame can be constructed from the beginning, the pvals component of the value produced by predict.asreml is a suitable value to supply for this argument. Note that the

names standard.error and est. status have been changed to std.error and status in the pvals component produced by asreml-R4; if the new names are in the data. frame supplied to predictions, they will be returned to the previous names.

If error.intervals is not "none", then the predictions component and, if present, the backtransforms component should contain columns for the lower and upper values of the limits for the interval with names that begin with lower and upper, respectively. The second part of the name must be one of Confidence, StandardError or halfLeastSignificant. The last part needs to be consistent between the lower and upper limits.

classify

A character string giving the combinations of the independent variables on which the predictions are based. It is an interaction type term formed from the independent variables, that is, separating the variable names with the : operator. To predict the overall mean, set the classify to "(Intercept)".

У

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

x.num

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

x.fac

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

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

colour.scheme

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

panels

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

graphics.device

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

error.intervals

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

interval.annotate

A logical indicating whether the plot annotation indicating the type of error.interval is to be included in the plot.

titles

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

filestem

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

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

ggplotFuncs

A list, each element of which contains the results of evaluating a ggplot function. It is created by calling the list function with a ggplot function call for

each element.

.. further arguments passed to ggplot.

#### Value

no values are returned.

#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

# See Also

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

## **Examples**

```
parallel = TRUE, levels = levs,
                        present = c("Type", "Species", "Sources"))
#### for asreml-R3
predictions <- predictions$predictions$pvals</pre>
predictions <- predictions[predictions$est.status == "Estimable",]</pre>
#### for asreml-R4
predictions <- predictions$pvals</pre>
predictions <- predictions[predictions$status == "Estimable",]</pre>
plotPredictions(classify="Species:Date:xDay", y = "predicted.value",
                data = predictions,
                x.num = "xDay", x.fac = "Date",
                x.title = "Days since first observation",
                y.title = "Predicted log(Turbidity)",
                present = c("Type", "Species", "Sources"),
                 error.intervals = "none",
                ggplotFuncs = list(ggtitle("Transformed turbidity over time")))
diffs <- predictPlus(classify="Species:Date:xDay",</pre>
                      present=c("Type", "Species", "Sources"),
                      asreml.obj = current.asr, tables = "none",
                      x.num = "xDay", x.fac = "Date",
                      parallel = TRUE, levels = levs,
                      x.plot.values=c(0,28,56,84),
                      wald.tab = current.asrt$wald.tab)
x.title <- "Days since first observation"</pre>
names(x.title) <- "xDay"</pre>
plotPredictions(classify="Species:Date:xDay", y = "predicted.value",
               data = diffs$predictions,
               x.num = "xDay", x.fac = "Date",
               titles = x.title,
               y.title = "Predicted log(Turbidity)")
## End(Not run)
## Use 1merTest and emmmeans to get predictions and associated statistics
if (requireNamespace("lmerTest", quietly = TRUE) &
    requireNamespace("emmeans", quietly = TRUE))
  data(Ladvbird.dat)
  m1.lmer <- lmerTest::lmer(logitP ~ Host*Cadavers*Ladybird + (1|Run),</pre>
                             data=Ladybird.dat)
  HCL.emm <- emmeans::emmeans(m1.lmer, specs = ~ Host:Cadavers:Ladybird)</pre>
  HCL.preds <- summary(HCL.emm)</pre>
  den.df <- min(HCL.preds$df)</pre>
  ## Modify HCL.preds to be compatible with a predictions.frame
  HCL.preds <- as.predictions.frame(HCL.preds, predictions = "emmean",</pre>
                                    se = "SE", interval.type = "CI",
                                    interval.names = c("lower.CL", "upper.CL"))
  ## Plot the predictions
  plotPredictions(HCL.preds, y = "predicted.value", "Host:Cadavers:Ladybird")
}
```

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

#### **Description**

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

#### Usage

```
plotPvalues(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'alldiffs'
plotPvalues(object, sections = NULL,
            gridspacing = 0, factors.per.grid = 0,
            show.sig = FALSE, triangles = "both",
            title = NULL, axis.labels = TRUE, sep=","
            colours = RColorBrewer::brewer.pal(3, "Set2"),
            ggplotFuncs = NULL, printPlot = TRUE,
            sortFactor = NULL, sortWithinVals = NULL,
            sortOrder = NULL, decreasing = FALSE, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

object An alldiffs. object with a p. differences component that is not NULL.

A character listing the names of the factors that are to be used to break the plot sections

into sections. A separate plot will be produced for each observed combination

of the levels of these factors.

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

the grid of differences. An alternative is to specify the factors.per.grid argument to have the grid spacings automatically calculated. Grids are most useful when two or more factors index the rows and columns. If a single, nonzero number, k say, is given then a grid line is placed after every kth row and column. If a vector of values is given then the number of grid lines is the length of the

vector and the spacing between each is specified by the elements of the vector.

factors.per.grid

A numeric specifying the number of factors to include within each grid of differences. The gridspacing will then be computed based on the numbers of combinations observed within the levels of the remaining factors in a single plot. The gridspacing argument to this function will be ignored if factors.per.grid is greater than zero. Grids are most useful when two or more factors index the

rows and columns of each plot.

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

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

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

both traingle(s).

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

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

title

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

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

lated.

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

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

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

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

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

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

printPlot A logical indicating whether or not the a plot is to be printed. This would be

used when just the returned data. frame is required.

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

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

combination of the values of the sortWithin variables.

 $sort \verb|WithinVals| A list with a component named for each factor and numeric that is a classify$ 

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

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

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

sortFactor in the predictions component of the alldiffs.object. It specifies the desired order of the levels in the reordered components of the alldiffs.object.

The argument sortWithinVals is ignored.

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

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

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

alldiffs.object components is for increasing or decreasing magnitude of the

predicted values.

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

present.

#### Value

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

# Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

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

## **Examples**

```
data(WaterRunoff.dat)
##Use asreml to get predictions and associated statistics
## Not run:
asreml.options(keep.order = TRUE) #required for asreml-R4 only
current.asr <- asreml(fixed = pH ~ Benches + (Sources * (Type + Species)),</pre>
                      random = ~ Benches:MainPlots,
                      keep.order=TRUE, data= WaterRunoff.dat))
current.asrt <- as.asrtests(current.asr, NULL, NULL)</pre>
SS.diffs <- predictPlus.asreml(classify = "Sources:Type",
                               asreml.obj = current.asr, tables = "none",
                               wald.tab = current.asrt$wald.tab,
                               present = c("Type", "Species", "Sources"))
## End(Not run)
## Use 1meTest and emmmeans to get predictions and associated statistics
if (requireNamespace("lmerTest", quietly = TRUE) &
   requireNamespace("emmeans", quietly = TRUE))
 m1.lmer <- lmerTest::lmer(pH ~ Benches + (Sources * (Type + Species)) +
                              (1|Benches:MainPlots),
                            data=na.omit(WaterRunoff.dat))
  TS.emm <- emmeans::emmeans(m1.lmer, specs = ~ Sources:Species)
  TS.preds <- summary(TS.emm)
  den.df <- min(TS.preds$df, na.rm = TRUE)</pre>
  ## Modify TS.preds to be compatible with a predictions.frame
  TS.preds <- as.predictions.frame(TS.preds, predictions = "emmean",
                                   se = "SE", interval.type = "CI",
                                   interval.names = c("lower.CL", "upper.CL"))
  ## Form an all.diffs object and check its validity
 TS.vcov <- vcov(TS.emm)
  TS.diffs <- allDifferences(predictions = TS.preds, classify = "Sources:Species",
                             vcov = TS.vcov, tdf = den.df)
  validAlldiffs(TS.diffs)
}
## Plot p-values for predictions obtained using asreml or lmerTest
if (exists("TS.diffs"))
{
 plotPvalues(TS.diffs, gridspacing = rep(c(3,4), c(4,2)), show.sig = TRUE)
 plotPvalues(TS.diffs, sections = "Sources", show.sig = TRUE, axis.labels = TRUE)
```

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```

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

# **Description**

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

# Usage

# **Arguments**

object	A data. frame containing the three columns specified by p, x and y.
p	A character giving the name of the column in object that contains the p-values to be plotted.
х	A character giving the name of the column in object that contains the factor whose levels index the p-values that are to be plotted in the same column.
у	A character giving the name of the column in object that contains the labels of the p-values that are to be plotted as the rows.
gridspacing	A numeric specifying the number(s) of rows and columns that form groups in the grid of differences. This is most useful when two or more factors index the rows and columns. If a single, nonzero number, <i>k</i> say, is given then a grid line is placed after every <i>k</i> th row and column. If a vector of values is given then the number of grid lines is the length of the vector and the spacing between each is specified by the elements of the vector.
show.sig	A logical that specifies whether asterisks indicating the level of significance are to be added to the plot. If they are then '***' indicates that $p \leq 0.001$ , '**' that $0.001 , '*' that 0.01  '.' that 0.05 .$
triangles	A character indicating whether the plot should include the lower, upper or both traingle(s). Here it is only used to adjust gridlines for the omission of the diagonal.
title	A character string giving the main title for the plot.
axis.labels	A character string giving the label to use for both the x- and y-axis.
colours	A vector of of colours to be passed to the $ggplot$ function $scale\_colour\_gradientn$ .
ggplotFuncs	A list, each element of which contains the results of evaluating a ggplot function. It is created by calling the list function with a ggplot function call for each element. It is passed to ggplot.

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printPlot A logical indicating whether or not the a plot is to be printed. This would be used when just the returned ggplot object is required.

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

#### Value

An object of class "ggplot", which can be plotted using print or otherwise manipulated.

#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

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

## **Examples**

```
data(WaterRunoff.dat)
##Use asreml to get predictions and associated statistics
asreml.options(keep.order = TRUE) #required for asreml-R4 only
current.asr <- asreml(fixed = pH ~ Benches + (Sources * (Type + Species)),</pre>
                      random = ~ Benches:MainPlots,
                      keep.order=TRUE, data= WaterRunoff.dat))
current.asrt <- as.asrtests(current.asr, NULL, NULL)</pre>
SS.diffs <- predictPlus.asreml(classify = "Sources:Type",
                               asreml.obj = current.asr, tables = "none",
                               wald.tab = current.asrt$wald.tab,
                               present = c("Type", "Species", "Sources"))
## End(Not run)
## Use lmeTest and emmmeans to get predictions and associated statistics
if (requireNamespace("lmerTest", quietly = TRUE) &
    requireNamespace("emmeans", quietly = TRUE))
  m1.lmer <- lmerTest::lmer(pH ~ Benches + (Sources * (Type + Species)) +
                              (1|Benches:MainPlots),
                            data=na.omit(WaterRunoff.dat))
  TS.emm <- emmeans::emmeans(m1.lmer, specs = ~ Sources:Species)
  TS.preds <- summary(TS.emm)
  den.df <- min(TS.preds$df, na.rm = TRUE)</pre>
  ## Modify TS.preds to be compatible with a predictions.frame
  TS.preds <- as.predictions.frame(TS.preds, predictions = "emmean",
                                    se = "SE", interval.type = "CI",
                                    interval.names = c("lower.CL", "upper.CL"))
  ## Form an all.diffs object and check its validity
  TS.vcov <- vcov(TS.emm)
  TS.diffs <- allDifferences(predictions = TS.preds, classify = "Sources:Species",
                             vcov = TS.vcov, tdf = den.df)
```

plotVariofaces.data.frame

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

# **Description**

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

# Usage

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

# **Arguments**

data	A data.frame with either 3 or 4 columns. Only if there are 4 columns, the first should be a factor indexing sections for which separate variogram plots are to be produced. In either case, the other 3 columns should be, in order, (i) a factor indexing the x-direction, (ii) a factor indexing the y-direction, and (iii) the residuals for the observed response.
residuals	A data.frame, with either 2 or 3 initial columns followed by columns, each of which are the residuals from a simulated data set.
restype	A character describing the type of residuals that have been supplied. It will be used in the plot titles.

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

#### **Details**

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

#### Value

A list with the following components:

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

#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### References

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

## See Also

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

# **Examples**

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

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residuals=resid\$residuals,
restype="Standardized conditional residuals")

## End(Not run)

powerTransform

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

# **Description**

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

## Usage

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

# **Arguments**

var.name	A character string specifying the name of the variable in the data.frame data that is to be transformed.
power	A number specifying the power to be used in the transformation. If equal to 1, the default, no power transformation is applied. Otherwise, the variable is raised to the specified power, after scaling and applying any nonzero offset. If power = 0, the natural logarithm is used to transform the response; however, if the smallest value to be log-transformed is less than 1e-04, an error is generated. A log-transformation in this situation may be possible if a nonzero offset and/or a scale not equal to one is used.
offset	A number to be added to each value of the variable, after any scaling and before applying any power transformation.
scale	A number to multiply each value of the variable, before adding any offset and applying any power transformation.
titles	A character vector, each element of which is named for a variable in data and is a character string giving a title to use in output (e.g. tables and graphs) involving the variable. If titles are not supplied, the column name of the variable in data is used.
data	A data. frame containing the variable to be transformed and to which the trans-

formed variable is to be appended.

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#### Value

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

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

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

# **Examples**

predictions.frame

Description of a predictions object

# Description

A data.frame of S3-class predictions.frame that stores the predictions for a fitted model.

as.predictions.frame is function that converts a data.frame to an object of this class.

is.predictions.frame is the membership function for this class; it tests that an object has class predictions.frame.

validPredictionsFrame can be used to test the validity of a predictions.frame.

#### Value

A data.frame being a data.frame beginning with the variables classifying the predictions, in the same order as in the classify, and also containing columns named standard.error and est.status; each row contains a single predicted value. The usual name of the column containing the predictions is predicted.value or backtransformed.predictions. The number of rows should equal the number of unique combinations of the classifying variables. While such

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a data.frame can be constructed from the beginning, the pvals component of the value produced by predict.asreml is a suitable value to supply for this argument. Note that the names standard.error and est.status have been changed to std.error and status in the pvals component produced by asreml-R4; if the new names are in the data.frame supplied to predictions, they will be returned to the previous names.

The data.frame may also include columns for the lower and upper values of error intervals, either standard error, confidence or half-LSD intervals. The names of these columns will consist of three parts separated by full stops: 1) the first part will be lower or upper; 2) the second part will be one of Confidence, StandardError or halfLeastSignificant; 3) the third component will be limits.

See predictPlus.asreml for more information.

#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

predictPlus.asreml, is.predictions.frame, as.predictions.frame, validPredictionsFrame

## **Examples**

```
data(Oats.dat)
  ## Use asreml to get predictions and associated statistics
  ## Not run:
  m1.asr <- asreml(Yield ~ Nitrogen*Variety,</pre>
                    random=~Blocks/Wplots,
                    data=Oats.dat)
  current.asrt <- as.asrtests(m1.asr)</pre>
  Var.pred <- asreml::predict.asreml(m1.asr, classify="Nitrogen:Variety",</pre>
                                        sed=TRUE)
  if (getASRemlVersionLoaded(nchar = 1) == "3")
    Var.pred <- Var.pred$predictions</pre>
  Var.preds <- as.predictions.frame(Var.pred$pvals, se = "std.error",</pre>
                                      est.status = "status")
## End(Not run)
  ## Use ImerTest and emmmeans to get predictions and associated statistics
  if (requireNamespace("lmerTest", quietly = TRUE) &
      requireNamespace("emmeans", quietly = TRUE))
  {
    m1.lmer <- lmerTest::lmer(Yield ~ Nitrogen*Variety + (1|Blocks/Wplots),</pre>
                               data=Oats.dat)
    Var.emm <- emmeans::emmeans(m1.lmer, specs = ~ Nitrogen:Variety)</pre>
    Var.preds <- summary(Var.emm)</pre>
    Var.preds <- as.predictions.frame(Var.preds, predictions = "emmean",</pre>
                                        se = "SE", interval.type = "CI",
                                        interval.names = c("lower.CL", "upper.CL"))
  }
  if (exists("Var.preds"))
```

```
## Check the class and validity of the alldiffs object
is.predictions.frame(Var.preds)
validPredictionsFrame(Var.preds)
}
```

predictPlus.asreml

Forms the predictions for a term, their pairwise differences and associated statistics. A factor having parallel values may occur in the model and a linear transformation of the predictions can be specified. It results in an object of class alldifffs.

## **Description**

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

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

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

If a linear transformation of the predictions is specified then the values of this linear transformation are returned, instead of the original predictions, along with their standard errors and the pairwise differences and associated statistics.

If a transformation has been applied in the analysis (any one of transform.power is not one, scale is not one and offset is nonzero), the backtransforms of the transformed values and their lower and upper error intervals are added to a data. frame that is consistent with the predictions data. frame.

If transform. power is other than one, the standard.error column of the data.frame is set to NA. This data.frame is added to the alldiffs.object as a list component called backtransforms.

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

#### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'asreml'
predictPlus(asreml.obj, classify, term = NULL,
            linear.transformation = NULL, titles = NULL,
            x.num = NULL, x.fac = NULL,
            x.pred.values = NULL, x.plot.values = NULL,
            error.intervals = "Confidence", avsed.tolerance = 0.25,
            meanLSD.type = "overall", LSDby = NULL,
            pairwise = TRUE, Vmatrix = FALSE,
            tables = "all" , level.length = NA,
            transform.power = 1, offset = 0, scale = 1,
            inestimable.rm = TRUE,
            sortFactor = NULL, sortWithinVals = NULL,
            sortOrder = NULL, decreasing = FALSE,
            wald.tab = NULL, alpha = 0.05,
            dDF.na = "residual", dDF.values = NULL,
            trace = FALSE, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

asreml.obj

asreml object for a fitted model.

classify

A character string giving the variables that define the margins of the multiway table to be predicted. Multiway tables are specified by forming an interaction type term from the classifying variables, that is, separating the variable names with the : operator. To predict the overall mean, set the classify to "(Intercept)".

term

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

linear.transformation

A formula or a matrix. If a formula is given then it is taken to be a submodel of the model term corresponding to the classify. The projection matrix that transforms the predictions so that they conform to the submodel is obtained; the submodel should involving the variables in the classify. For example, for classify set to "A:B", the submodel ~ A + B will result in the predictions for the combinations of A and B being made additive for the factors A and B.

If a matrix is provided then it will be used to apply the linear transformation to the predictions. It might be a contrast matrix or a matrix of weights for a factor used to obtain the weighted average over that factor. The number of rows in the matrix should equal the number of linear combinations of the predictions desired and the number of columns should equal the number of predictions.

In either case, as well as the values of the linear combinations, their standard errors, pairwise differences and associated statistics are returned.

titles

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

x.num

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

x.fac

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

x.pred.values

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

x.plot.values

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

error.intervals

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

avsed.tolerance

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

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

 ${\sf meanLSD.type}$ 

A character string determining whether the mean LSD stored is (i) the overall mean, based on the square root of the mean of the variances of all pairwise variances, (ii) the mean for each factor.combination of the factors specified by LSDby, which is based on the square root of the mean of the variances for all pairwise differences for each factor combination, unless there is only one predction

> for a factor.combination, when notional LSDs are calculated that are based on the standard error of the prediction multiplied by the square root of two, or (iii) the per. prediction mean, based, for each prediction, on the square root of the mean of the variances for all pairwise differences involving that prediction. It also determines, in conjunction with avsed. tolerance, which LSD will be used in calculating error. intervals and, hence, is used for plots.

LSDby A character (vector) of variables names, being the names of the factors or

> numerics in the classify for each combination of which a mean LSD, minLSD and max LSD is stored in the LSD component of the alldiffs.object when

meanLSD.type is factor.combinatons.

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

their standard errors and p-values are to be computed and stored. If tables is

equal to "differences" or "all" or error. intervals is equal to "halfLeastSignificant",

they will be stored irrespective of the value of pairwise.

Vmatrix A logical indicating whether the variance matrix of the predictions will be

stored as a component of the alldiffs.object that is returned. If linear.transformation

is set, it will be stored irrespective of the value of Vmatrix.

tables A character vector containing a combination of none, predictions, vcov,

backtransforms, differences, p.differences, sed, LSD and all. These

nominate which components of the alldiffs.object to print.

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

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

and standard errors.

transform.power

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

the predictions is taken.

offset A numeric that has been added to each value of the response after any scaling

and before applying any power transformation.

scale A numeric by which each value of the response has been multiplied before

adding any offset and applying any power transformation.

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

be removed from the components of the alldiffs.object.

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

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

combination of the values of the sortWithin variables.

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

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

> sortWithinVals variables. If sortWithinVals is NULL then the first value of each sortWithin variable in predictions component is used to define sortWithinVals. If there is only one variable in the classify then sortWithinVals is ignored.

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

sortFactor in the predictions component of the alldiffs.object. It specifies the desired order of the levels in the reordered components of the alldiffs.object. The argument sortWithinVals is ignored.

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

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

components of the alldiffs.object is for increasing or decreasing magnitude

of the predicted values.

A data. frame containing the pseudo-anova table for the fixed terms produced

by a call to wald. as reml. The main use of it here is in determinining the degrees of freedom of the standard errors of the predictions. denominator degrees of

freedom when p-values or confidence intervals are to be calculated.

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

level for confidence intervals.

dDF.na A character specifying the method to use to obtain approximate denominator

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

in that it is likely that the degrees of freedom used will be too large.

A vector of values to be used when dDF.na = "supplied". Its values will be dDF.values

> used when denDF in a test for a fixed effect is NA. This vector must be the same length as the number of fixed terms, including (Intercept) whose value could be

A logical that control output from ASReml-R. If TRUE then partial iteration

details are displayed when ASReml-R functions are invoked; if FALSE then no

output is displayed.

further arguments passed to predict.asreml.

#### Value

For linear.transformations set to NULL, an S3-class alldiffs.object with predictions and their standard errors and, depending on the settings of the arguments, all pairwise differences between predictions, their standard errors and p-values and LSD statistics. Also, unless the sortFactor or sortOrder arguments are invoked, the rows of predictions component are ordered so that they are in standard order for the variables in the classify. That is, the values of the last variable change with every row, those of the second-last variable only change after all the values of the last variable have been traversed; in general, the values of a variable are the same for all the combinations of the values to the variables to its right in the classify. In addition, if necessary, the order of the columns of the variables in the predictions component are changed to match their order in the classify.

wald.tab

trace

If transform.power or scale is not one or offset is not zero, it will contain a data.frame with the backtransformed linear transformation of the predictions. The backtransformation will, after backtransforming for any power transformation, subtract the offset and then divide by the scale.

If error intervals is not "none", then the predictions component and, if present, the backtransforms component will contain columns for the lower and upper values of the limits for the interval.

The name of the response, the response.title, the term, the classify, tdf, sortFactor and the sortOrder will be set as attributes to the object. Note that the classify in an alldiffs.object is based on the variables indexing the predictions, which may differ from the classify used to obtain the original predictions (for example, when the alldiffs.objects stores a linear transformation of predictions.

For linear.transformations set to other than NULL, an alldiffs.object with the linear.transformation applied to the predictions and their standard errors and, depending on the settings of the arguments, all pairwise differences between the linearly transformed predictions, their standard errors and p-values and LSD statistics. (See also linTransform.alldiffs.)

# Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

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

# **Examples**

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

# Description

This function forms the predictions for each term in terms using a supplied asreml object and predictPlus.asreml. Tables are produced using predictPlus.asreml, in conjunction with allDifferences.data.frame, with the argument tables specifying which tables are printed. The

argument plots, along with transform.power, controls which plots are produced. The plots are produced using plotPredictions.data.frame, with line plots produced when variables involving x.num or x.fac are involved in classify for the predictions and bar charts otherwise. In order to get the correct predictions you may need to supply additional arguments to predict.asreml through ... e.g. present, parallel, levels.

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

## Usage

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

## **Arguments**

asreml.obj asreml object for a fitted model.

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

linear.transformation

A formula or a matrix specifying a linear transformation to be applied to the predictions. If a formula is given then it is taken to be a submodel of the model term corresponding to the classify. The projection matrix that transforms the predictions so that they conform to the submodel is obtained; the submodel should involving the variables in the classify. For example, for classify set to "A:B", the submodel ~ A + B will result in the predictions for the combinations of A and B being made additive for the factors A and B.

If a matrix is provided then it will be used to apply the linear transformation to the predictions. It might be a contrast matrix or a matrix of weights for a factor used to obtain the weighted average over that factor. The number of rows in the matrix should equal the number of linear combinations of the predictions desired and the number of columns should equal the number of predictions.

In either case, as well as the values of the linear combinations, their standard errors, pairwise differences and associated statistics are returned in the alldiffs.object.

wald.tab

A data frame containing the pseudo-anova table for the fixed terms produced by a call to wald.asreml. The main use of it here is in getting denominator degrees of freedom when confidence intervals are to be plotted.

dDF.na

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

dDF.values

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

x.num

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

x.fac

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

nonx.fac.order

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

 ${\tt x.pred.values}$ 

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

x.plot.values

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

plots

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

panels

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

graphics.device

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

error.intervals

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

interval.annotate

A logical indicating whether the plot annotation indicating the type of error. interval is to be included in the plot.

avsed.tolerance

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

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

meanLSD.type

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

LSDby A character (vector) of variables names, being the names of the factors or

 $\begin{array}{l} \text{numerics in the classify for each combination of which a mean LSD, minLSD} \\ \text{and max LSD is stored in the LSD component of the alldiffs.object when} \\ \end{array}$ 

meanLSD.type is factor.combinatons.

titles A list, each component of which is named for a column in the data.frame

for  $\operatorname{asreml.obj}$  and contains a character string giving a title to use in output

(e.g. tables and graphs). Here they will be used for axis labels.

colour.scheme A character string specifying the colour scheme for the plots. The default is

"colour" which produces coloured lines and bars, a grey background and white gridlines. A value of "black" results in black lines, grey bars and gridlines and

a white background.

save.plots A logical that determines whether any plots will be saved. If they are to be

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

current work directory.

transform.power

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

backtransformation.

offset A number that has been added to each value of the response after any scaling and

before applying any power transformation. Unless it is equal to 0, the default, back-transforms of the predictions will be obtained and presented in tables or graphs as appropriate. The backtransformation will, after backtransforming for

any power transformation, subtract the offset.

scale A number by which each value of the response has been multiply before adding

any offset and applying any power transformation. Unless it is equal to 1, the default, back-transforms of the predictions will be obtained and presented in tables or graphs as appropriate. The backtransformation will, after backtransforming for any power transformation and then subtracting the offset, divide by

the scale.

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

standard errors and p-values are to be computed and stored. If tables is equal to "differences" or "all" or error.intervals is equal to "halfLeastSignificant",

they will be stored irrespective of the value of pairwise.

Vmatrix A logical indicating whether the variance matrix of the predictions will be

stored as a component of the alldiffs.object that is returned. If linear.transformation

is set, it will be stored irrespective of the value of Vmatrix.

tables A character vector containing a combination of predictions, vcov, backtransforms,

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

ponents of the alldiffs.object to print.

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

row and column labels of the tables produced by allDifferences.data.frame.

alpha The significance level for LSDs or 1 - alpha is the confidence level for confidence

intervals.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

sortFactor in the predictions component of the alldiffs.object. It specifies the desired order of the levels in the reordered components of the alldiffs.object.

The argument sortWithinVals is ignored.

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

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

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

components of the alldiffs.object is for increasing or decreasing magnitude

of the predicted values.

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

are invoked; if FALSE then no output is displayed.

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

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

each element. It is passed to plotPredictions.data.frame.

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

ggplot via plotPredictions.data.frame.

### Value

A list containing an alldiffs.object for each term for which tables are produced. The names of the components of this list are the terms with full-stops (.) replacing colons (:). Plots are also preduced depending on the setting of the plot argument.

#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

## See Also

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

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#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
data(WaterRunoff.dat)
titles <- list("Days since first observation", "Days since first observation",
                "pH", "Turbidity (NTU)")
names(titles) <- names(WaterRunoff.dat)[c(5,7,11:12)]</pre>
asreml.options(keep.order = TRUE) #required for asreml-R4 only
current.asr <- asreml(fixed = log.Turbidity ~ Benches + Sources + Type + Species +</pre>
                                   Sources:Type + Sources:Species + Sources:Species:xDay +
                                   Sources:Species:Date,
                       data = WaterRunoff.dat, keep.order = TRUE)
current.asrt <- as.asrtests(current.asr, NULL, NULL)</pre>
#### Get the observed combinations of the factors and variables in classify
class.facs <- c("Sources", "Species", "Date", "xDay")</pre>
levs <- as.data.frame(table(WaterRunoff.dat[class.facs]))</pre>
levs <- levs[do.call(order, levs), ]</pre>
levs <- as.list(levs[levs$Freq != 0, class.facs])</pre>
levs$xDay <- as.numfac(levs$xDay)</pre>
#### parallel and levels are arguments from predict.asreml
diff.list <- predictPresent.asreml(asreml.obj = current.asrt$asreml.obj,</pre>
                                     terms = "Date:Sources:Species:xDay",
                                     x.num = "xDay", x.fac = "Date",
                                     parallel = TRUE, levels = levs,
                                     wald.tab = current.asrt$wald.tab,
                                     plots = "predictions",
                                     error.intervals = "StandardError",
                                     titles = titles,
                                     transform.power = 0,
                                     present = c("Type", "Species", "Sources"),
                                     tables = "none",
                                     level.length = 6)
## End(Not run)
```

print.alldiffs

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

# Description

Prints the predictions and standard errors from a fitted model, including the attributes of the predictions. frame. Also prints out all pairwise differences between the predictions to 2 significant figures, along with their p-values and standard errors to 4 decimal places. If LSDs are requested the mean, minimum and maximum LSDs will be printed.

# Usage

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

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# **Arguments**

X	An alldiffs.object.
which	A character vector containing a combination of predictions, vcov, backtransforms, differences, p. differences, sed, LSD and all. These nominate which components of the alldiffs.object to print.
colourise	A logical which, if TRUE, results in the header text produced by predict.asreml being displayed in a different colour, if supported by the output terminal device. It overrides the TRUE setting of the colourise argument of asreml::asreml.options.
	further arguments passed to print.predictions.frame.

# Value

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

# Author(s)

Chris Brien

## See Also

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

# **Examples**

```
## Not run:
print.alldiffs(diffs, which = "predictions")
## End(Not run)
```

print.asrtests

Prints the values in an asrtests.object

# Description

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

# Usage

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

# Arguments

X	An asrtests.object.
which	Which elements of the asrtests.object to print. Possible values are some combination of asremlsummary, pseudoanova, wald.tab, testsummary and all. The option wald.tab is a synonym for pseudoanova.
colourise	A logical which, if TRUE, results in the header text produced by wald.asreml being displayed in a different colour, if supported by the output terminal device. It overrides the TRUE setting of the colourise argument of asreml::asreml.options.
	further arguments passed to print and print.wald.tab.

#### Value

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

#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

## See Also

```
print.wald.tab, as.asrtests, asremlPlus-package
```

# **Examples**

```
print.predictions.frame
```

*Prints the values in a* predictions. frame, with or without title and heading.

# **Description**

Prints the predictions from a fitted model, along with their standard errors and, if present, their error intervals, with or without title and headings.

# Usage

# **Arguments**

x An object that, ideally, is of class predictions. frame.

title A character giving a title to be printed out before the heading and table for the predictions.frame,

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what Which elements of the predictions. frame to print. Possible values are some combination of title, heading, table and all. The heading is an attribute of x.

colourise

A logical which, if TRUE, results in the header text produced by predict.asreml being displayed in a different colour, if supported by the output terminal device. It overrides the TRUE setting of the colourise argument of asreml::asreml.options, but is an accounting a large transfer of the colourise argument of asreml:

but is only operational when the table is also printed.

... further arguments passed to print.predictions.frame.

#### Value

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

# Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

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

# **Examples**

```
## Not run:
print.predictions.frame(diffs$predictions, which = "all")
## End(Not run)
```

print.test.summary

Prints a data.frame containing a test.summary.

## **Description**

Prints a test.summary (also a choose.summary) with or without a title and with p-values limited to 4-digits.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'test.summary'
print(x, which.print = c("title", "table"), omit.columns = NULL, ...)
```

# **Arguments**

A object that, ideally, is of class test.summary.
 Which.print A character specifying the aspects of the test.summary to print. Possible values are some combination of title, table and all.
 Omit.columns A character specifying the columns of the test.summary table to be omitted from the print. If NULL, none are omitted.
 ... further arguments passed to print, but is only operational when the table is also printed.

print.wald.tab

## Value

No value is returned, but x is printed, possibly with a title.

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

```
print.wald.tab, print.asrtests, as.asrtests, asremlPlus-package
```

## **Examples**

print.wald.tab

Prints a data.frame containing a Wald or pseudoanova table.

# Description

Prints a wald. tab with or without title and/or heading. The printing of the p-values is limited to 4 digits.

# Usage

# **Arguments**

x	An object that, ideally, is of class wald. tab.
which.wald	Which elements of the wald.tab to print. Possible values are some combination of title, heading, table and all. The heading is an attribute of x.
colourise	A logical which, if TRUE, results in the header text produced by wald.asreml being displayed in a different colour, if supported by the output terminal device. It overrides the TRUE setting of the colourise argument of asreml::asreml.options.
•••	further arguments passed to print and print.wald.tab, but is only operational when the table is also printed.

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## Value

No value is returned, but x is printed as specified in which.wald.

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

```
print.test.summary, print.asrtests, as.asrtests, asremlPlus-package
```

## **Examples**

printFormulae.asreml Prints the formulae from an asreml object.

and terms.formula.

# Description

Prints the formulae nominated in the which argument from the call stored in an asreml object.

# Usage

## **Arguments**

asreml.obj	An asreml object resulting from the fitting of a model using REML.
which	A character listing the formula(e) to be printed from the call stored in asreml.obj. It should be some combination of fixed, random, residual, sparse and all. If all is included then all formula(e) will be printed.
expanded	A logical indicating whether terms are to be expanded to the sum of a set of individual terms.
	Arguments passed on to getFormulae.asreml and ultimately to update.formula

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#### Value

Invisibly returns a character, each element of which contains one of the extracted formulae.

#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

```
printFormulae.asreml
```

## **Examples**

recalcLSD.alldiffs

Adds or recalculates the LSD component of an alldiffs.object.

## **Description**

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

# Usage

# Arguments

```
alldiffs.obj An alldiffs.object.
```

meanLSD.type

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

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LSDby	A character (vector) of variables names, being the names of the factors or numerics in the classify for each combination of which a mean LSD, minLSD and max LSD is stored in the LSD component of the alldiffs.object when meanLSD.type is factor.combinatons.
alpha	The significance level for an LSD to compare a pair of predictions.
	further arguments passed to allDifferences.data.frame.

## Value

An alldiffs.object with components predictions, vcov, differences, p.differences sed, LSD and, if present in alldiffs.obj, backtransforms.

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

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

# **Examples**

```
data(WaterRunoff.dat)
##Use asreml to get predictions and associated statistics
## Not run:
asreml.options(keep.order = TRUE) #required for asreml-R4 only
current.asr <- asreml(fixed = pH ~ Benches + (Sources * (Type + Species)),</pre>
                      random = ~ Benches:MainPlots,
                      keep.order=TRUE, data= WaterRunoff.dat)
current.asrt <- as.asrtests(current.asr, NULL, NULL)</pre>
TS.diffs <- predictPlus(classify = "Sources:Type",
                        asreml.obj = current.asr,
                        wald.tab = current.asrt$wald.tab,
                       present = c("Sources", "Type", "Species"))
## End(Not run)
## Use 1meTest and emmmeans to get predictions and associated statistics
if (requireNamespace("lmerTest", quietly = TRUE) &
    requireNamespace("emmeans", quietly = TRUE))
  m1.lmer <- lmerTest::lmer(pH ~ Benches + (Sources * (Type + Species)) +
                              (1|Benches:MainPlots),
                            data=na.omit(WaterRunoff.dat))
  TS.emm <- emmeans::emmeans(m1.lmer, specs = ~ Sources:Species)
  TS.preds <- summary(TS.emm)
  den.df <- min(TS.preds$df, na.rm = TRUE)</pre>
  ## Modify TS.preds to be compatible with a predictions.frame
  TS.preds <- as.predictions.frame(TS.preds, predictions = "emmean",
                                   se = "SE", interval.type = "CI",
```

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recalcWaldTab.asrtests

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

## **Description**

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

## Usage

## **Arguments**

denDF

asrtests.obj an asrtests.object containing the components (i) asreml.obj, (ii) wald.tab, and (iii) test.summary.

recalc.wald A logical indicating whether to call wald.asreml to recalculate the pseu-

doanova table for the model fit stored in the asreml object contained in asrtests.obj.

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

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dDF.na

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

dDF.values

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

trace

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

further arguments passed to asreml and to wald.asreml.

## Value

A wald.tab: a 4- or 6-column data.frame containing a pseudo-anova table for the fixed terms produced by wald.asreml.

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

### References

Kenward, M. G., & Roger, J. H. (1997). Small sample inference for fixed effects from restricted maximum likelihood. *Biometrics*, **53**, 983-997.

#### See Also

```
as.asrtests, testranfix.asrtests
```

### **Examples**

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```
redoErrorIntervals.alldiffs
```

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

## **Description**

Given an alldiffs.object, adds or replaces error.intervals for its prediction component. If the backtransforms component is present, the transform.power, offset and scale will be retieved from the backtransforms attributes, ignoring the values for the function's arguments, and the backtransformed error.intervals will also be calculated.

## Usage

#### **Arguments**

```
alldiffs.obj An alldiffs.object. error.intervals
```

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

alpha

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

avsed.tolerance

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

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

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in error.intervals and plots; otherwise, error.intervals and plotting revert to confidence intervals.

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

meanLSD.type

A character string determining whether the mean LSD stored is (i) the overall mean, based on the square root of the mean of the variances of all pairwise variances, (ii) the mean for each factor.combination of the factors specified by LSDby, which is based on the square root of the mean of the variances for all pairwise differences for each factor combination, or (iii) the per.prediction mean, based, for each prediction, on the square root of the mean of the variances for all pairwise differences involving that prediction. If NULL, the attributes meanLSD.type and LSDby of the alldiffs.obj will be used to determine the LSDs to be calculated. If the meanLSD.type attribute is NULL then meanLSD.type will be set to overall. The meanLSD.type also determines, in conjunction with avsed.tolerance, which LSD will be usedin calculating error.intervals and, hence, is used for plots.

LSDby

A character (vector) of variables names, being the names of the factors or numerics in the classify for each combination of which a mean LSD, minLSD and max LSD is stored in the LSD component of the alldiffs.object when meanLSD.type is factor.combinatons.

pass transform.power, offset and scale as required - for further information see predictPlus.asreml.

## Value

An alldiffs.object with components predictions, vcov, differences, p.differences sed, LSD and, if present in alldiffs.obj, backtransforms.

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

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

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

## See Also

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

```
data(WaterRunoff.dat)
##Use asreml to get predictions and associated statistics
```

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```
## Not run:
asreml.options(keep.order = TRUE) #required for asreml-R4 only
current.asr <- asreml(fixed = pH ~ Benches + (Sources * (Type + Species)),</pre>
                      random = ~ Benches:MainPlots,
                      keep.order=TRUE, data= WaterRunoff.dat)
current.asrt <- as.asrtests(current.asr, NULL, NULL)</pre>
TS.diffs <- predictPlus(classify = "Sources:Type",
                        asreml.obj = current.asr,
                        wald.tab = current.asrt$wald.tab,
                        present = c("Sources", "Type", "Species"))
## End(Not run)
## Use 1meTest and emmmeans to get predictions and associated statistics
if (requireNamespace("lmerTest", quietly = TRUE) &
    requireNamespace("emmeans", quietly = TRUE))
{
  m1.lmer <- lmerTest::lmer(pH ~ Benches + (Sources * (Type + Species)) +
                              (1|Benches:MainPlots),
                            data=na.omit(WaterRunoff.dat))
  TS.emm <- emmeans::emmeans(m1.lmer, specs = ~ Sources:Species)
  TS.preds <- summary(TS.emm)
  den.df <- min(TS.preds$df, na.rm = TRUE)</pre>
  ## Modify TS.preds to be compatible with a predictions.frame
  TS.preds <- as.predictions.frame(TS.preds, predictions = "emmean",
                                    se = "SE", interval.type = "CI",
                                    interval.names = c("lower.CL", "upper.CL"))
  ## Form an all.diffs object and check its validity
  TS.vcov <- vcov(TS.emm)
  TS.diffs <- allDifferences(predictions = TS.preds,
                              classify = "Sources:Species",
                              vcov = TS.vcov, tdf = den.df)
  validAlldiffs(TS.diffs)
}
## Plot p-values for predictions obtained using asreml or lmerTest
if (exists("TS.diffs"))
{
  ##Recalculate the LSD values for predictions obtained using asreml or lmerTest
  TS.diffs <- redoErrorIntervals.alldiffs(TS.diffs,
                                           error.intervals = "halfLeastSignificant")
}
```

REMLRT.asreml

Performs a REML ratio test to compare two models.

# **Description**

Extracts the REML log likelhood and the number of variance parameters from two asreml objects. It assumes that that the first asreml object corresponds to the null hypothesis and the second asreml object to the alternative hypothesis for the test being conducted. That is, the second asreml object

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is the result of fitting a model that is a reduced version of the model for the first object. In the case where the reduced model is obtained by setting positively-constrained variance parameters in the full model to zero, the positive.zero argument should be set to TRUE so that the p-value is computed using a mixture of chi-square distributions as described in Self and Liang (1987).

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

# Usage

## **Arguments**

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

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

positive.zero

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

bound.test.parameters

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

DF

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

#### bound.exclusions

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

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

## Value

. . .

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

## Note

If DF is not NULL, the supplied value is used. Otherwise DF is determined from the information in h1.asreml.obj and h0.asreml.obj. In this case, the degrees of freedom for the test are computed

as the difference between the two models in the number of variance parameters whose estimates do not have a code for bound specified in bound.exclusions.

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

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

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

#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

## References

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

## See Also

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

# **Examples**

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

renewClassify.alldiffs

Renews the components in an alldiffs.object according to a new classify.

## **Description**

The classify is an attribute of an alldiffs.object and determines the order within the components of an unsorted alldiffs.object. This function resets the classify attribute and re-orders the components of alldiffs.object to be in standard order for the variables in a newclassify, using allDifferences.data.frame. The newclassify may be just a re-ordering of the variable names in the previous classify, or be based on a new set of variable names. The latter is particularly useful when linTransform.alldiffs has been used with a matrix and it is desired to replace the resulting Combination classify with a newclassify comprised of a more meaningful set of variables; first replace Combination in the predictions component with the new set of variables and then call renewClassify.

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#### **Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'alldiffs'
renewClassify(alldiffs.obj, newclassify,
              sortFactor = NULL, sortWithinVals = NULL,
              sortOrder = NULL, decreasing = FALSE, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

alldiffs.obj An alldiffs.object.

newclassify

A character string giving the variables that define the margins of the multiway table that was predicted, but ordered so that the predictions are in the desired order when they are arranged in standard order for the newclassify. Multiway tables are specified by forming an interaction type term from the classifying variables, that is, separating the variable names with the : operator. The number of combined values of the set of variable name(s) must equal the number of rows in the predictions component.

sortFactor

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

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

sortOrder

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

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

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

decreasing

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

or decreasing magnitude of the predicted values.

further arguments passed to allDifferences.data.frame.

#### **Details**

First, the components of the alldiffs.object is arranged in standard order for the newclassify. Then predictions are reordered according to the settings of sortFactor, sortWithinVals, sortOrder and decreasing (see sort.alldiffs for details).

#### Value

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

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

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

```
data(WaterRunoff.dat)
##Use asreml to get predictions and associated statistics
## Not run:
#Analyse pH
m1.asr <- asreml(fixed = pH ~ Benches + (Sources * (Type + Species)),</pre>
                 random = ~ Benches:MainPlots,
                 keep.order=TRUE, data= WaterRunoff.dat)
current.asrt <- as.asrtests(m1.asr, NULL, NULL)</pre>
current.asrt <- as.asrtests(m1.asr)</pre>
current.asrt <- rmboundary(current.asrt)</pre>
m1.asr <- current.asrt$asreml.obj</pre>
#Get predictions and associated statistics
TS.diffs <- predictPlus.asreml(classify = "Sources:Type",
                                asreml.obj = m1.asr, tables = "none",
                                wald.tab = current.asrt$wald.tab,
                                present = c("Type", "Species", "Sources"))
## End(Not run)
## Use lmeTest and emmmeans to get predictions and associated statistics
if (requireNamespace("lmerTest", quietly = TRUE) &
    requireNamespace("emmeans", quietly = TRUE))
{
  #Analyse pH
  m1.lmer <- lmerTest::lmer(pH ~ Benches + (Sources * (Type + Species)) +
                               (1|Benches:MainPlots),
                             data=na.omit(WaterRunoff.dat))
  TS.emm <- emmeans::emmeans(m1.lmer, specs = ~ Sources:Type)
  TS.preds <- summary(TS.emm)
  den.df <- min(TS.preds$df, na.rm = TRUE)</pre>
  ## Modify TS.preds to be compatible with a predictions.frame
  TS.preds <- as.predictions.frame(TS.preds, predictions = "emmean",
                                    se = "SE", interval.type = "CI",
                                    interval.names = c("lower.CL", "upper.CL"))
```

reparamSigDevn.asrtests

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

## **Description**

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

## Usage

# **Arguments**

an asrtests.object containing the components (i) asreml.obj, (ii) wald.tab, and (iii) test.summary.

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

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

A character string giving the name of the factor that corresponds to trend.num and is included in terms in the fitted model. The name must match those in the vparameters component of the asreml.obj component in the asrtests.object.

allow.unconverged

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

checkboundaryonly

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

denDF

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

IClikelihood

A character that controls both the occurence and the type of likelihood for information criterion in the test.summary of the asrtests.object. If none, none are included. Otherwise, if REML, then the AIC and BIC based on the Restricted Maximum Likelihood are included; if full, then the AIC and BIC based on the full likelihood are included. (See also infoCriteria.asreml.)

trace

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

update

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

set.terms

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

ignore.suffices

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

bounds

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

initial.values

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

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

#### Value

An asrtests.object containing the components (i) asreml.obj, (ii) wald.tab, and (iii) test.summary.

#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### References

Kenward, M. G., & Roger, J. H. (1997). Small sample inference for fixed effects from restricted maximum likelihood. *Biometrics*, **53**, 983-997.

#### See Also

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

```
## Not run:
  data(WaterRunoff.dat)
  asreml.options(keep.order = TRUE) #required for asreml-R4 only
  current.asr <- asreml(fixed = log.Turbidity ~ Benches + Sources + Type + Species +</pre>
                            Sources:Type + Sources:Species + Sources:Species:xDay +
                             Sources: Species: Date,
                        data = WaterRunoff.dat, keep.order = TRUE)
  current.asrt <- as.asrtests(current.asr, NULL, NULL)</pre>
  #Examine terms that describe just the interactions of Date and the treatment factors
  terms.treat <- c("Sources", "Type", "Species", "Sources:Type", "Sources:Species")</pre>
  date.terms <- sapply(terms.treat,</pre>
                       FUN=function(term){paste("Date:",term,sep="")},
                       simplify=TRUE)
  date.terms <- c("Date", date.terms)</pre>
  date.terms <- unname(date.terms)</pre>
  1,0,1,1,0,0, 1,1,1,0,1,0, 1,1,1,1,1,1), nrow=6)
  rownames(treat.marginality) <- date.terms</pre>
  colnames(treat.marginality) <- date.terms</pre>
  choose <- chooseModel(current.asrt, treat.marginality, denDF="algebraic")</pre>
  current.asrt <- choose$asrtests.obj</pre>
  current.asr <- current.asrt$asreml.obj</pre>
  sig.date.terms <- choose$sig.terms</pre>
  #Remove all Date terms left in the fixed model
  terms <- "(Date/(Sources * (Type + Species)))"</pre>
  current.asrt <- changeTerms(current.asrt, dropFixed = terms)</pre>
  #if there are significant date terms, reparameterize to xDays + spl(xDays) + Date
  if (length(sig.date.terms) != 0)
  { \#add lin + spl + devn for each to fixed and random models}
    trend.date.terms <- sapply(sig.date.terms,</pre>
                               FUN=function(term){sub("Date","xDay",term)},
                               simplify=TRUE)
   trend.date.terms <- paste(trend.date.terms, collapse=" + ")</pre>
   current.asrt <- changeTerms(current.asrt, addFixed=trend.date.terms)</pre>
    trend.date.terms <- sapply(sig.date.terms,</pre>
```

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```
FUN=function(term){sub("Date", "spl(xDay)", term)},
                                simplify=TRUE)
    trend.date.terms <- c(trend.date.terms, sig.date.terms)</pre>
   trend.date.terms <- paste(trend.date.terms, collapse=" + ")</pre>
   current.asrt <- changeTerms(current.asrt, addRandom = trend.date.terms)</pre>
   current.asrt <- rmboundary(current.asrt)</pre>
  }
  #Now test terms for sig date terms
  spl.terms <- sapply(terms.treat,</pre>
                      FUN=function(term){paste("spl(xDay):",term,sep="")},
                      simplify=TRUE)
  spl.terms <- c("spl(xDay)",spl.terms)</pre>
  lin.terms <- sapply(terms.treat,</pre>
                      FUN=function(term){paste(term,":xDay",sep="")},
                      simplify=TRUE)
  lin.terms <- c("xDay",lin.terms)</pre>
  systematic.terms <- c(terms.treat, lin.terms, spl.terms, date.terms)</pre>
  systematic.terms <- unname(systematic.terms)</pre>
  1,0,1,1,0,0, 1,1,1,1,1,0, 1,1,1,1,1), nrow=6)
  systematic.marginality <- kronecker(matrix(c(1,0,0,0,1,1,0,0,
                                                1,1,1,0, 1,1,1,1), nrow=4),
                                       treat.marginality)
  systematic.marginality <- systematic.marginality[-1, -1]</pre>
  rownames(systematic.marginality) <- systematic.terms</pre>
  colnames(systematic.marginality) <- systematic.terms</pre>
  choose <- chooseModel(current.asrt, systematic.marginality,</pre>
                         denDF="algebraic", pos=TRUE)
  current.asrt <- choose$asrtests.obj</pre>
  #Check if any deviations are significant and, for those that are, go back to
  #fixed dates
  current.asrt <- reparamSigDevn(current.asrt, choose$sig.terms,</pre>
                                 trend.num = "xDay", devn.fac = "Date",
                                 denDF = "algebraic")
## End(Not run)
```

rmboundary.asrtests

Removes any boundary or singular variance components from the fit stored in asrtests.obj and records their removal in an asrtests.object.

## **Description**

Any terms specified in the random model that are estimated on the boundary or are singular and can be removed are removed from the fit stored in the asreml object stored in the asrtests.object. Terms that specify multiple parameters in the random model cannot be removed (e.g. terms specified using the at function with more than one level of the factor) and terms in residual model are not removed. Terms that can be removed are selected for removal in the following order based on whether they involve: (i) a dev function, (ii) only factors, (iii) an spl function, (iv) a pol function and (v) a lin function or a variable that is an integer or a numeric. It should be noted that this order of removal presumes that random deviation terms are specified via the dev function rather

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than via a random factor. Once the earliest of the above classes with a boundary term is identified, a term within this class is selected for removal. For all classes, except for factor-only terms, the smallest term with the largest number of variables/factors is removed. Amongst factor-only terms, the smallest term with the smallest number of variables/factors is removed. After each variance component is removed, a row for it is added to the test.summary data.frame and the model refitted. If there are further boundary or singular terms, one is removed using the above strategy. This process continues until there are no further boundary or singular variance components that are removable. Other types of boundary or singular terms, which cannot be removed, are reported in warning messages.

## Usage

## **Arguments**

asrtests.obj an asrtests.object containing the components (i) asreml.obj, (ii) wald.tab, and (iii) test.summary.

checkboundaryonly

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

IClikelihood

A character that controls both the occurence and the type of likelihood for information criterion in the test.summary of the asrtests.object. If none, none are included. Otherwise, if REML, then the AIC and BIC based on the Restricted Maximum Likelihood are included; if full, then the AIC and BIC based on the full likelihood are included. (See also infoCriteria.asreml.)

trace

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

update

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

set.terms

A character vector specifying the terms that are to have bounds and/or initial values set prior to fitting. The names must match those in the vparameters component of the asreml.obj component in the asrtests.object.

ignore.suffices

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

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

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

unchanged for those terms.

 $initial.values \ \ A \ character \ vector \ specifying \ the \ initial \ values \ for \ the \ terms \ specified \ in \ terms.$ 

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

.. further arguments passed to asreml.

#### Value

An asrtests.object containing the components (i) asreml.obj, (ii) wald.tab, and (iii) test.summary.

#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

## See Also

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

## **Examples**

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

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

## **Description**

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

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## **Arguments**

call

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

terms

A character vector specifying the terms that are to have bounds and/or initial values specified. The names must match those in the vparameters component of the asreml.obj component in the asrtests.object.

ignore.suffices

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

bounds

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

The codes used by ASReml are:

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

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

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

#### Value

An asreml object.

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### References

Butler, D. G., Cullis, B. R., Gilmour, A. R., Gogel, B. J. and Thompson, R. (2018). ASReml-R Reference Manual Version 4. VSN International Ltd, http://asreml.org.

## See Also

update.asreml

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#### **Examples**

simulate.asreml

Produce sets of simulated data from a multivariate normal distribtion and save quantites related to the simulated data

## **Description**

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

## Usage

## **Arguments**

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

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update

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

trace

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

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

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

returned by the function.

A character indicating whether the BLUPs for units are added to the residuals

when this reserved factor is included in the random model. Possible values are

addtoresiduals and ignore.

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

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

avoided.

#### **Details**

which

units

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

#### Value

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

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

#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

## See Also

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

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#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
data(Wheat.dat)
current.asr <- asreml(yield ~ Rep + WithinColPairs + Variety,</pre>
                        random = ~ Row + Column + units,
                        residual = ~ ar1(Row):ar1(Column),
                        data=Wheat.dat)
current.asrt <- as.asrtests(current.asr, NULL, NULL)</pre>
current.asrt <- rmboundary.asrtests(current.asrt)</pre>
# Form variance matrix based on estimated variance parameters
s2 <- current.asr$sigma2</pre>
gamma.Row <- current.asr$gammas[1]</pre>
gamma.unit <- current.asr$gammas[2]</pre>
rho.r <- current.asr$gammas[4]</pre>
rho.c <- current.asr$gammas[5]</pre>
row.ar1 <- mat.ar1(order=10, rho=rho.r)</pre>
col.ar1 <- mat.ar1(order=15, rho=rho.c)</pre>
V <- gamma.Row * fac.sumop(Wheat.dat$Row) +</pre>
     gamma.unit * diag(1, nrow=150, ncol=150) +
     mat.dirprod(col.ar1, row.ar1)
V <- s2*V
#Produce residuals from 100 simulated data sets
resid <- simulate(current.asr, V=V, which="residuals", ncores = 2)</pre>
## End(Not run)
```

sort.alldiffs

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

## **Description**

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

Note that reordering the classify variables in the alldiffs.object and changing the order of the rows and columns of the components so that they are in standard order for the new variable order can be achieved using either renewClassify.alldiffs or allDifferences.data.frame.

## Usage

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## **Arguments**

x An alldiffs.object.

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

or decreasing magnitude of the predicted values.

classify A character string giving the variables that define the margins of the multiway

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

the as.alldiffs object supplied through x.

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

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

use is determined by either sortWithinVals or sortOrder.

 $sort \verb|WithinVals| A \verb|list| with a component named for each factor and numeric that is a \verb|classify| and the solution of th$ 

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

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

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

sortFactor in the predictions component of the alldiffs.object. It specifies the desired order of the levels in the reordered components of the alldiffs.object.

The argument sortWithinVals is ignored.

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

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

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

## **Details**

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

## Value

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

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#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

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

```
data(WaterRunoff.dat)
##Use asreml to get predictions and associated statistics
## Not run:
#Analyse pH
m1.asr <- asreml(fixed = pH ~ Benches + (Sources * (Type + Species)),</pre>
                 random = ~ Benches:MainPlots,
                 keep.order=TRUE, data= WaterRunoff.dat)
current.asrt <- as.asrtests(m1.asr, NULL, NULL)</pre>
current.asrt <- as.asrtests(m1.asr)</pre>
current.asrt <- rmboundary(current.asrt)</pre>
m1.asr <- current.asrt$asreml.obj</pre>
#Get predictions and associated statistics
TS.diffs <- predictPlus.asreml(classify = "Sources:Type",
                                asreml.obj = m1.asr, tables = "none",
                                wald.tab = current.asrt$wald.tab,
                                present = c("Type", "Species", "Sources"))
#Use sort.alldiffs and save order for use with other response variables
TS.diffs.sort <- sort(diffs, sortFactor = "Sources", sortWithinVals = list(Type = "Control"))
sort.order <- attr(TS.diffs.sort, which = "sortOrder")</pre>
#Analyse Turbidity
m2.asr <- asreml(fixed = Turbidity ~ Benches + (Sources * (Type + Species)),</pre>
                 random = ~ Benches:MainPlots,
                 keep.order=TRUE, data= WaterRunoff.dat)
current.asrt <- as.asrtests(m2.asr)</pre>
#Use pH sort.order to sort Turbidity alldiffs object
diffs2.sort <- predictPlus(m2.asr, classify = "Sources:Type",</pre>
                            pairwise = FALSE, error.intervals = "Stand",
                            tables = "none", present = c("Type", "Species", "Sources"),
                            sortFactor = "Sources",
                            sortOrder = sort.order)
## End(Not run)
## Use lmeTest and emmmeans to get predictions and associated statistics
if (requireNamespace("lmerTest", quietly = TRUE) &
    requireNamespace("emmeans", quietly = TRUE))
  m1.lmer <- lmerTest::lmer(pH ~ Benches + (Sources * (Type + Species)) +
```

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```
(1|Benches:MainPlots),
                          data=na.omit(WaterRunoff.dat))
TS.emm <- emmeans::emmeans(m1.lmer, specs = ~ Sources:Type)
TS.preds <- summary(TS.emm)
den.df <- min(TS.preds$df, na.rm = TRUE)</pre>
## Modify TS.preds to be compatible with a predictions.frame
TS.preds <- as.predictions.frame(TS.preds, predictions = "emmean",
                                 se = "SE", interval.type = "CI",
                                 interval.names = c("lower.CL", "upper.CL"))
## Form an all.diffs object and check its validity
TS.vcov <- vcov(TS.emm)
TS.diffs <- allDifferences(predictions = TS.preds,
                           classify = "Sources:Type",
                           vcov = TS.vcov, tdf = den.df)
validAlldiffs(TS.diffs)
#Use sort.alldiffs and save order for use with other response variables
TS.diffs.sort <- sort(TS.diffs, sortFactor = "Sources",
                      sortWithinVals = list(Type = "Control"))
sort.order <- attr(TS.diffs.sort, which = "sortOrder")</pre>
#Analyse Turbidity
m2.lmer <- lmerTest::lmer(Turbidity ~ Benches + (Sources * (Type + Species)) +
                            (1|Benches:MainPlots),
                          data=na.omit(WaterRunoff.dat))
TS.emm <- emmeans::emmeans(m2.lmer, specs = ~ Sources:Type)
TS.preds <- summary(TS.emm)
den.df <- min(TS.preds$df, na.rm = TRUE)</pre>
## Modify TS.preds to be compatible with a predictions.frame
TS.preds <- as.predictions.frame(TS.preds, predictions = "emmean",
                                 se = "SE", interval.type = "CI",
                                 interval.names = c("lower.CL", "upper.CL"))
## Form an all.diffs object, sorting it using the pH sort.order and check its validity
TS.vcov <- vcov(TS.emm)
TS.diffs2.sort <- allDifferences(predictions = TS.preds,
                                 classify = "Sources:Type",
                                 vcov = TS.vcov, tdf = den.df,
                                 sortFactor = "Sources",
                                 sortOrder = sort.order)
validAlldiffs(TS.diffs2.sort)
```

 ${\tt subset.all} {\tt diffs}$ 

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

## **Description**

Subsets each of the components of an alldiffs.object. The subset is determined by applying the condition to the prediction component to determine which of its rows are to be included in the subset. Then, if present, this subset is applied to the rows of backtransforms and to the rows and columns of differences, p.differences and sed components. In addition, if sed is present,

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recalcLSD.alldiffs is called to recalculate the values in the LSD component, with any arguments supplied via the . . . argument passed ot it.

The select argument of subset is not implemented, but can be achieved for variables in the classify using the rmClassifyVars argument.

# Usage

## **Arguments**

x An alldiffs.object.

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

cluded in the subset. By default allws are included.

rmClassifyVars A character that contains the names of the variables in the classify attribute

of x that are to be removed from the predictions data. frame and the names of the dimensions of the other components of x. In doing this, the combinations of

the remaining classify variables must uniquely index the predictions.

... further arguments passed to recalcLSD.alldiffs.

#### Value

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

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

## See Also

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

```
## End(Not run)
## Use 1meTest and emmmeans to get predictions and associated statistics
if (requireNamespace("lmerTest", quietly = TRUE) &
    requireNamespace("emmeans", quietly = TRUE))
  m1.lmer <- lmerTest::lmer(pH ~ Benches + (Sources * (Type + Species)) +
                              (1|Benches:MainPlots),
                            data=na.omit(WaterRunoff.dat))
  TS.emm <- emmeans::emmeans(m1.lmer, specs = ~ Sources:Type)
  TS.preds <- summary(TS.emm)
  den.df <- min(TS.preds$df, na.rm = TRUE)</pre>
  ## Modify TS.preds to be compatible with a predictions.frame
  TS.preds <- as.predictions.frame(TS.preds, predictions = "emmean",
                                   se = "SE", interval.type = "CI",
                                   interval.names = c("lower.CL", "upper.CL"))
  ## Form an all.diffs object and check its validity
  TS.vcov <- vcov(TS.emm)
  TS.diffs <- allDifferences(predictions = TS.preds, classify = "Sources:Type",
                             vcov = TS.vcov, tdf = den.df)
  validAlldiffs(TS.diffs)
}
## Plot p-values for predictions obtained using asreml or lmerTest
if (exists("TS.diffs"))
{
  ##Use subset.alldiffs to select a subset of the alldiffs object
  TS.diffs.subs <- subset(TS.diffs,
                          subset = grepl("R", Sources, fixed = TRUE) &
                                   Type %in% c("Control", "Medicinal"))
}
```

testranfix.asrtests

Tests for a single fixed or random term in model fitted using asreml and records the result in an asrtests.object.

# **Description**

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

#### Usage

#### **Arguments**

asrtests.obj An asrtests.object containing the components (i) asreml.obj, (ii) wald.tab, and (iii) test.summary.

term

A single model term that is valid in asreml, stored as a character. The names of fixed terms must match those in the wald.tab component of the asrtests.object, while the names of random terms must match those in the vparameters component of the asreml.obj component in the asrtests.object.

alpha

The significance level for the test.

allow.unconverged

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

checkboundaryonly

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

drop.ran.ns

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

positive.zero

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

bound.test.parameters

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

bound.exclusions

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

**REMLDF** 

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

drop.fix.ns

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

denDF

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

dDF.na

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

dDF.values

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

IClikelihood

A character that controls both the occurence and the type of likelihood for information criterion in the test.summary of the asrtests.object. If none, none are included. Otherwise, if REML, then the AIC and BIC based on the Restricted Maximum Likelihood are included; if full, then the AIC and BIC based on the full likelihood are included. (See also infoCriteria.asreml.)

trace

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

update

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

set.terms

A character vector specifying the terms that are to have bounds and/or initial values set prior to fitting. The names must match those in the vparameters component of the asreml.obj component in the asrtests.object.

ignore.suffices

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

> as terms. If it is of length one then the same action is applied to the asremlassigned suffices for all the terms in terms.

bounds

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

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

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

#### Value

An asrtests.object containing the components (i) asreml.obj, (ii) wald.tab, and (iii) test.summary. If the term is not in the model, then the supplied asreml object will be returned. Also, reml.test will have the likelihood ratio and the p-value set to NA and the degrees of freedom to zero. Similarly, the row of test. summary for the term will have its name, DF set to NA, p-value set to NA, and action set to Absent.

# Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### References

Kenward, M. G., & Roger, J. H. (1997). Small sample inference for fixed effects from restricted maximum likelihood. Biometrics, 53, 983-997.

## See Also

```
asremlPlus-package, as.asrtests, chooseModel.asrtests, REMLRT.asreml,
rmboundary.asrtests, newfit.asreml, changeModelOnIC.asrtests,
change Terms. as rtests, reparam Sig Devn. as rtests\\
```

```
## Not run:
data(Wheat.dat)
current.asr <- asreml(yield ~ Rep + WithinColPairs + Variety,</pre>
                       random = ~ Row + Column + units,
                       residual = ~ ar1(Row):ar1(Column),
                       data=Wheat.dat)
current.asrt <- as.asrtests(current.asr, NULL, NULL)</pre>
current.asrt <- rmboundary(current.asrt)</pre>
# Test nugget term
current.asrt <- testranfix(current.asrt, "units", positive=TRUE)</pre>
## End(Not run)
```

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

## **Description**

Fits a new residual formula using asreml-R4 (replaces the rcov formula of asreml-R3) and tests whether the change is significant. If simpler = FALSE the model to be fitted must be more complex than the one whose fit has been stored in asrtests.obj. That is, the new model must have more parameters. However, if simpler = TRUE the model to be fitted must be simpler than the one whose fit has been stored in asrtests.obj in that it must have fewer parameters. Any boundary terms are removed using rmboundary.asrtests, which may mean that the models are not nested. The test is a REML likelihood ratio test that is performed using REMLRT.asreml, which is only valid if the models are nested. It compares the newly fitted model with the fit of the model in asrtest.obj. A row is added to the test.summary data.frame using the supplied label.

# Usage

# **Arguments**

asrtests.obj an asrtests.object for a fitted model that is a list containing the componets

(i) asreml.obj, (ii) wald.tab (iii) test.summary.

terms A model for the residual argument in asreml-R4 (the rcov formula in older

versions of asreml), stored as a character. To remove the model, enter "-(.)".

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

is being tested.

simpler A logical indicating whether the new model to be fitted is simpler than the al-

ready fitted model whose fit is stored in asrtests.obj.

alpha The significance level for the test.

allow.unconverged

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

#### checkboundaryonly

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

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positive.zero

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

bound.test.parameters

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

bound.exclusions

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

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

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

A character that controls both the occurence and the type of likelihood for information criterion in the test.summary of the asrtests.object. If none, none are included. Otherwise, if REML, then the AIC and BIC based on the Restricted Maximum Likelihood are included; if full, then the AIC and BIC based on the full likelihood are included. (See also infoCriteria.asreml.)

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

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

A character vector specifying the terms that are to have bounds and/or initial values set prior to fitting. The names must match those in the vparameters component of the asreml.obj component in the asrtests.object.

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

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> terms, the suffices are stripped from the asreml-assigned names. If FALSE for an element of terms, the element must exactly match an asreml-assigned name for a variance term. This vector must be of length one or the same length as terms. If it is of length one then the same action is applied to the asremlassigned suffices for all the terms in terms.

bounds

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

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

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

## Value

An asrtests.object containing the components (i) asreml.obj, (ii) wald.tab, and (iii) test.summary. If the term is not in the model, then the supplied asreml.obj will be returned. Also, reml.test will have the likelihood ratio and the p-value set to NA and the degrees of freedom to zero. Similarly, the row of test. summary for the term will have its name, a p-value set to NA, and action set to Absent.

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

## References

Kenward, M. G., & Roger, J. H. (1997). Small sample inference for fixed effects from restricted maximum likelihood. Biometrics, 53, 983-997.

#### See Also

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

```
## Not run:
data(Wheat.dat)
current.asr <- asreml(yield ~ Rep + WithinColPairs + Variety,</pre>
                       random = ~ Row + Column + units,
                       residual = ~ ar1(Row):ar1(Column),
                       data=Wheat.dat)
current.asrt <- as.asrtests(current.asr, NULL, NULL)</pre>
current.asrt <- rmboundary(current.asrt)</pre>
# Test Row autocorrelation
current.asrt <- testresidual(current.asrt, "~ Row:ar1(Column)",</pre>
                               label="Row autocorrelation", simpler=TRUE)
print(current.asrt)
```

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```
## End(Not run)
```

testswapran.asrtests

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

# Description

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

#### Usage

#### **Arguments**

asrtests.obj an asrtests.object for a fitted model that is a list containing the componets

(i) asreml.obj, (ii) wald.tab (iii) test.summary.

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

using asreml. The names of the terms must match those in the vparameters

component of the asreml.obj component in the asrtests.object.

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

asreml.

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

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

model whose fit is stored in asrtests.obj.

alpha The significance level for the test.

allow.unconverged

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

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checkboundaryonly

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

label

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

positive.zero

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

bound.test.parameters

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

bound.exclusions

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

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

denDF

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

IClikelihood

A character that controls both the occurence and the type of likelihood for information criterion in the test.summary of the asrtests.object. If none, none are included. Otherwise, if REML, then the AIC and BIC based on the Restricted Maximum Likelihood are included; if full, then the AIC and BIC based on the full likelihood are included. (See also infoCriteria.asreml.)

trace

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

update

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

set.terms

A character vector specifying the terms that are to have bounds and/or initial values set prior to fitting. The names must match those in the vparameters component of the asreml.obj component in the asrtests.object.

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ignore.suffices

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

bounds

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

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

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

## Value

An asrtests.object for a fitted model that is a list containing the componets (i) asreml.obj, (ii) wald.tab (iii) test.summary. If the term is not in the model, then the supplied asreml object will be returned. Also, reml.test will have the likelihood ratio and the p-value set to NA and the degrees of freedom to zero. Similarly, the row of test. summary for the term will have its name, a p-value set to NA, and action set to Absent.

# Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### References

Kenward, M. G., & Roger, J. H. (1997). Small sample inference for fixed effects from restricted maximum likelihood. Biometrics, 53, 983-997.

## See Also

```
as.asrtests, choose \verb|Model.asrtests|, \verb|REMLRT.asreml|, rmboundary.asrtests|,
newfit.asreml, testresidual.asrtests, changeModelOnIC.asrtests,
changeTerms.asrtests, reparamSigDevn.asrtests
```

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

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validAlldiffs

Checks that an object is a valid alldiffs object.

# Description

Checks that an object is an alldiffs.object of S3-class alldiffs containing the components asreml.obj, wald.tab and test.summary.

## Usage

```
validAlldiffs(object)
```

#### **Arguments**

```
object an alldiffs.object.
```

#### Value

TRUE or a character describing why the object is not a valid alldiffs.object.

#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

## See Also

```
alldiffs.object, is.alldiffs, as.alldiffs, validPredictionsFrame, validAsrtests
```

```
data(Oats.dat)
## Use lmerTest and emmmeans to get predictions and associated statistics
if (requireNamespace("lmerTest", quietly = TRUE) &
    requireNamespace("emmeans", quietly = TRUE))
 m1.lmer <- lmerTest::lmer(Yield ~ Nitrogen*Variety + (1|Blocks/Wplots),</pre>
                             data=Oats.dat)
 Var.emm <- emmeans::emmeans(m1.lmer, specs = ~ Nitrogen:Variety)</pre>
 Var.preds <- summary(Var.emm)</pre>
 den.df <- min(Var.preds$df)</pre>
 ## Modify Var.preds to be compatible with a predictions.frame
 Var.preds <- as.predictions.frame(Var.preds, predictions = "emmean",</pre>
                                      se = "SE", interval.type = "CI",
                                      interval.names = c("lower.CL", "upper.CL"))
 Var.vcov <- vcov(Var.emm)</pre>
 Var.sed <- NULL</pre>
 ## Form an all.diffs object
  Var.diffs <- as.alldiffs(predictions = Var.preds, classify = "Nitrogen:Variety",</pre>
                             sed = Var.sed, vcov = Var.vcov, tdf = den.df)
 ## check the validity of Var.diffs
```

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```
validAlldiffs(Var.diffs)
}
```

validAsrtests

Checks that an object is a valid asrtests object.

# **Description**

Checks that an object is an asrtests.object of S3-class asrtests containing the components asreml.obj, wald.tab and test.summary.

## Usage

```
validAsrtests(object)
```

## **Arguments**

```
object an asrtests.object.
```

## Value

TRUE or a character describing why the object is not a valid asrtests.object.

# Author(s)

Chris Brien

# See Also

```
asrtests.object, is.asrtests, as.asrtests,
validPredictionsFrame, validAlldiffs
```

```
## Not run:
library(dae)
library(asreml)
library(asremlPlus)
## use ?Wheat.dat for data set details
data(Wheat.dat)
# Fit initial model
current.asr <- asreml(yield ~ Rep + WithinColPairs + Variety,</pre>
                       random = ~ Row + Column + units,
                       residual = ~ ar1(Row):ar1(Column),
                       data=Wheat.dat)
# Load current fit into an asrtests object
current.asrt <- as.asrtests(current.asr, NULL, NULL)</pre>
# check validity of current.asrt
validAsrtests(current.asrt)
## End(Not run)
```

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validPredictionsFrame Checks that an object is a valid predictions.frame.

# **Description**

Checks that an object is a predictions. frame of S3-class data. frame that contains the columns predicted.value, standard.error and est.status.

## Usage

```
validPredictionsFrame(object)
```

## **Arguments**

```
object an predictions.frame.
```

#### Value

TRUE or a character describing why the object is not a valid predictions. frame.

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

## See Also

```
predictions.frame, valid \verb|Asrtests|, valid \verb|Alldiffs|
```

```
data(Oats.dat)
  ## Use asreml to get predictions and associated statistics
  ## Not run:
  m1.asr <- asreml(Yield ~ Nitrogen*Variety,</pre>
                    random=~Blocks/Wplots,
                    data=Oats.dat)
  current.asrt <- as.asrtests(m1.asr)</pre>
  Var.pred <- asreml::predict.asreml(m1.asr, classify="Nitrogen:Variety",</pre>
                                        sed=TRUE)
  if (getASRemlVersionLoaded(nchar = 1) == "3")
    Var.pred <- Var.pred$predictions</pre>
  Var.preds <- as.predictions.frame(Var.pred$pvals, se = "std.error",</pre>
                                      est.status = "status")
## End(Not run)
  ## Use ImerTest and emmmeans to get predictions and associated statistics
  if (requireNamespace("lmerTest", quietly = TRUE) &
      requireNamespace("emmeans", quietly = TRUE))
    m1.lmer <- lmerTest::lmer(Yield ~ Nitrogen*Variety + (1|Blocks/Wplots),</pre>
```

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variofaces.asreml

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

## **Description**

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

## Usage

#### **Arguments**

asreml.obj	An asreml object from a call to asreml in which the data argument has been set.
means	The vector of means to be used in generating simulated data sets. If it is NULL, the fitted values based on object are used. It must be the same length as the response variable for object.
V	The fitted variance matrix, i.e. having the appropriate pattern and values given the model fitted to the observed data and the estimates of the parameters obtained. If V is NULL then estimateV.asreml is called to obtain it from asreml.obj
nsim	The number of data sets to be simulated in obtaining the envelopes.

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seed

A single value, interpreted as an integer, that specifies the starting value of the random number generator. The "L'Ecuyer-CMRG" random generator is used and nextRNGStream is used to seed each core from the original seed.

extra.matrix

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

ignore.terms

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

fixed.spline.terms

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

bound.exclusions

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

tolerance

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

units

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

update

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

trace

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

graphics.device

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

ncores

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

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

#### **Details**

The residual model is scanned to ensure that it involves only two factors not included in the at function, and to see if it has a third factor in an at function. If so, the faces of the 2D variogram, each based on one of the two non-at factors, are derived from the residuals in the supplied asreml object using asreml.variogram, this yielding the observed variogram faces. If aom was set to TRUE for the asreml object, the standardized consitional residuals are used. Then nsim data sets are generated by adding the fitted.values, extracted from the asreml object, to a vector of values randomly generated from a normal distribution with expectation zero and variance matrix V. Each data set is analyzed using the model in object and several sets are generated and analyzed in parallel. The variogram values for the faces are obtained using asreml.variogram stored. Note, if the analysis for a data set does not converge in maxiter iterations, it is discarded and a replacement data set generated. The value of maxiter can be specified in the call to variofaces.asreml. Plots are produced for each face and include the observed values and the 2.5%, 50% & 97.5% quantiles.

#### Value

A list with the following components:

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

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

## References

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

# See Also

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

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WaterRunoff.dat

Data for an experiment to investigate the quality of water runoff over time

## **Description**

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

## Usage

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

## Format

A data frame containing 440 observations of 13 variables.

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

## Source

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

## See Also

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

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Wheat.dat

Data for a 1976 experiment to investigate 25 varieties of wheat

## **Description**

The data appears in Gilmour et al. (1995) and is from a field experiment designed to compare the performance of 25 varieties of spring wheat. An analysis of it using asreml is presented by Butler et al. (2018, Section 7.6), although they suggest that it is a barley experiment. It is used in the Wheat vignettes [Enter vignette(package = "asremlPlus")] as an executable example of the use of the asremlPlus to analyse a data set.

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

## Usage

data(Wheat.dat)

#### **Format**

A data frame containing 150 observations of 6 variables.

#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### **Source**

Butler, D. G., Cullis, B. R., Gilmour, A. R., Gogel, B. J. and Thompson, R. (2018). *ASReml-R Reference Manual Version 4*. VSN International Ltd, http://asreml.org.

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