

# Package ‘betaDelta’

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**Title** Confidence Intervals for Standardized Regression Coefficients

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| BetaDelta | <i>Estimate Standardized Regression Coefficients and the Corresponding Sampling Covariance Matrix</i> |
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Description

Estimate Standardized Regression Coefficients and the Corresponding Sampling Covariance Matrix

Usage

```
BetaDelta(object, type = "mvn", alpha = c(0.05, 0.01, 0.001))
```

Arguments

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| object | Object of class lm.   |
| type   | Character string. If type = "mvn", use the multivariate normal-theory approach. If type = "adf", use the asymptotic distribution-free approach. |
| alpha  | Numeric vector. Significance level $\alpha$ .   |

**Value**

Returns an object of class `betadelta` which is a list with the following elements:

**call** Function call.

**args** Function arguments.

**lm\_process** Processed `lm` object.

**gamma** Asymptotic covariance matrix of the sample covariance matrix.

**acov** Asymptotic covariance matrix of the standardized slopes.

**vcov** Sampling covariance matrix of the standardized slopes.

**est** Vector of standardized slopes.

**Author(s)**

Ivan Jacob Agaloos Pesigan

**References**

Jones, J. A., & Waller, N. G. (2015). The normal-theory and asymptotic distribution-free (ADF) covariance matrix of standardized regression coefficients: Theoretical extensions and finite sample behavior. *Psychometrika*, 80(2), 365–378. doi:[10.1007/s113360139380y](https://doi.org/10.1007/s113360139380y)

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Yuan, K.-H., & Chan, W. (2011). Biases and standard errors of standardized regression coefficients. *Psychometrika*, 76(4), 670–690. doi:[10.1007/s1133601192246](https://doi.org/10.1007/s1133601192246)

**See Also**

Other Beta Delta Functions: [DiffBetaDelta\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
object <- lm(QUALITY ~ NARTIC + PCTGRT + PCTSUPP, data = nas1982)
std <- BetaDelta(object)
# Methods -----
print(std)
summary(std)
coef(std)
vcov(std)
confint(std, level = 0.95)
```

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| coef.betadelta | <i>Standardized Regression Slopes</i> |
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**Description**

Standardized Regression Slopes

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'betadelta'  
coef(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|        |                            |
|--------|----------------------------|
| object | Object of class betadelta. |
| ...    | additional arguments.      |

**Value**

Returns a vector of standardized regression slopes.

**Author(s)**

Ivan Jacob Agaloos Pesigan

**Examples**

```
object <- lm(QUALITY ~ NARTIC + PCTGRT + PCTSUPP, data = nas1982)  
std <- BetaDelta(object)  
coef(std)
```

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| coef.deltamethod | <i>Estimates</i> |
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**Description**

Estimates

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'deltamethod'  
coef(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object            Object of class deltamethod.  
 ...              additional arguments.

**Value**

Returns a vector of estimates.

**Author(s)**

Ivan Jacob Agaloos Pesigan

**Examples**

```
object <- glm(
  formula = vs ~ wt + disp,
  family = "binomial",
  data = mtcars
)
def <- list("exp(wt)", "exp(disp)")
out <- DeltaGeneric(
  object = object,
  def = def,
  alpha = 0.05
)
coef(out)
```

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coef.diffbetadelta      *Differences of Standardized Regression Slopes*

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**Description**

Differences of Standardized Regression Slopes

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'diffbetadelta'
coef(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object            Object of class diffbetadelta.  
 ...              additional arguments.

**Value**

Returns a vector of differences of standardized regression slopes.

**Author(s)**

Ivan Jacob Agaloos Pesigan

**Examples**

```
object <- lm(QUALITY ~ NARTIC + PCTGRT + PCTSUPP, data = nas1982)
std <- BetaDelta(object)
diff <- DiffBetaDelta(std)
coef(diff)
```

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|-------------------|--|
| confint.betadelta | <i>Confidence Intervals for Standardized Regression Slopes</i> |
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**Description**

Confidence Intervals for Standardized Regression Slopes

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'betadelta'
confint(object, parm = NULL, level = 0.95, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| object | Object of class betadelta.  |
| parm   | a specification of which parameters are to be given confidence intervals, either a vector of numbers or a vector of names. If missing, all parameters are considered. |
| level  | the confidence level required.  |
| ...    | additional arguments.   |

**Value**

Returns a matrix of confidence intervals.

**Author(s)**

Ivan Jacob Agaloos Pesigan

**Examples**

```
object <- lm(QUALITY ~ NARTIC + PCTGRT + PCTSUPP, data = nas1982)
std <- BetaDelta(object)
confint(std, level = 0.95)
```

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**confint.deltamethod**     *Confidence Intervals*

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**Description**

Confidence Intervals

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'deltamethod'  
confint(object, parm = NULL, level = 0.95, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| <code>object</code> | Object of class <code>deltamethod</code> .  |
| <code>parm</code>   | a specification of which parameters are to be given confidence intervals, either a vector of numbers or a vector of names. If missing, all parameters are considered. |
| <code>level</code>  | the confidence level required.  |
| <code>...</code>    | additional arguments.   |

**Value**

Returns a matrix of confidence intervals.

**Author(s)**

Ivan Jacob Agaloos Pesigan

**Examples**

```
object <- glm(  
  formula = vs ~ wt + disp,  
  family = "binomial",  
  data = mtcars  
)  
def <- list("exp(wt)", "exp(disp)")  
out <- DeltaGeneric(  
  object = object,  
  def = def,  
  alpha = 0.05  
)  
confint(out, level = 0.95)
```

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confint.diffbetadelta *Confidence Intervals for Differences of Standardized Regression Slopes*

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## Description

Confidence Intervals for Differences of Standardized Regression Slopes

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'diffbetadelta'  
confint(object, parm = NULL, level = 0.95, ...)
```

## Arguments

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| object | Object of class diffbetadelta.  |
| parm   | a specification of which parameters are to be given confidence intervals, either a vector of numbers or a vector of names. If missing, all parameters are considered. |
| level  | the confidence level required.  |
| ...    | additional arguments.   |

## Value

Returns a matrix of confidence intervals.

## Author(s)

Ivan Jacob Agaloos Pesigan

## Examples

```
object <- lm(QUALITY ~ NARTIC + PCTGRT + PCTSUPP, data = nas1982)  
std <- BetaDelta(object)  
diff <- DiffBetaDelta(std)  
confint(diff)
```



Delta

*Delta Method***Description**

Calculates delta method sampling variance-covariance matrix for a function of parameters using a numerical Jacobian.

**Usage**

```
Delta(
  coef,
  vcov,
  func,
  ...,
  theta = 0,
  alpha = c(0.05, 0.01, 0.001),
  z = TRUE,
  df = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| <code>coef</code>  | Numeric vector. Vector of parameters.   |
| <code>vcov</code>  | Numeric matrix. Matrix of sampling variance-covariance matrix of parameters.  |
| <code>func</code>  | R function. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The first argument <code>x</code> is the argument <code>coef</code>.</li> <li>2. The function algebraically manipulates <code>coef</code> to return a new numeric vector. It is best to have a named vector as an output.</li> <li>3. The function can take additional named arguments passed using <code>...</code></li> </ol> |
| <code>...</code>   | Additional arguments to pass to <code>func</code> .   |
| <code>theta</code> | Numeric vector. Parameter values when the null hypothesis is true.  |
| <code>alpha</code> | Numeric vector. Significance level/s.   |
| <code>z</code>     | Logical. If <code>z = TRUE</code> , use the standard normal distribution. If <code>z = FALSE</code> , use the <code>t</code> distribution.  |
| <code>df</code>    | Numeric. Degrees of freedom if <code>z = FALSE</code> .   |

**Value**

Returns an object of class `deltamethod` which is a list with the following elements:

**call** Function call.

**args** Function arguments.

**coef** Estimates.

**vcov** Sampling variance-covariance matrix.

**jacobian** Jacobian matrix.

**fun** Function used ("Delta").

### Author(s)

Ivan Jacob Agaloos Pesigan

### See Also

Other Delta Method Functions: [DeltaGeneric\(\)](#)

### Examples

```
object <- glm(
  formula = vs ~ wt + disp,
  family = "binomial",
  data = mtcars
)
func <- function(x) {
  y <- exp(x)
  names(y) <- paste0("exp", "(", names(x), ")")
  y[-1]
}
Delta(
  coef = coef(object),
  vcov = vcov(object),
  func = func,
  alpha = 0.05
)
```

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DeltaGeneric

*Delta Method (Generic Object Input)*

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### Description

Calculates delta method sampling variance-covariance matrix for a function of parameters using a numerical Jacobian.

### Usage

```
DeltaGeneric(
  object,
  def,
  theta = 0,
  alpha = c(0.05, 0.01, 0.001),
  z = TRUE,
  df = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| <b>object</b> | R object. Fitted model object with <code>coef</code> and <code>vcov</code> methods that return a named vector of estimated parameters and sampling variance-covariance matrix, respectively. |
| <b>def</b>    | List of character strings. A list of defined functions of parameters. The string should be a valid R expression when parsed and should result a single value when evaluated.                 |
| <b>theta</b>  | Numeric vector. Parameter values when the null hypothesis is true.   |
| <b>alpha</b>  | Numeric vector. Significance level/s.  |
| <b>z</b>      | Logical. If <code>z = TRUE</code> , use the standard normal distribution. If <code>z = FALSE</code> , use the <code>t</code> distribution.   |
| <b>df</b>     | Numeric. Degrees of freedom if <code>z = FALSE</code> .  |

**Value**

Returns an object of class `deltamethod` which is a list with the following elements:

**call** Function call.

**args** Function arguments.

**coef** Estimates.

**vcov** Sampling variance-covariance matrix.

**jacobian** Jacobian matrix.

**fun** Function used ("DeltaGeneric").

**Author(s)**

Ivan Jacob Agaloos Pesigan

**See Also**

Other Delta Method Functions: [Delta\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
object <- glm(
  formula = vs ~ wt + disp,
  family = "binomial",
  data = mtcars
)
def <- list("exp(wt)", "exp(disp)")
DeltaGeneric(
  object = object,
  def = def,
  alpha = 0.05
)
```

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|---------------|---|
| DiffBetaDelta | <i>Estimate Differences of Standardized Slopes and the Corresponding Sampling Covariance Matrix</i> |
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**Description**

Estimate Differences of Standardized Slopes and the Corresponding Sampling Covariance Matrix

**Usage**

```
DiffBetaDelta(object, alpha = c(0.05, 0.01, 0.001))
```

**Arguments**

|        |  |
|--------|--|
| object | Object of class <code>betadelta</code> , that is, the output of the <code>BetaDelta()</code> function. |
| alpha  | Numeric vector. Significance level $\alpha$ .  |

**Value**

Returns an object of class `diffbetadelta` which is a list with the following elements:

**call** Function call.

**fit** The argument object.

**args** Function arguments.

**vcov** Sampling covariance matrix of differences of standardized slopes.

**est** Vector of differences of standardized slopes.

**Author(s)**

Ivan Jacob Agaloos Pesigan

**See Also**

Other Beta Delta Functions: `BetaDelta()`

**Examples**

```
object <- lm(QUALITY ~ NARTIC + PCTGRT + PCTSUPP, data = nas1982)
std <- BetaDelta(object)
diff <- DiffBetaDelta(std)
# Methods -----
print(diff)
summary(diff)
coef(diff)
vcov(diff)
confint(diff, level = 0.95)
```

nas1982

*1982 National Academy of Sciences Doctoral Programs Data***Description**

1982 National Academy of Sciences Doctoral Programs Data

**Usage**

nas1982

**Format**

Ratings of 46 doctoral programs in psychology in the USA with the following variables:

**QUALITY** Program quality ratings.**NFACUL** Number of faculty members in the program.**NGRADS** Number of program graduates.**PCTSUPP** Percentage of program graduates who received support.**PCTGRT** Percent of faculty members holding research grants.**NARTIC** Number of published articles attributed to program faculty member.**PCTPUB** Percent of faculty with one or more published article.**References**

National Research Council. (1982). *An assessment of research-doctorate programs in the United States: Social and behavioral sciences*. doi:10.17226/9781. Reproduced with permission from the National Academy of Sciences, Courtesy of the National Academies Press, Washington, D.C.

print.betadelta

*Print Method for an Object of Class betadelta***Description**

Print Method for an Object of Class betadelta

**Usage**

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

**Arguments**

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| <code>x</code>      | Object of class <code>betadelta</code> .  |
| <code>alpha</code>  | Numeric vector. Significance level $\alpha$ . If <code>alpha = NULL</code> , use the argument <code>alpha</code> used in <code>x</code> . |
| <code>digits</code> | Digits to print.  |
| <code>...</code>    | additional arguments.   |

**Value**

Prints a matrix of standardized regression slopes, standard errors, test statistics, degrees of freedom, p-values, and confidence intervals.

**Author(s)**

Ivan Jacob Agaloos Pesigan

**Examples**

```
object <- lm(QUALITY ~ NARTIC + PCTGRT + PCTSUPP, data = nas1982)
std <- BetaDelta(object)
print(std)
```

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| <code>print.deltamethod</code> | <i>Print Method for an Object of Class <code>deltamethod</code></i> |
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**Description**

Print Method for an Object of Class `deltamethod`

**Usage**

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

**Arguments**

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| <code>x</code>      | Object of class <code>deltamethod</code> .  |
| <code>alpha</code>  | Numeric vector. Significance level $\alpha$ . If <code>alpha = NULL</code> , use the argument <code>alpha</code> used in <code>x</code> . |
| <code>digits</code> | Digits to print.  |
| <code>...</code>    | additional arguments.   |

**Value**

Returns a matrix of coefficients, standard errors, test statistics, degrees of freedom (if `z = FALSE`), p-values, and confidence intervals.

**Author(s)**

Ivan Jacob Agaloos Pesigan

**Examples**

```

object <- glm(
  formula = vs ~ wt + disp,
  family = "binomial",
  data = mtcars
)
def <- list("exp(wt)", "exp(disp)")
out <- DeltaGeneric(
  object = object,
  def = def,
  alpha = 0.05
)
print(out)

```

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print.diffbetadelta     *Print Method for an Object of Class diffbetadelta*

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**Description**

Print Method for an Object of Class diffbetadelta

**Usage**

```

## S3 method for class 'diffbetadelta'
print(x, alpha = NULL, digits = 4, ...)

```

**Arguments**

|        |  |
|--------|--|
| x      | Object of class diffbetadelta.   |
| alpha  | Numeric vector. Significance level $\alpha$ . If alpha = NULL, use the argument alpha used in x. |
| digits | Digits to print.   |
| ...    | additional arguments.  |

**Value**

Prints a matrix of standardized regression slopes, standard errors, test statistics, degrees of freedom, p-values, and confidence intervals.

**Author(s)**

Ivan Jacob Agaloos Pesigan

**Examples**

```
object <- lm(QUALITY ~ NARTIC + PCTGRT + PCTSUPP, data = nas1982)
std <- BetaDelta(object)
diff <- DiffBetaDelta(std)
print(diff)
```

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| summary.betadelta | <i>Summary Method for an Object of Class betadelta</i> |
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**Description**

Summary Method for an Object of Class betadelta

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'betadelta'
summary(object, alpha = NULL, digits = 4, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| object | Object of class betadelta.  |
| alpha  | Numeric vector. Significance level $\alpha$ . If alpha = NULL, use the argument alpha used in object. |
| digits | Digits to print.  |
| ...    | additional arguments.   |

**Value**

Returns a matrix of standardized regression slopes, standard errors, test statistics, degrees of freedom, p-values, and confidence intervals.

**Author(s)**

Ivan Jacob Agaloos Pesigan

**Examples**

```
object <- lm(QUALITY ~ NARTIC + PCTGRT + PCTSUPP, data = nas1982)
std <- BetaDelta(object)
summary(std)
```



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|---------------------|--|
| summary.deltamethod | <i>Summary Method for an Object of Class deltamethod</i> |
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## Description

Summary Method for an Object of Class deltamethod

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'deltamethod'  
summary(object, alpha = NULL, digits = 4, ...)
```

## Arguments

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| object | Object of class deltamethod.  |
| alpha  | Numeric vector. Significance level $\alpha$ . If alpha = NULL, use the argument alpha used in object. |
| digits | Digits to print.  |
| ...    | additional arguments.   |

## Value

Returns a matrix of standardized regression slopes, standard errors, test statistics, degrees of freedom, p-values, and confidence intervals.

## Author(s)

Ivan Jacob Agaloos Pesigan

## Examples

```
object <- glm(  
  formula = vs ~ wt + disp,  
  family = "binomial",  
  data = mtcars  
)  
def <- list("exp(wt)", "exp(disp)")  
out <- DeltaGeneric(  
  object = object,  
  def = def,  
  alpha = 0.05  
)  
summary(out)
```

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summary.diffbetadelta *Summary Method for an Object of Class diffbetadelta*

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## Description

Summary Method for an Object of Class diffbetadelta

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'diffbetadelta'  
summary(object, alpha = NULL, digits = 4, ...)
```

## Arguments

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| object | Object of class diffbetadelta.  |
| alpha  | Numeric vector. Significance level $\alpha$ . If alpha = NULL, use the argument alpha used in object. |
| digits | Digits to print.  |
| ...    | additional arguments.   |

## Value

Returns a matrix of standardized regression slopes, standard errors, test statistics, degrees of freedom, p-values, and confidence intervals.

## Author(s)

Ivan Jacob Agaloos Pesigan

## Examples

```
object <- lm(QUALITY ~ NARTIC + PCTGRT + PCTSUPP, data = nas1982)  
std <- BetaDelta(object)  
diff <- DiffBetaDelta(std)  
summary(diff)
```

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| vcov.betadelta | <i>Sampling Covariance Matrix of the Standardized Regression Slopes</i> |
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**Description**

Sampling Covariance Matrix of the Standardized Regression Slopes

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'betadelta'
vcov(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|        |                            |
|--------|----------------------------|
| object | Object of class betadelta. |
| ...    | additional arguments.      |

**Value**

Returns a matrix of the variance-covariance matrix of standardized slopes.

**Author(s)**

Ivan Jacob Agaloos Pesigan

**Examples**

```
object <- lm(QUALITY ~ NARTIC + PCTGRT + PCTSUPP, data = nas1982)
std <- BetaDelta(object)
vcov(std)
```

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| vcov.deltamethod | <i>Sampling Covariance Matrix</i> |
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**Description**

Sampling Covariance Matrix

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'deltamethod'
vcov(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object            Object of class `deltamethod`.  
 ...              additional arguments.

**Value**

Returns a matrix of the variance-covariance matrix.

**Author(s)**

Ivan Jacob Agaloos Pesigan

**Examples**

```
object <- glm(
  formula = vs ~ wt + disp,
  family = "binomial",
  data = mtcars
)
def <- list("exp(wt)", "exp(disp)")
out <- DeltaGeneric(
  object = object,
  def = def,
  alpha = 0.05
)
vcov(out)
```

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|                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| vcov.diffbetadelta | <i>Sampling Covariance Matrix of Differences of Standardized Regression Slopes</i> |
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**Description**

Sampling Covariance Matrix of Differences of Standardized Regression Slopes

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'diffbetadelta'
vcov(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object            Object of class `diffbetadelta`.  
 ...              additional arguments.

**Value**

Returns a matrix of the variance-covariance matrix of differences of standardized regression slopes.

**Author(s)**

Ivan Jacob Agaloos Pesigan

**Examples**

```
object <- lm(QUALITY ~ NARTIC + PCTGRT + PCTSUPP, data = nas1982)
std <- BetaDelta(object)
diff <- DiffBetaDelta(std)
vcov(diff)
```

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