

# betaDelta: Methods

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## 1 Multivariate Normal-Theory Approach

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

```
out <- BetaDelta(object, type = "mvn")
str(out)
```

```
#> List of 7
#> $ call: language BetaDelta(object = object, type = "mvn")
#> $ type: chr "mvn"
#> $ beta: Named num [1:3] 0.495 0.391 0.263
#> ..- attr(*, "names")= chr [1:3] "NARTIC" "PCTGRT" "PCTSUPP"
#> $ vcov: num [1:3, 1:3] 0.00575 -0.00336 -0.00217 -0.00336 0.00593 ...
#> ..- attr(*, "dimnames")=List of 2
#> .. ..$ : chr [1:3] "NARTIC" "PCTGRT" "PCTSUPP"
#> .. ..$ : chr [1:3] "NARTIC" "PCTGRT" "PCTSUPP"
#> $ n : int 46
#> $ p : num 3
#> $ df : int 42
#> - attr(*, "class")= chr [1:2] "betadelta" "list"
```

```
BetaDelta(object, type = "mvn")
```

```
#> Call:
#> BetaDelta(object = object, type = "mvn")
#>
#> Standardized regression slopes with MVN standard errors:
#>      est      se      t      p  0.05%  0.5%  2.5%  97.5%  99.5% 99.95%
#> NARTIC  0.4951 0.0759 6.5272 0.000  0.2268 0.2905 0.3421 0.6482 0.6998 0.7635
#> PCTGRT  0.3915 0.0770 5.0824 0.000  0.1190 0.1837 0.2360 0.5469 0.5993 0.6640
#> PCTSUPP 0.2632 0.0747 3.5224 0.001 -0.0011 0.0616 0.1124 0.4141 0.4649 0.5276
```

**print**

```
print(out)

#> Call:
#> BetaDelta(object = object, type = "mvn")
#>
#> Standardized regression slopes with MVN standard errors:
#>      est      se      t      p  0.05%  0.5%  2.5% 97.5% 99.5% 99.95%
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#> PCTSUPP 0.2632 0.0747 3.5224 0.001 -0.0011 0.0616 0.1124 0.4141 0.4649 0.5276
```

## coef

```
coef(out)

#>      NARTIC      PCTGRT      PCTSUPP
#> 0.4951451 0.3914887 0.2632477
```

## vcov

```
vcov(out)

#>      NARTIC      PCTGRT      PCTSUPP
#> NARTIC  0.005754524 -0.003360334 -0.002166127
#> PCTGRT -0.003360334  0.005933462 -0.001769723
#> PCTSUPP -0.002166127 -0.001769723  0.005585256
```

## confint

```
confint(out, level = 0.95)

#>      2.5%      97.5%
#> NARTIC  0.3420563 0.6482339
#> PCTGRT  0.2360380 0.5469395
#> PCTSUPP 0.1124272 0.4140682
```

## summary

```
summary(out)

#> Call:
#> BetaDelta(object = object, type = "mvn")
#>
#> Standardized regression slopes with MVN standard errors:
#>      est      se      t      p  0.05%  0.5%  2.5% 97.5% 99.5% 99.95%
#> NARTIC  0.4951 0.0759 6.5272 0.000  0.2268 0.2905 0.3421 0.6482 0.6998 0.7635
#> PCTGRT  0.3915 0.0770 5.0824 0.000  0.1190 0.1837 0.2360 0.5469 0.5993 0.6640
#> PCTSUPP 0.2632 0.0747 3.5224 0.001 -0.0011 0.0616 0.1124 0.4141 0.4649 0.5276
```

## 2 Asymptotic Distribution-Free Approach

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

```
out <- BetaDelta(object, type = "adf")
str(out)

#> List of 7
#> $ call: language BetaDelta(object = object, type = "adf")
#> $ type: chr "adf"
#> $ beta: Named num [1:3] 0.495 0.391 0.263
#> ..- attr(*, "names")= chr [1:3] "NARTIC" "PCTGRT" "PCTSUPP"
#> $ vcov: num [1:3, 1:3] 0.00454 -0.00255 -0.00174 -0.00255 0.00504 ...
#> ..- attr(*, "dimnames")=List of 2
#> .. ..$ : chr [1:3] "NARTIC" "PCTGRT" "PCTSUPP"
#> .. ..$ : chr [1:3] "NARTIC" "PCTGRT" "PCTSUPP"
#> $ n : int 46
#> $ p : num 3
#> $ df : int 42
#> - attr(*, "class")= chr [1:2] "betadelta" "list"

BetaDelta(object, type = "adf")

#> Call:
#> BetaDelta(object = object, type = "adf")
#>
#> Standardized regression slopes with ADF standard errors:
#>      est      se      t      p  0.05%  0.5%  2.5% 97.5% 99.5% 99.95%
#> NARTIC  0.4951 0.0674 7.3490 0.0000  0.2568 0.3134 0.3592 0.6311 0.6769 0.7335
#> PCTGRT  0.3915 0.0710 5.5164 0.0000  0.1404 0.2000 0.2483 0.5347 0.5830 0.6426
#> PCTSUPP 0.2632 0.0769 3.4231 0.0014 -0.0088 0.0558 0.1081 0.4184 0.4707 0.5353
```

## print

```
print(out)

#> Call:
#> BetaDelta(object = object, type = "adf")
#>
#> Standardized regression slopes with ADF standard errors:
#>           est      se      t      p  0.05%  0.5%  2.5% 97.5% 99.5% 99.95%
#> NARTIC  0.4951 0.0674 7.3490 0.0000  0.2568 0.3134 0.3592 0.6311 0.6769 0.7335
#> PCTGRT  0.3915 0.0710 5.5164 0.0000  0.1404 0.2000 0.2483 0.5347 0.5830 0.6426
#> PCTSUPP 0.2632 0.0769 3.4231 0.0014 -0.0088 0.0558 0.1081 0.4184 0.4707 0.5353
```

## coef

```
coef(out)

#>      NARTIC      PCTGRT      PCTSUPP
#> 0.4951451 0.3914887 0.2632477
```

## vcov

```
vcov(out)

#>           NARTIC      PCTGRT      PCTSUPP
#> NARTIC  0.004539472 -0.002552698 -0.001742698
#> PCTGRT -0.002552698  0.005036538 -0.001906216
#> PCTSUPP -0.001742698 -0.001906216  0.005914088
```

## confint

```
confint(out, level = 0.95)

#>           2.5%      97.5%
#> NARTIC  0.3591757 0.6311146
#> PCTGRT  0.2482683 0.5347091
#> PCTSUPP 0.1080509 0.4184444
```

## summary

```
summary(out)

#> Call:
#> BetaDelta(object = object, type = "adf")
#>
#> Standardized regression slopes with ADF standard errors:
#>      est      se      t      p  0.05%  0.5%  2.5% 97.5% 99.5% 99.95%
#> NARTIC  0.4951 0.0674 7.3490 0.0000  0.2568 0.3134 0.3592 0.6311 0.6769 0.7335
#> PCTGRT  0.3915 0.0710 5.5164 0.0000  0.1404 0.2000 0.2483 0.5347 0.5830 0.6426
#> PCTSUPP 0.2632 0.0769 3.4231 0.0014 -0.0088 0.0558 0.1081 0.4184 0.4707 0.5353
```

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