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     for models fitted by lm().
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# Description

Estimate Standardized Regression Coefficients and Generate the Corresponding Sampling Distribution Using the Monte Carlo Method

# Usage

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

# Arguments

object Object of class mc, that is, the output of the MC() function.

alpha Numeric vector. Significance level  $\alpha$ .

# **Details**

The vector of standardized regression coefficients  $(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})$  is derived from each randomly generated vector of parameter estimates. Confidence intervals are generated by obtaining percentiles corresponding to  $100(1-\alpha)\%$  from the generated sampling distribution of  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$ , where  $\alpha$  is the significance level.

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## Value

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

```
call Function call.

args Function arguments.

thetahatstar Sampling distribution of \hat{\beta}.

vcov Sampling variance-covariance matrix of \hat{\beta}.

est Vector of estimated \hat{\beta}.

fun Function used ("BetaMC").
```

#### Author(s)

Ivan Jacob Agaloos Pesigan

## See Also

```
Other Beta Monte Carlo Functions: DeltaRSqMC(), DiffBetaMC(), MCMI(), MC(), PCorMC(), RSqMC(), SCorMC()
```

```
# Data ------
data("nas1982", package = "betaMC")
# Fit Model in lm ------
object <- lm(QUALITY ~ NARTIC + PCTGRT + PCTSUPP, data = nas1982)</pre>
# MC -----
mc <- MC(
 object,
 R = 100, # use a large value e.g., 20000L for actual research
 seed = 0508
)
# BetaMC ------
out <- BetaMC(mc, alpha = 0.05)
## Methods -----
print(out)
summary(out)
coef(out)
vcov(out)
confint(out, level = 0.95)
```

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coef.betamc

Estimated Parameter Method for an Object of Class betamc

#### **Description**

Estimated Parameter Method for an Object of Class betamc

#### **Usage**

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

#### Arguments

object Object of Class betamc, that is, the output of the BetaMC(), RSqMC(), SCorMC(),

DeltaRSqMC(), PCorMC(), or DiffBetaMC() functions.

.. additional arguments.

#### Value

Returns a vector of estimated parameters.

#### Author(s)

Ivan Jacob Agaloos Pesigan

confint.betamc

Confidence Intervals Method for an Object of Class betamc

# Description

Confidence Intervals Method for an Object of Class betamc

#### Usage

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

#### **Arguments**

object	Object of Class betamc, that is, the output of the BetaMC(), RSqMC(), SCorMC(),
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DeltaRSqMC(), PCorMC(), or DiffBetaMC() functions.

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 consid-

ered.

level the confidence level required.

... additional arguments.

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#### Value

Returns a matrix of confidence intervals.

#### Author(s)

Ivan Jacob Agaloos Pesigan

DeltaRSqMC Estimate Improvement in R-Squared and Generate the Corresponding Sampling Distribution Using the Monte Carlo Method

# Description

Estimate Improvement in R-Squared and Generate the Corresponding Sampling Distribution Using the Monte Carlo Method

#### Usage

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

## **Arguments**

object Object of class mc, that is, the output of the MC() function.

alpha Numeric vector. Significance level  $\alpha$ .

#### **Details**

The vector of improvement in R-squared ( $\Delta R^2$ ) is derived from each randomly generated vector of parameter estimates. Confidence intervals are generated by obtaining percentiles corresponding to  $100(1-\alpha)\%$  from the generated sampling distribution of  $\Delta R^2$ , where  $\alpha$  is the significance level.

## Value

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

call Function call.

args Function arguments.

**thetahatstar** Sampling distribution of  $\Delta R^2$ .

**vcov** Sampling variance-covariance matrix of  $\Delta R^2$ .

**est** Vector of estimated  $\Delta R^2$ .

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

#### Author(s)

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#### See Also

Other Beta Monte Carlo Functions: BetaMC(), DiffBetaMC(), MCMI(), MC(), PCorMC(), RSqMC(), SCorMC()

#### **Examples**

```
# Data -----
data("nas1982", package = "betaMC")
# Fit Model in lm ------
object <- lm(QUALITY ~ NARTIC + PCTGRT + PCTSUPP, data = nas1982)</pre>
mc <- MC(
 object,
 R = 100, # use a large value e.g., 20000L for actual research
 seed = 0508
)
# DeltaRSqMC ------
out <- DeltaRSqMC(mc, alpha = 0.05)</pre>
## Methods -----
print(out)
summary(out)
coef(out)
vcov(out)
confint(out, level = 0.95)
```

DiffBetaMC

Estimate Differences of Standardized Slopes and Generate the Corresponding Sampling Distribution Using the Monte Carlo Method

# Description

Estimate Differences of Standardized Slopes and Generate the Corresponding Sampling Distribution Using the Monte Carlo Method

# Usage

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

#### **Arguments**

object Object of class mc, that is, the output of the MC() function.

alpha Numeric vector. Significance level  $\alpha$ .

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#### **Details**

The vector of differences of standardized regression slopes is derived from each randomly generated vector of parameter estimates. Confidence intervals are generated by obtaining percentiles corresponding to  $100(1-\alpha)\%$  from the generated sampling distribution of differences of standardized regression slopes, where  $\alpha$  is the significance level.

#### Value

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

call Function call.

args Function arguments.

thetahatstar Sampling distribution of differences of standardized regression slopes.

vcov Sampling variance-covariance matrix of differences of standardized regression slopes.

est Vector of estimated differences of standardized regression slopes.

fun Function used ("DiffBetaMC").

#### Author(s)

Ivan Jacob Agaloos Pesigan

#### See Also

```
Other Beta Monte Carlo Functions: BetaMC(), DeltaRSqMC(), MCMI(), MC(), PCorMC(), RSqMC(), SCorMC()
```

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```
vcov(out)
confint(out, level = 0.95)
```

MC

Generate the Sampling Distribution of Regression Parameters Using the Monte Carlo Method

# Description

Generate the Sampling Distribution of Regression Parameters Using the Monte Carlo Method

# Usage

```
MC(
   object,
   R = 20000L,
   type = "hc3",
   g1 = 1,
   g2 = 1.5,
   k = 0.7,
   decomposition = "eigen",
   pd = TRUE,
   tol = 1e-06,
   fixed_x = FALSE,
   seed = NULL
)
```

# Arguments

object	Object of class 1m.
R	Positive integer. Number of Monte Carlo replications.
type	Character string. Sampling covariance matrix type. Possible values are "mvn", "adf", "hc0", "hc1", "hc2", "hc3", "hc4", "hc4m", and "hc5". type = "mvn" uses the normal-theory sampling covariance matrix. type = "adf" uses the asymptotic distribution-free sampling covariance matrix. type = "hc0" through "hc5" uses different versions of heteroskedasticity-consistent sampling covariance matrix.
g1	Numeric. g1 value for type = "hc4m".
g2	Numeric. g2 value for type = "hc4m".
k	Numeric. Constant for type = "hc5"
decomposition	Character string. Matrix decomposition of the sampling variance-covariance matrix for the data generation. If decomposition = "chol", use Cholesky decomposition. If decomposition = "eigen", use eigenvalue decomposition. If decomposition = "svd", use singular value decomposition.

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pd	Logical. If pd = TRUE, check if the sampling variance-covariance matrix is positive definite using tol.
tol	Numeric. Tolerance used for pd.
fixed_x	Logical. If fixed_x = TRUE, treat the regressors as fixed. If fixed_x = FALSE, treat the regressors as random.
seed	Integer. Seed number for reproducibility.

#### **Details**

Let the parameter vector of the unstandardized regression model be given by

$$\boldsymbol{\theta} = \left\{ \mathbf{b}, \sigma^2, \operatorname{vech}\left(\mathbf{\Sigma_{XX}}\right) \right\}$$

where **b** is the vector of regression slopes,  $\sigma^2$  is the error variance, and vech  $(\Sigma_{XX})$  is the vector of unique elements of the covariance matrix of the regressor variables. The empirical sampling distribution of  $\theta$  is generated using the Monte Carlo method, that is, random values of parameter estimates are sampled from the multivariate normal distribution using the estimated parameter vector as the mean vector and the specified sampling covariance matrix using the type argument as the covariance matrix. A replacement sampling approach is implemented to ensure that the model-implied covariance matrix is positive definite.

#### Value

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

call Function call.

args Function arguments.

lm\_process Processed 1m object.

scale Sampling variance-covariance matrix of parameter estimates.

location Parameter estimates.

thetahatstar Sampling distribution of parameter estimates.

fun Function used ("MC").

#### Author(s)

Ivan Jacob Agaloos Pesigan

## References

Dudgeon, P. (2017). Some improvements in confidence intervals for standardized regression coefficients. *Psychometrika*, 82(4), 928–951. doi:10.1007/s113360179563z

Preacher, K. J., & Selig, J. P. (2012). Advantages of Monte Carlo confidence intervals for indirect effects. *Communication Methods and Measures*, 6(2), 77-98. doi:10.1080/19312458.2012.679848

#### See Also

Other Beta Monte Carlo Functions: BetaMC(), DeltaRSqMC(), DiffBetaMC(), MCMI(), PCorMC(), RSqMC(), SCorMC()

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#### **Examples**

```
# Data -----
data("nas1982", package = "betaMC")
# Fit Model in lm -------
object <- lm(QUALITY ~ NARTIC + PCTGRT + PCTSUPP, data = nas1982)</pre>
mc <- MC(
 object,
 R = 100, # use a large value e.g., 20000L for actual research
 seed = 0508
# The `mc` object can be passed as the first argument
# to the following functions
  - BetaMC
  - DeltaRSqMC
  - DiffBetaMC
  - PCorMC
  - RSqMC
  - SCorMC
```

MCMI

Generate the Sampling Distribution of Regression Parameters Using the Monte Carlo Method for Data with Missing Values

## **Description**

Generate the Sampling Distribution of Regression Parameters Using the Monte Carlo Method for Data with Missing Values

## Usage

```
MCMI(
  object,
  mi,
  R = 20000L,
  type = "hc3",
  g1 = 1,
  g2 = 1.5,
  k = 0.7,
  decomposition = "eigen",
  pd = TRUE,
  tol = 1e-06,
  fixed_x = FALSE,
  seed = NULL
)
```

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## **Arguments**

object	Object of class 1m.
mi	Object of class mids (output of mice::mice()), object of class amelia (output of Amelia::amelia()), or a list of multiply imputed data sets.
R	Positive integer. Number of Monte Carlo replications.
type	Character string. Sampling covariance matrix type. Possible values are "mvn", "adf", "hc0", "hc1", "hc2", "hc3", "hc4", "hc4m", and "hc5". type = "mvn" uses the normal-theory sampling covariance matrix. type = "adf" uses the asymptotic distribution-free sampling covariance matrix. type = "hc0" through "hc5" uses different versions of heteroskedasticity-consistent sampling covariance matrix.
g1	Numeric. g1 value for type = "hc4m".
g2	Numeric. g2 value for type = "hc4m".
k	Numeric. Constant for type = "hc5"
decomposition	Character string. Matrix decomposition of the sampling variance-covariance matrix for the data generation. If decomposition = "chol", use Cholesky decomposition. If decomposition = "eigen", use eigenvalue decomposition. If decomposition = "svd", use singular value decomposition.
pd	Logical. If pd = TRUE, check if the sampling variance-covariance matrix is positive definite using tol.
tol	Numeric. Tolerance used for pd.
fixed_x	Logical. If $fixed_x = TRUE$ , treat the regressors as fixed. If $fixed_x = FALSE$ , treat the regressors as random.
seed	Integer. Seed number for reproducibility.

#### **Details**

Multiple imputation is used to deal with missing values in a data set. The vector of parameter estimates and the corresponding sampling covariance matrix are estimated for each of the imputed data sets. Results are combined to arrive at the pooled vector of parameter estimates and the corresponding sampling covariance matrix. The pooled estimates are then used to generate the sampling distribution of regression parameters. See MC() for more details on the Monte Carlo method.

## Value

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

call Function call.

args Function arguments.

lm\_process Processed 1m object.

scale Sampling variance-covariance matrix of parameter estimates.

**location** Parameter estimates.

thetahatstar Sampling distribution of parameter estimates.

fun Function used ("MCMI").

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#### Author(s)

Ivan Jacob Agaloos Pesigan

#### References

Dudgeon, P. (2017). Some improvements in confidence intervals for standardized regression coefficients. *Psychometrika*, 82(4), 928–951. doi:10.1007/s113360179563z

Pesigan, I. J. A., & Cheung, S. F. (2023). Monte Carlo confidence intervals for the indirect effect with missing data. *Behavior Research Methods*. doi:10.3758/s13428023021144

Preacher, K. J., & Selig, J. P. (2012). Advantages of Monte Carlo confidence intervals for indirect effects. *Communication Methods and Measures*, 6(2), 77-98. doi:10.1080/19312458.2012.679848

#### See Also

Other Beta Monte Carlo Functions: BetaMC(), DeltaRSqMC(), DiffBetaMC(), MC(), PCorMC(), RSqMC(), SCorMC()

```
# Data ------
data("nas1982", package = "betaMC")
nas1982_missing <- mice::ampute(nas1982)$amp # data set with missing values</pre>
# Multiple Imputation
mi <- mice::mice(nas1982_missing, m = 5, seed = 42, print = FALSE)</pre>
# Fit Model in lm -------
## Note that this does not deal with missing values.
## The fitted model (`object`) is updated with each imputed data
## within the `MCMI()` function.
object <- lm(QUALITY ~ NARTIC + PCTGRT + PCTSUPP, data = nas1982_missing)</pre>
# Monte Carlo -----
mc <- MCMI(
 object,
 mi = mi,
 R = 100, # use a large value e.g., 20000L for actual research
 seed = 0508
)
# The `mc` object can be passed as the first argument
# to the following functions
  - BetaMC
  - DeltaRSqMC
  - DiffBetaMC
  - PCorMC
  - RSqMC
  - SCorMC
```

nas1982

nas1982

1982 National Academy of Sciences Doctoral Programs Data

#### **Description**

1982 National Academy of Sciences Doctoral Programs Data

#### Usage

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#### **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.

**PCorMC** 

Estimate Squared Partial Correlation Coefficients and Generate the Corresponding Sampling Distribution Using the Monte Carlo Method

# Description

Estimate Squared Partial Correlation Coefficients and Generate the Corresponding Sampling Distribution Using the Monte Carlo Method

## Usage

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

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#### Arguments

object	Object of class mc, that is, the output of the MC() function. $ \\$
alnha	Numeric vector Significance level $\alpha$

#### **Details**

The vector of squared partial correlation coefficients  $(r_p^2)$  is derived from each randomly generated vector of parameter estimates. Confidence intervals are generated by obtaining percentiles corresponding to  $100(1-\alpha)\%$  from the generated sampling distribution of  $r_p^2$ , where  $\alpha$  is the significance level.

#### Value

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

```
call Function call. args Function arguments. thetahatstar Sampling distribution of r_p^2. vcov Sampling variance-covariance matrix of r_p^2. est Vector of estimated r_p^2. fun Function used ("PCorMC").
```

#### Author(s)

Ivan Jacob Agaloos Pesigan

#### See Also

```
Other Beta Monte Carlo Functions: BetaMC(), DeltaRSqMC(), DiffBetaMC(), MCMI(), MC(), RSqMC(), SCorMC()
```

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```
## Methods -----
print(out)
summary(out)
coef(out)
vcov(out)
confint(out, level = 0.95)
```

print.betamc

Print Method for an Object of Class betamc

# Description

Print Method for an Object of Class betamc

# Usage

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

# Arguments

X	Object of Class betamc, that is, the output of the BetaMC(), RSqMC(), SCorMC(), DeltaRSqMC(), PCorMC(), or DiffBetaMC() functions.
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 estimates, standard errors, number of Monte Carlo replications, and confidence intervals.

# Author(s)

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print.mc

Print Method for an Object of Class mc

## **Description**

Print Method for an Object of Class mc

# Usage

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

## **Arguments**

x Object of Class mc.

... additional arguments.

#### Value

Prints the first set of simulated parameter estimates and model-implied covariance matrix.

## Author(s)

Ivan Jacob Agaloos Pesigan

## **Examples**

```
object <- lm(QUALITY ~ NARTIC + PCTGRT + PCTSUPP, data = nas1982)
mc <- MC(object, R = 100)
print(mc)</pre>
```

RSqMC

Estimate Multiple Correlation Coefficients (R-Squared and Adjusted R-Squared) and Generate the Corresponding Sampling Distribution Using the Monte Carlo Method

## **Description**

Estimate Multiple Correlation Coefficients (R-Squared and Adjusted R-Squared) and Generate the Corresponding Sampling Distribution Using the Monte Carlo Method

## Usage

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

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#### Arguments

object Object of class mc, that is, the output of the MC() function.

alpha Numeric vector. Significance level  $\alpha$ .

#### **Details**

R-squared  $(R^2)$  and adjusted R-squared  $(\bar{R}^2)$  are derived from each randomly generated vector of parameter estimates. Confidence intervals are generated by obtaining percentiles corresponding to  $100(1-\alpha)\%$  from the generated sampling distribution of  $R^2$  and  $\bar{R}^2$ , where  $\alpha$  is the significance level.

#### Value

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

```
call Function call.
```

args Function arguments.

**thetahatstar** Sampling distribution of  $R^2$  and  $\bar{R}^2$ .

**vcov** Sampling variance-covariance matrix of  $R^2$  and  $\bar{R}^2$ .

**est** Vector of estimated  $R^2$  and  $\bar{R}^2$ .

fun Function used ("RSqMC").

#### Author(s)

Ivan Jacob Agaloos Pesigan

#### See Also

```
Other Beta Monte Carlo Functions: BetaMC(), DeltaRSqMC(), DiffBetaMC(), MCMI(), MC(), PCorMC(), SCorMC()
```

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```
## Methods -----
print(out)
summary(out)
coef(out)
vcov(out)
confint(out, level = 0.95)
```

SCorMC

Estimate Semipartial Correlation Coefficients and Generate the Corresponding Sampling Distribution Using the Monte Carlo Method

# Description

Estimate Semipartial Correlation Coefficients and Generate the Corresponding Sampling Distribution Using the Monte Carlo Method

#### Usage

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

#### **Arguments**

object Object of class mc, that is, the output of the MC() function.

alpha Numeric vector. Significance level  $\alpha$ .

#### **Details**

The vector of semipartial correlation coefficients  $(r_s)$  is derived from each randomly generated vector of parameter estimates. Confidence intervals are generated by obtaining percentiles corresponding to  $100(1-\alpha)\%$  from the generated sampling distribution of  $r_s$ , where  $\alpha$  is the significance level.

#### Value

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

```
call Function call.

args Function arguments.

thetahatstar Sampling distribution of r_s.

vcov Sampling variance-covariance matrix of r_s.

est Vector of estimated r_s.

fun Function used ("SCorMC").
```

#### Author(s)

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#### See Also

```
Other Beta Monte Carlo Functions: BetaMC(), DeltaRSqMC(), DiffBetaMC(), MCMI(), MC(), PCorMC(), RSqMC()
```

#### **Examples**

```
# Data -----
data("nas1982", package = "betaMC")
# Fit Model in lm -------
object <- lm(QUALITY ~ NARTIC + PCTGRT + PCTSUPP, data = nas1982)</pre>
# MC ------
mc <- MC(
 object,
 R = 100, # use a large value e.g., 20000L for actual research
 seed = 0508
# SCorMC ------
out <- SCorMC(mc, alpha = 0.05)
## Methods ------
print(out)
summary(out)
coef(out)
vcov(out)
confint(out, level = 0.95)
```

summary.betamc

Summary Method for an Object of Class betamc

## **Description**

Summary Method for an Object of Class betamc

## Usage

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

## **Arguments**

object Object of Class betamc, that is, the output of the BetaMC(), RSqMC(), SCorMC(),

DeltaRSqMC(), PCorMC(), or DiffBetaMC() functions.

alpha Numeric vector. Significance level  $\alpha$ . If alpha = NULL, use the argument alpha

used in object.

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```
digits Digits to print.
... additional arguments.
```

## Value

Returns a matrix of estimates, standard errors, number of Monte Carlo replications, and confidence intervals.

## Author(s)

Ivan Jacob Agaloos Pesigan

summary.mc

Summary Method for an Object of Class mc

# Description

Summary Method for an Object of Class mc

### Usage

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

# Arguments

object Object of Class mc, that is, the output of the MC() function.
digits Digits to print.

... additional arguments.

#### Value

Returns a list with the following elements:

**mean** Mean of the sampling distribution of  $\hat{\theta}$ .

var Variance of the sampling distribution of  $\hat{\theta}$ .

bias Monte Carlo simulation bias.

rmse Monte Carlo simulation root mean square error.

location Location parameter used in the Monte Carlo simulation.

scale Scale parameter used in the Monte Carlo simulation.

## Author(s)

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## **Examples**

```
# Fit the regression model
object <- lm(QUALITY ~ NARTIC + PCTGRT + PCTSUPP, data = nas1982)
mc <- MC(object, R = 100)
summary(mc)</pre>
```

vcov.betamc

Sampling Variance-Covariance Matrix Method for an Object of Class betamc

# **Description**

Sampling Variance-Covariance Matrix Method for an Object of Class betamc

#### Usage

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

# Arguments

object Object of Class betamc, that is, the output of the BetaMC(), RSqMC(), SCorMC(), DeltaRSqMC(), PCorMC(), or DiffBetaMC() functions.... additional arguments.

#### Value

Returns the variance-covariance matrix of estimates.

## Author(s)

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