

# Package ‘betaMC’

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Coefficients and Other Effect Sizes

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**Description** Generates Monte Carlo confidence intervals for standardized regression coefficients and other effect sizes for models fitted by `lm()`.  
'betaMC' combines ideas from Monte Carlo confidence intervals for the indirect effect (Preacher and Selig, 2012 <[doi:10.1080/19312458.2012.679848](https://doi.org/10.1080/19312458.2012.679848)>) and the sampling covariance matrix of regression coefficients (Dudgeon, 2017 <[doi:10.1007/s11336-017-9563-z](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11336-017-9563-z)>) to generate confidence intervals effect sizes in regression.

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### Description

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

### Usage

BetaMC(object)

### Arguments

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

### Details

The vector of standardized regression coefficients ( $\hat{\beta}$ ) 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  $\hat{\beta}$ , where  $\alpha$  is the significance level.

### Value

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

- object** The function argument object.
- 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\(\)](#), [MC\(\)](#), [PCorMC\(\)](#), [RSqMC\(\)](#), [SCorMC\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
# Fit the regression model
object <- lm(QUALITY ~ NARTIC + PCTGRT + PCTSUPP, data = nas1982)
# Generate the sampling distribution of parameter estimates
# (use a large R, for example, R = 20000 for actual research)
mc <- MC(object, R = 100)
# Generate confidence intervals for standardized regression slopes
std <- BetaMC(mc)
# Methods -----
print(std)
summary(std)
coef(std)
vcov(std)
confint(std, level = 0.95)
```

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coef.betamc

*Estimated Parameter Method for an Object of Class betamc*


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**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(), or PCorMC() functions.
...	additional arguments.

**Value**

Returns a vector of estimated parameters.

**Author(s)**

Ivan Jacob Agaloos Pesigan

## Examples

```
# Fit the regression model
object <- lm(QUALITY ~ NARTIC + PCTGRT + PCTSUPP, data = nas1982)
# Generate the sampling distribution of parameter estimates
# (use a large R, for example, R = 20000 for actual research)
mc <- MC(object, R = 100)
# Generate confidence intervals for standardized regression slopes
std <- BetaMC(mc)
# Method -----
coef(std)
```

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confint.betamc	<i>Confidence Intervals Method for an Object of Class betamc</i>
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## 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(), DeltaRSqMC(), or PCorMC() 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 considered.
level	the confidence level required.
...	additional arguments.

## Value

Returns a matrix of confidence intervals.

## Author(s)

Ivan Jacob Agaloos Pesigan

**Examples**

```
# Fit the regression model
object <- lm(QUALITY ~ NARTIC + PCTGRT + PCTSUPP, data = nas1982)
# Generate the sampling distribution of parameter estimates
# (use a large R, for example, R = 20000 for actual research)
mc <- MC(object, R = 100)
# Generate confidence intervals for standardized regression slopes
std <- BetaMC(mc)
# Method -----
confint(std, level = 0.95)
```

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DeltaRSqMC	<i>Estimate Improvement in R-Squared and Generate the Corresponding Sampling Distribution Using the Monte Carlo Method</i>
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**Description**

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

**Usage**

```
DeltaRSqMC(object)
```

**Arguments**

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

**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:

**object** The function argument object.  
**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)**

Ivan Jacob Agaloos Pesigan

## See Also

Other Beta Monte Carlo Functions: [BetaMC\(\)](#), [DiffBetaMC\(\)](#), [MC\(\)](#), [PCorMC\(\)](#), [RSqMC\(\)](#), [SCorMC\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
# Fit the regression model
object <- lm(QUALITY ~ NARTIC + PCTGRT + PCTSUPP, data = nas1982)
# Generate the sampling distribution of parameter estimates
# (use a large R, for example, R = 20000 for actual research)
mc <- MC(object, R = 100)
# Generate confidence intervals for improvement in R-squared
deltarsq <- DeltaRSqMC(mc)
# Methods -----
print(deltarsq)
summary(deltarsq)
coef(deltarsq)
vcov(deltarsq)
confint(deltarsq, level = 0.95)
```

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DiffBetaMC

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

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## Description

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

## Usage

```
DiffBetaMC(object)
```

## Arguments

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

## 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:

**object** The function argument `object`.

**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\(\)](#), [MC\(\)](#), [PCorMC\(\)](#), [RSqMC\(\)](#), [SCorMC\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
# Fit the regression model
object <- lm(QUALITY ~ NARTIC + PCTGRT + PCTSUPP, data = nas1982)
# Generate the sampling distribution of parameter estimates
# (use a large R, for example, R = 20000 for actual research)
mc <- MC(object, R = 100)
# Generate confidence intervals
# for differences of standardized regression slopes
diff <- DiffBetaMC(mc)
# Methods -----
print(diff)
summary(diff)
coef(diff)
vcov(diff)
confint(diff, level = 0.95)
```

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MC

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

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**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 <code>lm</code> .
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" or type = "hc5".
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**

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

$$\theta = \{\mathbf{b}, \sigma^2, \text{vech}(\Sigma_{\mathbf{XX}})\}$$

where  $\mathbf{b}$  is the vector of regression slopes,  $\sigma^2$  is the error variance, and  $\text{vech}(\Sigma_{\mathbf{XX}})$  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:

**args** Function arguments.

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

**scale** Sampling variance-covariance matrix of parameter estimates.

**location** Parameter estimates.

**thetahatstar** Sampling distribution parameter estimates.

### 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\(\)](#), [PCorMC\(\)](#), [RSqMC\(\)](#), [SCorMC\(\)](#)

### Examples

```
# Fit the regression model
object <- lm(QUALITY ~ NARTIC + PCTGRT + PCTSUPP, data = nas1982)
# Generate the sampling distribution of parameter estimates
# (use a large R, for example, R = 20000 for actual research)
MC(object, R = 100)
```

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.**NEACUL** 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)

**Arguments**

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

## 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:

**object** The function argument `object`.

**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\(\)](#), [MC\(\)](#), [RSqMC\(\)](#), [SCorMC\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
# Fit the regression model
object <- lm(QUALITY ~ NARTIC + PCTGRT + PCTSUPP, data = nas1982)
# Generate the sampling distribution of parameter estimates
# (use a large R, for example, R = 20000 for actual research)
mc <- MC(object, R = 100)
# Generate confidence intervals for standardized regression slopes
rp <- PCorMC(mc)
# Methods -----
print(rp)
summary(rp)
coef(rp)
vcov(rp)
confint(rp, level = 0.95)
```

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print.betamc

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*Print Method for an Object of Class betamc*


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## Description

Print Method for an Object of Class betamc

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'betamc'
print(x, alpha = c(0.05, 0.01, 0.001), digits = 4, ...)
```

## Arguments

x	Object of Class betamc, that is, the output of the BetaMC(), RSqMC(), SCorMC(), DeltaRSqMC(), or PCorMC() functions.
alpha	Significance level.
digits	Digits to print.
...	additional arguments.

## Value

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

## Author(s)

Ivan Jacob Agaloos Pesigan

## Examples

```
# Fit the regression model
object <- lm(QUALITY ~ NARTIC + PCTGRT + PCTSUPP, data = nas1982)
# Generate the sampling distribution of parameter estimates
# (use a large R, for example, R = 20000 for actual research)
mc <- MC(object, R = 100)
# Generate confidence intervals for standardized regression slopes
std <- BetaMC(mc)
# Method -----
print(std)
```

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print.mc	<i>Print Method for an Object of Class mc</i>
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**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)
# use a large R, for example, R = 20000 for actual research
print(mc)
```

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RSqMC	<i>Estimate Multiple Correlation Coefficients (R-Squared and Adjusted R-Squared) and Generate the Corresponding Sampling Distribution Using the Monte Carlo Method</i>
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**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)
```

## Arguments

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

## 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 `betamc` which is a list with the following elements:

**object** The function argument `object`.

**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\(\)](#), [MC\(\)](#), [PCorMC\(\)](#), [SCorMC\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
# Fit the regression model
object <- lm(QUALITY ~ NARTIC + PCTGRT + PCTSUPP, data = nas1982)
# Generate the sampling distribution of parameter estimates
# (use a large R, for example, R = 20000 for actual research)
mc <- MC(object, R = 100)
# Generate confidence intervals for standardized regression slopes
rsq <- RSqMC(mc)
# Methods -----
print(rsq)
summary(rsq)
coef(rsq)
vcov(rsq)
confint(rsq, level = 0.95)
```

SCorMC

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

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**Description**

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

**Usage**

```
SCorMC(object)
```

**Arguments**

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

**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:

**object** The function argument `object`.

**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)**

Ivan Jacob Agaloos Pesigan

**See Also**

Other Beta Monte Carlo Functions: [BetaMC\(\)](#), [DeltaRSqMC\(\)](#), [DiffBetaMC\(\)](#), [MC\(\)](#), [PCorMC\(\)](#), [RSqMC\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
# Fit the regression model
object <- lm(QUALITY ~ NARTIC + PCTGRT + PCTSUPP, data = nas1982)
# Generate the sampling distribution of parameter estimates
# (use a large R, for example, R = 20000 for actual research)
mc <- MC(object, R = 100)
# Generate confidence intervals for standardized regression slopes
rs <- SCorMC(mc)
# Methods -----
print(rs)
summary(rs)
coef(rs)
vcov(rs)
confint(rs, level = 0.95)
```

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summary.betamc

*Summary Method for an Object of Class betamc*


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## Description

Summary Method for an Object of Class betamc

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'betamc'
summary(object, alpha = c(0.05, 0.01, 0.001), digits = 4, ...)
```

## Arguments

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



**Examples**

```
# Fit the regression model
object <- lm(QUALITY ~ NARTIC + PCTGRT + PCTSUPP, data = nas1982)
# Generate the sampling distribution of parameter estimates
# (use a large R, for example, R = 20000 for actual research)
mc <- MC(object, R = 100)
# Generate confidence intervals for standardized regression slopes
std <- BetaMC(mc)
# Method -----
summary(std)
```

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)**

Ivan Jacob Agaloos Pesigan

**Examples**

```
# Fit the regression model
object <- lm(QUALITY ~ NARTIC + PCTGRT + PCTSUPP, data = nas1982)
# Generate the sampling distribution of parameter estimates
# (use a large R, for example, R = 20000 for actual research)
mc <- MC(object, R = 100)
summary(mc)
```

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vcov.betamc	<i>Sampling Variance-Covariance Matrix Method for an Object of Class betamc</i>
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**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(), or PCorMC() functions.
...	additional arguments.

**Value**

Returns the variance-covariance matrix of estimates.

**Author(s)**

Ivan Jacob Agaloos Pesigan

**Examples**

```
# Fit the regression model
object <- lm(QUALITY ~ NARTIC + PCTGRT + PCTSUPP, data = nas1982)
# Generate the sampling distribution of parameter estimates
# (use a large R, for example, R = 20000 for actual research)
mc <- MC(object, R = 100)
# Generate confidence intervals for standardized regression slopes
std <- BetaMC(mc)
# Method -----
vcov(std)
```

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