

# Package ‘metaVAR’

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 coef.metavarmeta

*Estimated Parameter Method for an Object of Class metavarmeta*


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### Description

Estimated Parameter Method for an Object of Class metavarmeta

### Usage

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

### Arguments

object            an object of class metavarmeta.  
...               further arguments.

### Value

Returns a vector of the mean estimated parameters.

### Author(s)

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 Meta

*Fit Multivariate Meta-Analysis*


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### Description

This function estimates the mean and covariance matrix of a vector of coefficients using the estimated coefficients and sampling variance-covariance matrix from each individual.

### Usage

```
Meta(
  y,
  v,
  mu_start = NULL,
  mu_lbound = NULL,
  mu_ubound = NULL,
  sigma_l_start = NULL,
  sigma_l_lbound = NULL,
  sigma_l_ubound = NULL,
  try = 1000,
  ncores = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>y</code>	A list. Each element of the list is a numeric vector of estimated coefficients.
<code>v</code>	A list. Each element of the list is a sampling variance-covariance matrix of <code>y</code> .
<code>mu_start</code>	Numeric vector. Optional vector of starting values for <code>mu</code> .
<code>mu_lbound</code>	Numeric vector. Optional vector of lower bound values for <code>mu</code> .
<code>mu_ubound</code>	Numeric vector. Optional vector of upper bound values for <code>mu</code> .
<code>sigma_l_start</code>	Numeric matrix. Optional matrix of starting values for <code>t(chol(sigma))</code> .
<code>sigma_l_lbound</code>	Numeric matrix. Optional matrix of lower bound values for <code>t(chol(sigma))</code> .
<code>sigma_l_ubound</code>	Numeric matrix. Optional matrix of upper bound values for <code>t(chol(sigma))</code> .
<code>try</code>	Positive integer. Number of extra tries for <code>OpenMx::mxTryHard()</code> .
<code>ncores</code>	Positive integer. Number of cores to use.

**Details**

For  $i = \{1, \dots, n\}$ , the objective function used to estimate the mean  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$  and covariance matrix  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$  of the random coefficients  $\mathbf{y}_i$  is given by

$$\ell(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \mid \mathbf{y}_i, \mathbb{V}(\mathbf{y}_i)) = -\frac{1}{2} \left[ q \log(2\pi) + \log(|\mathbb{V}(\mathbf{y}_i) - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}|) + (\mathbf{y}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu})' (\mathbb{V}(\mathbf{y}_i) - \boldsymbol{\Sigma})^{-1} (\mathbf{y}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \right]$$

where  $q$  is the number of unique elements in  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$ , and  $\mathbb{V}(\mathbf{y}_i)$  is the sampling variance-covariance matrix of  $\mathbf{y}_i$ .

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

Other Meta-Analysis of VAR Functions: [MetaVAR\(\)](#)

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MetaVAR

*Fit Multivariate Meta-Analysis*

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**Description**

This function estimates the mean and covariance matrix of a vector of coefficients using the estimated coefficients and sampling variance-covariance matrix from each individual.

**Usage**

```
MetaVAR(
  object,
  mu_start = NULL,
  mu_lbound = NULL,
  mu_ubound = NULL,
  sigma_l_start = NULL,
  sigma_l_lbound = NULL,
  sigma_l_ubound = NULL,
  psi = FALSE,
  theta = FALSE,
  try = 1000,
  ncores = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

object	Output of the <code>fitDTVARmx::FitDTVARIDmx()</code> function.
mu_start	Numeric vector. Optional vector of starting values for mu.
mu_lbound	Numeric vector. Optional vector of lower bound values for mu.
mu_ubound	Numeric vector. Optional vector of upper bound values for mu.
sigma_l_start	Numeric matrix. Optional matrix of starting values for $t(\text{chol}(\text{sigma}))$ .
sigma_l_lbound	Numeric matrix. Optional matrix of lower bound values for $t(\text{chol}(\text{sigma}))$ .
sigma_l_ubound	Numeric matrix. Optional matrix of upper bound values for $t(\text{chol}(\text{sigma}))$ .
psi	Logical. If <code>psi = TRUE</code> , include estimates of the psi matrix. If <code>psi = FALSE</code> , exclude estimates of the psi matrix.
theta	Logical. If <code>theta = TRUE</code> , include estimates of the theta matrix if available. If <code>theta = FALSE</code> , exclude estimates of the theta matrix.
try	Positive integer. Number of extra tries for <code>OpenMx::mxTryHard()</code> .
ncores	Positive integer. Number of cores to use.

**Details**

For  $i = \{1, \dots, n\}$ , the objective function used to estimate the mean  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$  and covariance matrix  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$  of the random coefficients  $\mathbf{y}_i$  is given by

$$\ell(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \mid \mathbf{y}_i, \mathbb{V}(\mathbf{y}_i)) = -\frac{1}{2} \left[ q \log(2\pi) + \log(|\mathbb{V}(\mathbf{y}_i) - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}|) + (\mathbf{y}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu})' (\mathbb{V}(\mathbf{y}_i) - \boldsymbol{\Sigma})^{-1} (\mathbf{y}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \right]$$

where  $q$  is the number of unique elements in  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$ , and  $\mathbb{V}(\mathbf{y}_i)$  is the sampling variance-covariance matrix of  $\mathbf{y}_i$ .

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**See Also**

Other Meta-Analysis of VAR Functions: [Meta\(\)](#)

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print.metavarmeta	<i>Print Method for Object of Class metavarmeta</i>
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**Description**

Print Method for Object of Class metavarmeta

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'metavarmeta'  
print(x, alpha = 0.05, digits = 4, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	an object of class metavarmeta.
alpha	Numeric vector. Significance level $\alpha$ .
digits	Integer indicating the number of decimal places to display.
...	further arguments.

**Author(s)**

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summary.metavarmeta	<i>Summary Method for Object of Class metavarmeta</i>
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**Description**

Summary Method for Object of Class metavarmeta

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'metavarmeta'  
summary(object, alpha = 0.05, digits = 4, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	an object of class metavarmeta.
alpha	Numeric vector. Significance level $\alpha$ .
digits	Integer indicating the number of decimal places to display.
...	further arguments.

**Author(s)**

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vcov.metavarmeta	<i>Variance-Covariance Matrix Method for an Object of Class metavarmeta</i>
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**Description**

Variance-Covariance Matrix Method for an Object of Class metavarmeta

**Usage**

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

**Arguments**

object	an object of class metavarmeta.
...	further arguments.

**Value**

Returns the variance-covariance matrix of the estimated parameters.

**Author(s)**

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