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coef.metavarmeta

Estimated Parameter Method for an Object of Class metavarmeta

# 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 estimated parameters.

#### Author(s)

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Meta

Fit Multivariate Meta-Analysis

# Description

This function estimates fixed-, random-, or mixed-effects meta-analysis parameters using the estimated coefficients and sampling variance-covariance matrix from each individual.

# Usage

```
Meta(
   y,
   v,
   x = NULL,
   alpha_values = NULL,
   alpha_free = NULL,
   alpha_lbound = NULL,
   alpha_ubound = NULL,
   beta_values = NULL,
   beta_free = NULL,
```

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```
beta_lbound = NULL,
beta_ubound = NULL,
tau_values = NULL,
tau_free = NULL,
tau_lbound = NULL,
tau_ubound = NULL,
random = TRUE,
diag = FALSE,
try = 1000,
ncores = NULL,
...
)
```

# Arguments

У	A list. Each element of the list is a numeric vector of estimated coefficients.
v	A list. Each element of the list is a sampling variance-covariance matrix of y.
Х	An optional list. Each element of the list is a numeric vector of covariates for the mixed-effects model.
alpha_values	Numeric vector. Optional vector of starting values for alpha.
alpha_free	Logical vector. Optional vector of free (TRUE) parameters for alpha.
alpha_lbound	Numeric vector. Optional vector of lower bound values for alpha.
alpha_ubound	Numeric vector. Optional vector of upper bound values for alpha.
beta_values	Numeric matrix. Optional matrix of starting values for beta.
beta_free	Logical matrix. Optional matrix of free (TRUE) parameters for beta.
beta_lbound	Numeric matrix. Optional matrix of lower bound values for beta.
beta_ubound	Numeric matrix. Optional matrix of upper bound values for beta.
tau_values	Numeric matrix. Optional matrix of starting values for t(chol(tau_sqr)).
tau_free	$Numeric\ matrix.\ Optional\ matrix\ of\ free\ (TRUE)\ parameters\ for\ t(chol(tau\_sqr)).$
tau_lbound	Numeric matrix. Optional matrix of lower bound values for t(chol(tau_sqr)).
tau_ubound	Numeric matrix. Optional matrix of upper bound values for t(chol(tau_sqr)).
random	$Logical. \ If \ random = \ TRUE, \ estimates \ random \ effects. \ If \ random = \ FALSE, \ tau\_sqr$ is a null matrix.
diag	Logical. If diag = TRUE, tau_sqr is a diagonal matrix. If diag = FALSE, tau_sqr is a symmetric matrix.
try	Positive integer. Number of extra optimization tries.
ncores	Positive integer. Number of cores to use.
	Additional optional arguments to pass to mxTryHardctsem.

# Author(s)

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#### References

Cheung, M. W.-L. (2015). *Meta-analysis: A structural equation modeling approach*. Wiley. doi:10.1002/9781118957813

Neale, M. C., Hunter, M. D., Pritikin, J. N., Zahery, M., Brick, T. R., Kirkpatrick, R. M., Estabrook, R., Bates, T. C., Maes, H. H., & Boker, S. M. (2015). OpenMx 2.0: Extended structural equation and statistical modeling. *Psychometrika*, *81*(2), 535–549. doi:10.1007/s1133601494358

#### See Also

Other Meta-Analysis of VAR Functions: MetaVARMx()

MetaVARMx

Fit Multivariate Meta-Analysis

# Description

This function estimates fixed-, random-, or mixed-effects meta-analysis parameters using the estimated coefficients and sampling variance-covariance matrix from each individual fitted using the fitDTVARMx::FitDTVARIDMx() function.

# Usage

```
MetaVARMx(
  object,
  x = NULL
  alpha_values = NULL,
  alpha_free = NULL,
  alpha_lbound = NULL,
  alpha_ubound = NULL,
  beta_values = NULL,
  beta_free = NULL,
  beta_lbound = NULL,
  beta_ubound = NULL,
  tau_values = NULL,
  tau_free = NULL,
  tau_lbound = NULL,
  tau_ubound = NULL,
  random = TRUE,
  diag = FALSE,
  intercept = FALSE,
  noise = FALSE,
  error = FALSE,
  try = 1000,
  ncores = NULL,
)
```

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#### **Arguments**

object	Output of the fitDTVARMx::FitDTVARIDMx() function.
Х	An optional list. Each element of the list is a numeric vector of covariates for the mixed-effects model.
alpha_values	Numeric vector. Optional vector of starting values for alpha.
alpha_free	Logical vector. Optional vector of free (TRUE) parameters for alpha.
alpha_lbound	Numeric vector. Optional vector of lower bound values for alpha.
alpha_ubound	Numeric vector. Optional vector of upper bound values for alpha.
beta_values	Numeric matrix. Optional matrix of starting values for beta.
beta_free	Logical matrix. Optional matrix of free (TRUE) parameters for beta.
beta_lbound	Numeric matrix. Optional matrix of lower bound values for beta.
beta_ubound	Numeric matrix. Optional matrix of upper bound values for beta.
tau_values	Numeric matrix. Optional matrix of starting values for t(chol(tau_sqr)).
tau_free	Numeric matrix. Optional matrix of free (TRUE) parameters for t(chol(tau_sqr)).
tau_lbound	Numeric matrix. Optional matrix of lower bound values for t(chol(tau_sqr)).
tau_ubound	Numeric matrix. Optional matrix of upper bound values for t(chol(tau_sqr)).
random	Logical. If random = TRUE, estimates random effects. If random = FALSE, tau_sqr is a null matrix.
diag	Logical. If diag = TRUE, tau_sqr is a diagonal matrix. If diag = FALSE, tau_sqr is a symmetric matrix.
intercept	Logical. If intercept = TRUE, include estimates of the process intercept vector, if available. If intercept = FALSE, exclude estimates of the process intercept vector.
noise	Logical. If noise = TRUE, include estimates of the process noise matrix, if available. If noise = FALSE, exclude estimates of the process noise matrix.
error	Logical. If error = TRUE, include estimates of the measurement error matrix, if available. If error = FALSE, exclude estimates of the measurement error matrix.
try	Positive integer. Number of extra optimization tries.
ncores	Positive integer. Number of cores to use.
	Additional optional arguments to pass to mxTryHardctsem.

# Author(s)

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#### References

Cheung, M. W.-L. (2015). *Meta-analysis: A structural equation modeling approach*. Wiley. doi:10.1002/9781118957813

Neale, M. C., Hunter, M. D., Pritikin, J. N., Zahery, M., Brick, T. R., Kirkpatrick, R. M., Estabrook, R., Bates, T. C., Maes, H. H., & Boker, S. M. (2015). OpenMx 2.0: Extended structural equation and statistical modeling. *Psychometrika*, *81*(2), 535–549. doi:10.1007/s1133601494358

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#### See Also

Other Meta-Analysis of VAR Functions: Meta()

# **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# Generate data using the simStateSpace package------
beta_mu <- matrix(</pre>
 data = c(
   0.7, 0.5, -0.1,
   0.0, 0.6, 0.4,
   0, 0, 0.5
 ),
 nrow = 3
)
beta_sigma <- diag(3 * 3)</pre>
beta <- simStateSpace::SimBetaN(</pre>
 n = 5,
 beta = beta_mu,
 vcov_beta_vec_l = t(chol(beta_sigma))
sim <- simStateSpace::SimSSMVARIVary(</pre>
 n = 5,
 time = 100,
 mu0 = list(rep(x = 0, times = 3)),
 sigma0_l = list(t(chol(diag(3)))),
 alpha = list(rep(x = 0, times = 3)),
 beta = beta,
 psi_l = list(t(chol(diag(3))))
data <- as.data.frame(sim)</pre>
# Fit the model-----
library(fitDTVARMx)
fit <- FitDTVARIDMx(</pre>
 data = data,
 observed = c("y1", "y2", "y3"),
 id = "id"
)
# Multivariate meta-analysis------
library(metaVAR)
meta <- MetaVARMx(fit)</pre>
print(meta)
summary(meta)
coef(meta)
vcov(meta)
## End(Not run)
```

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Print Method for Object of Class metavarmeta

#### **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.

# Value

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

#### Author(s)

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summary.metavarmeta

Summary Method for Object of Class metavarmeta

# 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.

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# Value

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

# Author(s)

Ivan Jacob Agaloos Pesigan

# 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 sampling variance-covariance matrix of the estimated parameters.

#### Author(s)

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