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**Description** This is an R package that contains functions to fit the speed-accuracy psychometric model for count outcome data (Potgieter, Kamata & Kara, 2017; Kara, Kamata, Potgieter & Nese, 2020), where the accuracy is modeled by a binomial count latent variable model. For example, the use of this modeling technique allows model-based calibration and scoring for oral reading fluency (ORF) assessment data.

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## Description

### Purpose of this package

‘bspam’ is an R package that contains functions to fit the speed-accuracy psychometric model for repeatedly measured count outcome data (Potgieter, Kamata & Kara, 2017; Kara, Kamata, Potgieter & Nese, 2020), where the accuracy is modeled by a binomial count latent variable model. For example, the use of this modeling technique allows model-based calibration and scoring for oral reading fluency (ORF) assessment data.

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bayes*Bayes function when running mcmc with bayes setting*

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**Description**

Bayes function when running mcmc with bayes setting

**Usage**

```
bayes(  
  person.data = NA,  
  person.id = "",  
  task.id = "",  
  max.counts = "",  
  obs.counts = "",  
  time = "",  
  parallel = T,  
  n.chains = NA,  
  thin = 1,  
  iter = NA,  
  burn = NA  
)
```

**Arguments**

person.data	- student reading data
person.id	The column name in the data that represents the unique individual identifier.
task.id	The column name in the data that represents the unique task identifier.
max.counts	The column name in the data that represents the number of words in a task.
obs.counts	The column name in the data that represents the words read correctly for each case.
time	The column name in the data that represents the time, in seconds, for each case.
parallel	parallel=T, #logical, run in parallel? "T" or "F"
n.chains	int., number of the chains
thin	int, thinning interval, a.k.a, period of saving samples
iter	int., number of the iterations after the burn-in period
burn	int., number of the burn-in iterations

**Value**

list

bayes.wcpm

*Bayes function when running mcm with bayes setting***Description**

Bayes function when running mcm with bayes setting

**Usage**

```
bayes.wcpm(
  calib.data = NA,
  person.data = NA,
  person.id = NULL,
  task.id = NULL,
  occasion = NULL,
  group = NULL,
  max.counts = NULL,
  obs.counts = NULL,
  time = NULL,
  cases = NULL,
  external = NULL,
  type = NULL,
  parallel = T,
  n.chains = NA,
  iter = NA,
  burn = NA,
  thin = 1
)
```

**Arguments**

calib.data	- fit.model class object
person.data	- individual reading data
person.id	The column name in the data that represents the unique individual identifier.
task.id	The column name in the data that represents the unique task identifier.
occasion	The column name in the data that represents the unique occasion.
group	The column name in the data that represents the unique group.
max.counts	The column name in the data that represents the number of words in a task.
obs.counts	The column name in the data that represents the words read correctly for each case.
time	The column name in the data that represents the time, in seconds, for each case.
cases	- student id vectors, will directly use passage data if no calib.data provided
external	- if not NULL, will use not student read passages for estimating
type	- output type, "general" and "orf", default "general" only output tau & theta. "orf" will output wcpm
parallel	parallel=T, #logical, run in parallel? "T" or "F"
n.chains	int., number of the chains

iter	int., number of the iterations after the burn-in period
burn	int., number of the burn-in iteration
thin	int, thinning interval, a.k.a, period of saving samples

**Value**

list

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fit.model	<i>Estimate the model parameters</i>
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**Description**

This is an interface function to estimate the model parameters based on the task-level (i.e., passage-level in ORF assessment context) accuracy and speed data by implementing the Monte Carlo EM algorithm described in Potgieter et al. (2017) or fully Bayesian method described in Kara et al. (2020).

**Usage**

```
fit.model(
  data = NA,
  person.data = NA,
  person.id = "",
  task.id = "",
  max.counts = "",
  obs.counts = "",
  time = "",
  k.in = 5,
  reps.in = 2,
  ests.in = NA,
  est = "mcm",
  se = "none",
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

data	A data frame. A wide-format response data generated by the prep function. If this argument is used, the next 6 arguments person.data, person.id, task.id, max.counts, obs.counts, time should be skipped.
person.data	A data frame. A long-format response data object. If this this argument is used, the previous argument data should be skipped.
person.id	Quoted variable name in person.data that indicates the unique person identifier.
task.id	Quoted variable name in person.data that indicates the unique task identifier. In the ORF assessment context, it is the passage identifier.
max.counts	Quoted variable name in person.data that indicates the number of attempts in the task. In the ORF assessment context, it is the number of words in the passage.

obs.counts	Quoted variable name in person.data that indicates the number of successful attempts in each task. In the ORF assessment context, it is the number of words read correctly for the passage.
time	Quoted variable name in person.data that indicates the time in seconds took to complete the task. In the ORF context, it is the time took to complete reading the passage.
k.in	Numeric, indicating the number of imputations. Default is 5.
reps.in	Numeric, indicating the number of Monte-Carlo iterations. Default is 2.
ests.in	An optional list of numeric vectors, indicating initial values of the model parameters. If this argument is not given, mom function will be called to generate the initial values.
est	Quoted string, indicating the choice of the estimator. It has to be one of "mcm", "bayes". Default is "mcm".
se	Quoted string, indicating the choice of the standard errors. It has to be one of "none", "analytic", "bootstrap". Default is "none".
verbose	Boolean. If TRUE, the summary will be output. Default is FALSE.

### Details

Additional details...

### Value

MCEM list, bayes list

### Note

More & more additional note...

### References

- Potgieter, N., Kamata, A., & Kara, Y. (2017). An EM algorithm for estimating an oral reading speed and accuracy model. Manuscript submitted for publication.
- Kara, Y., Kamata, A., Potgieter, C., & Nese, J. F. (2020). Estimating model-based oral reading fluency: A bayesian approach with a binomial-lognormal joint latent model. Educational and Psychological Measurement, 1–25.

### See Also

[scoring](#) for scoring.

### Examples

```
# example code
MCEM_run <- fit.model(person.data = passage2,
                      person.id = "id.student",
                      task.id = "id.passage",
                      max.counts = "numwords.pass",
                      obs.counts = "wrc",
                      time = "sec",
                      k.in = 5,
                      reps.in = 50,
```

```
est = "mcm")
```

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## Description

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## Usage

```
fit.model.testlet(
  data = NULL,
  person.id = "",
  sub.task.id = "",
  obs.count = "",
  time = "",
  task.id = "",
  max.counts = ""
)
```

## Arguments

data	A data frame. It has the information of student, passage, sentence, obs.count and time.
person.id	each student's id.
sub.task.id	each sentence's id.
obs.count	The column name in the data that represents the words read correctly for each sentence
time	The column name in the data that represents the reading time for the sentence.
task.id	The column name in the data that represents the unique passage identifier.
max.counts	The column name in the data that represents the number of words in a sentence.

## Details

Additional details...

**Value**

list

**Note**

Additional note...

**Examples**

```
# example code
fit.model.testlet <- function(data=NULL, person.id="", sub.task.id="", obs.count="", time="", task.id="", max.
```

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get.cases	Returns cases (person and occasion) applied in [fit.model] function.
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**Description**

Returns cases (person and occasion) applied in [fit.model] function.

**Usage**

```
get.cases(data)
```

**Arguments**

data = person response data

**Value**

cases vector

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get.perfectcases	Returns perfect cases
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**Description**

This is a utility function that returns a list of perfect cases for which all responses were correct for all assigned tasks.

**Usage**

```
get.perfectcases(data)
```

**Arguments**

data A data frame. A wide-format response data generated by the prep function.

**Value**

A vector of perfectly accurate cases.



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getBootstrapSE

*Get bootstrap SE case is a single stu\_season\_id*


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**Description**

Added MAP function 07/14/2021 Modified a bug of MLE 07/23/2021 Modified EAP 10/28/2021

**Usage**

```
getBootstrapSE(
  object,
  person.data,
  case = NA,
  perfect.cases,
  est = "map",
  kappa = 1,
  bootstrap = 100,
  external = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

object	- mcm class object
person.data	- individual response data
case	- case number
perfect.cases	- perfect accurate case
est	- SE type.(MLE, EAP, and MAP.) default MAP
kappa	- Default kappa = 1, better be 5
bootstrap	- K number of bootstrap, default is 100
external	- if not NULL, will use unread task for estimating

**Value**

SE dataset

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get\_errlist

*To get a string of error passages that have no at least two readers*


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**Description**

To get a string of error passages that have no at least two readers

**Usage**

```
get_errlist(passage)
```

**Arguments**

passage

**Value**

a string of error passages

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log.initiating	<i>This file includes the log functions of bspam package.</i>
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**Description**

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**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'initiating'
log()
```

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This is log.initiating function, which is used to log output.

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MCEM	<i>Passage calibration data set</i>
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**Description**

Passage calibration data set

**Usage**

MCEM

**Format**

An object of class mcem of length 2.

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passage.calib.bayes      *Passage calibration data with bayes*

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### Description

A data set calibrated with bayes.

### Usage

passage.calib.bayes

### Format

two lists: \$pass.param with 150 rows and \$hyper.param with 4 variables

\$pass.param

**a** parameter controlling binomial success probabilities

**b** parameter controlling binomial success probabilities

**alpha** parameter controlling reading times

**beta** parameter controlling reading times

**se\_a** standard error of a

**se\_b** standard error of b

**se\_alpha** standard error of alpha

**se\_beta** standard error of beta

**passage.id** passage ID

**nwords.p** the total

\$hyper.param

**vartau** variance of latent reading ability tau

**rho** correlation between two latent variables

**se\_vartau** standard error of vartar

**se\_rho** standard error of rho

### Source

<https://jnese.github.io/core-blog/>

### References

Nese, J. F. T. & Kamata, A. (2014-2018). Measuring Oral Reading Fluency: Computerized Oral Reading Evaluation (Project No. R305A140203) [Grant]. Institute of Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education. <https://ies.ed.gov/funding/grantsearch/details.asp?ID=1492>

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passage.calib.mcem	<i>Task calibration example output object by MCEM</i>
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### Description

This is an example output object from running the `fit.model` function by using the MCEM estimator. It is a result of calibrating an oral reading fluency data set from Nese and Kamata (2014-2018) with xxxx students on 150 passages.

### Usage

```
passage.calib.mcem
```

### Format

A list of two elements: `$pass.param` is a dataframe with 150 rows and 10 variables, and `$hyper.param` is a dataframe with 1 row and 4 variables

`$pass.param`

a parameter controlling binomial success probabilities

b parameter controlling binomial success probabilities

alpha parameter controlling reading times

beta parameter controlling reading times

se\_a standard error of a

se\_b standard error of b

se\_alpha standard error of alpha

se\_beta standard error of beta

passage.id passage ID

nwords.p the total number of words in the passage

`$hyper.param`

vartau variance of latent reading ability tau

rho correlation between two latent variables

se\_vartau standard error of vartar

se\_rho standard error of rho

### Source

<https://jnese.github.io/core-blog/>

passage2

*Passage-level Oral Reading Fluency assessment data set***Description**

This is an example data set. It is a passage-level Oral Reading Fluency assessment data set for 85 students who were assigned to read 2 to 12 passages among the same 12 passages. The data is a small subset of the data collected by Nese and Kamata (2014-2018).

**Usage**

```
\code{data(passage2)}
```

**Format**

A data frame with 847 rows and 7 variables.

id.student unique student identifier

occasion identifier for longitudinal assessment occasions; here a triannual assessment administered in the fall, winter, and spring of a school year

grade student grade level

id.passage unique passage identifier

numwords.pass total number of words in the passage

wrc words read correct

sec seconds to read the passage

**Source**

<https://jnese.github.io/core-blog/>

**References**

Nese, J. F. T. & Kamata, A. (2014-2018). Measuring Oral Reading Fluency: Computerized Oral Reading Evaluation (Project No. R305A140203) [Grant]. Institute of Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education. <https://ies.ed.gov/funding/grantsearch/details.asp?ID=1492>

plot.mcem

*Plot function to show graph of mcem class***Description**

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**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'mcem'
plot(object, X)
```

**Arguments**

object           = mcem object  
 X                = dataset to plot  
 ...             = parameter

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prep	<i>This file includes utilities of bspam package.</i>
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**Description**

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**Usage**

```
prep(
  data = data,
  person.id = "",
  task.id = "",
  occasion = "",
  group = "",
  max.counts = "",
  obs.counts = "",
  time = ""
)
```

**Arguments**

data            = student response data

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prep function prepares input data for fit.model function

**Value**

data list (data.long: data frame, data.wide: list of Y, logT10, N, I)

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preplong	<i>Prepares data in a long format for [wcpm]</i>
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**Description**

Prepares data in a long format for [wcpm]

**Usage**

```
preplong(
  data,
  person.id = "",
  task.id = "",
  occasion = "",
  group = "",
  max.counts = "",
  obs.counts = "",
  time = ""
)
```

**Arguments**

data = person response data

**Value**

data frame

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prepwide	<i>Prepares data in a wide format for [mcm].</i>
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**Description**

This function will return a list with 5 elements: Y: a matrix of words read correctly, where rows represent cases (student and occasion) and columns represent passages logt10: a [tibble::tibble()] of words read correctly N: the number of cases per passage I: the number of passages

**Usage**

```
prepwide(data, person.id, task.id, max.counts, obs.counts, time)
```

**Arguments**

data	A data frame.
time	The column name in the data that represents the time, in seconds, for each case.
studentid	The column name in the data that represents the unique student identifier.
passageid	The column name in the data that represents the unique passage identifier.
numwords.p	The column name in the data that represents the number of words in a passage.
wrc	The column name in the data that represents the words read correctly for each case.

run.mcem

*Base function for fitting the speed-accuracy model by MCEM***Description**

This is a base function for fitting the speed-accuracy model to estimate the model parameters by the Monte Carlo EM algorithm described in Potgieter et al. (2017). This function is used by the [fit.model](#) function, which is recommended for the users to use.

**Usage**

```
run.mcem(Y, logT10, N, I, k.in = 5, reps.in = 2, ests.in = NA, verbose = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

Y	Numeric data matrix of accuracy scores in the size of $n \times I$ , where $n$ is the number of tasks and $I$ is the number of persons. Missing data are allowed.
logT10	Numeric data matrix of time in the size of $n \times I$ matrix, where $n$ and $I$ are defined above. The time data should be in the scale of $\log_{10}(\text{times})$ . Missing data are allowed.
N	Numeric vector of passage lengths in the length of $n$ .
I	Numeric, indicating the number of tasks.
k.in	Numeric, indicating the number of imputations. Default is 5.
reps.in	Numeric, indicating the number of Monte-Carlo iterations. Default is 2.
ests.in	An optional list of numeric vectors, indicating initial values of the model parameters. If this argument is not given, mom function will be called to generate the initial values.
verbose	Boolean. If TRUE, the summary will be output. Default is FALSE.

**Details**

If the user is desired to use this function, note that the response data file needs to be in the wide format, which can be reshaped from a long-format response data by the [prep.wide](#) function.

**Value**

mcem list

**Note**

Update Memo: 04/29/2021 Modified the mcem function based on Nelis's updated. 10/28/2021 Modified the mcem output

**References**

Potgieter, N., Kamata, A., & Kara, Y. (2017). An EM algorithm for estimating an oral reading speed and accuracy model. Manuscript submitted for publication.

**See Also**

[prep.wide](#) [fit.model](#).



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run.scoring	<i>This is run.scoring function.</i>
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## Description

Update Memo: 04/29/2021 Modified the wcpm function based on Nelis's updated. 06/01/2021 Modified based on Nelis's MAP function. 06/01/2021 Modified based on Sarunya's BiEAP function. 06/20/2021 Modified based on Nelis's updated for MLE and EAP 06/21/2021 Modified a bug of MAP function. 07/12/2021 Modified est.eqs function based on Nelis's code. 07/13/2021 Added Map function for bootstrap. 07/30/2021 Modified wcpm function based on Sarunya's update

## Usage

```
run.scoring(
  object,
  person.data,
  task.data,
  cases,
  perfect.cases,
  est = "map",
  lo = -4,
  hi = 4,
  q = 100,
  kappa = 1,
  external = NULL,
  type = NULL
)
```

## Arguments

object	= fit.model object, if not be given will occur error and stop running
person.data	= individual response task data
task.data	= estimate parameters data
cases	= individual occasion id vector
perfect.cases	= perfect accurate case
est	= estimator, c("mle", "map", "eap", "bayes"), default "map"
lo	= default -4
hi	= default 4
q	= default 100
kappa	= default 1
external	= if not NULL, will use not student read passages for estimating
type	- output type, "general" and "orf", default "general" only output tau & theta. "orf" will output wcpm

## Value

wcpm list

scoring

*Estimate factor scores with task-level model***Description**

This is an interface function to estimated factor scores based on the task-level (i.e., passage-level in ORF assessment context) accuracy and speed data. It implements likelihood-based approaches (MLE, MAP, or EAP) described in Qiao et al. (under review) or fully Bayesian method described in Kara et al. (2020).

**Usage**

```
scoring(
  calib.data = NA,
  person.data = NA,
  person.id = "",
  task.id = "",
  occasion = "",
  group = "",
  max.counts = "",
  obs.counts = "",
  time = "",
  cases = NULL,
  est = "map",
  se = "analytic",
  failsafe = 0,
  bootstrap = 100,
  external = NULL,
  type = "general"
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>calib.data</code>	A class object. Output from calibration phase by <code>fit.model</code> function
<code>person.data</code>	A data frame. A long-format response data object.
<code>person.id</code>	Quoted variable name in <code>person.data</code> that indicates the unique individual identifier.
<code>task.id</code>	Quoted variable name in <code>person.data</code> that represents the unique task identifier. In the ORF assessment context, it is the passage identifier.
<code>occasion</code>	The column name in the data that represents the unique occasion.
<code>group</code>	The column name in the data that represents the unique group.
<code>max.counts</code>	Quoted variable name in <code>person.data</code> that represents the number of attempts in the task. In the ORF assessment context, it is the number of words in the passage.
<code>obs.counts</code>	The column name in the data that represents the words read correctly for each case.
<code>time</code>	The column name in the data that represents the time, in seconds, for each case.
<code>cases</code>	A vector of individual id for which scoring is desired. If no information is specified, it will estimate scores for all cases in the <code>person.data</code> .

est	Quoted string, indicating the choice of the estimator. It has to be one of code/"mle", "map", "cap", "bayes". Default is "map".
se	Quoted string, indication the choice of the standard errors. It has to be one of code/"analytic", "bootstrap". Default is "analytic".
failsafe	Numeric, indicating the number of retries for bootstrap, which can be set between 0 and 50. Default is 0.
external	An optional vector of task ID's in strings. If NULL (default), the wcpm scores are derived with the tasks the individuals were assigned to. If not NULL, wcpm scores are derived with the tasks provided in the vector, rather than the tasks the individuals were assigned.
type	Quoted string, indication of the choice of output. If "general" (default), wcpm scores are not reported. If "orf", wcpm scores will be reported.
bootstrp	Numeric, indicating the number of bootstrap iterations. Default is 100.

### Details

Additional details...

### Value

scoring list or Bootstrap dataset

### Note

More additional note...

### References

- Qiao, X, Potgieter, N., & Kamata, A. (2023). Likelihood Estimation of Model-based Oral Reading Fluency. Manuscript submitted for publication.
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### See Also

[fit.model](#) for model parameter estimation.

### Examples

```
# example code
WCPM_all <- scoring(calib.data=MCEM_run,
  person.data = passage2,
  person.id = "id.student",
  occasion = "occasion",
  group = "grade",
  task.id = "id.passage",
  max.counts = "numwords.pass",
  obs.counts = "wrc",
  time = "sec",
  est = "map",
  se = "analytic",
  type="general")
```

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sentence.data	<i>Sentence-level student data set</i>
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### Description

A data set consisted of reading time data for 4 passages and 23 sentences from 58 students.

### Usage

```
sentence.data
```

### Format

1334 rows and 8 variables:

**id.student** unique student identifier

**grade** student grade level

**id.passage** unique passage identifier

**ind.passage** passage index

**id.sentence** sentence identifier

**numwords.sent** total number of words in the sentence

**wrc** words read correct

**sec** seconds to read the sentence

### Source

<https://jnese.github.io/core-blog/>

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summary.bootstrap	<i>summary the information of bootstrap class</i>
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### Description

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### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'bootstrap'
summary(
  object,
  digits = 4,
  geterror = FALSE,
  verbose = TRUE,
  factor.scores = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

object	= bootstrap object
digits	= print out numeric with specific digits
geterror,	summary error case, default FALSE
verbose	show summary on screen, default TRUE
factor.scores	- theta and tau output flag, default is FALSE

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**Value**

table

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summary.fit.model	<i>summary the information of fit.model class</i>
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**Description**

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**Usage**

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

**Arguments**

object	= object
digits	= print out numeric with specific digits
...	= parameter

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**Value**

printing information

summary.scoring

*summary the information of wcpm class***Description**

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**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'scoring'
summary(
  object,
  digits = 4,
  verbose = TRUE,
  factor.scores = TRUE,
  show = "short"
)
```

**Arguments**

object	= object
digits	= print out numeric with specific digits
verbose	- boolean, if TRUE, shows the summary, default is TRUE
factor.scores	- theta and tau output flag, default is TRUE # before was FALSE
show	- output flag, "long" and "short", default "short" only output estimate result. "long" will output estimate result and data.

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**Value**

scoring dataset with task information and estimated score

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