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<b>Description</b> 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.

# **Design philosophy**

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bayes

Bayes function when running meem with bayes setting

# Description

Bayes function when running mcem 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.wcpm

Bayes function when running meem with bayes setting

# Description

Bayes function when running mcem 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

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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

#### **Description**

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#### Usage

```
create_data_list(Count, logT10, MaxN, a, b, alpha, beta, sigma, rho, C)
```

#### **Arguments**

a, b: Model parameters related to the count data model (K-dim)

alpha, beta: Model parameters related to the time data model (K-dim)

Count: A vector with the number of words correct per passage It should be K-dimensional logT10: The log-scale reading time per 10 words per passage It should be K-dimensional

MaxN: A vector of passage lengths It should be K-dimensional sigma: The latent standard deviation of the time latent component

rho: The correlation between count and time latent components

C: A vector of indicators whether a specific passage was censored (0) or fully ob-

served (1) - K-dim

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Pre-processing data: Function prepares data for Stan model Enter a single student's data for preparation

Assume a student has read  $K \ge 2$  passages

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fit.model

Estimate the model parameters

# **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 = "",
  k.in = 5,
  reps.in = 2,
  ests.in = NA,
  est = "mcem",
  se = "none",
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

the passage.

# Arguments

k.in

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

Numeric, indicating the number of imputations. Default is 5.

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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 "mcem", "bayes". Default is "mcem".
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

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fit.model.testlet

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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...

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#### 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.</pre>
```

get.cases

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

# Description

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

# Usage

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

# Arguments

data

= person response data

# Value

cases vector

 ${\tt getBootstrapSE}$ 

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

# 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
)
```

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#### **Arguments**

object - mcem class object person.data - individual response data

case - case number

perfect.cases - perfect accurate case

est - SE type.(MLE, EAP, and MAP.) default MAP

- 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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Task calibration example output object by Bayes

#### **Description**

This is an example output object from running the fit.model.byaes function by using the Bayesian estimator option. 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.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

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#### **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

passage.calib.mcem

Task calibration example output object by MCEM

#### **Description**

This is an example output object from running the fit.model function by using the MCEM estimator option. 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

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#### Source

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

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

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plot.person

Plot function to show graph of scoring class

#### **Description**

```
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```

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'person'
plot(object, person = NULL, parameter, show.se = T, sort = F)
```

# **Arguments**

object scoring object

person person ids for plotting

parameter model parameter for plotting, a,b,alpha,beta

show. se standard error bar flag, TRUE for showing or FALSE for no showing

sort sorting flag, TRUE or FALSE

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plot.task

Plot function to show graph of fit.model class

#### **Description**

```
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```

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'task'
plot(object, task = NULL, parameter, sort = F)
```

# **Arguments**

object fit.model object task task ids for plotting

parameter model parameter for plotting, a,b,alpha,beta

sort sorting flag, TRUE or FALSE

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prep

This file includes utilities of bspam package.

# **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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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**

Υ	Numeric data matrix of accuracy scores in the size of n x 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 x I matrix, where n and I are defined above. The time data should be in the scale of log10(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.
```

run.scoring

run.scoring

Base function for scoring by likelihood-based approaches

# **Description**

This is a base function for estimating factor scores by likelihood-based approaches described in Potgieter et al. (2024). This function is used by the scoring function, which is recommended for the users to use.

# 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	A class object. Output from calibration phase by fit.model function.
person.data	A data frame. A long-format response data object.
task.data	A data frame? Estimated task parameter values?
cases	A vector of individual id for which scoring is desired. If no information is is specified, it will estimate scores for all cases in the person.data.
perfect.cases	A list? A list of perfect cases.
est	Quoted string, indicating the choice of the estimator. It has to be one of code/"mle", "map", "eap", "bayes". Default is "map".
lo	Numeric, indicating the lower bound of the quadratures. Default is -4.
hi	Numeric, indicating the upper bound of the quadratures. Default is 4.
q	Numeric, indicating the number of quadratures. Default is 100.
kappa	Numeric, indicating ?? Default is 1.
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.

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#### **Details**

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

#### Value

wcpm list

#### References

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

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"
```

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# **Arguments**

calib.data	A class object. Output from calibration phase by fit.model function
person.data	A data frame. A long-format response data object.
person.id	Quoted variable name in person. data that indicates the unique individual identifier.
task.id	Quoted variable name in person. data that represents the unique task identifier. In the ORF assessment context, it is the passage 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	Quoted variable name in person.data that represents the number of attempts in the task. In the ORF assessment context, it is the number of words in the passage.
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	A vector of individual id for which scoring is desired. If no information is is specified, it will estimate scores for all cases in the person.data.
est	Quoted string, indicating the choice of the estimator. It has to be one of code/"mle", "map", "eap", "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**

scoring.passage

scoring.passage function

#### **Description**

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# Usage

```
scoring.passage(
   Count = NULL,
   logT10 = NULL,
   N = NULL,
   a = NULL,
   b = NULL,
   alpha = NULL,
   beta = NULL,
   sigma = NULL,
   rho = NULL,
   C = NULL
```

# Arguments

a, b: Model parameters related to the count data model (K-dim)

alpha, beta: Model parameters related to the time data model (K-dim)

Count: A vector with the number of words correct per passage It should be K-dimensional

logT10: The log-scale reading time per 10 words per passage It should be K-dimensional

N: A vector of passage lengths It should be K-dimensional

sigma: The latent standard deviation of the time latent component

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rho: The correlation between count and time latent components

C: A vector of indicators whether a specific passage was censored (0) or fully ob-

served (1) - K-dim

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Pre-processing data: Function prepares data for Stan model Enter a single student's data for preparation

Assume a student has read  $K \ge 2$  passages

#### Value

list

sentence.data

Sentence-level Oral Reading Fluency assessment data set

# Description

This is an example data set. It is a sentence-level Oral Reading Fluency assessment data set for 58 students who were assigned to read 4 passages with a total of 23 sentences. The data is a small subset of the data collected by Nese and Kamata (2014-2018).

# 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 unique sentence identifier

numwords.sent the total number of words in the sentence

wrc the number of words read correct

sec time to read the sentence in seconds

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#### **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

summary.bootstrap

summary the information of bootstrap class

#### **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
```

summary the information of fit.model class

# **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**

show

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

- 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

testlet\_scoring\_multi\_obs\_multi\_cens

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### **Description**

Bayesian Sampling Models for Passage-Level Observations

### Usage

```
testlet_scoring_multi_obs_multi_cens
```

#### **Format**

An object of class character of length 1.

#### **Details**

This code defines Bayesian sampling models for estimating latent variables based on passage-level observations for a specific student. The models are formulated differently depending on the number of censored (incomplete) and fully observed passages. The goal is to estimate latent variables such as accuracy (theta\_acc) and speed (theta\_spd) for the student's reading performance.

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