

# Package ‘regmedint’

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beta_hat	<i>Create a vector of coefficients from the mediator model (mreg)</i>
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### Description

This function extracts `coef` from `mreg_fit` and pads with zeros appropriately to create a named vector consistently having the following elements: (Intercept) avar cvar: This part is eliminated when `cvar = NULL`.

### Usage

```
beta_hat(mreg, mreg_fit, avar, cvar)
```

### Arguments

mreg	A character vector of length 1. Mediator regression type: "linear" or "logistic".
mreg_fit	Model fit object for mreg (mediator model).
avar	A character vector of length 1. Treatment variable name.
cvar	A character vector of length > 0. Covariate names. Use NULL if there is no covariate. However, this is a highly suspicious situation. Even if avar is randomized, mvar is not. Thus, there should usually be some confounder(s) to account for the common cause structure (confounding) between avar and yvar.

### Value

A named numeric vector of coefficients.

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calc_myreg	<i>Return mediation analysis functions given mediator and outcome models.</i>
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### Description

This function returns functions that can be used to calculate the causal effect measures, given the mediator model fit (mreg\_fit) and the outcome model fit (yreg\_fit).

### Usage

```
calc_myreg(mreg, mreg_fit, yreg, yreg_fit, avar, mvar, cvar, interaction)
```

### Arguments

mreg	A character vector of length 1. Mediator regression type: "linear" or "logistic".
mreg_fit	Model fit from <a href="#">fit_mreg</a>
yreg	A character vector of length 1. Outcome regression type: "linear", "logistic", "loglinear", "poisson", "negbin", "survCox", "survAFT_exp", or "survAFT_weibull".
yreg_fit	Model fit from <a href="#">fit_yreg</a>
avar	A character vector of length 1. Treatment variable name.
mvar	A character vector of length 1. Mediator variable name.
cvar	A character vector of length > 0. Covariate names. Use NULL if there is no covariate. However, this is a highly suspicious situation. Even if avar is randomized, mvar is not. Thus, there should usually be some confounder(s) to account for the common cause structure (confounding) between avar and yvar.
interaction	A logical vector of length 1. Default to TRUE. Whether to include a mediator-treatment interaction term in the outcome regression model.

### Value

A list containing two functions. The first is for calculating point estimates. The second is for calculating the corresponding

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calc_myreg_mreg_linear_yreg_linear	<i>Create calculators for effects and se (mreg linear / yreg linear)</i>
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### Description

Construct functions for the conditional effect estimates and their standard errors in the mreg linear / yreg linear setting. Internally, this function deconstruct model objects and feed parameter estimates to the internal worker functions calc\_myreg\_mreg\_linear\_yreg\_linear\_est and calc\_myreg\_mreg\_linear\_yreg\_linear\_se.

**Usage**

```
calc_myreg_mreg_linear_yreg_linear(
  mreg,
  mreg_fit,
  yreg,
  yreg_fit,
  avar,
  mvar,
  cvar,
  interaction
)
```

**Arguments**

mreg	A character vector of length 1. Mediator regression type: "linear" or "logistic".
mreg_fit	Model fit from <a href="#">fit_mreg</a>
yreg	A character vector of length 1. Outcome regression type: "linear", "logistic", "loglinear", "poisson", "negbin", "survCox", "survAFT_exp", or "survAFT_weibull".
yreg_fit	Model fit from <a href="#">fit_yreg</a>
avar	A character vector of length 1. Treatment variable name.
mvar	A character vector of length 1. Mediator variable name.
cvar	A character vector of length > 0. Covariate names. Use NULL if there is no covariate. However, this is a highly suspicious situation. Even if avar is randomized, mvar is not. Thus, there should usually be some confounder(s) to account for the common cause structure (confounding) between avar and yvar.
interaction	A logical vector of length 1. Default to TRUE. Whether to include a mediator-treatment interaction term in the outcome regression model.

**Value**

A list containing a function for effect estimates and a function for corresponding standard errors.

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calc\_myreg\_mreg\_linear\_yreg\_logistic

*Create calculators for effects and se (mreg linear / yreg logistic)*

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**Description**

Construct functions for the conditional effect estimates and their standard errors in the mreg linear / yreg logistic setting. Internally, this function deconstruct model objects and feed parameter estimates to the internal worker functions `calc_myreg_mreg_linear_yreg_logistic_est` and `calc_myreg_mreg_linear_yreg_logistic_se`.

**Usage**

```
calc_myreg_mreg_linear_yreg_logistic(
  mreg,
  mreg_fit,
  yreg,
  yreg_fit,
  avar,
  mvar,
  cvar,
  interaction
)
```

**Arguments**

mreg	A character vector of length 1. Mediator regression type: "linear" or "logistic".
mreg_fit	Model fit from <a href="#">fit_mreg</a>
yreg	A character vector of length 1. Outcome regression type: "linear", "logistic", "loglinear", "poisson", "negbin", "survCox", "survAFT_exp", or "survAFT_weibull".
yreg_fit	Model fit from <a href="#">fit_yreg</a>
avar	A character vector of length 1. Treatment variable name.
mvar	A character vector of length 1. Mediator variable name.
cvar	A character vector of length > 0. Covariate names. Use NULL if there is no covariate. However, this is a highly suspicious situation. Even if avar is randomized, mvar is not. Thus, there should usually be some confounder(s) to account for the common cause structure (confounding) between avar and yvar.
interaction	A logical vector of length 1. Default to TRUE. Whether to include a mediator-treatment interaction term in the outcome regression model.

**Value**

A list containing a function for effect estimates and a function for corresponding standard errors.

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calc\_myreg\_mreg\_logistic\_yreg\_linear

*Create calculators for effects and se (mreg logistic / yreg linear)*

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**Description**

Construct functions for the conditional effect estimates and their standard errors in the mreg logistic / yreg linear setting. Internally, this function deconstruct model objects and feed parameter estimates to the internal worker functions `calc_myreg_mreg_logistic_yreg_linear_est` and `calc_myreg_mreg_logistic_yreg_linear_se`.

**Usage**

```
calc_myreg_mreg_logistic_yreg_linear(
  mreg,
  mreg_fit,
  yreg,
  yreg_fit,
  avar,
  mvar,
  cvar,
  interaction
)
```

**Arguments**

mreg	A character vector of length 1. Mediator regression type: "linear" or "logistic".
mreg_fit	Model fit from <a href="#">fit_mreg</a>
yreg	A character vector of length 1. Outcome regression type: "linear", "logistic", "loglinear", "poisson", "negbin", "survCox", "survAFT_exp", or "survAFT_weibull".
yreg_fit	Model fit from <a href="#">fit_yreg</a>
avar	A character vector of length 1. Treatment variable name.
mvar	A character vector of length 1. Mediator variable name.
cvar	A character vector of length > 0. Covariate names. Use NULL if there is no covariate. However, this is a highly suspicious situation. Even if avar is randomized, mvar is not. Thus, there should usually be some confounder(s) to account for the common cause structure (confounding) between avar and yvar.
interaction	A logical vector of length 1. Default to TRUE. Whether to include a mediator-treatment interaction term in the outcome regression model.

**Value**

A list containing a function for effect estimates and a function for corresponding standard errors.

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calc\_myreg\_mreg\_logistic\_yreg\_logistic

*Create calculators for effects and se (mreg logistic / yreg logistic)*

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**Description**

Construct functions for the conditional effect estimates and their standard errors in the mreg logistic / yreg logistic setting. Internally, this function deconstruct model objects and feed parameter estimates to the internal worker functions `calc_myreg_mreg_logistic_yreg_logistic_est` and `calc_myreg_mreg_logistic_yreg_logistic_se`.

**Usage**

```
calc_myreg_mreg_logistic_yreg_logistic(
  mreg,
  mreg_fit,
  yreg,
  yreg_fit,
  avar,
  mvar,
  cvar,
  interaction
)
```

**Arguments**

mreg	A character vector of length 1. Mediator regression type: "linear" or "logistic".
mreg_fit	Model fit from <a href="#">fit_mreg</a>
yreg	A character vector of length 1. Outcome regression type: "linear", "logistic", "loglinear", "poisson", "negbin", "survCox", "survAFT_exp", or "survAFT_weibull".
yreg_fit	Model fit from <a href="#">fit_yreg</a>
avar	A character vector of length 1. Treatment variable name.
mvar	A character vector of length 1. Mediator variable name.
cvar	A character vector of length > 0. Covariate names. Use NULL if there is no covariate. However, this is a highly suspicious situation. Even if avar is randomized, mvar is not. Thus, there should usually be some confounder(s) to account for the common cause structure (confounding) between avar and yvar.
interaction	A logical vector of length 1. Default to TRUE. Whether to include a mediator-treatment interaction term in the outcome regression model.

**Value**

A list containing a function for effect estimates and a function for corresponding standard errors.

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coef.regmedint	<i>Extract point estimates.</i>
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**Description**

Extract point estimates evaluated at  $a_0$ ,  $a_1$ ,  $m\_cde$ , and  $c\_cond$ .

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'regmedint'
coef(object, a0 = NULL, a1 = NULL, m_cde = NULL, c_cond = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	An object of the <code>regmedint</code> class.
a0	A numeric vector of length one.
a1	A numeric vector of length one.
m_cde	A numeric vector of length one. A mediator value at which the controlled direct effect (CDE) conditional on the adjustment covariates is evaluated. If not provided, the default value supplied to the call to <code>regmedint</code> will be used. Only the CDE is affected.
c_cond	A numeric vector as long as the number of adjustment covariates. A set of covariate values at which the conditional natural effects are evaluated.
...	For compatibility with the generic. Ignored.

**Value**

A numeric vector of point estimates.

**Examples**

```
library(regmedint)
data(vv2015)
regmedint_obj <- regmedint(data = vv2015,
  ## Variables
  yvar = "y",
  avar = "x",
  mvar = "m",
  cvar = c("c"),
  eventvar = "event",
  ## Values at which effects are evaluated
  a0 = 0,
  a1 = 1,
  m_cde = 1,
  c_cond = 0.5,
  ## Model types
  mreg = "logistic",
  yreg = "survAFT_weibull",
  ## Additional specification
  interaction = TRUE,
  casecontrol = FALSE)

coef(regmedint_obj)
## Evaluate at different values
coef(regmedint_obj, m_cde = 0, c_cond = 1)
```

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`coef.summary_regmedint`

*Extract the result matrix from a summary\_regmedint object.*

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**Description**

Extract the result matrix from a summary\_regmedint object.



**Usage**

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

**Arguments**

**object**                    An object with a class of summary\_regmedint.  
**...**                    For compatibility with the generic.

**Value**

A matrix populated with results.

**Examples**

```
library(regmedint)
data(vv2015)
regmedint_obj <- regmedint(data = vv2015,
  ## Variables
  yvar = "y",
  avar = "x",
  mvar = "m",
  cvar = c("c"),
  eventvar = "event",
  ## Values at which effects are evaluated
  a0 = 0,
  a1 = 1,
  m_cde = 1,
  c_cond = 0.5,
  ## Model types
  mreg = "logistic",
  yreg = "survAFT_weibull",
  ## Additional specification
  interaction = TRUE,
  casecontrol = FALSE)
coef(summary(regmedint_obj))
```

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confint.regmedint	<i>Confidence intervals for mediation parameter estimates.</i>
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**Description**

Construct Wald approximate confidence intervals for the quantities of interest.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'regmedint'
confint(
  object,
  parm = NULL,
  level = 0.95,
  a0 = NULL,
```

```

    a1 = NULL,
    m_cde = NULL,
    c_cond = NULL,
    ...
  )

```

### Arguments

<code>object</code>	An object of the <code>regmedint</code> class.
<code>parm</code>	For compatibility with generic. Ignored.
<code>level</code>	A numeric vector of length one. Requested confidence level. Defaults to 0.95.
<code>a0</code>	A numeric vector of length one.
<code>a1</code>	A numeric vector of length one.
<code>m_cde</code>	A numeric vector of length one. A mediator value at which the controlled direct effect (CDE) conditional on the adjustment covariates is evaluated. If not provided, the default value supplied to the call to <code>regmedint</code> will be used. Only the CDE is affected.
<code>c_cond</code>	A numeric vector as long as the number of adjustment covariates. A set of covariate values at which the conditional natural effects are evaluated.
<code>...</code>	For compatibility with generic.

### Value

A numeric matrix of the lower limit and upper limit.

### Examples

```

library(regmedint)
data(vv2015)
regmedint_obj <- regmedint(data = vv2015,
  ## Variables
  yvar = "y",
  avar = "x",
  mvar = "m",
  cvar = c("c"),
  eventvar = "event",
  ## Values at which effects are evaluated
  a0 = 0,
  a1 = 1,
  m_cde = 1,
  c_cond = 0.5,
  ## Model types
  mreg = "logistic",
  yreg = "survAFT_weibull",
  ## Additional specification
  interaction = TRUE,
  casecontrol = FALSE)

confint(regmedint_obj)
## Evaluate at different values
confint(regmedint_obj, m_cde = 0, c_cond = 1)
## Change confidence level
confint(regmedint_obj, m_cde = 0, c_cond = 1, level = 0.99)

```

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fit_mreg	<i>Fit a model for the mediator given the treatment and covariates.</i>
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### Description

`lm` is called if `mreg = "linear"`. `glm` is called with `family = binomial()` if `mreg = "logistic"`.

### Usage

```
fit_mreg(mreg, data, avar, mvar, cvar)
```

### Arguments

<code>mreg</code>	A character vector of length 1. Mediator regression type: "linear" or "logistic".
<code>data</code>	Data frame containing the relevant variables.
<code>avar</code>	A character vector of length 1. Treatment variable name.
<code>mvar</code>	A character vector of length 1. Mediator variable name.
<code>cvar</code>	A character vector of length > 0. Covariate names. Use NULL if there is no covariate. However, this is a highly suspicious situation. Even if <code>avar</code> is randomized, <code>mvar</code> is not. Thus, there should usually be some confounder(s) to account for the common cause structure (confounding) between <code>avar</code> and <code>yvar</code> .

### Value

A regression object of class `lm` (linear) or `glm` (logistic)

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fit_yreg	<i>Fit a model for the outcome given the treatment, mediator, and covariates.</i>
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### Description

The outcome model type `yreg` can be one of the following "linear", "logistic", "loglinear" (implemented as modified Poisson), "poisson", "negbin", "survCox", "survAFT\_exp", or "survAFT\_weibull".

### Usage

```
fit_yreg(yreg, data, yvar, avar, mvar, cvar, eventvar, interaction)
```

### Arguments

<code>yreg</code>	A character vector of length 1. Outcome regression type: "linear", "logistic", "loglinear", "poisson", "negbin", "survCox", "survAFT_exp", or "survAFT_weibull".
<code>data</code>	Data frame containing the relevant variables.
<code>yvar</code>	A character vector of length 1. Outcome variable name. It should be the time variable for survival outcomes.
<code>avar</code>	A character vector of length 1. Treatment variable name.

mvar	A character vector of length 1. Mediator variable name.
cvar	A character vector of length > 0. Covariate names. Use NULL if there is no covariate. However, this is a highly suspicious situation. Even if avar is randomized, mvar is not. Thus, there should usually be some confounder(s) to account for the common cause structure (confounding) between avar and yvar.
eventvar	An character vector of length 1. Only required for survival outcome regression models. Note that the coding is 1 for event and 0 for censoring, following the R survival package convention.
interaction	A logical vector of length 1. Default to TRUE. Whether to include a mediator-treatment interaction term in the outcome regression model.

### Details

The outcome regression functions to be called are the following:

- "linear" `lm`
- "logistic" `glm`
- "loglinear" `glm` (modified Poisson)
- "poisson" `glm`
- "negbin" `glm.nb`
- "survCox" `coxph`
- "survAFT\_exp" `survreg`
- "survAFT\_weibull" `survreg`

### Value

Model fit object from on of the above regression functions.

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grad\_prop\_med\_yreg\_linear

*Calculate the gradient of the proportion mediated for yreg linear.*

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### Description

Calculate the gradient of the proportion mediated for yreg linear case.

### Usage

```
grad_prop_med_yreg_linear(pnde, tnle)
```

### Arguments

pnde	Pure natural direct effect.
tnle	Total natural indirect effect.

### Value

Proportion mediated value.

new\_regmedint

*Low level constructor for a regmedint S3 class object.***Description**

This is not a user function and meant to be executed within the regmedint function after validating the arguments.

**Usage**

```
new_regmedint(
  data,
  yvar,
  avar,
  mvar,
  cvar,
  eventvar,
  a0,
  a1,
  m_cde,
  c_cond,
  yreg,
  mreg,
  interaction,
  casecontrol
)
```

**Arguments**

data	Data frame containing the relevant variables.
yvar	A character vector of length 1. Outcome variable name. It should be the time variable for survival outcomes.
avar	A character vector of length 1. Treatment variable name.
mvar	A character vector of length 1. Mediator variable name.
cvar	A character vector of length > 0. Covariate names. Use NULL if there is no covariate. However, this is a highly suspicious situation. Even if avar is randomized, mvar is not. Thus, there should usually be some confounder(s) to account for the common cause structure (confounding) between avar and yvar.
eventvar	An character vector of length 1. Only required for survival outcome regression models. Note that the coding is 1 for event and 0 for censoring, following the R survival package convention.
a0	A numeric vector of length 1. Reference level of treatment variable that is considered "untreated" or "unexposed".
a1	A numeric vector of length 1.
m_cde	A numeric vector of length 1. Mediator level at which controlled direct effect is evaluated at.
c_cond	A numeric vector of the same length as cvar. Covariate vector at which conditional effects are evaluated at.

yreg	A character vector of length 1. Outcome regression type: "linear", "logistic", "loglinear", "poisson", "negbin", "survCox", "survAFT_exp", or "survAFT_weibull".
mreg	A character vector of length 1. Mediator regression type: "linear" or "logistic".
interaction	A logical vector of length 1. Default to TRUE. Whether to include a mediator-treatment interaction term in the outcome regression model.
casecontrol	A logical vector of length 1. Default to FALSE. Whether data comes from a case-control study.

### Value

A regmedint object.

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print.regmedint	<i>print method for regmedint object</i>
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### Description

Print the mreg\_fit, yreg\_fit, and the mediation analysis effect estimates.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'regmedint'
print(
  x,
  a0 = NULL,
  a1 = NULL,
  m_cde = NULL,
  c_cond = NULL,
  args_mreg_fit = list(),
  args_yreg_fit = list(),
  ...
)
```

### Arguments

x	An object of the <a href="#">regmedint</a> class.
a0	A numeric vector of length one.
a1	A numeric vector of length one.
m_cde	A numeric vector of length one. A mediator value at which the controlled direct effect (CDE) conditional on the adjustment covariates is evaluated. If not provided, the default value supplied to the call to <a href="#">regmedint</a> will be used. Only the CDE is affected.
c_cond	A numeric vector as long as the number of adjustment covariates. A set of covariate values at which the conditional natural effects are evaluated.
args_mreg_fit	A named list of argument to be passed to the method for the mreg_fit object.
args_yreg_fit	A named list of argument to be passed to the method for the yreg_fit object.
...	For compatibility with the generic. Ignored.

**Value**

Invisibly return the regmedint class object as is.

**Examples**

```
library(regmedint)
data(vv2015)
regmedint_obj <- regmedint(data = vv2015,
  ## Variables
  yvar = "y",
  avar = "x",
  mvar = "m",
  cvar = c("c"),
  eventvar = "event",
  ## Values at which effects are evaluated
  a0 = 0,
  a1 = 1,
  m_cde = 1,
  c_cond = 0.5,
  ## Model types
  mreg = "logistic",
  yreg = "survAFT_weibull",
  ## Additional specification
  interaction = TRUE,
  casecontrol = FALSE)

## Implicit printing
regmedint_obj
## Explicit printing
print(regmedint_obj)
## Evaluate at different values
print(regmedint_obj, m_cde = 0, c_cond = 1)
```

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```
print.summary_regmedint
```

*Print method for summary objects from [summary.regmedint](#)*

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**Description**

Print results contained in a summary\_regmedint object with additional explanation regarding the evaluation settings.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'summary_regmedint'
print(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

**x**                    An object of the class summary\_regmedint.  
**...**                For compatibility with the generic function.

**Value**

Invisibly return the first argument.

**Examples**

```
library(regmedint)
data(vv2015)
regmedint_obj <- regmedint(data = vv2015,
  ## Variables
  yvar = "y",
  avar = "x",
  mvar = "m",
  cvar = c("c"),
  eventvar = "event",
  ## Values at which effects are evaluated
  a0 = 0,
  a1 = 1,
  m_cde = 1,
  c_cond = 0.5,
  ## Model types
  mreg = "logistic",
  yreg = "survAFT_weibull",
  ## Additional specification
  interaction = TRUE,
  casecontrol = FALSE)

## Implicit printing
summary(regmedint_obj)
## Explicit printing
print(summary(regmedint_obj))
```

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prop\_med\_yreg\_linear    *Calculate the proportion mediated for yreg linear.*

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**Description**

Calculate the proportion mediated on the mean difference scale.

**Usage**

```
prop_med_yreg_linear(pnde, tn timer)
```

**Arguments**

pnde	Pure natural direct effect.
tnie	Total natural indirect effect.

**Value**

Proportion mediated value.



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prop\_med\_yreg\_logistic

*Calculate the proportion mediated for yreg logistic.*


---

### Description

Calculate the approximate proportion mediated on the risk difference scale.

### Usage

```
prop_med_yreg_logistic(pnde, tn timer)
```

### Arguments

pnde	Pure natural direct effect on the log scale.
tnie	Total natural indirect effect on the log scale.

### Value

Proportion mediated value.

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regmedint

*regmedint: A package for regression-based causal mediation analysis*


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### Description

The package is a simple R implementation of the SAS macro as described in Valeri & VanderWeele 2013 and Valeri & VanderWeele 2015 <https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/tyler-vanderweele/tools-and-tutorials/>.

This is a user-interface for regression-based causal mediation analysis as described in Valeri & VanderWeele 2013 and Valeri & VanderWeele 2015.

### Usage

```
regmedint(
  data,
  yvar,
  avar,
  mvar,
  cvar,
  eventvar = NULL,
  a0,
  a1,
  m_cde,
  c_cond,
  mreg,
  yreg,
  na_omit = FALSE,
  interaction = TRUE,
  casecontrol = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>data</code>	Data frame containing the relevant variables.
<code>yvar</code>	A character vector of length 1. Outcome variable name. It should be the time variable for survival outcomes.
<code>avar</code>	A character vector of length 1. Treatment variable name.
<code>mvar</code>	A character vector of length 1. Mediator variable name.
<code>cvar</code>	A character vector of length $> 0$ . Covariate names. Use NULL if there is no covariate. However, this is a highly suspicious situation. Even if <code>avar</code> is randomized, <code>mvar</code> is not. Thus, there should usually be some confounder(s) to account for the common cause structure (confounding) between <code>avar</code> and <code>yvar</code> .
<code>eventvar</code>	An character vector of length 1. Only required for survival outcome regression models. Note that the coding is 1 for event and 0 for censoring, following the R survival package convention.
<code>a0</code>	A numeric vector of length 1. Reference level of treatment variable that is considered "untreated" or "unexposed".
<code>a1</code>	A numeric vector of length 1.
<code>m_cde</code>	A numeric vector of length 1. Mediator level at which controlled direct effect is evaluated at.
<code>c_cond</code>	A numeric vector of the same length as <code>cvar</code> . Covariate vector at which conditional effects are evaluated at.
<code>mreg</code>	A character vector of length 1. Mediator regression type: "linear" or "logistic".
<code>yreg</code>	A character vector of length 1. Outcome regression type: "linear", "logistic", "loglinear", "poisson", "negbin", "survCox", "survAFT_exp", or "survAFT_weibull".
<code>na_omit</code>	A logical vector of length 1. Default to FALSE. Whether to use <code>na.omit()</code> function in stats package to remove NAs in columns of interest before fitting the models.
<code>interaction</code>	A logical vector of length 1. Default to TRUE. Whether to include a mediator-treatment interaction term in the outcome regression model.
<code>casecontrol</code>	A logical vector of length 1. Default to FALSE. Whether data comes from a case-control study.

**Value**

regmedint object, which is a list containing the mediator regression object, the outcome regression object, and the regression-based mediation results.

**Fitting models**

Use the `regmedint` function to fit models and set up regression-based causal mediation analysis.

**Examining results**

Several methods are available to examine the `regmedint` object. `print.summary.coef.confint.FIXME`: Document once implemented.

**Examples**

```
library(regmedint)
data(vv2015)
regmedint_obj <- regmedint(data = vv2015,
  ## Variables
  yvar = "y",
  avar = "x",
  mvar = "m",
  cvar = c("c"),
  eventvar = "event",
  ## Values at which effects are evaluated
  a0 = 0,
  a1 = 1,
  m_cde = 1,
  c_cond = 0.5,
  ## Model types
  mreg = "logistic",
  yreg = "survAFT_weibull",
  ## Additional specification
  interaction = TRUE,
  casecontrol = FALSE)

summary(regmedint_obj)
```

summary.regmedint

*summary method for regmedint object***Description**

Summarize the mreg\_fit, yreg\_fit, and the mediation analysis effect estimates.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'regmedint'
summary(
  object,
  a0 = NULL,
  a1 = NULL,
  m_cde = NULL,
  c_cond = NULL,
  args_mreg_fit = list(),
  args_yreg_fit = list(),
  exponentiate = FALSE,
  level = 0.95,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

object	An object of the <a href="#">regmedint</a> class.
a0	A numeric vector of length one.
a1	A numeric vector of length one.

<code>m_cde</code>	A numeric vector of length one. A mediator value at which the controlled direct effect (CDE) conditional on the adjustment covariates is evaluated. If not provided, the default value supplied to the call to <code>regmedint</code> will be used. Only the CDE is affected.
<code>c_cond</code>	A numeric vector as long as the number of adjustment covariates. A set of covariate values at which the conditional natural effects are evaluated.
<code>args_mreg_fit</code>	A named list of argument to be passed to the method for the <code>mreg_fit</code> object.
<code>args_yreg_fit</code>	A named list of argument to be passed to the method for the <code>mreg_fit</code> object.
<code>exponentiate</code>	Whether to add exponentiated point and confidence limit estimates. When <code>yreg = "linear"</code> , it is ignored.
<code>level</code>	Confidence level for the confidence intervals.
<code>...</code>	For compatibility with the generic. Ignored.

## Value

A `summary_regmedint` object, which is a list containing the summary objects of the `mreg_fit` and the `yreg_fit` as well as the mediation analysis results.

## Examples

```
library(regmedint)
data(vv2015)
regmedint_obj <- regmedint(data = vv2015,
  ## Variables
  yvar = "y",
  avar = "x",
  mvar = "m",
  cvar = c("c"),
  eventvar = "event",
  ## Values at which effects are evaluated
  a0 = 0,
  a1 = 1,
  m_cde = 1,
  c_cond = 0.5,
  ## Model types
  mreg = "logistic",
  yreg = "survAFT_weibull",
  ## Additional specification
  interaction = TRUE,
  casecontrol = FALSE)

## Detailed result with summary
summary(regmedint_obj)
## Add exponentiate results for non-linear outcome models
summary(regmedint_obj, exponentiate = TRUE)
## Evaluate at different values
summary(regmedint_obj, m_cde = 0, c_cond = 1)
## Change confidence level
summary(regmedint_obj, m_cde = 0, c_cond = 1, level = 0.99)
```

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summary.regmedint\_mod\_poisson

*Summary with robust sandwich variance estimator for modified Poisson*

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## Description

This is a version of `summary.glm` modified to use the robust variance estimator `sandwich`.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'regmedint_mod_poisson'
summary(object, ...)
```

## Arguments

object	A model object of the class <code>regmedint_mod_poisson</code>
...	For compatibility with the generic.

## Value

An object of the class `summary.glm`

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theta_hat	<i>Create a vector of coefficients from the outcome model (yreg)</i>
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## Description

This function extracts `coef` from `yreg_fit` and pads with zeros appropriately to create a named vector consistently having the following elements: (Intercept): A zero element is added for `yreg = "survCox"` for which no intercept is estimated (the baseline hazard is left unspecified). `avar` `mvar`: A zero element is added when `interaction = FALSE`. `cvar`: This part is eliminated when `cvar = NULL`.

## Usage

```
theta_hat(yreg, yreg_fit, avar, mvar, cvar, interaction)
```

## Arguments

yreg	A character vector of length 1. Outcome regression type: "linear", "logistic", "loglinear", "poisson", "negbin", "survCox", "survAFT_exp", or "survAFT_weibull".
yreg_fit	Model fit object for yreg (outcome model).
avar	A character vector of length 1. Treatment variable name.
mvar	A character vector of length 1. Mediator variable name.
cvar	A character vector of length > 0. Covariate names. Use NULL if there is no covariate. However, this is a highly suspicious situation. Even if <code>avar</code> is randomized, <code>mvar</code> is not. Thus, there should usually be some confounder(s) to account for the common cause structure (confounding) between <code>avar</code> and <code>yvar</code> .
interaction	A logical vector of length 1. Default to TRUE. Whether to include a mediator-treatment interaction term in the outcome regression model.

**Value**

A named numeric vector of coefficients.

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validate_args	<i>Validate arguments to regmedint before passing to other functions</i>
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**Description**

Internal functions (usually) do not validate arguments, thus, we need to make sure informative errors are raised when the arguments are not safe for subsequent computation.

**Usage**

```
validate_args(
  data,
  yvar,
  avar,
  mvar,
  cvar,
  eventvar,
  a0,
  a1,
  m_cde,
  c_cond,
  mreg,
  yreg,
  interaction,
  casecontrol
)
```

**Arguments**

data	Data frame containing the relevant variables.
yvar	A character vector of length 1. Outcome variable name. It should be the time variable for survival outcomes.
avar	A character vector of length 1. Treatment variable name.
mvar	A character vector of length 1. Mediator variable name.
cvar	A character vector of length > 0. Covariate names. Use NULL if there is no covariate. However, this is a highly suspicious situation. Even if avar is randomized, mvar is not. Thus, there should usually be some confounder(s) to account for the common cause structure (confounding) between avar and yvar.
eventvar	An character vector of length 1. Only required for survival outcome regression models. Note that the coding is 1 for event and 0 for censoring, following the R survival package convention.
a0	A numeric vector of length 1. Reference level of treatment variable that is considered "untreated" or "unexposed".
a1	A numeric vector of length 1.

m_cde	A numeric vector of length 1. Mediator level at which controlled direct effect is evaluated at.
c_cond	A numeric vector of the same length as cvar. Covariate vector at which conditional effects are evaluated at.
mreg	A character vector of length 1. Mediator regression type: "linear" or "logistic".
yreg	A character vector of length 1. Outcome regression type: "linear", "logistic", "loglinear", "poisson", "negbin", "survCox", "survAFT_exp", or "survAFT_weibull".
interaction	A logical vector of length 1. Default to TRUE. Whether to include a mediator-treatment interaction term in the outcome regression model.
casecontrol	A logical vector of length 1. Default to FALSE. Whether data comes from a case-control study.

**Value**

No return value, called for side effects.

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validate_regmedint	<i>Validate soundness of a regmedint object.</i>
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**Description**

Check the structure of a proposed regmedint object for soundness.

**Usage**

```
validate_regmedint(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                      A regmedint object.

**Value**

No return value, called for side effects.

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vcov.regmedint	<i>Extract variance estimates in the vcov form.</i>
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**Description**

Extract variance estimates evaluated at a0, a1, m\_cde, and c\_cond.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'regmedint'
vcov(object, a0 = NULL, a1 = NULL, m_cde = NULL, c_cond = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>object</code>	An object of the <code>regmedint</code> class.
<code>a0</code>	A numeric vector of length one.
<code>a1</code>	A numeric vector of length one.
<code>m_cde</code>	A numeric vector of length one. A mediator value at which the controlled direct effect (CDE) conditional on the adjustment covariates is evaluated. If not provided, the default value supplied to the call to <code>regmedint</code> will be used. Only the CDE is affected.
<code>c_cond</code>	A numeric vector as long as the number of adjustment covariates. A set of covariate values at which the conditional natural effects are evaluated.
<code>...</code>	For compatibility with the generic. Ignored.

**Value**

A numeric matrix with the diagonals populated with variance estimates. Off-diagonals are NA since these are not estimated.

**Examples**

```
library(regmedint)
data(vv2015)
regmedint_obj <- regmedint(data = vv2015,
  ## Variables
  yvar = "y",
  avar = "x",
  mvar = "m",
  cvar = c("c"),
  eventvar = "event",
  ## Values at which effects are evaluated
  a0 = 0,
  a1 = 1,
  m_cde = 1,
  c_cond = 0.5,
  ## Model types
  mreg = "logistic",
  yreg = "survAFT_weibull",
  ## Additional specification
  interaction = TRUE,
  casecontrol = FALSE)

vcov(regmedint_obj)
## Evaluate at different values
vcov(regmedint_obj, m_cde = 0, c_cond = 1)
```

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vcov.regmedint\_mod\_poisson

*Robust sandwich variance estimator for modified Poisson*


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**Description**

Provide robust sandwich variance-covariance estimate using `sandwich`.



**Usage**

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

**Arguments**

**object**            A model object of the class `regmedint_mod_poisson`  
**...**             For compatibility with the generic.

**Value**

A variance-covariance matrix using the [sandwich](#).

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vv2015

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*Example dataset from Valeri and VanderWeele 2015.*


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**Description**

An example dataset from Valeri and VanderWeele (2015) <doi:10.1097/EDE.0000000000000253>.

**Usage**

```
vv2015
```

**Format**

A tibble with 100 rows and 7 variables:

**id** Positive integer id.  
**x** Binary treatment assignment variable.  
**m** Binary mediator variable.  
**y** Time to event outcome variable.  
**cens** Binary censoring indicator. Censored is 1.  
**c** Continuous confounder variable.  
**event** Binary event indicator. Event is 1.

**Source**

<https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/tyler-vanderweele/tools-and-tutorials/>

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