Tutorial for goric(): How to evaluate theory-based hypotheses using the GORIC and GORICA

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Introduction

Analyses

Below, you will find examples for the use of the goric() function in the restriktor-package.

Two types of analyses can be run:

- type = "goric" (the default), which can be applied to multivariate normal linear models;
- type = "gorica", the approximation of the GORIC which can be applied to a broad range of models.

Furthermore, there is the argument comparison = for the following three types of comparisons:

- "none'
- "unconstrained" (default)
- "complement"

If you choose "none", only the hypotheses of interest are inspected. This can lead to choosing the best out of a set of weak hypotheses. Therefore, this is only recommended when the hypotheses of interest cover the full parameter space / cover the whole set of possible theories. If "unconstrained" is chosen, then the unconstrained / unrestricted / classical alternative hypothesis is included in the set. This safeguards from choosing a weak hypothesis, that is, a hypothesis not supported by the data, as the best one. If at least one of the theory-based / informative hypotheses is not weak, one can compare those to all other hypotheses in the set. Currently, "complement" only works for one hypothesis and not for a whole set. Then, the complement of the hypothesis of interest is evaluated and acts like a competing hypothesis. Since there is per definition no overlap between the hypothesis and its complement, this is more powerful then including the unconstrained hypothesis. Please note that in the example below, the default comparison = "unconstrained" is used. At the end of the file, there are three examples for the three types of comparisons.

The goric() function of restriktor takes different forms of input (for model parameter estimates and constraints).

- (1) Fitted unconstrained (lm or glm) object* + character constraints.
- (2) Fitted unconstrained (lm or glm) object + list with constraints matrix.
 - In case of within effects, the GORIC cannot be calculated.
- (3) Fitted restriktor object(s).
- (4) Numeric vector + character constraints.
- (5) Numeric vector + list with constraints matrix.

Please note that:

- The last two (i.e., using the numeric factor) can only be used when type = "gorica" (the first three can be used for both goric and gorica).
- Using the numeric factor can be especially helpful for objects other than (g)lm objects.
- The numeric vector contains parameter estimates, and these can be obtained from any type of model.
- The estimates are assumed to be normally distributed. So, for some models when sample size is low, this assumption may not hold. In that case, it is often not clear how well the GORICA performs. See Altinisik et al 2021, for some simulations regarding logistic regression and SEM models.

Hypothesis specification

A few remarks on how to specify hypotheses when working with the goric() function. When one uses character constraints:

- Within the restriktor() and goric() functions, it is possible to use the following operators: >, <, =, <=, >=, == (where the last three denote the same constraint as the first three).
- The goric() and the restriktor() functions can deal with:
 - pairwise restrictions separated by a semicolon; (e.g., "beta1 > beta2; beta2 = beta3").
 - combined restrictions consisting of more than one operator (e.g., "beta1 > beta2 = beta3"). Note that one should use the labels of the parameter estimates.
- One can also define hypothesis in terms of linear functions of parameters (For more details, see 'Extra possibility specification hypotheses' near the end of this document).

When one wish to use a list with constraints matrix (possibly together with *rhs* and *neq*), it should be done as follows: list(constraints = xxx, rhs = xxx, neq = x), with constraints being a matrix, rhs a vector with the right hand sie of the restrictions, where the length of the vector equals the number of rows of constraints matrix (when not all of them are zero), and neq a scalar denoting the number of equalities in the matrix (when not zero). By default, rhs and neq are set to 0. These arguments have to be specified such that: + constraints * parameters >= rhs, + where the first neq-restrictions are equalities.

In the following examples, the above methods are illustrated.

Preparation

Before starting the analyses, it is necessary to install and load the packages. Note that one needs to install the package only once, but has to load the package each time the R script is run.

```
# If you want to use restriktor from github:
#if (!require("devtools")) install.packages("devtools")
#library(devtools)
#install_github("LeonardV/restriktor")
#library(restriktor) # for goric function
#
# If from CRAN:
if (!require("restriktor")) install.packages("restriktor")
library(restriktor) # for goric function
```

Next, data is generated as example data to illustrate the functionality of the goric() function. If you want to obtain the same results as obtained here, it is necessary to set the seed at a fixed number.

Then, a regression model can be fit using the lm() function:

```
fit.lm \leftarrow lm(y \sim x1 + x2 + x3)
```

Below, the GORIC and GORICA are applied to this model.

To apply the GORIC(A), hypotheses need to be specified. Normally, these would be based on theory. However, since (hypothetical) data is generated, quasi-randomly two hypotheses are specified.

Notes on specifying hypotheses:

- Hypotheses in R are in terms of the labeling used for the estimates (instead of the names for the population parameters, say, beta0, ..., beta3). Thus, here: Intercept., x1, x2, and/or x3.
- In case estimates of continuous predictor variables are compared (e.g., "x1 < x2"), one should standardize the data (this is shown in more detail below) or use the standardized parameter estimates.

Model Selection using GORIC(A)

GORIC & GORICA

The upcoming analyses can be performed by means of both the GORIC and the GORICA. By default, the goric() function calculates the **GORIC** values (which then uses: type = "goric"). To calculate the **GORICA** values, the argument type has to be set to gorica (i.e., type = "gorica") within the goric() function.

Note on GORIC and GORICA weights:

• The GORICA weights (asymptotically) equal the GORIC weights. The differences are minor and often not notable with 2 decimals. Because of these minor differences, the relative weights (i.e., ratio of weights) can differ. These differences in relative weights can even be large, when dividing a very large number by a very small number with minor differences in these values.

Fitted unconstrained (g)lm object + character constraints

Next, the hypotheses need to be specified. Note that the ; separates the restrictions within one hypothesis.

```
H1 \leftarrow "x1 > 0"
H2 \leftarrow "x1 > 0; x2 > 0"
```

Now, the GORIC values and weights can be calculated.

```
set.seed(123) # Set seed value
out <- goric(fit.lm, hypotheses = list(H1, H2))</pre>
summary(out)
```

restriktor (0.5-50): generalized order-restricted information criterion:

Results:

	model	loglik	penalty	goric	loglik.weights	penalty.weights	goric.weights
1	H1	-3.295	4.500	15.589	0.333	0.284	0.284
2	H2	-3.295	3.847	14.284	0.333	0.545	0.545
3	unconstrained	-3.295	5.000	16.589	0.333	0.172	0.172

Ratio GORIC-weights:

	vs. H1	vs. H2	vs.	unconstrained
H1	1.000	0.521		1.649
H2	1.921	1.000		3.167
${\tt unconstrained}$	0.607	0.316		1.000

Ratio loglik-weights:

	vs. H1	vs. H2	vs.	unconstrained
H1	1	1		1
H2	1	1		1
${\tt unconstrained}$	1	1		1

Ratio penalty-weights:

	vs. H1	vs. H2	vs. unconstrained
H1	1.000	0.521	1.649
H2	1.921	1.000	3.167
unconstrained	0.607	0.316	1.000

order-restricted hypotheses:

```
H1:
x1 > 0
```

H2:

x1 > 0; x2 > 0

To obtain the GORICA values and weights instead:

```
set.seed(123) # Set seed value
out_gorica <- goric(fit.lm, hypotheses = list(H1, H2), type = "gorica")
summary(out_gorica)</pre>
```

restriktor (0.5-50): generalized order-restricted information criterion approximation:

Results:

	model	loglik	penalty	gorica	loglik.weights	penalty.weights	gorica.weights
1	H1	3.622	3.500	-0.244	0.333	0.284	0.284
2	H2	3.622	2.847	-1.549	0.333	0.545	0.545
3	${\tt unconstrained}$	3.622	4.000	0.756	0.333	0.172	0.172

Ratio GORICA-weights:

	vs. HI	vs. H2	vs.	unconstrained
H1	1.000	0.521		1.649
H2	1.921	1.000		3.167
${\tt unconstrained}$	0.607	0.316		1.000

Ratio loglik-weights:

	vs.	H1	vs.	H2	vs.	unconstrained
H1		1		1		1
H2		1		1		1
${\tt unconstrained}$		1		1		1

Ratio penalty-weights:

	vs. Hl	vs. H2	vs.	unconstrained
H1	1.000	0.521		1.649
H2	1.921	1.000		3.167
${\tt unconstrained}$	0.607	0.316		1.000

order-restricted hypotheses:

H1: x1 > 0 H2: x1 > 0; x2 > 0

Fitted unconstrained (g)lm object + list with constraints matrix

In the example above, rhs and neq are assumed to be 0, which is also the assumed default. It means that the left hand side of (in)equalities are set to 0's, and that the number of equality restrictions is equal to 0.

```
H1 <- list(constraints = c(0,1,0,0))
# "x1 > 0"
H2 <- list(constraints = rbind(c(0,1,0,0), c(0,0,1,0)))
# "x1 > 0; x2 > 0"
```

The GORIC values and weights are obtained via:

```
set.seed(123) # Set seed value
out <- goric(fit.lm, hypotheses = list(H1, H2))
summary(out)</pre>
```

restriktor (0.5-50): generalized order-restricted information criterion:

Results:

	model	loglik	penalty	goric	loglik.weights	penalty.weights	goric.weights
1	H1	-3.295	4.500	15.589	0.333	0.284	0.284
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3	unconstrained	-3.295	5.000	16.589	0.333	0.172	0.172

Ratio GORIC-weights:

	vs. H1	vs. H2	vs. unconstrained
H1	1.000	0.521	1.649
H2	1.921	1.000	3.167
${\tt unconstrained}$	0.607	0.316	1.000

Ratio loglik-weights:

	vs. H1	vs. H2	vs. unconstrained
H1	1	1	1
H2	1	1	1
${\tt unconstrained}$	1	1	1

Ratio penalty-weights:

	vs. H1	vs. H2	vs. unconstrained
H1	1.000	0.521	1.649
H2	1.921	1.000	3.167
unconstrained	0.607	0.316	1.000

and the GORICA values and weights via:

```
set.seed(123) # Set seed value
out_gorica <- goric(fit.lm, hypotheses = list(H1, H2), type = "gorica")
summary(out_gorica)</pre>
```

restriktor (0.5-50): generalized order-restricted information criterion approximation:

Results:

	model	loglik	penalty	gorica	loglik.weights	penalty.weights	gorica.weights
1	H1	3.622	3.500	-0.244	0.333	0.284	0.284
2	Н2	3.622	2.847	-1.549	0.333	0.545	0.545
3	${\tt unconstrained}$	3.622	4.000	0.756	0.333	0.172	0.172

Ratio GORICA-weights:

	vs. H1	vs. H2	VS.	unconstrained
H1	1.000	0.521		1.649
H2	1.921	1.000		3.167
${\tt unconstrained}$	0.607	0.316		1.000

Ratio loglik-weights:

	vs. Hi	vs.	Н2	vs.	unconstrained
H1	1	_	1		1
H2	1	L	1		1
${\tt unconstrained}$	1	_	1		1

Ratio penalty-weights:

	vs. H1	vs. H2	VS.	unconstrained
H1	1.000	0.521		1.649
H2	1.921	1.000		3.167
unconstrained	0.607	0.316		1.000

Fitted unconstrained (g)lm object + list with constraints matrix (rhs and neq non-zero)

In this example, **rhs** and **neq** are not assumed to be 0. Please note that equality restrictions should be stated first in the constraints' list.

```
H1 <- list(constraints = c(0,1,0,0), rhs = 2)
# "x1 > 2"
H2 <- list(constraints = rbind(c(0,1,0,0), c(0,0,1,0)), rhs = c(1,0), neq = 1)
# "x1 = 1; x2 > 0"
```

The GORIC values and weights are obtained via:

```
set.seed(123) # Set seed value
out <- goric(fit.lm, hypotheses = list(H1, H2))
summary(out)</pre>
```

restriktor (0.5-50): generalized order-restricted information criterion:

Results:

	model	loglik	penalty	goric	loglik.weights	penalty.weights	<pre>goric.weights</pre>
1	H1	-8.212	4.500	25.425	0.007	0.231	0.010
2	Н2	-6.197	3.500	19.394	0.052	0.629	0.196
3	${\tt unconstrained}$	-3.295	5.000	16.589	0.941	0.140	0.795

Ratio GORIC-weights:

	vs. H1	vs. H2	Vs.	unconstrained
H1	1.000	0.049		0.012
H2	20.399	1.000		0.246
${\tt unconstrained}$	82.896	4.064		1.000

Ratio loglik-weights:

	vs. H1	vs. H2	vs.	unconstrained
H1	1.000	0.133		0.007
H2	7.504	1.000		0.055
${\tt unconstrained}$	136.673	18.213		1.000

Ratio penalty-weights:

vs. H1 vs. H2 vs. unconstrained

```
H1 1.000 0.368 1.649
H2 2.718 1.000 4.482
unconstrained 0.607 0.223 1.000
```

and the GORICA values and weights via:

```
set.seed(123) # Set seed value
out_gorica <- goric(fit.lm, hypotheses = list(H1, H2), type = "gorica")
summary(out_gorica)</pre>
```

restriktor (0.5-50): generalized order-restricted information criterion approximation:

Results:

	model	loglik	penalty	gorica	loglik.weights	penalty.weights	gorica.weights
1	H1	-1.400	3.500	9.799	0.006	0.231	0.008
2	Н2	1.262	2.500	2.477	0.086	0.629	0.295
3	${\tt unconstrained}$	3.622	4.000	0.756	0.908	0.140	0.697

Ratio GORICA-weights:

	vs. H1	vs. H2	vs. unconstrained
H1	1.000	0.026	0.011
H2	38.906	1.000	0.423
${\tt unconstrained}$	91.977	2.364	1.000

Ratio loglik-weights:

	vs. H1	vs. H2	vs. unconstrained
H1	1.000	0.070	0.007
H2	14.313	1.000	0.094
${\tt unconstrained}$	151.645	10.595	1.000

Ratio penalty-weights:

	vs. H1	vs. H2	vs. unconstrained
H1	1.000	0.368	1.649
H2	2.718	1.000	4.482
${\tt unconstrained}$	0.607	0.223	1.000

Fitted restriktor object(s)

After specifying the hypotheses:

```
H1 <- "x1 > 0"
H2 <- "x1 > 0; x2 > 0"
```

the restriktor objects can be fitted as follows:

```
fit1.restr <- restriktor(fit.lm, constraints = H1)
fit2.restr <- restriktor(fit.lm, constraints = H2)</pre>
```

Now, use the GORIC for model selection:

```
set.seed(123) # Set seed value
out <- goric(fit1.restr, fit2.restr)
summary(out)</pre>
```

restriktor (0.5-50): generalized order-restricted information criterion:

Results:

	model	loglik	penalty	goric	loglik.weights	penalty.weights	goric.weights
1	H1	-3.295	4.500	15.589	0.333	0.284	0.284
2	Н2	-3.295	3.847	14.284	0.333	0.545	0.545
3	${\tt unconstrained}$	-3.295	5.000	16.589	0.333	0.172	0.172

Ratio GORIC-weights:

	vs. H1	vs. H2	vs. unconstrained
H1	1.000	0.521	1.649
H2	1.921	1.000	3.167
${\tt unconstrained}$	0.607	0.316	1.000

Ratio loglik-weights:

	vs. H1	vs. H2	vs. unconstrained
H1	1	1	1
H2	1	1	1
${\tt unconstrained}$	1	1	1

Ratio penalty-weights:

	vs. H1	vs. H2	vs. unconstrained
H1	1.000	0.521	1.649
H2	1.921	1.000	3.167
${\tt unconstrained}$	0.607	0.316	1.000

order-restricted hypotheses:

H1:

x1 > 0

H2:

x1 > 0; x2 > 0

or the GORICA:

```
set.seed(123) # Set seed value
out_gorica <- goric(fit1.restr, fit2.restr, type = "gorica")
summary(out)</pre>
```

 ${\tt restriktor}\ ({\tt 0.5-50}) \colon {\tt generalized}\ {\tt order-restricted}\ {\tt information}\ {\tt criterion} \colon$

Results:

	model	loglik	penalty	goric	loglik.weights	penalty.weights	goric.weights
1	H1	-3.295	4.500	15.589	0.333	0.284	0.284
2	Н2	-3.295	3.847	14.284	0.333	0.545	0.545
3	${\tt unconstrained}$	-3.295	5.000	16.589	0.333	0.172	0.172

Ratio GORIC-weights:

```
vs. H1 vs. H2 vs. unconstrained
H1
                1.000
                         0.521
                                            1.649
                         1.000
H2
                1.921
                                            3.167
                                            1.000
                0.607
                         0.316
unconstrained
Ratio loglik-weights:
               vs. H1
                       vs. H2 vs. unconstrained
H1
                    1
                             1
Н2
                    1
                             1
                                                 1
unconstrained
                    1
                             1
                                                 1
Ratio penalty-weights:
               vs. H1 vs. H2 vs. unconstrained
Н1
                1.000
                        0.521
                                            1.649
Н2
                1.921
                         1.000
                                            3.167
unconstrained
                0.607
                         0.316
                                            1.000
order-restricted hypotheses:
H1:
x1 > 0
H2:
```

GORICA

x1 > 0; x2 > 0

The upcoming analyses can only be performed by means of the *GORICA*. This is because, the GORICA only needs the parameter estimates or only those of interest (that is, those addressed in the hypotheses) and their covariance matrix. Because of this, it is applicable for a wider range of models (e.g., logistic regression and SEM models).

Numeric vector + character constraints

One needs to extract the estimates (of interest), as well as their variance-covariance matrix. Both can be extracted from the fit.lm object (also from non-(g)lm objects).

```
est <- coef(fit.lm)
VCOV <- vcov(fit.lm)</pre>
```

Next, the hypotheses need to be specified using the labels of 'est' (which can also be re-labelled as is done in the next subsection).

```
H1 <- "x1 > 0"
H2 <- "x1 > 0; x2 > 0"
```

Then, use the goric() function to select the best model.

```
set.seed(123) # Set seed value
out <- goric(est, hypotheses = list(H1, H2), VCOV = VCOV, type = "gorica")
summary(out)</pre>
```

restriktor (0.5-50): generalized order-restricted information criterion approximation:

Results:

	model	loglik	penalty	gorica	loglik.weights	penalty.weights	gorica.weights
1	H1	3.622	3.500	-0.244	0.333	0.284	0.284
2	H2	3.622	2.847	-1.549	0.333	0.545	0.545
3	${\tt unconstrained}$	3.622	4.000	0.756	0.333	0.172	0.172

Ratio GORICA-weights:

	vs. H1	vs. H2	vs. unconstrained
H1	1.000	0.521	1.649
H2	1.921	1.000	3.167
${\tt unconstrained}$	0.607	0.316	1.000

Ratio loglik-weights:

vs. H1	vs. H2	vs. unconstrained
1	1	1
1	1	1
1	1	1
	vs. H1 1 1	vs. H1 vs. H2 1 1 1 1 1 1

Ratio penalty-weights:

vs. Hl	vs. H2	vs. unconstrained
1.000	0.521	1.649
1.921	1.000	3.167
0.607	0.316	1.000
	1.000	1.000 0.521 1.921 1.000 0.607 0.316

order-restricted hypotheses:

H1:

x1 > 0

H2:

x1 > 0; x2 > 0

However, one could also use the structural parameters only, that is, the parameters used in all hypotheses in the set. In this case, the following code can be used:

```
H1 <- "x1 > 0"
H2 <- "x1 > 0; x2 > 0"

est <- coef(fit.lm)[2:3]
VCOV <- vcov(fit.lm)[2:3, 2:3]

set.seed(123) # Set seed value
out <- goric(est, hypotheses = list(H1, H2), VCOV = VCOV, type = "gorica")
summary(out)</pre>
```

restriktor (0.5-50): generalized order-restricted information criterion approximation:

Results:

	model	loglik	penalty	gorica	loglik.weights	penalty.weights	gorica.weights
1	H1	1.614	1.500	-0.227	0.333	0.284	0.284
2	H2	1.614	0.847	-1.532	0.333	0.545	0.545

```
3 unconstrained
                 1.614
                            2.000
                                    0.773
                                                     0.333
                                                                      0.172
                                                                                      0.172
Ratio GORICA-weights:
               vs. H1 vs. H2 vs. unconstrained
                1.000
                                           1.649
H1
                      0.521
                1.921
                        1.000
                                           3.167
unconstrained
              0.607
                        0.316
                                           1.000
Ratio loglik-weights:
               vs. H1
                      vs. H2 vs. unconstrained
H1
                    1
                            1
H2
                    1
                            1
                                                1
unconstrained
                    1
                            1
                                                1
Ratio penalty-weights:
               vs. H1 vs. H2 vs. unconstrained
H1
                1.000
                        0.521
                                           1.649
H2
                1.921
                        1.000
                                           3.167
                0.607
                        0.316
                                           1.000
unconstrained
order-restricted hypotheses:
H1:
x1 > 0
H2:
x1 > 0; x2 > 0
```

Now, the exact same weights are obtained. However, the penalties are two points lower than before, which is due to the fact that two unconstrained/free parameters are left out. The log-likelihoods also change. But, when comparing the support for the hypotheses, these differences cancel out.

Relabeled numeric vector + character constraints

By default, the names/labels of the parameter estimates are based on variable names in the model (and in case of a factor, it is also based on the different levels it can take on). Using other names/labels often makes more sense. Then, one can specify the hypotheses in terms of those labels. For example, one can do the following:

```
est <- coef(fit.lm)
names(est) <- c("beta0", "beta1", "beta2", "beta3")
VCOV <- vcov(fit.lm)

H1 <- "beta1 > 0"
H2 <- "beta1 > 0; beta2 > 0"

set.seed(123) # Set seed value
out <- goric(est, hypotheses = list(H1, H2), VCOV = VCOV, type = "gorica")
summary(out)</pre>
```

restriktor (0.5-50): generalized order-restricted information criterion approximation:

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Ratio GORICA-weights:

	vs. H1	vs. H2	vs. unconstrained
H1	1.000	0.521	1.649
H2	1.921	1.000	3.167
${\tt unconstrained}$	0.607	0.316	1.000

Ratio loglik-weights:

vs. H1	vs. H2	vs. unconstrained
1	1	1
1	1	1
1	1	1
	vs. H1 1 1	vs. H1 vs. H2 1 1 1 1 1 1

Ratio penalty-weights:

vs. HI	vs. H2	vs. unconstrained
1.000	0.521	1.649
1.921	1.000	3.167
0.607	0.316	1.000
	1.000	1.000 0.521 1.921 1.000 0.607 0.316

order-restricted hypotheses:

H1:

beta1 > 0

H2:

beta1 > 0; beta2 > 0

'Manual' numeric vector + character constraints

Sometimes, one cannot extract the coefficients and variance-covariance matrix directly from an R-object; for example, due to the fact that previous analyses were performed by means of other software, or since it stems from another article. In these situations, it is also possible to manually insert the regression coefficients and the variance-covariance matrix.

```
H2 <- "beta1 > 0; beta2 > 0"
set.seed(123) # Set seed value
out <- goric(est, hypotheses = list(H1, H2), VCOV = VCOV, type = "gorica")
summary(out)
```

restriktor (0.5-50): generalized order-restricted information criterion approximation:

Results:

```
model loglik penalty gorica loglik.weights penalty.weights gorica.weights
1
                 3.622
                         3.500 -0.244
                                                0.333
                                                                0.284
2
            H2
                 3.622
                         2.847 - 1.549
                                                0.333
                                                                0.545
                                                                               0.545
3 unconstrained
                3.622 4.000 0.756
                                                0.333
                                                                0.172
                                                                               0.172
```

Ratio GORICA-weights:

	vs. H1	vs. H2	vs. unconstrained
H1	1.000	0.521	1.649
H2	1.921	1.000	3.167
unconstrained	0.607	0.316	1.000

Ratio loglik-weights:

	vs. H1	vs. H2	vs. unconstrained
H1	1	1	1
H2	1	1	1
unconstrained	1	1	1

Ratio penalty-weights:

	vs. H1	vs. H2	vs. unconstrained
H1	1.000	0.521	1.649
H2	1.921	1.000	3.167
unconstrained	0.607	0.316	1.000

order-restricted hypotheses:

H1:

beta1 > 0

H2:

beta1 > 0; beta2 > 0

#Numeric vector + list with constraints matrix (rhs, neq)

When one only wants to use a list with a constraints matrix, the following code can be used:

```
est <- coef(fit.lm)</pre>
VCOV <- vcov(fit.lm)</pre>
H1 \leftarrow list(constraints = c(0,1,0,0))
# "x1 > 0"
H2 \leftarrow list(constraints = rbind(c(0,1,0,0), c(0,0,1,0)))
# "x1 > 0; x2 > 0"
```

```
set.seed(123) # Set seed value
out <- goric(est, hypotheses = list(H1, H2), VCOV = VCOV, type = "gorica")
summary(out)</pre>
```

restriktor (0.5-50): generalized order-restricted information criterion approximation:

Results:

	model	loglik	penalty	gorica	loglik.weights	penalty.weights	gorica.weights
1	H1	3.622	3.500	-0.244	0.333	0.284	0.284
2	H2	3.622	2.847	-1.549	0.333	0.545	0.545
3	${\tt unconstrained}$	3.622	4.000	0.756	0.333	0.172	0.172

Ratio GORICA-weights:

1.649
3.167
1.000

Ratio loglik-weights:

	vs. H1	vs. H2	VS.	unconstrained
H1	1	1		1
H2	1	1		1
${\tt unconstrained}$	1	1		1

Ratio penalty-weights:

	vs. H1	vs. H2	vs. unconstrained
H1	1.000	0.521	1.649
H2	1.921	1.000	3.167
unconstrained	0.607	0.316	1.000

Standardized data

If estimates of continuous predictor variables are compared (e.g., "x1 < x2"), then one should standardize the data. To demonstrate this, new data will be generated. In the data, the contribution of the variables to the dependent variable will differ. Below, the vector of ratios of these contributions is set to = c(1, 1.5, 2). This, then reflects (the ratios of) the population regression coefficient values. It means that the contribution to the outcome variable y, increases from x1 to x3, where that of x2 is 1.5 and that of x3 is 2 times as large as that of x1.

```
data_s <- as.data.frame(scale(data))

y <- ratio[1] * data_s$x1 + ratio[2] * data_s$x2 + ratio[3] * data_s$x3 + e</pre>
```

Note. Since there is only one outcome, the outcome does not need to be standardized.

Now, fit the regression model, and specify a hypothesis by means of character constraints.

```
fit.lm_s <- lm(y ~ -1 + x1 + x2 + x3, data = data_s)

H1 <- "x1 < x2"
```

Then, calculate the GORIC values and weights:

```
set.seed(123) # Set seed value
out_s <- goric(fit.lm, hypotheses = list(H1), comparison = "complement")
summary(out_s, brief = FALSE)</pre>
```

restriktor (0.5-50): generalized order-restricted information criterion:

Results:

```
        model
        loglik
        penalty
        goric
        loglik.weights
        penalty.weights
        goric.weights

        1
        H1
        -5.447
        4.500
        19.895
        0.104
        0.500
        0.104

        2
        complement
        -3.295
        4.500
        15.589
        0.896
        0.500
        0.896
```

The order-restricted hypothesis 'H1' has 0.116 times more support than its complement.

Ratio GORIC-weights:

```
vs. H1 vs. complement
H1 1.000 0.116
complement 8.607 1.000
```

Ratio loglik-weights:

```
vs. H1 vs. complement
H1 1.000 0.116
complement 8.607 1.000
```

Ratio penalty-weights:

```
vs. H1 vs. complement
H1 1 1
complement 1 1
```

Order-restricted coefficients:

```
(Intercept) x1 x2 x3
H1 1.236 1.120 1.120 0.878
complement 1.248 1.407 0.826 0.811
```

Restriction matrices:

\$H1

(Intercept) x1 x2 x3 op rhs active

```
1: 0 -1 1 0 >= 0 yes $complement
[1] not H1
```

Defining parameters

In restriktor, it is also possible to specify hypotheses in terms of linear functions of the parameters. For instance, in case of adjusted means, you can specify the restrictions in two ways:

- 1. You can write them out yourself (using the parameter/variable names from an R-object, like lm()).
- 2. You can first specify the adjusted means (below called "m1" to "m4") and specify the hypotheses in terms of those:

For more details, please see Vanbrabant, Van Loey, and Kuiper 2020). However, please note that this code cannot be run now, since the variables and, more importantly, the parameters are labeled differently. One can run:

restriktor (0.5-50): generalized order-restricted information criterion:

Results:

```
        model
        loglik
        penalty
        goric
        loglik.weights
        penalty.weights
        goric.weights

        1
        H1
        -6.610
        3.879
        20.978
        0.035
        0.754
        0.100

        2
        unconstrained
        -3.295
        5.000
        16.589
        0.965
        0.246
        0.900
```

Ratio GORIC-weights:

```
vs. H1 vs. unconstrained H1 1.000 0.111 unconstrained 8.972 1.000
```

Ratio loglik-weights:

```
vs. H1 vs. unconstrained H1 1.000 0.036 unconstrained 27.532 1.000
```

```
Ratio penalty-weights:
               vs. H1 vs. unconstrained
                1.000
                                    3.069
                0.326
                                    1.000
unconstrained
order-restricted hypotheses:
H1:
m1 := .Intercept.
m2 := .Intercept. + x1
m3 := .Intercept. + x2
m4 := .Intercept. + x3
m1 < m4
m2 < m4
m3 < m4
```

Types of comparisons

There are three types of comparisons: "none", "unconstrained", and "complement". Subsequently, it is shown, for the last type, what output can be asked for, which of course holds for all examples.

Comparison = "none""

If comparison = "none", then only the hypotheses of interest are inspected. This can lead to choosing the best hypothesis out of a set of weak hypotheses. Hence, one should only use this if the hypotheses cover the whole parameter space, that is, cover all possible theories/hypotheses.

```
H1 <- "x1 > 0"
H2 <- "x1 > 0; x2 > 0"

set.seed(123) # Set seed value
out <- goric(fit.lm, hypotheses = list(H1, H2), comparison = "none")
summary(out)</pre>
```

restriktor (0.5-50): generalized order-restricted information criterion:

Results:

```
        model
        loglik
        penalty
        goric
        loglik.weights
        penalty.weights
        goric.weights

        1
        H1
        -3.295
        4.500
        15.589
        0.500
        0.342
        0.342

        2
        H2
        -3.295
        3.847
        14.284
        0.500
        0.658
        0.658
```

```
Ratio GORIC-weights:
```

```
vs. H1 vs. H2
H1 1.000 0.521
H2 1.921 1.000
```

```
Ratio loglik-weights:
```

```
vs. H1 vs. H2
H1 1 1
```

```
H2 1 1
---

Ratio penalty-weights:
    vs. H1 vs. H2
H1 1.000 0.521
H2 1.921 1.000
---

order-restricted hypotheses:
H1:
x1 > 0

H2:
x1 > 0; x2 > 0
```

Comparison = "unconstrained"

If comparison = "unconstrained", then the unconstrained / unrestricted / classical alternative hypothesis is included in the set. This safeguards from choosing a weak hypothesis as the best one.

```
H1 <- "x1 > 0"
H2 <- "x1 > 0; x2 > 0"

set.seed(123) # Set seed value
out <- goric(fit.lm, hypotheses = list(H1, H2), comparison = "unconstrained")
# or:
# out <- goric(fit.lm, H1, H2, type = "gorica", comparison = "unconstrained")
summary(out)</pre>
```

restriktor (0.5-50): generalized order-restricted information criterion:

Results:

	model	loglik	penalty	goric	loglik.weights	penalty.weights	goric.weights
1	H1	-3.295	4.500	15.589	0.333	0.284	0.284
2	Н2	-3.295	3.847	14.284	0.333	0.545	0.545
3	unconstrained	-3.295	5.000	16.589	0.333	0.172	0.172

Ratio GORIC-weights:

	VS. HI	VS. HZ	vs. unconstrained
H1	1.000	0.521	1.649
H2	1.921	1.000	3.167
${\tt unconstrained}$	0.607	0.316	1.000

Ratio loglik-weights:

	vs. H1	vs. H2	vs.	unconstrained
H1	1	1		1
H2	1	1		1
${\tt unconstrained}$	1	1		1

Ratio penalty-weights:

```
vs. H1 vs. H2 vs. unconstrained H1 1.000 0.521 1.649 H2 1.921 1.000 3.167 unconstrained 0.607 0.316 1.000
```

order-restricted hypotheses:

```
H1:
x1 > 0
H2:
```

x1 > 0; x2 > 0

Since at least one of, even both, H1 and H2 are not weak, one can compare the support for H1 versus H2 (where H2 is 1.921 times more supported).

Comparison = "complement"

Currently, comparison = "complement" only works for one hypothesis and not for a whole set of hypotheses. Then, the complement of the hypothesis of interest is evaluated and acts like a competing hypothesis. Since there is per definition no overlap between the hypothesis and its complement, this is more powerful then including the unconstrained.

H1 vs its complement

```
H1 <- "x1 > 0"
set.seed(123) # Set seed value
out <- goric(fit.lm, hypotheses = list(H1), comparison = "complement")
summary(out, brief = FALSE)</pre>
```

restriktor (0.5-50): generalized order-restricted information criterion:

Results:

```
model
                                  goric loglik.weights penalty.weights
               loglik penalty
                                                                         goric.weights
                                                  1.000
                                                                   0.500
                                                                                  1.000
          H1
               -3.295
                          4.500 15.589
1
              -15.009
                          4.500 39.018
                                                  0.000
                                                                   0.500
                                                                                  0.000
2 complement
```

The order-restricted hypothesis 'H1' has 122335.376 times more support than its complement.

```
Ratio GORIC-weights:
```

```
vs. H1 vs. complement
H1 1.00e+00 1.22e+05
complement 0.00e+00 1.00e+00
```

Ratio loglik-weights:

```
vs. H1 vs. complement
H1 1.00e+00 1.22e+05
complement 0.00e+00 1.00e+00
```

Ratio penalty-weights:

```
vs. H1 vs. complement
H1
                                1
complement
                1
                                1
Order-restricted coefficients:
            (Intercept)
                           x1
                                  x2
                                         x3
                 1.248 1.407 0.826 0.811
H1
                 1.144 0.000 1.488 0.645
complement
Restriction matrices:
   (Intercept) x1 x2 x3
                          op rhs active
            0 1 0 0
1:
                          >= 0
$complement
[1] not H1
summary(out)
restriktor (0.5-50): generalized order-restricted information criterion:
Results:
                                goric loglik.weights penalty.weights goric.weights
               loglik penalty
       model
               -3.295
                       4.500 15.589
                                                 1.000
                                                                  0.500
                                                                                 1.000
          H1
                                                 0.000
2 complement -15.009
                         4.500 39.018
                                                                  0.500
                                                                                 0.000
The order-restricted hypothesis 'H1' has 122335.376 times more support than its complement.
Ratio GORIC-weights:
             vs. H1 vs. complement
            1.00e+00
                           1.22e+05
H1
complement 0.00e+00
                           1.00e+00
Ratio loglik-weights:
             vs. H1 vs. complement
                           1.22e+05
            1.00e+00
complement 0.00e+00
                           1.00e+00
Ratio penalty-weights:
           vs. H1 vs. complement
H1
                1
complement
                1
                                1
order-restricted hypotheses:
H1:
x1 > 0
```

H2 vs its complement

```
H2 \leftarrow "x1 > 0; x2 > 0"
set.seed(123) # Set seed value
out <- goric(fit.lm, hypotheses = list(H2), comparison = "complement")</pre>
summary(out)
restriktor (0.5-50): generalized order-restricted information criterion:
Results:
       model
              loglik penalty
                                goric loglik.weights penalty.weights goric.weights
              -3.295
                       3.847 14.284
                                                  0.999
                                                                   0.691
                                                  0.001
                                                                   0.309
  complement -10.375
                          4.653 30.055
The order-restricted hypothesis 'H1' has 2658.773 times more support than its complement.
Ratio GORIC-weights:
            vs. H1 vs. complement
H1
                 1
                              2659
                 0
                                 1
complement
Ratio loglik-weights:
            vs. H1 vs. complement
H1
            1.000
                    1188.275
           0.001
                             1.000
complement
Ratio penalty-weights:
            vs. H1 vs. complement
             1.000
                             2.238
H1
            0.447
                             1.000
complement
order-restricted hypotheses:
H1:
x1 > 0; x2 > 0
```

1.000

0.000

Note on comparisons

Please note that the obtained weights for the two hypotheses cannot be compared. If this is the goal of the analysis, one should evaluate them simultaneously in one set, as done earlier.

Different types of output

The command out gives the default results (i.e., per model / hypothesis the log-likelihood, penalty, GORIC(A), and GORIC(A)-weights).

```
out
```

restriktor (0.5-50): generalized order-restricted information criterion:

Results:

	model	loglik	penalty	goric	loglik.weights	penalty.weights	goric.weights
1	H1	-3.295	3.847	14.284	0.999	0.691	1.000
2	complement	-10.375	4.653	30.055	0.001	0.309	0.000

The order-restricted hypothesis 'H1' has 2658.773 times more support than its complement.

The command summary(out) gives, besides the results, also the relative GORIC(A)-weights matrix.

summary(out)

restriktor (0.5-50): generalized order-restricted information criterion:

Results:

	model	loglik	penalty	goric	loglik.weights	penalty.weights	goric.weights
1	H1	-3.295	3.847	14.284	0.999	0.691	1.000
2	complement	-10.375	4.653	30.055	0.001	0.309	0.000

The order-restricted hypothesis 'H1' has 2658.773 times more support than its complement.

Ratio GORIC-weights:

	VS.	H1	vs.	complement
H1		1		2659
complement		0		1

Ratio loglik-weights:

	vs. H1	vs.	complement
H1	1.000		1188.275
complement	0.001		1.000

Ratio penalty-weights:

```
vs. H1 vs. complement
H1 1.000 2.238
complement 0.447 1.000
```

order-restricted hypotheses:

H1:

```
x1 > 0; x2 > 0
```

The command summary(out, brief = FALSE) gives also the order / inequality restricted coefficients (order-restricted mle's) and constraint matrices.

```
summary(out, brief = FALSE)
```

restriktor (0.5-50): generalized order-restricted information criterion:

Results:

	model	loglik	penalty	goric	loglik.weights	penalty.weights	goric.weights
1	H1	-3.295	3.847	14.284	0.999	0.691	1.000
2	complement	-10.375	4.653	30.055	0.001	0.309	0.000

The order-restricted hypothesis 'H1' has 2658.773 times more support than its complement.

Ratio GORIC-weights:

 $\begin{array}{ccccc} & \text{vs. H1} & \text{vs. complement} \\ \text{H1} & & 1 & 2659 \\ \text{complement} & & 0 & & 1 \\ \end{array}$

Ratio loglik-weights:

vs. H1 vs. complement
H1 1.000 1188.275
complement 0.001 1.000

Ratio penalty-weights:

 $\begin{array}{cccc} & \text{vs. H1} & \text{vs. complement} \\ \text{H1} & 1.000 & 2.238 \\ \text{complement} & 0.447 & 1.000 \end{array}$

Order-restricted coefficients:

(Intercept) x1 x2 x3 H1 1.248 1.407 0.826 0.811 complement 1.236 1.781 0.000 0.444

Restriction matrices:

\$H1

(Intercept) x1 x2 x3 op rhs active 1: 0 1 0 0 \Rightarrow 0 no 2: 0 0 1 0 \Rightarrow 0 no

\$complement

[1] not H1

Furthermore, one can ask for different elements of the output by means of the following commands:

- out\$result gives results (i.e., per model / hypothesis the log-likelihood, penalty, GORIC(A), and GORIC(A)-weights).
- out\$ratio.gw gives the relative GORIC(A)-weights matrix, which gives the relative support of an hypothesis versus another.
- outsormle gives the order / inequality restricted coefficients (order-restricted mle's).
- coef(out) also gives the order / inequality restricted coefficients (order-restricted mle's).
- out\$type states what type of analysis is used (GORIC or GORICA).
- out\$comparison states what type of comparison is used (none, unconstrained, complement).
- out\$constraints gives the constraints matrices.
- out\$rhs gives the right hand side (rhs) of the constraints.
- out\$neq gives the number of equalities (neq) in the constraints, where the first neq are then equalities.

If many restrictions: Another method to calculate the penalty

Working with a lot of restrictions and a lot of parameters calculations increases the computation time, which has to do with the calculation of the level probability needed for the penalty term. There are two methods that can be used in calculating the penalty. The default method is often much faster (if the number of parameters is not too high) and needs less input specification. It can, however, not deal with hypotheses that are not of full row-rank (which easily happens if you specify many restrictions). In that case, restriktor uses automatically the other (bootstrap) method.

To use this bootstrap method, use:

restriktor (0.5-50): generalized order-restricted information criterion approximation:

Results:

```
gorica loglik.weights penalty.weights
        model
                loglik
                        penalty
                                                                            gorica.weights
           H1
                 3.622
                           3.502
                                  -0.240
                                                    1.000
                                                                     0.499
                                                                                      1.000
1
               -24.612
                           3.498
                                 56.220
                                                    0.000
                                                                     0.501
                                                                                      0.000
  complement
```

The order-restricted hypothesis 'H1' has 1820353968300.098 times more support than its complement.

Note on not full row-rank

If the restriction matrix is not of full row-rank, this means one of the following:

- 1. Redundant restriction, either:
 - a) leave the redundant one out (goric() function does this for you), or:
 - b) use another (more time-consuming) way of obtaining the level probabilities for the penalty term: Bootstrapping, as discussed above (goric function does this by default).
- 2. Range restrictions (e.g., -2 < group1 < 2), which can be evaluated, but there is a sensitivity (like with a prior in a Bayes factor), which currently cannot be checked for.
- 3. Conflicting restrictions (e.g., 2 < group1 < -2), which can evidently never hold and is thus impossible to evaluate. In this case, one should delete the incorrect restriction.