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bootstrapLavaan

*Bootstrapping a Lavaan Model***Description**

Bootstrap the LRT, or any other statistic (or vector of statistics) you can extract from a fitted lavaan object.

Usage

```
bootstrapLavaan(object, R = 1000L, type = "ordinary", verbose = FALSE,
  FUN = "coef", warn = -1L, return.boot = FALSE,
  parallel = c("no", "multicore", "snow"),
  ncpus = 1L, cl = NULL, h0.rmsea = NULL, ...)

bootstrapLRT(h0 = NULL, h1 = NULL, R = 1000L, type="bollen.stine",
  verbose = FALSE, return.LRT = FALSE, double.bootstrap = "no",
  double.bootstrap.R = 500L, double.bootstrap.alpha = 0.05,
  warn = -1L, parallel = c("no", "multicore", "snow"),
  ncpus = 1L, cl = NULL)
```

Arguments

object	An object of class lavaan .
h0	An object of class lavaan . The restricted model.
h1	An object of class lavaan . The unrestricted model.
R	Integer. The number of bootstrap draws.
type	If "ordinary" or "nonparametric", the usual (naive) bootstrap method is used. If "bollen.stine", the data is first transformed such that the null hypothesis holds exactly in the resampling space. If "yuan", the data is first transformed by combining data and theory (model), such that the resampling space is closer to the population space. If "parametric", the parametric bootstrap approach is used; currently, this is only valid for continuous data following a multivariate normal distribution. See references for more details.
FUN	A function which when applied to the lavaan object returns a vector containing the statistic(s) of interest. The default is FUN="coef", returning the estimated values of the free parameters in the model.
...	Other named arguments for FUN which are passed unchanged each time it is called.
verbose	If TRUE, show information for each bootstrap draw.
warn	Sets the handling of warning messages. See options .
return.boot	Not used for now.
return.LRT	If TRUE, return the LRT values as an attribute to the pvalue.
parallel	The type of parallel operation to be used (if any). If missing, the default is "no".
ncpus	Integer: number of processes to be used in parallel operation: typically one would chose this to the number of available CPUs.
cl	An optional parallel or snow cluster for use if parallel = "snow". If not supplied, a cluster on the local machine is created for the duration of the bootstrapLavaan or bootstrapLRT call.
h0.rmsea	Only used if type="yuan". Allows one to do the Yuan bootstrap under the hypothesis that the population RMSEA equals a specified value.

`double.bootstrap`

If "standard" the genuine double bootstrap is used to compute an additional set of plug-in p-values for each bootstrap sample. If "FDB", the fast double bootstrap is used to compute second level LRT-values for each bootstrap sample. If "no", no double bootstrap is used. The default is set to "FDB".

`double.bootstrap.R`

Integer. The number of bootstrap draws to be use for the double bootstrap.

`double.bootstrap.alpha`

The significance level to compute the adjusted alpha based on the plugin p-values.

Details

The FUN function can return either a scalar or a numeric vector. This function can be an existing function (for example `coef`) or can be a custom defined function. For example:

```
myFUN <- function(x) {
  # require(lavaan)
  modelImpliedCov <- fitted(x)$cov
  vech(modelImpliedCov)
}
```

If `parallel="snow"`, it is imperative that the `require(lavaan)` is included in the custom function.

Author(s)

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References

- Bollen, K. and Stine, R. (1992) Bootstrapping Goodness of Fit Measures in Structural Equation Models. *Sociological Methods and Research*, 21, 205–229.
- Yuan, K.-H., Hayashi, K., & Yanagihara, H. (2007). A class of population covariance matrices in the bootstrap approach to covariance structure analysis. *Multivariate Behavioral Research*, 42, 261–281.

Examples

```
# fit the Holzinger and Swineford (1939) example
HS.model <- ' visual  =~ x1 + x2 + x3
               textual =~ x4 + x5 + x6
               speed   =~ x7 + x8 + x9 '

fit <- cfa(HS.model, data=HolzingerSwineford1939, se="none")

# get the test statistic for the original sample
T.orig <- fitMeasures(fit, "chisq")

# bootstrap to get bootstrap test statistics
# we only generate 10 bootstrap sample in this example; in practice
```

```
# you may wish to use a much higher number
T.boot <- bootstrapLavaan(fit, R=10, type="bollen.stine",
                        FUN=fitMeasures, fit.measures="chisq")

# compute a bootstrap based p-value
pvalue.boot <- length(which(T.boot > T.orig))/length(T.boot)
```

cfa

Fit Confirmatory Factor Analysis Models

Description

Fit a Confirmatory Factor Analysis (CFA) model.

Usage

```
cfa(model = NULL, data = NULL,
    meanstructure = "default", fixed.x = "default",
    orthogonal = FALSE, std.lv = FALSE,
    parameterization = "default", std.ov = FALSE,
    missing = "default", ordered = NULL,
    sample.cov = NULL, sample.cov.rescale = "default",
    sample.mean = NULL, sample.nobs = NULL,
    ridge = 1e-05, group = NULL,
    group.label = NULL, group.equal = "", group.partial = "",
    group.w.free = FALSE, cluster = NULL, constraints = '',
    estimator = "default", likelihood = "default", link = "default",
    information = "default", se = "default", test = "default",
    bootstrap = 1000L, mimic = "default", representation = "default",
    do.fit = TRUE, control = list(), WLS.V = NULL, NACOV = NULL,
    zero.add = "default", zero.keep.margins = "default",
    zero.cell.warn = TRUE,
    start = "default", verbose = FALSE, warn = TRUE, debug = FALSE)
```

Arguments

- | | |
|---------------|---|
| model | A description of the user-specified model. Typically, the model is described using the lavaan model syntax. See model.syntax for more information. Alternatively, a parameter table (eg. the output of the <code>lavaanify()</code> function) is also accepted. |
| data | An optional data frame containing the observed variables used in the model. If some variables are declared as ordered factors, lavaan will treat them as ordinal variables. |
| meanstructure | If TRUE, the means of the observed variables enter the model. If "default", the value is set based on the user-specified model, and/or the values of other arguments. |

<code>fixed.x</code>	If TRUE, the exogenous 'x' covariates are considered fixed variables and the means, variances and covariances of these variables are fixed to their sample values. If FALSE, they are considered random, and the means, variances and covariances are free parameters. If "default", the value is set depending on the mimic option.
<code>orthogonal</code>	If TRUE, the exogenous latent variables are assumed to be uncorrelated.
<code>std.lv</code>	If TRUE, the metric of each latent variable is determined by fixing their variances to 1.0. If FALSE, the metric of each latent variable is determined by fixing the factor loading of the first indicator to 1.0.
<code>parameterization</code>	Currently only used if data is categorical. If "delta", the delta parameterization is used. If "theta", the theta parameterization is used.
<code>std.ov</code>	If TRUE, all observed variables are standardized before entering the analysis.
<code>missing</code>	If "listwise", cases with missing values are removed listwise from the data frame before analysis. If "direct" or "ml" or "fiml" and the estimator is maximum likelihood, Full Information Maximum Likelihood (FIML) estimation is used using all available data in the data frame. This is only valid if the data are missing completely at random (MCAR) or missing at random (MAR). If "default", the value is set depending on the estimator and the mimic option.
<code>ordered</code>	Character vector. Only used if the data is in a data.frame. Treat these variables as ordered (ordinal) variables, if they are endogenous in the model. Importantly, all other variables will be treated as numeric (unless they are declared as ordered in the original data.frame.)
<code>sample.cov</code>	Numeric matrix. A sample variance-covariance matrix. The rownames and/or colnames must contain the observed variable names. For a multiple group analysis, a list with a variance-covariance matrix for each group. Note that if maximum likelihood estimation is used and <code>likelihood="normal"</code> , the user provided covariance matrix is internally rescaled by multiplying it with a factor $(N-1)/N$, to ensure that the covariance matrix has been divided by N. This can be turned off by setting the <code>sample.cov.rescale</code> argument to FALSE.
<code>sample.cov.rescale</code>	If TRUE, the sample covariance matrix provided by the user is internally rescaled by multiplying it with a factor $(N-1)/N$. If "default", the value is set depending on the estimator and the likelihood option: it is set to TRUE if maximum likelihood estimation is used and <code>likelihood="normal"</code> , and FALSE otherwise.
<code>sample.mean</code>	A sample mean vector. For a multiple group analysis, a list with a mean vector for each group.
<code>sample.nobs</code>	Number of observations if the full data frame is missing and only sample moments are given. For a multiple group analysis, a list or a vector with the number of observations for each group.
<code>ridge</code>	Numeric. Small constant used for ridging. Only used if the sample covariance matrix is non positive definite.
<code>group</code>	A variable name in the data frame defining the groups in a multiple group analysis.

group.label	A character vector. The user can specify which group (or factor) levels need to be selected from the grouping variable, and in which order. If NULL (the default), all grouping levels are selected, in the order as they appear in the data.
group.equal	A vector of character strings. Only used in a multiple group analysis. Can be one or more of the following: "loadings", "intercepts", "means", "thresholds", "regressions", "residuals", "residual.covariances", "lv.variances" or "lv.covariances", specifying the pattern of equality constraints across multiple groups.
group.partial	A vector of character strings containing the labels of the parameters which should be free in all groups (thereby overriding the group.equal argument for some specific parameters).
group.w.free	Logical. If TRUE, the group frequencies are considered to be free parameters in the model. In this case, a Poisson model is fitted to estimate the group frequencies. If FALSE (the default), the group frequencies are fixed to their observed values.
cluster	Not used yet.
constraints	Additional (in)equality constraints not yet included in the model syntax. See model.syntax for more information.
estimator	The estimator to be used. Can be one of the following: "ML" for maximum likelihood, "GLS" for generalized least squares, "WLS" for weighted least squares (sometimes called ADF estimation), "ULS" for unweighted least squares and "DWLS" for diagonally weighted least squares. These are the main options that affect the estimation. For convenience, the "ML" option can be extended as "MLM", "MLMV", "MLMVS", "MLF", and "MLR". The estimation will still be plain "ML", but now with robust standard errors and a robust (scaled) test statistic. For "MLM", "MLMV", "MLMVS", classic robust standard errors are used (se="robust.sem"); for "MLF", standard errors are based on first-order derivatives (se="first.order"); for "MLR", 'Huber-White' robust standard errors are used (se="robust.huber.white"). In addition, "MLM" will compute a Satorra-Bentler scaled (mean adjusted) test statistic (test="satorra.bentler"), "MLMVS" will compute a mean and variance adjusted test statistic (Satterthwaite style) (test="mean.var.adjusted"), "MLMV" will compute a mean and variance adjusted test statistic (scaled and shifted) (test="scaled.shifted"), and "MLR" will compute a test statistic which is asymptotically equivalent to the Yuan-Bentler T2-star test statistic. Analogously, the estimators "WLSM" and "WLSMV" imply the "DWLS" estimator (not the "WLS" estimator) with robust standard errors and a mean or mean and variance adjusted test statistic. Estimators "ULSM" and "ULSMV" imply the "ULS" estimator with robust standard errors and a mean or mean and variance adjusted test statistic.
likelihood	Only relevant for ML estimation. If "wishart", the wishart likelihood approach is used. In this approach, the covariance matrix has been divided by N-1, and both standard errors and test statistics are based on N-1. If "normal", the normal likelihood approach is used. Here, the covariance matrix has been divided by N, and both standard errors and test statistics are based on N. If "default", it depends on the mimic option: if mimic="lavaan" or mimic="Mplus", normal likelihood is used; otherwise, wishart likelihood is used.

link	Currently only used if estimator is MML. If "logit", a logit link is used for binary and ordered observed variables. If "probit", a probit link is used. If "default", it is currently set to "probit" (but this may change).
information	If "expected", the expected information matrix is used (to compute the standard errors). If "observed", the observed information matrix is used. If "default", the value is set depending on the estimator and the mimic option.
se	If "standard", conventional standard errors are computed based on inverting the (expected or observed) information matrix. If "first.order", standard errors are computed based on first-order derivatives. If "robust.sem", conventional robust standard errors are computed. If "robust.huber.white", standard errors are computed based on the 'mlr' (aka pseudo ML, Huber-White) approach. If "robust", either "robust.sem" or "robust.huber.white" is used depending on the estimator, the mimic option, and whether the data are complete or not. If "boot" or "bootstrap", bootstrap standard errors are computed using standard bootstrapping (unless Bollen-Stine bootstrapping is requested for the test statistic; in this case bootstrap standard errors are computed using model-based bootstrapping). If "none", no standard errors are computed.
test	If "standard", a conventional chi-square test is computed. If "Satorra.Bentler", a Satorra-Bentler scaled test statistic is computed. If "Yuan.Bentler", a Yuan-Bentler scaled test statistic is computed. If "mean.var.adjusted" or "Satterthwaite", a mean and variance adjusted test statistic is compute. If "scaled.shifted", an alternative mean and variance adjusted test statistic is computed (as in Mplus version 6 or higher). If "boot" or "bootstrap" or "Bollen.Stine", the Bollen-Stine bootstrap is used to compute the bootstrap probability value of the test statistic. If "default", the value depends on the values of other arguments.
bootstrap	Number of bootstrap draws, if bootstrapping is used.
mimic	If "Mplus", an attempt is made to mimic the Mplus program. If "EQS", an attempt is made to mimic the EQS program. If "default", the value is (currently) set to "lavaan", which is very close to "Mplus".
representation	If "LISREL" the classical LISREL matrix representation is used to represent the model (using the all-y variant).
do.fit	If FALSE, the model is not fit, and the current starting values of the model parameters are preserved.
control	A list containing control parameters passed to the optimizer. By default, lavaan uses "nlminb". See the manpage of nlminb for an overview of the control parameters. A different optimizer can be chosen by setting the value of <code>optim.method</code> . For unconstrained optimization (the model syntax does not include any "=", ">" or "<" operators), the available options are "nlminb" (the default), "BFGS" and "L-BFGS-B". See the manpage of the optim function for the control parameters of the latter two options. For constrained optimization, the only available option is "nlminb.constr".
WLS.V	A user provided weight matrix to be used by estimator "WLS"; if the estimator is "DWLS", only the diagonal of this matrix will be used. For a multiple group analysis, a list with a weight matrix for each group. The elements of the weight matrix should be in the following order (if all data is continuous): first the means (if a meanstructure is involved), then the lower triangular elements of

	the covariance matrix including the diagonal, ordered column by column. In the categorical case: first the thresholds (including the means for continuous variables), then the slopes (if any), the variances of continuous variables (if any), and finally the lower triangular elements of the correlation/covariance matrix excluding the diagonal, ordered column by column.
NACOV	A user provided matrix containing the elements of (N times) the asymptotic variance-covariance matrix of the sample statistics. For a multiple group analysis, a list with an asymptotic variance-covariance matrix for each group. See the <code>WLS.V</code> argument for information about the order of the elements.
zero.add	A numeric vector containing two values. These values affect the calculation of polychoric correlations when some frequencies in the bivariate table are zero. The first value only applies for 2x2 tables. The second value for larger tables. This value is added to the zero frequency in the bivariate table. If "default", the value is set depending on the "mimic" option. By default, lavaan uses <code>zero.add = c(0.5, 0.0)</code> .
zero.keep.margins	Logical. This argument only affects the computation of polychoric correlations for 2x2 tables with an empty cell, and where a value is added to the empty cell. If TRUE, the other values of the frequency table are adjusted so that all margins are unaffected. If "default", the value is set depending on the "mimic". The default is TRUE.
zero.cell.warn	Logical. Only used if some observed endogenous variables are categorical. If TRUE, give a warning if one or more cells of a bivariate frequency table are empty.
start	If it is a character string, the two options are currently "simple" and "Mplus". In the first case, all parameter values are set to zero, except the factor loadings (set to one), the variances of latent variables (set to 0.05), and the residual variances of observed variables (set to half the observed variance). If "Mplus", we use a similar scheme, but the factor loadings are estimated using the <code>fabin3</code> estimator (tsls) per factor. If start is a fitted object of class <code>lavaan</code> , the estimated values of the corresponding parameters will be extracted. If it is a model list, for example the output of the <code>parameterEstimates()</code> function, the values of the <code>est</code> or <code>start</code> or <code>ustart</code> column (whichever is found first) will be extracted.
verbose	If TRUE, the function value is printed out during each iteration.
warn	If TRUE, some (possibly harmless) warnings are printed out during the iterations.
debug	If TRUE, debugging information is printed out.

Details

The `cfa` function is a wrapper for the more general `lavaan` function, using the following default arguments: `int.ov.free = TRUE`, `int.lv.free = FALSE`, `auto.fix.first = TRUE` (unless `std.lv = TRUE`), `auto.fix.single = TRUE`, `auto.var = TRUE`, `auto.cov.lv.x = TRUE`, `auto.th = TRUE`, `auto.delta = TRUE`, and `auto.cov.y = TRUE`.

Value

An object of class `lavaan`, for which several methods are available, including a summary method.

References

Yves Rosseel (2012). lavaan: An R Package for Structural Equation Modeling. Journal of Statistical Software, 48(2), 1-36. URL <http://www.jstatsoft.org/v48/i02/>.

See Also

[lavaan](#)

Examples

```
## The famous Holzinger and Swineford (1939) example
HS.model <- ' visual  =~ x1 + x2 + x3
              textual =~ x4 + x5 + x6
              speed   =~ x7 + x8 + x9 '

fit <- cfa(HS.model, data=HolzingerSwineford1939)
summary(fit, fit.measures=TRUE)
```

Demo.growth

Demo dataset for a illustrating a linear growth model.

Description

A toy dataset containing measures on 4 time points (t1,t2, t3 and t4), two predictors (x1 and x2) influencing the random intercept and slope, and a time-varying covariate (c1, c2, c3 and c4).

Usage

```
data(Demo.growth)
```

Format

A data frame of 400 observations of 10 variables.

- t1 Measured value at time point 1
- t2 Measured value at time point 2
- t3 Measured value at time point 3
- t4 Measured value at time point 4
- x1 Predictor 1 influencing intercept and slope
- x2 Predictor 2 influencing intercept and slope
- c1 Time-varying covariate time point 1
- c2 Time-varying covariate time point 2
- c3 Time-varying covariate time point 3
- c4 Time-varying covariate time point 4

See Also[growth](#)**Examples**

```
head(Demo.growth)
```

estfun*Extract Empirical Estimating Functions*

Description

A function for extracting the empirical estimating functions of a fitted lavaan model. This is the derivative of the objective function with respect to the parameter vector, evaluated at the observed (case-wise) data. In other words, this function returns the case-wise scores, evaluated at the fitted model parameters.

Usage

```
estfun.lavaan(object, scaling = FALSE)
```

Arguments

<code>object</code>	An object of class lavaan .
<code>scaling</code>	If TRUE, the scores are scaled to reflect the specific objective function used by lavaan. If FALSE (the default), the objective function is the loglikelihood function assuming multivariate normality.

Value

A $n \times k$ matrix corresponding to n observations and k parameters.

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FacialBurns

Dataset for illustrating the InformativeTesting function.

Description

A dataset from the Dutch burn center (<http://www.adbc.nl>). The data were used to examine psychosocial functioning in patients with facial burn wounds. Psychosocial functioning was measured by Anxiety and depression symptoms (HADS), and self-esteem (Rosenberg's self-esteem scale).

Usage

```
data(FacialBurns)
```

Format

A data frame of 77 observations of 6 variables.

Selfesteem Rosenberg's self-esteem scale

HADS Anxiety and depression scale

Age Age measured in years, control variable

TBSA Total Burned Surface Area

RUM Rumination, control variable

Sex Gender, grouping variable

Examples

```
head(FacialBurns)
```

fitMeasures

Fit Measures for a Latent Variable Model

Description

This function computes a variety of fit measures to assess the global fit of a latent variable model.

Usage

```
fitMeasures(object, fit.measures = "all", baseline.model = NULL)
```

```
fitmeasures(object, fit.measures = "all", baseline.model = NULL)
```

Arguments

<code>object</code>	An object of class lavaan .
<code>fit.measures</code>	If "all", all fit measures available will be returned. If only a single or a few fit measures are specified by name, only those are computed and returned.
<code>baseline.model</code>	If not NULL, an object of class lavaan , representing a user-specified baseline model. If a baseline model is provided, all fit indices relying on a baseline model (eg. CFI or TLI) will use the test statistics from this user-specified baseline model, instead of the default baseline model.

Value

A named numeric vector of fit measures.

Examples

```
HS.model <- ' visual  =~ x1 + x2 + x3
              textual =~ x4 + x5 + x6
              speed   =~ x7 + x8 + x9 '

fit <- cfa(HS.model, data=HolzingerSwineford1939)
fitMeasures(fit)
fitMeasures(fit, "cfi")
fitMeasures(fit, c("chisq", "df", "pvalue", "cfi", "rmsea"))
```

getCov

Utility Functions For Covariance Matrices

Description

Convenience functions to deal with covariance and correlation matrices.

Usage

```
getCov(x, lower = TRUE, diagonal = TRUE, sds = NULL,
       names = paste("V", 1:nvar, sep=""))
char2num(s)
cor2cov(R, sds, names = NULL)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	The elements of the covariance matrix. Either inside a character string or as a numeric vector. In the former case, the function <code>char2num</code> is used to convert the numbers (inside the character string) to numeric values.
<code>lower</code>	Logical. If TRUE, the numeric values in <code>x</code> are the lower-triangular elements of the (symmetric) covariance matrix only. If FALSE, <code>x</code> contains the upper triangular elements only. Note we always assumed the elements are provided row-wise!

diagonal	Logical. If TRUE, the numeric values in x include the diagonal elements. If FALSE, a unit diagonal is assumed.
sds	A numeric vector containing the standard deviations to be used to scale the elements in x or the correlation matrix R into a covariance matrix.
names	The variable names of the observed variables.
s	Character string containing numeric values; comma's and semi-colons are ignored.
R	A correlation matrix, to be scaled into a covariance matrix.

Details

The `getCov` function is typically used to input the lower (or upper) triangular elements of a (symmetric) covariance matrix. In many examples found in handbooks, only those elements are shown. However, `lavaan` needs a full matrix to proceed.

The `cor2cov` function is the inverse of the `cov2cor` function, and scales a correlation matrix into a covariance matrix given the standard deviations of the variables. Optionally, variable names can be given.

Examples

```
# The classic Wheaton et. al. (1977) model
# panel data on the stability of alienation
lower <- '
11.834,
 6.947,   9.364,
 6.819,   5.091,  12.532,
 4.783,   5.028,   7.495,   9.986,
-3.839,  -3.889,  -3.841,  -3.625,   9.610,
-21.899, -18.831, -21.748, -18.775,  35.522,  450.288 '

# convert to a full symmetric covariance matrix with names
wheaton.cov <- getCov(lower, names=c("anomia67", "powerless67", "anomia71",
                                     "powerless71", "education", "sei"))

# the model
wheaton.model <- '
  # measurement model
  ses      =~ education + sei
  alien67 =~ anomia67 + powerless67
  alien71 =~ anomia71 + powerless71

  # equations
  alien71 ~ alien67 + ses
  alien67 ~ ses

  # correlated residuals
  anomia67 ~~ anomia71
  powerless67 ~~ powerless71
,
```

```
# fitting the model
fit <- sem(wheaton.model, sample.cov=wheaton.cov, sample.nobs=932)

# showing the results
summary(fit, standardized=TRUE)
```

growth

Fit Growth Curve Models

Description

Fit a Growth Curve model.

Usage

```
growth(model = NULL, data = NULL, fixed.x = "default",
  orthogonal = FALSE, std.lv = FALSE,
  parameterization = "default", std.ov = FALSE,
  missing = "default", ordered = NULL,
  sample.cov = NULL, sample.cov.rescale = "default",
  sample.mean = NULL, sample.nobs = NULL,
  ridge = 1e-05, group = NULL,
  group.label = NULL, group.equal = "", group.partial = "",
  group.w.free = FALSE, cluster = NULL, constraints = '',
  estimator = "default", likelihood = "default", link = "default",
  information = "default", se = "default", test = "default",
  bootstrap = 1000L, mimic = "default", representation = "default",
  do.fit = TRUE, control = list(), WLS.V = NULL, NACOV = NULL,
  zero.add = "default", zero.keep.margins = "default",
  zero.cell.warn = TRUE,
  start = "default", verbose = FALSE, warn = TRUE, debug = FALSE)
```

Arguments

model	A description of the user-specified model. Typically, the model is described using the lavaan model syntax. See model.syntax for more information. Alternatively, a parameter table (eg. the output of the lavaanify() function) is also accepted.
data	An optional data frame containing the observed variables used in the model. If some variables are declared as ordered factors, lavaan will treat them as ordinal variables.
fixed.x	If TRUE, the exogenous ‘x’ covariates are considered fixed variables and the means, variances and covariances of these variables are fixed to their sample values. If FALSE, they are considered random, and the means, variances and covariances are free parameters. If "default", the value is set depending on the mimic option.
orthogonal	If TRUE, the exogenous latent variables are assumed to be uncorrelated.

<code>std.lv</code>	If TRUE, the metric of each latent variable is determined by fixing their variances to 1.0. If FALSE, the metric of each latent variable is determined by fixing the factor loading of the first indicator to 1.0.
<code>parameterization</code>	Currently only used if data is categorical. If "delta", the delta parameterization is used. If "theta", the theta parameterization is used.
<code>std.ov</code>	If TRUE, all observed variables are standardized before entering the analysis.
<code>missing</code>	If "listwise", cases with missing values are removed listwise from the data frame before analysis. If "direct" or "ml" or "fiml" and the estimator is maximum likelihood, Full Information Maximum Likelihood (FIML) estimation is used using all available data in the data frame. This is only valid if the data are missing completely at random (MCAR) or missing at random (MAR). If "default", the value is set depending on the estimator and the mimic option.
<code>ordered</code>	Character vector. Only used if the data is in a data.frame. Treat these variables as ordered (ordinal) variables, if they are endogenous in the model. Importantly, all other variables will be treated as numeric (unless they are declared as ordered in the original data.frame.)
<code>sample.cov</code>	Numeric matrix. A sample variance-covariance matrix. The rownames and/or colnames must contain the observed variable names. For a multiple group analysis, a list with a variance-covariance matrix for each group. Note that if maximum likelihood estimation is used and <code>likelihood="normal"</code> , the user provided covariance matrix is internally rescaled by multiplying it with a factor $(N-1)/N$, to ensure that the covariance matrix has been divided by N . This can be turned off by setting the <code>sample.cov.rescale</code> argument to FALSE.
<code>sample.cov.rescale</code>	If TRUE, the sample covariance matrix provided by the user is internally rescaled by multiplying it with a factor $(N-1)/N$. If "default", the value is set depending on the estimator and the likelihood option: it is set to TRUE if maximum likelihood estimation is used and <code>likelihood="normal"</code> , and FALSE otherwise.
<code>sample.mean</code>	A sample mean vector. For a multiple group analysis, a list with a mean vector for each group.
<code>sample.nobs</code>	Number of observations if the full data frame is missing and only sample moments are given. For a multiple group analysis, a list or a vector with the number of observations for each group.
<code>ridge</code>	Numeric. Small constant used for ridging. Only used if the sample covariance matrix is non positive definite.
<code>group</code>	A variable name in the data frame defining the groups in a multiple group analysis.
<code>group.label</code>	A character vector. The user can specify which group (or factor) levels need to be selected from the grouping variable, and in which order. If NULL (the default), all grouping levels are selected, in the order as they appear in the data.
<code>group.equal</code>	A vector of character strings. Only used in a multiple group analysis. Can be one or more of the following: "loadings", "intercepts", "means", "thresholds", "regressions", "residuals", "residual.covariances", "lv.variances" or "lv.covariances", specifying the pattern of equality constraints across multiple groups.

group.partial	A vector of character strings containing the labels of the parameters which should be free in all groups (thereby overriding the group.equal argument for some specific parameters).
group.w.free	Logical. If TRUE, the group frequencies are considered to be free parameters in the model. In this case, a Poisson model is fitted to estimate the group frequencies. If FALSE (the default), the group frequencies are fixed to their observed values.
cluster	Not used yet.
constraints	Additional (in)equality constraints not yet included in the model syntax. See model.syntax for more information.
estimator	The estimator to be used. Can be one of the following: "ML" for maximum likelihood, "GLS" for generalized least squares, "WLS" for weighted least squares (sometimes called ADF estimation), "ULS" for unweighted least squares and "DWLS" for diagonally weighted least squares. These are the main options that affect the estimation. For convenience, the "ML" option can be extended as "MLM", "MLMV", "MLMVS", "MLF", and "MLR". The estimation will still be plain "ML", but now with robust standard errors and a robust (scaled) test statistic. For "MLM", "MLMV", "MLMVS", classic robust standard errors are used (se="robust.sem"); for "MLF", standard errors are based on first-order derivatives (se="first.order"); for "MLR", 'Huber-White' robust standard errors are used (se="robust.huber.white"). In addition, "MLM" will compute a Satorra-Bentler scaled (mean adjusted) test statistic (test="satorra.bentler"), "MLMVS" will compute a mean and variance adjusted test statistic (Satterthwaite style) (test="mean.var.adjusted"), "MLMV" will compute a mean and variance adjusted test statistic (scaled and shifted) (test="scaled.shifted"), and "MLR" will compute a test statistic which is asymptotically equivalent to the Yuan-Bentler T2-star test statistic. Analogously, the estimators "WLSM" and "WLSMV" imply the "DWLS" estimator (not the "WLS" estimator) with robust standard errors and a mean or mean and variance adjusted test statistic. Estimators "ULSM" and "ULSMV" imply the "ULS" estimator with robust standard errors and a mean or mean and variance adjusted test statistic.
likelihood	Only relevant for ML estimation. If "wishart", the wishart likelihood approach is used. In this approach, the covariance matrix has been divided by N-1, and both standard errors and test statistics are based on N-1. If "normal", the normal likelihood approach is used. Here, the covariance matrix has been divided by N, and both standard errors and test statistics are based on N. If "default", it depends on the mimic option: if mimic="lavaan" or mimic="Mplus", normal likelihood is used; otherwise, wishart likelihood is used.
link	Currently only used if estimator is MML. If "logit", a logit link is used for binary and ordered observed variables. If "probit", a probit link is used. If "default", it is currently set to "probit" (but this may change).
information	If "expected", the expected information matrix is used (to compute the standard errors). If "observed", the observed information matrix is used. If "default", the value is set depending on the estimator and the mimic option.
se	If "standard", conventional standard errors are computed based on inverting the (expected or observed) information matrix. If "first.order", standard

	errors are computed based on first-order derivatives. If "robust.sem", conventional robust standard errors are computed. If "robust.huber.white", standard errors are computed based on the 'mlr' (aka pseudo ML, Huber-White) approach. If "robust", either "robust.sem" or "robust.huber.white" is used depending on the estimator, the mimic option, and whether the data are complete or not. If "boot" or "bootstrap", bootstrap standard errors are computed using standard bootstrapping (unless Bollen-Stine bootstrapping is requested for the test statistic; in this case bootstrap standard errors are computed using model-based bootstrapping). If "none", no standard errors are computed.
test	If "standard", a conventional chi-square test is computed. If "Satorra.Bentler", a Satorra-Bentler scaled test statistic is computed. If "Yuan.Bentler", a Yuan-Bentler scaled test statistic is computed. If "mean.var.adjusted" or "Satterthwaite", a mean and variance adjusted test statistic is compute. If "scaled.shifted", an alternative mean and variance adjusted test statistic is computed (as in Mplus version 6 or higher). If "boot" or "bootstrap" or "Bollen.Stine", the Bollen-Stine bootstrap is used to compute the bootstrap probability value of the test statistic. If "default", the value depends on the values of other arguments.
bootstrap	Number of bootstrap draws, if bootstrapping is used.
mimic	If "Mplus", an attempt is made to mimic the Mplus program. If "EQS", an attempt is made to mimic the EQS program. If "default", the value is (currently) set to "lavaan", which is very close to "Mplus".
representation	If "LISREL" the classical LISREL matrix representation is used to represent the model (using the all-y variant).
WLS.V	A user provided weight matrix to be used by estimator "WLS"; if the estimator is "DWLS", only the diagonal of this matrix will be used. For a multiple group analysis, a list with a weight matrix for each group. The elements of the weight matrix should be in the following order (if all data is continuous): first the means (if a meanstructure is involved), then the lower triangular elements of the covariance matrix including the diagonal, ordered column by column. In the categorical case: first the thresholds (including the means for continuous variables), then the slopes (if any), the variances of continuous variables (if any), and finally the lower triangular elements of the correlation/covariance matrix excluding the diagonal, ordered column by column.
NACOV	A user provided matrix containing the elements of (N times) the asymptotic variance-covariance matrix of the sample statistics. For a multiple group analysis, a list with an asymptotic variance-covariance matrix for each group. See the WLS.V argument for information about the order of the elements.
zero.add	A numeric vector containing two values. These values affect the calculation of polychoric correlations when some frequencies in the bivariate table are zero. The first value only applies for 2x2 tables. The second value for larger tables. This value is added to the zero frequency in the bivariate table. If "default", the value is set depending on the "mimic" option. By default, lavaan uses <code>zero.add = c(0.5, 0.0)</code> .
zero.keep.margins	Logical. This argument only affects the computation of polychoric correlations for 2x2 tables with an empty cell, and where a value is added to the empty cell.

	If TRUE, the other values of the frequency table are adjusted so that all margins are unaffected. If "default", the value is set depending on the "mimic". The default is TRUE.
<code>zero.cell.warn</code>	Logical. Only used if some observed endogenous variables are categorical. If TRUE, give a warning if one or more cells of a bivariate frequency table are empty.
<code>start</code>	If it is a character string, the two options are currently "simple" and "Mplus". In the first case, all parameter values are set to zero, except the factor loadings (set to one), the variances of latent variables (set to 0.05), and the residual variances of observed variables (set to half the observed variance). If "Mplus", we use a similar scheme, but the factor loadings are estimated using the <code>fabin3</code> estimator (tsls) per factor. If <code>start</code> is a fitted object of class <code>lavaan</code> , the estimated values of the corresponding parameters will be extracted. If it is a model list, for example the output of the <code>parameterEstimates()</code> function, the values of the <code>est</code> or <code>start</code> or <code>ustart</code> column (whichever is found first) will be extracted.
<code>do.fit</code>	If FALSE, the model is not fit, and the current starting values of the model parameters are preserved.
<code>control</code>	A list containing control parameters passed to the optimizer. By default, <code>lavaan</code> uses "nlminb". See the manpage of <code>nlminb</code> for an overview of the control parameters. A different optimizer can be chosen by setting the value of <code>optim.method</code> . For unconstrained optimization (the model syntax does not include any "=", ">" or "<" operators), the available options are "nlminb" (the default), "BFGS" and "L-BFGS-B". See the manpage of the <code>optim</code> function for the control parameters of the latter two options. For constrained optimization, the only available option is "nlminb.constr".
<code>verbose</code>	If TRUE, the function value is printed out during each iteration.
<code>warn</code>	If TRUE, some (possibly harmless) warnings are printed out during the iterations.
<code>debug</code>	If TRUE, debugging information is printed out.

Details

The `growth` function is a wrapper for the more general `lavaan` function, using the following default arguments: `meanstructure = TRUE`, `int.ov.free = FALSE`, `int.lv.free = TRUE`, `auto.fix.first = TRUE` (unless `std.lv = TRUE`), `auto.fix.single = TRUE`, `auto.var = TRUE`, `auto.cov.lv.x = TRUE`, `auto.th = TRUE`, `auto.delta = TRUE`, and `auto.cov.y = TRUE`.

Value

An object of class `lavaan`, for which several methods are available, including a summary method.

References

Yves Rosseel (2012). `lavaan`: An R Package for Structural Equation Modeling. *Journal of Statistical Software*, 48(2), 1-36. URL <http://www.jstatsoft.org/v48/i02/>.

See Also

[lavaan](#)

Examples

```
## linear growth model with a time-varying covariate
model.syntax <- '
  # intercept and slope with fixed coefficients
  i =~ 1*t1 + 1*t2 + 1*t3 + 1*t4
  s =~ 0*t1 + 1*t2 + 2*t3 + 3*t4

  # regressions
  i ~ x1 + x2
  s ~ x1 + x2

  # time-varying covariates
  t1 ~ c1
  t2 ~ c2
  t3 ~ c3
  t4 ~ c4
'

fit <- growth(model.syntax, data=Demo.growth)
summary(fit)
```

HolzingerSwineford1939

Holzinger and Swineford Dataset (9 Variables)

Description

The classic Holzinger and Swineford (1939) dataset consists of mental ability test scores of seventh- and eighth-grade children from two different schools (Pasteur and Grant-White). In the original dataset (available in the MBESS package), there are scores for 26 tests. However, a smaller subset with 9 variables is more widely used in the literature (for example in Joreskog's 1969 paper, which also uses the 145 subjects from the Grant-White school only).

Usage

```
data(HolzingerSwineford1939)
```

Format

A data frame with 301 observations of 15 variables.

id Identifier

sex Gender

ageyr Age, year part

agemo Age, month part

school School (Pasteur or Grant-White)

grade Grade

- x1 Visual perception
- x2 Cubes
- x3 Lozenges
- x4 Paragraph comprehension
- x5 Sentence completion
- x6 Word meaning
- x7 Speeded addition
- x8 Speeded counting of dots
- x9 Speeded discrimination straight and curved capitals

Source

This dataset was retrieved from <http://web.missouri.edu/~kolenikovs/stata/hs-cfa.dta> and converted to an R dataset.

References

- Holzinger, K., and Swineford, F. (1939). A study in factor analysis: The stability of a bifactor solution. Supplementary Educational Monograph, no. 48. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Joreskog, K. G. (1969). A general approach to confirmatory maximum likelihood factor analysis. *Psychometrika*, 34, 183-202.

See Also

[cfa](#)

Examples

```
head(HolzingerSwineford1939)
```

InformativeTesting	<i>Testing order Constrained Hypotheses in SEM</i>
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Description

Testing order constrained Hypotheses in SEM

Usage

```
InformativeTesting(model = NULL, data, constraints = NULL,
  R = 1000L, type = "bollen.stine",
  return.LRT = TRUE,
  double.bootstrap = "standard",
  double.bootstrap.R = 500L,
  double.bootstrap.alpha = 0.05,
  parallel = c("no", "multicore", "snow"),
  ncpus = 1L, cl = NULL, verbose = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>model</code>	Model syntax specifying the model. See model.syntax for more information.
<code>data</code>	The data frame containing the observed variables being used to fit the model.
<code>constraints</code>	The imposed inequality constraints on the model.
<code>R</code>	Integer; number of bootstrap draws. The default value is set to 1000.
<code>type</code>	If "parametric", the parametric bootstrap is used. If "bollen.stine", the semi-nonparametric Bollen-Stine bootstrap is used. The default is set to "bollen.stine".
<code>return.LRT</code>	Logical; if TRUE, the function returns bootstrapped LRT-values.
<code>double.bootstrap</code>	If "standard" (default) the genuine double bootstrap is used to compute an additional set of plug-in p-values for each bootstrap sample. If "no", no double bootstrap is used. If "FDB", the fast double bootstrap is used to compute second level LRT-values for each bootstrap sample. Note that the "FDB" is experimental and should not be used by inexperienced users.
<code>double.bootstrap.R</code>	Integer; number of double bootstrap draws. The default value is set to 500.
<code>double.bootstrap.alpha</code>	The significance level to compute the adjusted alpha based on the plugin p-values. Only used if <code>double.bootstrap = "standard"</code> . The default value is set to 0.05.
<code>parallel</code>	The type of parallel operation to be used (if any). If missing, the default is set "no".
<code>ncpus</code>	Integer: number of processes to be used in parallel operation: typically one would chose this to the number of available CPUs.
<code>cl</code>	An optional parallel or snow cluster for use if <code>parallel = "snow"</code> . If not supplied, a cluster on the local machine is created for the duration of the InformativeTesting call.
<code>verbose</code>	Logical; if TRUE, information is shown at each bootstrap draw.
<code>...</code>	Other named arguments from the lavaan package which are passed to the function. For example "group" in a multiple group model.

Value

An object of class InformativeTesting for which a plot method is available.

Author(s)

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References

- Van de Schoot, R., Hoijsink, H., & Dekovic, M. (2010). Testing inequality constrained hypotheses in SEM models. *Structural Equation Modeling*, 17, 443-463.
- Van de Schoot, R., Strohmeier, D. (2011). Testing informative hypotheses in SEM increases power: An illustration contrasting classical. *International Journal of Behavioral Development* 35(2), 180-190.

Examples

```
# Simple ANOVA model with 3 groups (N=20 per group) (artificial data)
set.seed(1234)
Y <- cbind(c(rnorm(20,0,1), rnorm(20,0.5,1), rnorm(20,1,1)))
grp <- c(rep("1", 20), rep("2", 20), rep("3", 20))
Data <- data.frame(Y, grp)

#create model matrix
fit.lm <- lm(Y ~ grp, data = Data)
mfit <- fit.lm$model
mm <- model.matrix(mfit)

Y <- model.response(mfit)
X <- data.frame(mm[,2:3])
names(X) <- c("d1", "d2")
Data.new <- data.frame(Y, X)

# model
model <- 'Y ~ 1 + a1*d1 + a2*d2'

# constraints syntax: mu1 < mu2 < mu3
constraints <- ' a1 > 0
                a1 < a2 '

# we only generate 10 bootstrap samples in this example; in practice
# you may wish to use a much higher number, say > 10.000. The double bootstrap
# is not necessary in case of an univariate ANOVA model.
example <- InformativeTesting(model = model, data = Data.new,
                             R = 10L, double.bootstrap = "no",
                             constraints = constraints)

example
# plot(example)
```

inspectSampleCov

Observed Variable Correlation Matrix from a Model and Data

Description

The lavaan model syntax describes a latent variable model. Often, the user wants to see the covariance matrix generated by their model for diagnostic purposes. However, their data may have far more columns of information than what is contained in their model.

Usage

```
inspectSampleCov(model, data, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>model</code>	The model that will be fit by lavaan.
<code>data</code>	The data frame being used to fit the model.
<code>...</code>	Other arguments to sem for how to deal with multiple groups, missing values, etc.

Details

One must supply both a model, coded with proper [model.syntax](#) and a data frame from which a covariance matrix will be calculated. This function essentially calls [sem](#), but doesn't fit the model, then uses [inspect](#) to get the sample covariance matrix and meanstructure.

See also

[sem](#), [inspect](#)

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lavaan

Fit a Latent Variable Model

Description

Fit a latent variable model.

Usage

```
lavaan(model = NULL, data = NULL,
  model.type = "sem", meanstructure = "default",
  int.ov.free = FALSE, int.lv.free = FALSE, fixed.x = "default",
  orthogonal = FALSE, std.lv = FALSE,
  parameterization = "default", auto.fix.first = FALSE,
  auto.fix.single = FALSE, auto.var = FALSE, auto.cov.lv.x = FALSE,
  auto.cov.y = FALSE, auto.th = FALSE, auto.delta = FALSE,
  std.ov = FALSE, missing = "default", ordered = NULL,
  sample.cov = NULL, sample.cov.rescale = "default",
  sample.mean = NULL, sample.nobs = NULL, ridge = 1e-05,
  group = NULL, group.label = NULL, group.equal = "", group.partial = "",
  group.w.free = FALSE, cluster = NULL,
  constraints = "", estimator = "default",
  likelihood = "default", link = "default", information = "default",
  se = "default", test = "default", bootstrap = 1000L, mimic = "default",
  representation = "default", do.fit = TRUE, control = list(),
  WLS.V = NULL, NACOV = NULL,
  zero.add = "default", zero.keep.margins = "default",
```



```
zero.cell.warn = TRUE, start = "default",
slotOptions = NULL, slotParTable = NULL,
slotSampleStats = NULL, slotData = NULL, slotModel = NULL,
verbose = FALSE, warn = TRUE, debug = FALSE)
```

Arguments

<code>model</code>	A description of the user-specified model. Typically, the model is described using the lavaan model syntax. See model.syntax for more information. Alternatively, a parameter table (eg. the output of the <code>lavaanify()</code> function) is also accepted.
<code>data</code>	An optional data frame containing the observed variables used in the model. If some variables are declared as ordered factors, lavaan will treat them as ordinal variables.
<code>model.type</code>	Set the model type: possible values are "cfa", "sem" or "growth". This may affect how starting values are computed, and may be used to alter the terminology used in the summary output, or the layout of path diagrams that are based on a fitted lavaan object.
<code>meanstructure</code>	If TRUE, the means of the observed variables enter the model. If "default", the value is set based on the user-specified model, and/or the values of other arguments.
<code>int.ov.free</code>	If FALSE, the intercepts of the observed variables are fixed to zero.
<code>int.lv.free</code>	If FALSE, the intercepts of the latent variables are fixed to zero.
<code>fixed.x</code>	If TRUE, the exogenous 'x' covariates are considered fixed variables and the means, variances and covariances of these variables are fixed to their sample values. If FALSE, they are considered random, and the means, variances and covariances are free parameters. If "default", the value is set depending on the mimic option.
<code>orthogonal</code>	If TRUE, the exogenous latent variables are assumed to be uncorrelated.
<code>std.lv</code>	If TRUE, the metric of each latent variable is determined by fixing their variances to 1.0. If FALSE, the metric of each latent variable is determined by fixing the factor loading of the first indicator to 1.0.
<code>parameterization</code>	Currently only used if data is categorical. If "delta", the delta parameterization is used. If "theta", the theta parameterization is used.
<code>auto.fix.first</code>	If TRUE, the factor loading of the first indicator is set to 1.0 for every latent variable.
<code>auto.fix.single</code>	If TRUE, the residual variance (if included) of an observed indicator is set to zero if it is the only indicator of a latent variable.
<code>auto.var</code>	If TRUE, the residual variances and the variances of exogenous latent variables are included in the model and set free.
<code>auto.cov.lv.x</code>	If TRUE, the covariances of exogenous latent variables are included in the model and set free.

<code>auto.cov.y</code>	If TRUE, the covariances of dependent variables (both observed and latent) are included in the model and set free.
<code>auto.th</code>	If TRUE, thresholds for limited dependent variables are included in the model and set free.
<code>auto.delta</code>	If TRUE, response scaling parameters for limited dependent variables are included in the model and set free.
<code>std.ov</code>	If TRUE, all observed variables are standardized before entering the analysis.
<code>missing</code>	If "listwise", cases with missing values are removed listwise from the data frame before analysis. If "direct" or "ml" or "fiml" and the estimator is maximum likelihood, Full Information Maximum Likelihood (FIML) estimation is used using all available data in the data frame. This is only valid if the data are missing completely at random (MCAR) or missing at random (MAR). If "default", the value is set depending on the estimator and the mimic option.
<code>ordered</code>	Character vector. Only used if the data is in a data.frame. Treat these variables as ordered (ordinal) variables, if they are endogenous in the model. Importantly, all other variables will be treated as numeric (unless they are declared as ordered in the original data.frame.)
<code>sample.cov</code>	Numeric matrix. A sample variance-covariance matrix. The rownames and/or colnames must contain the observed variable names. For a multiple group analysis, a list with a variance-covariance matrix for each group. Note that if maximum likelihood estimation is used and <code>likelihood="normal"</code> , the user provided covariance matrix is internally rescaled by multiplying it with a factor $(N-1)/N$, to ensure that the covariance matrix has been divided by N . This can be turned off by setting the <code>sample.cov.rescale</code> argument to FALSE.
<code>sample.cov.rescale</code>	If TRUE, the sample covariance matrix provided by the user is internally rescaled by multiplying it with a factor $(N-1)/N$. If "default", the value is set depending on the estimator and the likelihood option: it is set to TRUE if maximum likelihood estimation is used and <code>likelihood="normal"</code> , and FALSE otherwise.
<code>sample.mean</code>	A sample mean vector. For a multiple group analysis, a list with a mean vector for each group.
<code>sample.nobs</code>	Number of observations if the full data frame is missing and only sample moments are given. For a multiple group analysis, a list or a vector with the number of observations for each group.
<code>ridge</code>	Numeric. Small constant used for ridging. Only used if the sample covariance matrix is non positive definite.
<code>group</code>	A variable name in the data frame defining the groups in a multiple group analysis.
<code>group.label</code>	A character vector. The user can specify which group (or factor) levels need to be selected from the grouping variable, and in which order. If missing, all grouping levels are selected, in the order as they appear in the data.
<code>group.equal</code>	A vector of character strings. Only used in a multiple group analysis. Can be one or more of the following: "loadings", "intercepts", "means", "thresholds", "regressions", "residuals", "residual.covariances", "lv.variances" or "lv.covariances", specifying the pattern of equality constraints across multiple groups.

<code>group.partial</code>	A vector of character strings containing the labels of the parameters which should be free in all groups (thereby overriding the <code>group.equal</code> argument for some specific parameters).
<code>group.w.free</code>	Logical. If TRUE, the group frequencies are considered to be free parameters in the model. In this case, a Poisson model is fitted to estimate the group frequencies. If FALSE (the default), the group frequencies are fixed to their observed values.
<code>cluster</code>	Not used yet.
<code>constraints</code>	Additional (in)equality constraints not yet included in the model syntax. See model.syntax for more information.
<code>estimator</code>	The estimator to be used. Can be one of the following: "ML" for maximum likelihood, "GLS" for generalized least squares, "WLS" for weighted least squares (sometimes called ADF estimation), "ULS" for unweighted least squares and "DWLS" for diagonally weighted least squares. These are the main options that affect the estimation. For convenience, the "ML" option can be extended as "MLM", "MLMV", "MLMVS", "MLF", and "MLR". The estimation will still be plain "ML", but now with robust standard errors and a robust (scaled) test statistic. For "MLM", "MLMV", "MLMVS", classic robust standard errors are used (<code>se="robust.sem"</code>); for "MLF", standard errors are based on first-order derivatives (<code>se="first.order"</code>); for "MLR", 'Huber-White' robust standard errors are used (<code>se="robust.huber.white"</code>). In addition, "MLM" will compute a Satorra-Bentler scaled (mean adjusted) test statistic (<code>test="satorra.bentler"</code>), "MLMVS" will compute a mean and variance adjusted test statistic (Satterthwaite style) (<code>test="mean.var.adjusted"</code>), "MLMV" will compute a mean and variance adjusted test statistic (scaled and shifted) (<code>test="scaled.shifted"</code>), and "MLR" will compute a test statistic which is asymptotically equivalent to the Yuan-Bentler T2-star test statistic. Analogously, the estimators "WLSM" and "WLSMV" imply the "DWLS" estimator (not the "WLS" estimator) with robust standard errors and a mean or mean and variance adjusted test statistic. Estimators "ULSM" and "ULSMV" imply the "ULS" estimator with robust standard errors and a mean or mean and variance adjusted test statistic.
<code>likelihood</code>	Only relevant for ML estimation. If "wishart", the wishart likelihood approach is used. In this approach, the covariance matrix has been divided by N-1, and both standard errors and test statistics are based on N-1. If "normal", the normal likelihood approach is used. Here, the covariance matrix has been divided by N, and both standard errors and test statistics are based on N. If "default", it depends on the mimic option: if <code>mimic="lavaan"</code> or <code>mimic="Mplus"</code> , normal likelihood is used; otherwise, wishart likelihood is used.
<code>link</code>	Currently only used if estimator is MML. If "logit", a logit link is used for binary and ordered observed variables. If "probit", a probit link is used. If "default", it is currently set to "probit" (but this may change).
<code>information</code>	If "expected", the expected information matrix is used (to compute the standard errors). If "observed", the observed information matrix is used. If "default", the value is set depending on the estimator and the mimic option.
<code>se</code>	If "standard", conventional standard errors are computed based on inverting the (expected or observed) information matrix. If "first.order", standard

	errors are computed based on first-order derivatives. If "robust.sem", conventional robust standard errors are computed. If "robust.huber.white", standard errors are computed based on the 'mlr' (aka pseudo ML, Huber-White) approach. If "robust", either "robust.sem" or "robust.huber.white" is used depending on the estimator, the mimic option, and whether the data are complete or not. If "boot" or "bootstrap", bootstrap standard errors are computed using standard bootstrapping (unless Bollen-Stine bootstrapping is requested for the test statistic; in this case bootstrap standard errors are computed using model-based bootstrapping). If "none", no standard errors are computed.
test	If "standard", a conventional chi-square test is computed. If "Satorra.Bentler", a Satorra-Bentler scaled test statistic is computed. If "Yuan.Bentler", a Yuan-Bentler scaled test statistic is computed. If "mean.var.adjusted" or "Satterthwaite", a mean and variance adjusted test statistic is compute. If "scaled.shifted", an alternative mean and variance adjusted test statistic is computed (as in Mplus version 6 or higher). If "boot" or "bootstrap" or "Bollen.Stine", the Bollen-Stine bootstrap is used to compute the bootstrap probability value of the test statistic. If "default", the value depends on the values of other arguments.
bootstrap	Number of bootstrap draws, if bootstrapping is used.
mimic	If "Mplus", an attempt is made to mimic the Mplus program. If "EQS", an attempt is made to mimic the EQS program. If "default", the value is (currently) set to to "lavaan", which is very close to "Mplus".
representation	If "LISREL" the classical LISREL matrix representation is used to represent the model (using the all-y variant).
do.fit	If FALSE, the model is not fit, and the current starting values of the model parameters are preserved.
control	A list containing control parameters passed to the optimizer. By default, lavaan uses "nlminb". See the manpage of nlminb for an overview of the control parameters. A different optimizer can be chosen by setting the value of <code>optim.method</code> . For unconstrained optimization (the model syntax does not include any "=", ">" or "<" operators), the available options are "nlminb" (the default), "BFGS" and "L-BFGS-B". See the manpage of the optim function for the control parameters of the latter two options. For constrained optimization, the only available option is "nlminb.constr".
WLS.V	A user provided weight matrix to be used by estimator "WLS"; if the estimator is "DWLS", only the diagonal of this matrix will be used. For a multiple group analysis, a list with a weight matrix for each group. The elements of the weight matrix should be in the following order (if all data is continuous): first the means (if a meanstructure is involved), then the lower triangular elements of the covariance matrix including the diagonal, ordered column by column. In the categorical case: first the thresholds (including the means for continuous variables), then the slopes (if any), the variances of continuous variables (if any), and finally the lower triangular elements of the correlation/covariance matrix excluding the diagonal, ordered column by column.
NACOV	A user provided matrix containing the elements of (N times) the asymptotic variance-covariance matrix of the sample statistics. For a multiple group analysis, a list with an asymptotic variance-covariance matrix for each group. See the WLS.V argument for information about the order of the elements.

<code>zero.add</code>	A numeric vector containing two values. These values affect the calculation of polychoric correlations when some frequencies in the bivariate table are zero. The first value only applies for 2x2 tables. The second value for larger tables. This value is added to the zero frequency in the bivariate table. If "default", the value is set depending on the "mimic" option. By default, lavaan uses <code>zero.add = c(0.5, 0.0)</code> .
<code>zero.keep.margins</code>	Logical. This argument only affects the computation of polychoric correlations for 2x2 tables with an empty cell, and where a value is added to the empty cell. If TRUE, the other values of the frequency table are adjusted so that all margins are unaffected. If "default", the value is set depending on the "mimic". The default is TRUE.
<code>zero.cell.warn</code>	Logical. Only used if some observed endogenous variables are categorical. If TRUE, give a warning if one or more cells of a bivariate frequency table are empty.
<code>start</code>	If it is a character string, the two options are currently "simple" and "Mplus". In the first case, all parameter values are set to zero, except the factor loadings (set to one), the variances of latent variables (set to 0.05), and the residual variances of observed variables (set to half the observed variance). If "Mplus", we use a similar scheme, but the factor loadings are estimated using the fabin3 estimator (tsls) per factor. If start is a fitted object of class <code>lavaan</code> , the estimated values of the corresponding parameters will be extracted. If it is a model list, for example the output of the <code>parameterEstimates()</code> function, the values of the <code>est</code> or <code>start</code> or <code>ustart</code> column (whichever is found first) will be extracted.
<code>slotOptions</code>	Options slot from a fitted lavaan object. If provided, no new Options slot will be created by this call.
<code>slotParTable</code>	ParTable slot from a fitted lavaan object. If provided, no new ParTable slot will be created by this call.
<code>slotSampleStats</code>	SampleStats slot from a fitted lavaan object. If provided, no new SampleStats slot will be created by this call.
<code>slotData</code>	Data slot from a fitted lavaan object. If provided, no new Data slot will be created by this call.
<code>slotModel</code>	Model slot from a fitted lavaan object. If provided, no new Model slot will be created by this call.
<code>verbose</code>	If TRUE, the function value is printed out during each iteration.
<code>warn</code>	If TRUE, some (possibly harmless) warnings are printed out during the iterations.
<code>debug</code>	If TRUE, debugging information is printed out.

Value

An object of class `lavaan`, for which several methods are available, including a summary method.

References

Yves Rosseel (2012). lavaan: An R Package for Structural Equation Modeling. Journal of Statistical Software, 48(2), 1-36. URL <http://www.jstatsoft.org/v48/i02/>.

See Also

[cfa](#), [sem](#), [growth](#)

Examples

```
# The Holzinger and Swineford (1939) example
HS.model <- ' visual  =~ x1 + x2 + x3
              textual =~ x4 + x5 + x6
              speed   =~ x7 + x8 + x9 '

fit <- lavaan(HS.model, data=HolzingerSwineford1939,
              auto.var=TRUE, auto.fix.first=TRUE,
              auto.cov.lv.x=TRUE)
summary(fit, fit.measures=TRUE)
```

lavaan-class

Class For Representing A (Fitted) Latent Variable Model

Description

The lavaan class represents a (fitted) latent variable model. It contains a description of the model as specified by the user, a summary of the data, an internal matrix representation, and if the model was fitted, the fitting results.

Objects from the Class

Objects can be created via the [cfa](#), [sem](#), [growth](#) or [lavaan](#) functions.

Slots

call: The function call as returned by `match.call()`.

timing: The elapsed time (user+system) for various parts of the program as a list, including the total time.

Options: Named list of options that were provided by the user, or filled-in automatically.

ParTable: Named list describing the model parameters. Can be coerced to a data.frame. In the documentation, this is called the ‘parameter table’.

pta: Named list containing parameter table attributes.

Data: Object of internal class "Data": information about the data.

SampleStats: Object of internal class "SampleStats": sample statistics

Model: Object of internal class "Model": the internal (matrix) representation of the model

Cache: List using objects that we try to compute only once, and reuse many times.

Fit: Object of internal class "Fit": the results of fitting the model

Methods

coef signature(object = "lavaan", type = "free"): Returns the estimates of the parameters in the model as a named numeric vector. If type="free", only the free parameters are returned. If type="unco", both free and constrained parameters (simple equality constraints only) are returned. If type="user", all parameters listed in the parameter table are returned, including constrained and fixed parameters.

fitted.values signature(object = "lavaan"): Returns the implied moments of the model as a list with two elements (per group): cov for the implied covariance matrix, and mean for the implied mean vector. If only the covariance matrix was analyzed, the implied mean vector will be zero.

fitted signature(object = "lavaan"): an alias for fitted.values.

residuals signature(object = "lavaan", type="raw"): If type="raw", this function returns the raw (=unstandardized) difference between the implied moments and the observed moments as a list of two elements: cov for the residual covariance matrix, and mean for the residual mean vector. If only the covariance matrix was analyzed, the residual mean vector will be zero. If codetype="cor", the observed and model implied covariance matrix is first transformed to a correlation matrix (using cov2cor), before the residuals are computed. If type="normalized", the residuals are normalized. If type="standardized", the residuals are standardized. In the latter case, the residuals have a metric similar to z-values.

resid signature(object = "lavaan"): an alias for residuals

vcov signature(object = "lavaan"): returns the covariance matrix of the estimated parameters.

predict signature(object = "lavaan"): compute factor scores for all cases that are provided in the data frame. For complete data only.

anova signature(object = "lavaan"): returns model comparison statistics. See [anova](#). At least two arguments (fitted models) are required. If the test statistic is scaled, an appropriate scaled difference test will be computed.

update signature(object = "lavaan", model.syntax, ..., evaluate=TRUE): update a fitted lavaan object and evaluate it (unless evaluate=FALSE). Note that we use the environment that is stored within the lavaan object, which is not necessarily the parent frame.

nobs signature(object = "lavaan"): returns the effective number of observations used when fitting the model. In a multiple group analysis, this is the sum of all observations per group.

logLik signature(object = "lavaan"): returns the log-likelihood of the fitted model, if maximum likelihood estimation was used. The [AIC](#) and [BIC](#) methods automatically work via logLik().

inspect signature(object = "lavaan", what = "free"): This method is now a shortcut for the lavInspect() function. See [lavInspect](#) for more details.

show signature(object = "lavaan"): Print a short summary of the model fit

summary signature(object = "lavaan", standardized=FALSE, fit.measures=FALSE, rsquare=FALSE, modindices=FALSE): Print a nice summary of the model estimates. If standardized=TRUE, the standardized solution is also printed. If fit.measures=TRUE, the chi-square statistic is supplemented by several fit measures. If rsquare=TRUE, the R-Square values for the dependent variables in the model are printed. If modindices=TRUE, modification indices are printed for all fixed parameters. Nothing is returned (use inspect or another extractor function to extract information from a fitted model).

References

Yves Rosseel (2012). lavaan: An R Package for Structural Equation Modeling. Journal of Statistical Software, 48(2), 1-36. URL <http://www.jstatsoft.org/v48/i02/>.

See Also

[cfa](#), [sem](#), [growth](#), [fitMeasures](#), [standardizedSolution](#), [parameterEstimates](#), [modindices](#)

Examples

```
HS.model <- ' visual  =~ x1 + x2 + x3
              textual =~ x4 + x5 + x6
              speed   =~ x7 + x8 + x9 '

fit <- cfa(HS.model, data=HolzingerSwineford1939)

summary(fit, standardized=TRUE, fit.measures=TRUE, rsquare=TRUE)
inspect(fit, "free")
inspect(fit, "start")
inspect(fit, "rsquare")
inspect(fit, "fit")
fitted.values(fit)
coef(fit)
resid(fit, type="normalized")
```

lavCor

Polychoric, polyserial and Pearson correlations

Description

Fit an unrestricted model to compute polychoric, polyserial and/or Pearson correlations.

Usage

```
lavCor(object, ordered = NULL, group = NULL, missing = "listwise",
       ov.names.x = NULL, se = "none", estimator = "two.step", ...,
       output = "cor")
```

Arguments

object	Either a data.frame, or an object of class lavaan . If the input is a data.frame, and some variables are declared as ordered factors, lavaan will treat them as ordinal variables.
ordered	Character vector. Only used if object is a data.frame. Treat these variables as ordered (ordinal) variables. Importantly, all other variables will be treated as numeric (unless they are declared as ordered in the original data frame.)
group	Only used if object is a data.frame. Specify a grouping variable.

missing	If "listwise", cases with missing values are removed listwise from the data frame. If "direct" or "ml" or "fiml" and the estimator is maximum likelihood, an EM algorithm is used to estimate the unrestricted covariance matrix (and mean vector). If "pairwise", pairwise deletion is used. If "default", the value is set depending on the estimator and the mimic option.
ov.names.x	Only used if object is a data.frame. Specify variables that need to be treated as exogenous. Only used if at least one variable is declared as ordered.
se	Only used if output (see below) contains standard errors. See the lavaan function for possible options.
estimator	If "none" or "two.step" or "two.stage", only starting values are computed for the correlations (and thresholds), without any further estimation. If all variables are continuous, the starting values are the sample covariances (converted to correlations if output = "cor"). If at least one variable is ordered, the thresholds are computed using univariate information only. The polychoric and/or polyserial correlations are computed in a second stage, keeping the values of the thresholds constant. If an estimator (other than "two.step" or "two.stage") is specified (for example estimator = "PML"), these starting values are further updated by fitting the unrestricted model using the chosen estimator. See the lavaan function for alternative estimators.
...	Optional parameters that are passed to the lavaan function.
output	If "cor", the function returns the correlation matrix only. If "cov", the function returns the covariance matrix (this only makes a difference if at least one variable is numeric). If "th" or "thresholds", only the thresholds are returned. If "sampstat", the output equals the result of inspect(fit, "sampstat") where fit is the unrestricted model. If "est" or "pe" or "parameterEstimates", the output equals the result of parameterEstimates(fit). Finally, if output is "fit" or "lavaan", the function returns an object of class lavaan .

Details

This function is a wrapper around the [lavaan](#) function, but where the model is defined as the unrestricted model. The following free parameters are included: all covariances/correlations among the variables, variances for continuous variables, means for continuous variables, thresholds for ordered variables, and if exogenous variables are included (ov.names.x is not empty) while some variables are ordered, also the regression slopes enter the model.

Value

By default, if output = "cor" or output = "cov", a symmetric matrix (of class "lavaan.matrix.symmetric", which only affects the way the matrix is printed). If output = "th", a named vector of thresholds. If output = "fit" or output = "lavaan", an object of class [lavaan](#).

References

- Olsson, U. (1979). Maximum likelihood estimation of the polychoric correlation coefficient. *Psychometrika*, 44(4), 443-460.
- Olsson, U., Drasgow, F., & Dorans, N. J. (1982). The polyserial correlation coefficient. *Psychometrika*, 47(3), 337-347.

See Also[lavaan](#)**Examples**

```
# Holzinger and Swineford (1939) example
HS9 <- HolzingerSwineford1939[,c("x1", "x2", "x3", "x4", "x5",
                                "x6", "x7", "x8", "x9")]

# Pearson correlations
lavCor(HS9)

# ordinal version, with three categories
HS9ord <- as.data.frame( lapply(HS9, cut, 3, labels=FALSE) )

# polychoric correlations, two-stage estimation
lavCor(HS9ord, ordered=names(HS9ord))

# thresholds only
lavCor(HS9ord, ordered=names(HS9ord), output = "th")

# polychoric correlations, with standard errors
lavCor(HS9ord, ordered=names(HS9ord), se = "standard", output="est")

# polychoric correlations, full output
fit.un <- lavCor(HS9ord, ordered=names(HS9ord), se = "standard", output="fit")
summary(fit.un)
```

lavExport

lavaan Export

Description

Export a fitted lavaan object to an external program.

Usage

```
lavExport(object, target = "lavaan", prefix = "sem", dir.name = "lavExport",
          export = TRUE)
```

Arguments

object	An object of class lavaan .
target	The target program. Current options are "lavaan" and "Mplus".
prefix	The prefix used to create the input files; the name of the input file has the pattern 'prefix dot target dot in'; the name of the data file has the pattern 'prefix dot target dot raw'.

<code>dir.name</code>	The directory name (including a full path) where the input files will be written.
<code>export</code>	If TRUE, the files are written to the output directory (<code>dir.name</code>). If FALSE, only the syntax is generated as a character string.

Details

This function was mainly created to quickly generate an Mplus syntax file to compare the results between Mplus and lavaan. The target "lavaan" can be useful to create a full model syntax as needed for the `lavaan()` function. More targets (perhaps for LISREL or EQS) will be added in future releases.

Value

If `export = TRUE`, a directory (called `lavExport` by default) will be created, typically containing a data file, and an input file so that the same analysis can be run using an external program. If `export = FALSE`, a character string containing the model syntax only for the target program.

See Also

[lavaanify](#), [mplus2lavaan](#)

Examples

```
HS.model <- ' visual  =~ x1 + x2 + x3
              textual =~ x4 + x5 + x6
              speed   =~ x7 + x8 + x9 '

fit <- cfa(HS.model, data=HolzingerSwineford1939)
out <- lavExport(fit, target = "Mplus", export=FALSE)
cat(out)
```

<code>lavInspect</code>	<i>Inspect or extract information from a fitted lavaan object</i>
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Description

The `lavInspect()` and `lavTech()` functions can be used to inspect/extract information that is stored inside (or can be computed from) a fitted lavaan object. Note: the (older) S4 `inspect()` method is now a shortcut for `lavInspect()` with default arguments.

Usage

```
lavInspect(lavobject, what = "free", add.labels = TRUE, add.class = TRUE,
           drop.list.single.group = TRUE)

lavTech(lavobject,    what = "free", add.labels = FALSE, add.class = FALSE,
         drop.list.single.group = FALSE)
```

Arguments

lavobject	An object of class lavaan .
what	Character. What needs to be inspected/extracted? See Details for a full list. Note: the what argument is not case-sensitive (everything is converted to lower case.)
add.labels	If TRUE, variable names are added to the vectors and/or matrices.
add.class	If TRUE, vectors are given the 'lavaan.vector' class; matrices are given the 'lavaan.matrix' class, and symmetric matrices are given the 'lavaan.matrix.symmetric' class. This only affects the way they are printed on the screen.
drop.list.single.group	If FALSE, the results are returned as a list, where each element corresponds to a group (even if there is only a single group.) If TRUE, the list will be unlisted if there is only a single group.

Details

The `lavInspect()` and `lavTech()` functions only differ in the way they return the results. The `lavInspect()` function will prettify the output by default, while the `lavTech()` will not attempt to prettify the output by default. The (older) `inspect()` function is a simplified version of `lavInspect()` with only the first two arguments.

Below is a list of possible values for the `what` argument, organized in several sections:

Model matrices:

"free": A list of model matrices. The non-zero integers represent the free parameters. The numbers themselves correspond to the position of the free parameter in the parameter vector. This determines the order of the model parameters in the output of for example `coef()` and `vcov()`.

"unco": A list of model matrices. The non-zero integers represent the free parameters if we ignore any equality constraints. Alias: "unconstrained".

"partable": A list of model matrices. The non-zero integers represent both the fixed parameters (for example, factor loadings fixed at 1.0), and the free parameters if we ignore any equality constraints. They correspond with all entries (fixed or free) in the parameter table. See [parTable](#).

"se": A list of model matrices. The non-zero numbers represent the standard errors for the free parameters in the model. If two parameters are constrained to be equal, they will have the same standard error for both parameters. Aliases: "std.err" and "standard.errors".

"start": A list of model matrices. The values represent the starting values for all model parameters. Alias: "starting.values".

"est": A list of model matrices. The values represent the estimated model parameters. Aliases: "estimates", "coef", "coefficients" and "x".

"dx.free": A list of model matrices. The values represent the gradient (first derivative) values of the model parameters. If two parameters are constrained to be equal, they will have the same gradient value.

"dx.all": A list of model matrices. The values represent the first derivative with respect to all possible matrix elements. Currently, this is only available when the estimator is "ML" or "GLS".

"std": A list of model matrices. The values represent the (completely) standardized model parameters (the variances of both the observed and the latent variables are set to unity). Aliases: "std.all", "standardized".

"std.lv": A list of model matrices. The values represent the standardized model parameters (only the variances of the latent variables are set to unity.)

"std.noX": A list of model matrices. The values represent the (completely) standardized model parameters (the variances of both the observed and the latent variables are set to unity; however, the variances of any observed exogenous variables are not set to unity; hence no-x.)

Observed sample statistics and information about the data:

"sampstat": Observed sample statistics. Aliases: "samp", "sample", "samplestatistics".

"wls.obs": The observed sample statistics (covariance elements, intercepts/thresholds, etc.) in a single vector.

"wls.v": The weight vector as used in weighted least squares estimation.

"gamma": N times the asymptotic variance matrix of the sample statistics. Alias: "sampstat.nacov".

"data": A matrix containing the observed variables that have been used to fit the model.

"case.idx": The case/observation numbers that were used in the analysis. In the case of multiple groups: a list of numbers.

"empty.idx": The case/observation numbers of those cases/observations that contained missing values only (at least for the observed variables that were included in the model). In the case of multiple groups: a list of numbers.

"patterns": A binary matrix. The rows of the matrix are the missing data patterns where 1 and 0 denote non-missing and missing values for the corresponding observed variables respectively (or TRUE and FALSE if lavTech() is used.) If the data is complete (no missing values), there will be only a single pattern. In the case of multiple groups: a list of pattern matrices.

"coverage": A symmetric matrix where each element contains the proportion of observed data-points for the corresponding pair of observed variables. In the case of multiple groups: a list of coverage matrices.

Model-implied sample statistics and fit information:

"cov.lv": The model-implied variance-covariance matrix of the latent variables. Alias: "veta" [for V(eta)].

"cor.lv": The model-implied correlation matrix of the latent variables.

"mean.lv": The model-implied mean vector of the latent variables. Alias: "eeta" [for E(eta)].

"cov.ov": The model-implied variance-covariance matrix of the observed variables. Aliases: "sigma", "sigma.hat".

"cor.ov": The model-implied correlation matrix of the observed variables.

"mean.ov": The model-implied mean vector of the observed variables. Aliases: "mu", "mu.hat".

"cov.all": The model-implied variance-covariance matrix of both the observed and latent variables.

"th": The model-implied thresholds. Alias: "thresholds".

"wls.est": The model-implied sample statistics (covariance elements, intercepts/thresholds, etc.) in a single vector.

"vy": The model-implied unconditional variances of the observed variables.

"rsquare": The R-square value for all endogenous variables. Aliases: "r-square", "r2".

"converged": Logical. TRUE if the optimizer has converged; FALSE otherwise.

"hessian": Matrix containing the second derivatives of the discrepancy function with respect to the (free) model parameters.

"first.order": Matrix containing the outer product of the gradient elements (the first derivative of the the discrepancy function with respect to the (free) model parameters.).

Miscellaneous:

"list": The parameter table. The same output as given by parTable().

"fit": The fit measures. Aliases: "fitmeasures", "fit.measures", "fit.indices". The same output as given by fitMeasures().

"mi": The modification indices. Alias: "modindices", "modification.indices". The same output as given by modindices().

See Also

[lavaan](#)

Examples

```
# fit model
HS.model <- ' visual  =~ x1 + x2 + x3
              textual =~ x4 + x5 + x6
              speed   =~ x7 + x8 + x9 '

fit <- cfa(HS.model, data=HolzingerSwineford1939, group = "school")

# extract information
lavInspect(fit, "sampstat")
lavTech(fit, "sampstat")
```

lavMatrixRepresentation

lavaan matrix representation

Description

Extend the parameter table with a matrix representation.

Usage

```
lavMatrixRepresentation(partable, representation = "LISREL",
                        as.data.frame. = TRUE)
```

Arguments

- partable A lavaan parameter table (as extracted by the [parTable](#) function, or generated by the [lavParTable](#) function).
- representation The matrix representation style. Currently, only the all-y version of the LISREL representation is supported.
- as.data.frame. If TRUE, the extended parameter table is returned as a data.frame.

Value

A list or a data.frame containing the original parameter table, plus three columns: a "mat" column containing matrix names, and a "row" and "col" column for the row and column indices of the model parameters in the model matrices.

See Also

[lavParTable](#), [parTable](#)

Examples

```
HS.model <- ' visual  =~ x1 + x2 + x3
             textual =~ x4 + x5 + x6
             speed   =~ x7 + x8 + x9 '

fit <- cfa(HS.model, data=HolzingerSwineford1939)

# extract partable (only first six columns are needed)
partable <- parTable(fit)[,1:6]

# add matrix representation
lavMatrixRepresentation(partable)
```

lavTables	<i>lavaan frequency tables</i>
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Description

Frequency tables for categorical variables and related statistics.

Usage

```
lavTables(object, dimension = 2L, type = "cells", categorical = NULL,
  group = NULL, statistic = "default", G2.min = 3, X2.min = 3,
  p.value = FALSE, output = "data.frame", patternAsString = TRUE)
```

Arguments

<code>object</code>	Either a <code>data.frame</code> , or an object of class <code>lavaan</code> .
<code>dimension</code>	Integer. If 0L, display all response patterns. If 1L, display one-dimensional (one-way) tables; if 2L, display two-dimensional (two-way or pairwise) tables. For the latter, we can change the information per row: if <code>type = "cells"</code> , each row is a cell in a pairwise table; if <code>type = "table"</code> , each row is a table.
<code>type</code>	If <code>"cells"</code> , display information for each cell in the (one-way or two-way) table. If <code>"table"</code> , display information per table. If <code>"pattern"</code> , display response patterns (implying <code>dimension = 0L</code>).
<code>categorical</code>	Only used if <code>object</code> is a <code>data.frame</code> . Specify variables that need to be treated as categorical.
<code>group</code>	Only used if <code>object</code> is a <code>data.frame</code> . Specify a grouping variable.
<code>statistic</code>	Either a character string, or a vector of character strings requesting one or more statistics for each cell, pattern or table. Always available are X2 and G2 for the Pearson and LRT based goodness-of-fit statistics. A distinction is made between the unrestricted and restricted model. The statistics based on the former have an extension <code>*.un</code> , as in <code>X2.un</code> and <code>G2.un</code> . If <code>object</code> is a <code>data.frame</code> , the unrestricted versions of the statistics are the only ones available. For one-way tables, additional statistics are the thresholds (<code>th.un</code> and <code>th</code>). For two-way tables and <code>type = "table"</code> , the following statistics are available: X2, G2, <code>cor</code> (polychoric correlation), RMSEA and the corresponding unrestricted versions (<code>X2.un</code> etc). Additional statistics are <code>G2.average</code> , <code>G2.nlarge</code> and <code>G2.plarge</code> statistics based on the cell values G2: <code>G2.average</code> is the average of the G2 values in each cell of the two-way table; <code>G2.nlarge</code> is the number of cells with a G2 value larger than <code>G2.min</code> , and <code>G2.plarge</code> is the proportion of cells with a G2 value larger than <code>G2.min</code> . A similar set of statistics based on X2 is also available. If <code>"default"</code> , the selection of statistics (if any) depends on the <code>dim</code> and <code>type</code> arguments, and if the <code>object</code> is a <code>data.frame</code> or a fitted <code>lavaan</code> object.
<code>G2.min</code>	Numeric. All cells with a G2 statistic larger than this number are considered 'large', as reflected in the (optional) <code>"G2.plarge"</code> and <code>"G2.nlarge"</code> columns.
<code>X2.min</code>	Numeric. All cells with a X2 statistic larger than this number are considered 'large', as reflected in the (optional) <code>"X2.plarge"</code> and <code>"X2.nlarge"</code> columns.
<code>p.value</code>	Logical. If <code>"TRUE"</code> , p-values are computed for requested statistics (eg G2 or X2) if possible.
<code>output</code>	If <code>"data.frame"</code> , the output is presented as a <code>data.frame</code> where each row is either a cell, a table, or a response pattern, depending on the <code>"type"</code> argument. If <code>"table"</code> , the output is presented as a table (or matrix) or a list of tables. Only a single statistic can be shown in this case, and if the <code>statistic</code> is empty, the observed frequencies are shown.
<code>patternAsString</code>	Logical. Only used for response patterns (<code>dimension = 0L</code>). If <code>"TRUE"</code> , response patterns are displayed as a compact string. If <code>"FALSE"</code> , as many columns as observed variables are displayed.

Value

If `output = "data.frame"`, the output is presented as a `data.frame` where each row is either a cell, a table, or a response pattern, depending on the `"type"` argument. If `output = "table"` (only for two-way tables), a list of tables (if `type = "cells"`) where each list element corresponds to a pairwise table, or if `type = "table"`, a single table (per group). In both cases, the table entries are determined by the (single) statistic argument.

References

Joreskog, K.G. & Moustaki, I. (2001). Factor analysis of ordinal variables: A comparison of three approaches. *Multivariate Behavioral Research*, 36, 347-387.

See Also

[varTable](#).

Examples

```
HS9 <- HolzingerSwineford1939[,c("x1", "x2", "x3", "x4", "x5",
                                "x6", "x7", "x8", "x9")]
HSbinary <- as.data.frame( lapply(HS9, cut, 2, labels=FALSE) )

# using the data only
lavTables(HSbinary, dim = 0L, categorical = names(HSbinary))
lavTables(HSbinary, dim = 1L, categorical = names(HSbinary), stat=c("th.un"))
lavTables(HSbinary, dim = 2L, categorical = names(HSbinary), type = "table")

# fit a model
HS.model <- ' visual  =~ x1 + x2 + x3
              textual =~ x4 + x5 + x6
              speed   =~ x7 + x8 + x9 '

fit <- cfa(HS.model, data=HSbinary, ordered=names(HSbinary))

lavTables(fit, 1L)
lavTables(fit, 2L, type="cells")
lavTables(fit, 2L, type="table", stat=c("cor.un", "G2", "cor"))
lavTables(fit, 2L, type="table", output="table", stat="X2")
```

lavTablesFitCp

Pairwise maximum likelihood fit statistics

Description

Three measures of fit for the pairwise maximum likelihood estimation method that are based on likelihood ratios (LR) are defined: C_F , C_M , and C_P . Subscript F signifies a comparison of model-implied proportions of full response patterns with observed sample proportions, subscript

M signifies a comparison of model-implied proportions of full response patterns with the proportions implied by the assumption of multivariate normality, and subscript P signifies a comparison of model-implied proportions of pairs of item responses with the observed proportions of pairs of item responses.

Usage

```
lavTablesFitCf(object)
lavTablesFitCp(object, alpha = 0.05)
lavTablesFitCm(object)
```

Arguments

object	An object of class <code>lavaan</code> .
alpha	The nominal level of significance of global fit.

Details

C_F : The C_F statistic compares the log-likelihood of the model-implied proportions (π_r) with the observed proportions (p_r) of the full multivariate responses patterns:

$$C_F = 2N \sum_r p_r \ln[p_r/\hat{\pi}_r],$$

which asymptotically has a chi-square distribution with

$$df_F = m^k - n - 1,$$

where k denotes the number of items with discrete response scales, m denotes the number of response options, and n denotes the number of parameters to be estimated. Notice that C_F results may be biased because of large numbers of empty cells in the multivariate contingency table.

C_M : The C_M statistic is based on the C_F statistic, and compares the proportions implied by the model of interest (Model 1) with proportions implied by the assumption of an underlying multivariate normal distribution (Model 0):

$$C_M = C_{F1} - C_{F0},$$

where C_{F0} is C_F for Model 0 and C_{F1} is C_F for Model 1. Statistic C_M has a chi-square distribution with degrees of freedom

$$df_M = k(k-1)/2 + k(m-1) - n_1,$$

where k denotes the number of items with discrete response scales, m denotes the number of response options, and $k(k-1)/2$ denotes the number of polychoric correlations, $k(m-1)$ denotes the number of thresholds, and n_1 is the number of parameters of the model of interest. Notice that C_M results may be biased because of large numbers of empty cells in the multivariate contingency table. However, bias may cancel out as both Model 1 and Model 0 contain the same pattern of empty responses.

C_P : With the C_P statistic we only consider pairs of responses, and compare observed sample proportions (p) with model-implied proportions of pairs of responses (π). For items i and j we obtain a pairwise likelihood ratio test statistic $C_{P_{ij}}$

$$C_{P_{ij}} = 2N \sum_{c_i=1}^m \sum_{c_j=1}^m p_{c_i, c_j} \ln[p_{c_i, c_j} / \hat{\pi}_{c_i, c_j}],$$

where m denotes the number of response options and N denotes sample size. The C_P statistic has an asymptotic chi-square distribution with degrees of freedom equal to the information ($m^2 - 1$) minus the number of parameters ($2(m-1)$ thresholds and 1 correlation),

$$df_P = m^2 - 2(m - 1) - 2.$$

As k denotes the number of items, there are $k(k - 1)/2$ possible pairs of items. The C_P statistic should therefore be applied with a Bonferroni adjusted level of significance α^* , with

$$\alpha^* = \alpha / (k(k - 1)/2),$$

to keep the family-wise error rate at α . The hypothesis of overall goodness-of-fit is tested at α and rejected as soon as C_P is significant at α^* for at least one pair of items. Notice that with dichotomous items, $m = 2$, and $df_P = 0$, so that hypothesis can not be tested.

References

- Barendse, M. T., Ligtoet, R., Timmerman, M. E., & Oort, F. J. (under review). Structural Equation Modeling of Discrete data: Model Fit after Pairwise Maximum Likelihood.
- Joreskog, K. G., & Moustaki, I. (2001). Factor analysis of ordinal variables: A comparison of three approaches. *Multivariate Behavioral Research*, 36, 347-387.

See Also

[lavTables](#), [lavaan](#)

Examples

```
# Data
HS9 <- HolzingerSwineford1939[,c("x1", "x2", "x3", "x4", "x5",
                                "x6", "x7", "x8", "x9")]
HSbinary <- as.data.frame( lapply(HS9, cut, 2, labels=FALSE) )

# Single group example with one latent factor
HS.model <- ' trait =~ x1 + x2 + x3 + x4 '
fit <- cfa(HS.model, data=HSbinary[,1:4], ordered=names(HSbinary),
          estimator="PML")
lavTablesFitCm(fit)
lavTablesFitCp(fit)
lavTablesFitCf(fit)
```

lavTestLRT

LRT test

Description

LRT test for comparing two (nested) lavaan models.

Usage

```
lavTestLRT(object, ..., SB.classic = TRUE, SB.H0 = FALSE,
            type = "Chisq", model.names = NULL)
anova(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object	An object of class lavaan .
...	additional objects of class lavaan .
SB.classic	Logical. Only used if the test statistics are scaled (eg. Satorra-Bentler corrected). If TRUE, the scaled difference test statistics are computed by simple (approximate) formulas as described in Satorra & Bentler (2001). If FALSE (the default), the original formulas are used as described in Satorra (2000).
SB.H0	Not used yet
type	Character. If "Chisq", the test statistic for each model is the (scaled or unscaled) model fit test statistic. If "Cf", the test statistic for each model is computed by the lavTablesFitCf function.
model.names	Character vector. If provided, use these model names in the first column of the anova table.

Details

The anova function for lavaan objects simply calls the lavTestLRT function, which has a few additional arguments.

If type = "Chisq" and the test statistics are scaled, a special scaled difference test is computed as described in Satorra (2000).

Value

An object of class anova. When given a single argument, it simply returns the test statistic of this model. When given a sequence of objects, this function tests the models against one another in the order specified.

References

Satorra, A. (2000). Scaled and adjusted restricted tests in multi-sample analysis of moment structures. In Heijmans, R.D.H., Pollock, D.S.G. & Satorra, A. (eds.), *Innovations in multivariate statistical analysis. A Festschrift for Heinz Neudecker* (pp.233-247). London: Kluwer Academic Publishers.

Satorra, A., & Bentler, P. M. (2001). A scaled difference chi-square test statistic for moment structure analysis. *Psychometrika*, 66(4), 507-514.

Examples

```
HS.model <- '
  visual =~ x1 + b1*x2 + x3
  textual =~ x4 + b2*x5 + x6
  speed  =~ x7 + b3*x8 + x9
'

fit1 <- cfa(HS.model, data = HolzingerSwineford1939)
fit0 <- cfa(HS.model, data = HolzingerSwineford1939,
            orthogonal = TRUE)
lavTestLRT(fit1, fit0)
```

lavTestWald	<i>Wald test</i>
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Description

Wald test for testing a linear hypothesis about the parameters of fitted lavaan object.

Usage

```
lavTestWald(object, constraints = NULL, verbose = FALSE)
```

Arguments

object	An object of class lavaan .
constraints	A character string (typically between single quotes) containing one or more equality constraints. See examples for more details.
verbose	Logical. If TRUE, print out the restriction matrix and the estimated restricted values.

Details

The constraints are specified using the "==" operator. Both the left-hand side and the right-hand side of the equality can contain a linear combination of model parameters, or a constant (like zero). The model parameters must be specified by their user-specified labels. Names of defined parameters (using the "!=" operator) can be included too.

Value

A list containing three elements: the Wald test statistic (stat), the degrees of freedom (df), and a p-value under the chi-square distribution (p.value).

Examples

```

HS.model <- '
  visual =~ x1 + b1*x2 + x3
  textual =~ x4 + b2*x5 + x6
  speed  =~ x7 + b3*x8 + x9
'

fit <- cfa(HS.model, data=HolzingerSwineford1939)

# test 1: test about a single parameter
# this is the 'chi-square' version of the
# z-test from the summary() output
lavTestWald(fit, constraints = "b1 == 0")

# test 2: several constraints
con = '
  2*b1 == b3
  b2 - b3 == 0
'

lavTestWald(fit, constraints = con)

```

lav_func

Utility Functions: Gradient and Jacobian

Description

Utility functions for computing the gradient of a scalar-valued function or the Jacobian of a vector-valued function by numerical approximation.

Usage

```

lav_func_gradient_complex(func, x, h = .Machine$double.eps, ...,
                           check = TRUE)
lav_func_jacobian_complex(func, x, h = .Machine$double.eps, ...)

lav_func_gradient_simple(func, x, h = sqrt(.Machine$double.eps), ...,
                         check = TRUE)
lav_func_jacobian_simple(func, x, h = sqrt(.Machine$double.eps), ...)

```

Arguments

func A real-valued function returning a numeric scalar or a numeric vector.

x	A numeric vector: the point(s) at which the gradient/Jacobian of the function should be computed.
h	Numeric value representing a small change in 'x' when computing the gradient/Jacobian.
...	Additional arguments to be passed to the function 'func'.
check	Logical. If TRUE, check if the function is scalar-valued.

Details

The complex versions use complex numbers to gain more precision, while retaining the simplicity (and speed) of the simple forward method (see references). These functions were added to lavaan (around 2012) when the complex functionality was not part of the numDeriv package. They were used internally, and made public in 0.5-17 per request of other package developers.

References

Squire, W. and Trapp, G. (1998). Using Complex Variables to Estimate Derivatives of Real Functions. SIAM Review, 40(1), 110-112.

Examples

```
# very accurate complex method
lav_func_gradient_complex(func = exp, x = 1) - exp(1)

# less accurate forward method
lav_func_gradient_simple(func = exp, x = 1) - exp(1)

# very accurate complex method
diag(lav_func_jacobian_complex(func = exp, x = c(1,2,3))) - exp(c(1,2,3))

# less accurate forward method
diag(lav_func_jacobian_simple(func = exp, x = c(1,2,3))) - exp(c(1,2,3))
```

lav_partable	<i>lavaan partable functions</i>
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Description

Utility functions related to the parameter table (partable)

Usage

```
# extract information from a parameter table
lav_partable_df(partable, group = NULL)
lav_partable_ndat(partable, group = NULL)
lav_partable_npar(partable)

# generate parameter table for specific models
```

```

lav_partable_independence(lavobject = NULL,
  ov.names = NULL, ov = NULL, ov.names.x = NULL,
  sample.cov = NULL, meanstructure = FALSE, sample.mean = NULL,
  sample.th = NULL, parameterization = "delta", fixed.x = TRUE)

lav_partable_unrestricted(lavobject = NULL,
  ov.names = NULL, ov = NULL, ov.names.x = NULL,
  sample.cov = NULL, meanstructure = FALSE, sample.mean = NULL,
  sample.th = NULL, fixed.x = TRUE)

```

Arguments

partable	A parameter table. see lavParTable for more information.
group	Integer. If non-null, only consider this group.
lavobject	An object of class 'lavaan'. If this argument is provided, it should be the only argument. All the values for the other arguments are extracted from this object.
ov.names	List of character vectors. Each list element contains the names of the observed variables for this group.
ov	Variable table. See varTable for more information.
ov.names.x	List of character vectors. Each list element contains the names of exogenous observed variables for this group.
sample.cov	Optional list of numeric matrices. Each list element contains a sample variance-covariance matrix for this group. If provided, these values will be used as starting values.
meanstructure	Logical. If TRUE, the means of the observed variables enter the model.
sample.mean	Optional list of numeric vectors. Each list element contains a sample mean vector for this group. If provided, these values will be used as starting values.
sample.th	Optional list of numeric vectors. Each list element contains a vector of sample thresholds for this group. If provided, these values will be used as starting values.
parameterization	Currently only used if data is categorical. If "delta", the delta parameterization is used. If "theta", the theta parameterization is used.
fixed.x	If TRUE, the exogenous 'x' covariates are considered fixed variables.

Examples

```

# generate independence model for 3 variables with two groups
lav <- lav_partable_independence(ov.names = list( g1 = c("x1", "x2", "x3"),
                                                  g2 = c("x1", "x2", "x3") ))

# how many free parameters?
lav_partable_npar(lav)

# how many sample statistics?
lav_partable_ndat(lav)

```



```
# how many degrees of freedom?
lav_partable_df(lav)
```

model.syntax

The Lavaan Model Syntax

Description

The lavaan model syntax describes a latent variable model. The function `lavaanify` turns it into a table that represents the full model as specified by the user. We refer to this table as the parameter table.

Usage

```
lavaanify(model = NULL, meanstructure = FALSE, int.ov.free = FALSE,
  int.lv.free = FALSE, orthogonal = FALSE, std.lv = FALSE,
  fixed.x = TRUE, parameterization = "delta",
  constraints = NULL, auto = FALSE, model.type = "sem",
  auto.fix.first = FALSE, auto.fix.single = FALSE, auto.var = FALSE,
  auto.cov.lv.x = FALSE, auto.cov.y = FALSE, auto.th = FALSE,
  auto.delta = FALSE, varTable = NULL, ngroups = 1L, group.equal = NULL,
  group.partial = NULL, group.w.free = FALSE,
  debug = FALSE, warn = TRUE, as.data.frame. = TRUE)

lavParTable(model = NULL, meanstructure = FALSE, int.ov.free = FALSE,
  int.lv.free = FALSE, orthogonal = FALSE, std.lv = FALSE,
  fixed.x = TRUE, parameterization = "delta",
  constraints = NULL, auto = FALSE, model.type = "sem",
  auto.fix.first = FALSE, auto.fix.single = FALSE, auto.var = FALSE,
  auto.cov.lv.x = FALSE, auto.cov.y = FALSE, auto.th = FALSE,
  auto.delta = FALSE, varTable = NULL, ngroups = 1L, group.equal = NULL,
  group.partial = NULL, group.w.free = FALSE,
  debug = FALSE, warn = TRUE, as.data.frame. = TRUE)

lavParseModelString(model.syntax = '', as.data.frame.=FALSE, warn=TRUE, debug=FALSE)

lavNames(object, type = "ov", group = NULL)
```

Arguments

<code>model</code>	A description of the user-specified model. Typically, the model is described using the lavaan model syntax; see details for more information. Alternatively, a parameter table (e.g., the output of <code>lavParseModelString</code> is also accepted.
<code>model.syntax</code>	The model syntax specifying the model. Must be a literal string.
<code>meanstructure</code>	If TRUE, intercepts/means will be added to the model both for both observed and latent variables.

<code>int.ov.free</code>	If FALSE, the intercepts of the observed variables are fixed to zero.
<code>int.lv.free</code>	If FALSE, the intercepts of the latent variables are fixed to zero.
<code>orthogonal</code>	If TRUE, the exogenous latent variables are assumed to be uncorrelated.
<code>std.lv</code>	If TRUE, the metric of each latent variable is determined by fixing their variances to 1.0. If FALSE, the metric of each latent variable is determined by fixing the factor loading of the first indicator to 1.0.
<code>fixed.x</code>	If TRUE, the exogenous 'x' covariates are considered fixed variables and the means, variances and covariances of these variables are fixed to their sample values. If FALSE, they are considered random, and the means, variances and covariances are free parameters.
<code>parameterization</code>	Currently only used if data is categorical. If "delta", the delta parameterization is used. If "theta", the theta parameterization is used.
<code>constraints</code>	Additional (in)equality constraints. See details for more information.
<code>auto</code>	If TRUE, the default values are used for the <code>auto.*</code> arguments, depending on the value of <code>model.type</code> .
<code>model.type</code>	Either "sem" or "growth"; only used if <code>auto=TRUE</code> .
<code>auto.fix.first</code>	If TRUE, the factor loading of the first indicator is set to 1.0 for every latent variable.
<code>auto.fix.single</code>	If TRUE, the residual variance (if included) of an observed indicator is set to zero if it is the only indicator of a latent variable.
<code>auto.var</code>	If TRUE, the residual variances and the variances of exogenous latent variables are included in the model and set free.
<code>auto.cov.lv.x</code>	If TRUE, the covariances of exogenous latent variables are included in the model and set free.
<code>auto.cov.y</code>	If TRUE, the covariances of dependent variables (both observed and latent) are included in the model and set free.
<code>auto.th</code>	If TRUE, thresholds for limited dependent variables are included in the model and set free.
<code>auto.delta</code>	If TRUE, response scaling parameters for limited dependent variables are included in the model and set free.
<code>varTable</code>	The variable table containing information about the observed variables in the model.
<code>ngroups</code>	The number of (independent) groups.
<code>group.equal</code>	A vector of character strings. Only used in a multiple group analysis. Can be one or more of the following: "loadings", "intercepts", "means", "regressions", "residuals" or "covariances", specifying the pattern of equality constraints across multiple groups.
<code>group.partial</code>	A vector of character strings containing the labels of the parameters which should be free in all groups (thereby overriding the <code>group.equal</code> argument for some specific parameters).

group.w.free	Logical. If TRUE, the group frequencies are considered to be free parameters in the model. In this case, a Poisson model is fitted to estimate the group frequencies. If FALSE (the default), the group frequencies are fixed to their observed values.
warn	If TRUE, some (possibly harmless) warnings are printed out.
as.data.frame.	If TRUE, return the list of model parameters as a <code>data.frame</code> .
debug	If TRUE, debugging information is printed out.
object	Either a list containing the parameter table, as returned by <code>lavaanify</code> or <code>lavParseModelString</code> , or an object of class lavaan .
type	Only used in the function <code>lavNames</code> . If type contains "ov", only observed variable names are returned. If type contains "lv", only latent variable names are returned. The "ov.x" and "lv.x" types return exogenous variables only. The "ov.y" and "lv.y" types return dependent variables only (in the regression sense, excluding the indicators of latent variables). The "ov.nox" type returns all observed variables, except the exogenous ones.
group	Only used in the function <code>lavNames</code> . If NULL, all groups (if any) are used. If an integer (vector), only names from those groups are extracted. The group numbers are found in the group column of the parameter table.

Details

The model syntax consists of one or more formula-like expressions, each one describing a specific part of the model. The model syntax can be read from a file (using [readLines](#)), or can be specified as a literal string enclosed by single quotes as in the example below.

```
myModel <- '
# 1. latent variable definitions
f1 =~ y1 + y2 + y3
f2 =~ y4 + y5 + y6
f3 =~ y7 + y8 +
      y9 + y10
f4 =~ y11 + y12 + y13

! this is also a comment

# 2. regressions
f1 ~ f3 + f4
f2 ~ f4
y1 + y2 ~ x1 + x2 + x3

# 3. (co)variances
y1 ~~ y1
y2 ~~ y4 + y5
f1 ~~ f2

# 4. intercepts
f1 ~ 1; y5 ~ 1
```

```

# 5. thresholds
y11 | t1 + t2 + t3
y12 | t1
y13 | t1 + t2

# 6. scaling factors
y11 ~~ y11
y12 ~~ y12
y13 ~~ y13

# 7. formative factors
f5 <~ z1 + z2 + z3 + z4

```

Blank lines and comments can be used in between the formulas, and formulas can be split over multiple lines. Both the sharp (#) and the exclamation (!) characters can be used to start a comment. Multiple formulas can be placed on a single line if they are separated by a semicolon (;).

There can be seven types of formula-like expressions in the model syntax:

1. Latent variable definitions: The " \sim " operator can be used to define (continuous) latent variables. The name of the latent variable is on the left of the " \sim " operator, while the terms on the right, separated by "+" operators, are the indicators of the latent variable.
The operator " \sim " can be read as "is manifested by".
2. Regressions: The " \sim " operator specifies a regression. The dependent variable is on the left of a " \sim " operator and the independent variables, separated by "+" operators, are on the right. These regression formulas are similar to the way ordinary linear regression formulas are used in R, but they may include latent variables. Interaction terms are currently not supported.
3. Variance-covariances: The " $\sim\sim$ " ('double tilde') operator specifies (residual) variances of an observed or latent variable, or a set of covariances between one variable, and several other variables (either observed or latent). Several variables, separated by "+" operators can appear on the right. This way, several pairwise (co)variances involving the same left-hand variable can be expressed in a single expression. The distinction between variances and residual variances is made automatically.
4. Intercepts: A special case of a regression formula can be used to specify an intercept (or a mean) of either an observed or a latent variable. The variable name is on the left of a " \sim " operator. On the right is only the number "1" representing the intercept. Including an intercept formula in the model automatically implies `meanstructure = TRUE`. The distinction between intercepts and means is made automatically.
5. Thresholds: The "|" operator can be used to define the thresholds of categorical endogenous variables (on the left hand side of the operator). By convention, the thresholds (on the right hand side, separated by the "+" operator, are named "t1", "t2", etcetera.
6. Scaling factors: The " $\sim\ast\sim$ " operator defines a scale factor. The variable name on the left hand side must be the same as the variable name on the right hand side. Scale factors are used in the Delta parameterization, in a multiple group analysis when factor indicators are categorical.
7. Formative factors: The " $<\sim$ " operator can be used to define a formative factor (on the right hand side of the operator), in a similar way as a reflexive factor is defined (using the " \sim "

operator). This is just syntax sugar to define a phantom latent variable (equivalent to using "f =~ 0"). And in addition, the (residual) variance of the formative factor is fixed to zero.

Usually, only a single variable name appears on the left side of an operator. However, if multiple variable names are specified, separated by the "+" operator, the formula is repeated for each element on the left side (as for example in the third regression formula in the example above). The only exception are scaling factors, where only a single element is allowed on the left hand side.

In the right-hand side of these formula-like expressions, each element can be modified (using the "*" operator) by either a numeric constant, an expression resulting in a numeric constant, an expression resulting in a character vector, or one of three special functions: `start()`, `label()` and `equal()`. This provides the user with a mechanism to fix parameters, to provide alternative starting values, to label the parameters, and to define equality constraints among model parameters. All "*" expressions are referred to as *modifiers*. They are explained in more detail in the following sections.

Fixing parameters

It is often desirable to fix a model parameter that is otherwise (by default) free. Any parameter in a model can be fixed by using a modifier resulting in a numerical constant. Here are some examples:

- Fixing the regression coefficient of the predictor x2:

```
y ~ x1 + 2.4*x2 + x3
```

- Specifying an orthogonal (zero) covariance between two latent variables:

```
f1 ~~ 0*f2
```

- Specifying an intercept and a linear slope in a growth model:

```
i =~ 1*y11 + 1*y12 + 1*y13 + 1*y14
s =~ 0*y11 + 1*y12 + 2*y13 + 3*y14
```

Instead of a numeric constant, one can use a mathematical function that returns a numeric constant, for example `sqrt(10)`. Multiplying with NA will force the corresponding parameter to be free.

Starting values

User-provided starting values can be given by using the special function `start()`, containing a numeric constant. For example:

```
y ~ x1 + start(1.0)*x2 + x3
```

Note that if a starting value is provided, the parameter is not automatically considered to be free.

Parameter labels and equality constraints

Each free parameter in a model is automatically given a name (or label). The name given to a model parameter consists of three parts, coerced to a single character vector. The first part is the name of the variable in the left-hand side of the formula where the parameter was implied. The middle part is based on the special 'operator' used in the formula. This can be either one of "=", "~", "~=" or "~~". The third part is the name of the variable in the right-hand side of the formula where the parameter was implied, or "1" if it is an intercept. The three parts are pasted together in a single string. For example, the name of the fixed regression coefficient in the regression formula

$y \sim x_1 + 2.4 \cdot x_2 + x_3$ is the string "y~x2". The name of the parameter corresponding to the covariance between two latent variables in the formula $f_1 \sim f_2$ is the string "f1~~f2".

Although this automatic labeling of parameters is convenient, the user may specify its own labels for specific parameters simply by pre-multiplying the corresponding term (on the right hand side of the operator only) by a character string (starting with a letter). For example, in the formula $f_1 \sim x_1 + x_2 + \text{mylabel}x_3$, the parameter corresponding with the factor loading of x_3 will be named "mylabel". "f1=~x3". An alternative way to specify the label is as follows: $f_1 \sim x_1 + x_2 + \text{label}(\text{"mylabel"})x_3$, where the label is the argument of special function `label()`; this can be useful if the label contains a space, or an operator (like "~").

To constrain a parameter to be equal to another target parameter, there are two ways. If you have specified your own labels, you can use the fact that *equal labels imply equal parameter values*. If you rely on automatic parameter labels, you can use the special function `equal()`. The argument of `equal()` is the (automatic or user-specified) name of the target parameter. For example, in the confirmatory factor analysis example below, the intercepts of the three indicators of each latent variable are constrained to be equal to each other. For the first three, we have used the default names. For the last three, we have provided a custom label for the y2a intercept.

```
model <- '
  # two latent variables with fixed loadings
  f1 =~ 1*y1a + 1*y1b + 1*y1c
  f2 =~ 1*y2a + 1*y2b + 1*y2c

  # intercepts constrained to be equal
  # using the default names
  y1a ~ 1
  y1b ~ equal("y1a~1") * 1
  y1c ~ equal("y1a~1") * 1

  # intercepts constrained to be equal
  # using a custom label
  y2a ~ int2*1
  y2b ~ int2*1
  y2c ~ int2*1
'
```

Multiple groups

In a multiple group analysis, modifiers that contain a single constant must be replaced by a vector, having the same length as the number of groups. The only exception are numerical constants (for fixing values): if you provide only a single number, the same number will be used for all groups. However, it is safer (and cleaner) to specify the same number of elements as the number of groups. For example, if there are two groups:

```
HS.model <- ' visual =~          x1 +
                    0.5*x2 +
                    c(0.6, 0.8)*x3

                textual =~          x4 +
```

```

                                start(c(1.2, 0.6))*x5 +
                                                x6

speed    =~                      x7 +
                                x8 +
                                c(x9.group1,
                                x9.group2) * x9 '

```

In this example, the factor loading of the 'x2' indicator is fixed to the value 0.5 for all groups. However, the factor loadings of the 'x3' indicator are fixed to 0.6 and 0.8 for group 1 and group 2 respectively. The same logic is used for all modifiers. Note that character vectors can contain unquoted strings.

Multiple modifiers

In the model syntax, you can specify a variable more than once on the right hand side of an operator; therefore, several 'modifiers' can be applied simultaneously; for example, if you want to fix the value of a parameter and also label that parameter, you can use something like:

```
f1 =~ x1 + x2 + 4*x3 + x3.loading*x3
```

References

Yves Rosseel (2012). lavaan: An R Package for Structural Equation Modeling. Journal of Statistical Software, 48(2), 1-36. URL <http://www.jstatsoft.org/v48/i02/>.

modificationIndices	<i>Modification Indices</i>
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Description

Modification indices of a latent variable model.

Usage

```

modificationIndices(object, standardized = TRUE, power = FALSE,
                    delta = 0.1, alpha = 0.05, high.power = 0.75)
modindices(object, standardized = TRUE, power = FALSE,
           delta = 0.1, alpha = 0.05, high.power = 0.75)

```

Arguments

object	An object of class lavaan .
standardized	If TRUE, two extra columns (sepc.lv and sepc.all) will contain standardized values for the epc's. In the first column (sepc.lv), standardization is based on the variances of the (continuous) latent variables. In the second column (sepc.all), standardization is based on both the variances of both (continuous) observed and latent variables. (Residual) covariances are standardized using (residual) variances.

power	If TRUE, the (post-hoc) power is computed for each modification index, using the values of delta and alpha.
delta	The value of the effect size, as used in the post-hoc power computation, currently using the unstandardized metric of the epc column.
alpha	The significance level used for deciding if the modification index is statistically significant or not.
high.power	If the computed power is higher than this cutoff value, the power is considered 'high'. If not, the power is considered 'low'. This affects the values in the 'decision' column in the output.

Value

A data.frame containing modification indices and EPC's.

Examples

```
HS.model <- ' visual =~ x1 + x2 + x3
              textual =~ x4 + x5 + x6
              speed   =~ x7 + x8 + x9 '

fit <- cfa(HS.model, data=HolzingerSwineford1939)
modindices(fit)
```

mplus2lavaan	<i>mplus to lavaan converter</i>
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Description

Read in an Mplus input file, convert it to lavaan syntax, and fit the model.

Usage

```
mplus2lavaan(inpfile)
```

Arguments

inpfile	The filename (including a full path) of the Mplus input file. The data (as referred to in the Mplus input file) should be in the same directory as the Mplus input file.
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Value

A list with two elements: mplus.inp contains the input data, a title, the variable names, and the converted (lavaan) model syntax; lav.out contains the fitted lavaan object.

Author(s)

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See Also

[lavExport](#).

Examples

```
## Not run:
out <- mplus2lavaan("ex5.1.inp")
summary(out$lav.out)

## End(Not run)
```

parameterEstimates	<i>Parameter Estimates</i>
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Description

Parameter estimates of a latent variable model.

Usage

```
parameterEstimates(object, ci = TRUE, level = 0.95,
                    boot.ci.type = "perc", standardized = FALSE,
                    fmi = "default")
```

Arguments

object	An object of class lavaan .
ci	If TRUE, confidence intervals are added to the output
level	The confidence level required.
boot.ci.type	If bootstrapping was used, the type of interval required. The value should be one of "norm", "basic", "perc", or "bca.simple". For the first three options, see the help page of the boot.ci function in the boot package. The "bca.simple" option produces intervals using the adjusted bootstrap percentile (BCa) method, but with no correction for acceleration (only for bias).
standardized	If TRUE, standardized estimates are added to the output
fmi	Logical. If TRUE, an extra column is added containing the fraction of missing information for each estimated parameter. If "default", the value is set to TRUE only if estimator="ML", missing="(fi)ml", and se="standard". See references for more information.

Value

A data.frame containing the estimated parameters, parameters, standard errors, z-values, and (by default) the lower and upper values of the confidence intervals. If requested, extra columns are added with standardized versions of the parameter estimates.

References

Savalei, V. & Rhemtulla, M. (2012). On obtaining estimates of the fraction of missing information from FIML. *Structural Equation Modeling: A Multidisciplinary Journal*, 19(3), 477-494.

Examples

```
HS.model <- ' visual  =~ x1 + x2 + x3
              textual =~ x4 + x5 + x6
              speed   =~ x7 + x8 + x9 '

fit <- cfa(HS.model, data=HolzingerSwineford1939)
parameterEstimates(fit)
```

parTable

Parameter Table

Description

Show the parameter table of a fitted model.

Usage

```
parameterTable(object)
parTable(object)
```

Arguments

object An object of class [lavaan](#).

Value

A data.frame containing the model parameters. This is simply the output of the [lavaanify](#) function coerced to a data.frame (with `stringsAsFactors = FALSE`).

See Also

[lavaanify](#).

Examples

```
HS.model <- ' visual  =~ x1 + x2 + x3
              textual =~ x4 + x5 + x6
              speed   =~ x7 + x8 + x9 '

fit <- cfa(HS.model, data=HolzingerSwineford1939)
parTable(fit)
```

```
plot.InformativeTesting
      Plot output InformativeTesting()
```

Description

The function plots the distributions of bootstrapped LRT values and plug-in p-values.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'InformativeTesting'
plot(x, ..., type = c("lr", "ppv"),
     main = "main", xlab = "xlabel",
     ylab = "Frequency", freq = TRUE, breaks = 15, cex.main = 1,
     cex.lab = 1, cex.axis = 1, col = "grey", border = par("fg"),
     vline = TRUE, vline.col = c("red", "blue"), lty = c(1, 2),
     lwd = 1, legend = TRUE, bty = "o", cex.legend = 0.75,
     loc.legend = "topright")
```

Arguments

x	The output of the InformativeTesting() function
...	Currently not used.
type	If "lr", a distribution of the first-level bootstrapped LR values is plotted. If "ppv" a distribution of the bootstrapped plug-in p-values is plotted.
main	The main title(s) for the plot(s).
xlab	A label for the x axis, default depends on input type.
ylab	A label for the y axis.
freq	Logical; if TRUE, the histogram graphic is a representation of frequencies, the counts component of the result; if FALSE, probability densities, component density, are plotted (so that the histogram has a total area of one). The default is set to TRUE.
breaks	see hist
cex.main	The magnification to be used for main titles relative to the current setting of cex.
cex.lab	The magnification to be used for x and y labels relative to the current setting of cex.
cex.axis	The magnification to be used for axis annotation relative to the current setting of cex.
col	A colour to be used to fill the bars. The default of NULL yields unfilled bars.
border	Color for rectangle border(s). The default means par("fg").
vline	Logical; if TRUE a vertical line is drawn at the observed LRT value. If double.bootstrap = "FDB" a vertical line is drawn at the 1-p* quantile of the second-level LRT values, where p* is the first-level bootstrapped p-value

<code>vline.col</code>	Color(s) for the <code>vline.LRT</code> .
<code>lty</code>	The line type. Line types can either be specified as an integer (0=blank, 1=solid (default), 2=dashed, 3=dotted, 4=dotdash, 5=longdash, 6=twodash) or as one of the character strings "blank", "solid", "dashed", "dotted", "dotdash", "longdash", or "twodash", where "blank" uses 'invisible lines' (i.e., does not draw them).
<code>lwd</code>	The line width, a positive number, defaulting to 1.
<code>legend</code>	Logical; if TRUE a legend is added to the plot.
<code>bty</code>	A character string which determined the type of box which is drawn about plots. If <code>bty</code> is one of "o" (the default), "l", "7", "c", "u", or "j" the resulting box resembles the corresponding upper case letter. A value of "n" suppresses the box.
<code>cex.legend</code>	A numerical value giving the amount by which the legend text and symbols should be magnified relative to the default. This starts as 1 when a device is opened, and is reset when the layout is changed.
<code>loc.legend</code>	The location of the legend, specified by a single keyword from the list "bottomright", "bottom", "bottomleft", "left", "topleft", "top", "topright", "right" and "center".

PoliticalDemocracy	<i>Industrialization And Political Democracy Dataset</i>
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Description

The 'famous' Industrialization and Political Democracy dataset. This dataset is used throughout Bollen's 1989 book (see pages 12, 17, 36 in chapter 2, pages 228 and following in chapter 7, pages 321 and following in chapter 8). The dataset contains various measures of political democracy and industrialization in developing countries.

Usage

```
data(PoliticalDemocracy)
```

Format

A data frame of 75 observations of 11 variables.

- `y1` Expert ratings of the freedom of the press in 1960
- `y2` The freedom of political opposition in 1960
- `y3` The fairness of elections in 1960
- `y4` The effectiveness of the elected legislature in 1960
- `y5` Expert ratings of the freedom of the press in 1965
- `y6` The freedom of political opposition in 1965
- `y7` The fairness of elections in 1965

- y8 The effectiveness of the elected legislature in 1965
- x1 The gross national product (GNP) per capita in 1960
- x2 The inanimate energy consumption per capita in 1960
- x3 The percentage of the labor force in industry in 1960

Source

The dataset was retrieved from <http://web.missouri.edu/~kolenikovs/Stat9370/democindus.txt> (see discussion on SEMNET 18 Jun 2009)

References

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- Bollen, K. A. (1979). Political democracy and the timing of development. *American Sociological Review*, 44, 572-587.
- Bollen, K. A. (1980). Issues in the comparative measurement of political democracy. *American Sociological Review*, 45, 370-390.

Examples

```
head(PoliticalDemocracy)
```

sem

Fit Structural Equation Models

Description

Fit a Structural Equation Model (SEM).

Usage

```
sem(model = NULL, data = NULL,
     meanstructure = "default", fixed.x = "default",
     orthogonal = FALSE, std.lv = FALSE,
     parameterization = "default", std.ov = FALSE,
     missing = "default", ordered = NULL,
     sample.cov = NULL, sample.cov.rescale = "default",
     sample.mean = NULL, sample.nobs = NULL,
     ridge = 1e-05, group = NULL,
     group.label = NULL, group.equal = "", group.partial = "",
     group.w.free = FALSE, cluster = NULL, constraints = '',
     estimator = "default", likelihood = "default", link = "default",
     information = "default", se = "default", test = "default",
     bootstrap = 1000L, mimic = "default", representation = "default",
     do.fit = TRUE, control = list(), WLS.V = NULL, NACOV = NULL,
```

```
zero.add = "default", zero.keep.margins = "default",
zero.cell.warn = TRUE,
start = "default", verbose = FALSE, warn = TRUE, debug = FALSE)
```

Arguments

<code>model</code>	A description of the user-specified model. Typically, the model is described using the lavaan model syntax. See model.syntax for more information. Alternatively, a parameter table (eg. the output of the <code>lavaanify()</code> function) is also accepted.
<code>data</code>	An optional data frame containing the observed variables used in the model. If some variables are declared as ordered factors, lavaan will treat them as ordinal variables.
<code>meanstructure</code>	If TRUE, the means of the observed variables enter the model. If "default", the value is set based on the user-specified model, and/or the values of other arguments.
<code>fixed.x</code>	If TRUE, the exogenous 'x' covariates are considered fixed variables and the means, variances and covariances of these variables are fixed to their sample values. If FALSE, they are considered random, and the means, variances and covariances are free parameters. If "default", the value is set depending on the <code>mimic</code> option.
<code>orthogonal</code>	If TRUE, the exogenous latent variables are assumed to be uncorrelated.
<code>std.lv</code>	If TRUE, the metric of each latent variable is determined by fixing their variances to 1.0. If FALSE, the metric of each latent variable is determined by fixing the factor loading of the first indicator to 1.0.
<code>parameterization</code>	Currently only used if data is categorical. If "delta", the delta parameterization is used. If "theta", the theta parameterization is used.
<code>std.ov</code>	If TRUE, all observed variables are standardized before entering the analysis.
<code>missing</code>	If "listwise", cases with missing values are removed listwise from the data frame before analysis. If "direct" or "ml" or "fiml" and the estimator is maximum likelihood, Full Information Maximum Likelihood (FIML) estimation is used using all available data in the data frame. This is only valid if the data are missing completely at random (MCAR) or missing at random (MAR). If "default", the value is set depending on the estimator and the <code>mimic</code> option.
<code>ordered</code>	Character vector. Only used if the data is in a data.frame. Treat these variables as ordered (ordinal) variables, if they are endogenous in the model. Importantly, all other variables will be treated as numeric (unless they are declared as ordered in the original data.frame.)
<code>sample.cov</code>	Numeric matrix. A sample variance-covariance matrix. The rownames and/or colnames must contain the observed variable names. For a multiple group analysis, a list with a variance-covariance matrix for each group. Note that if maximum likelihood estimation is used and <code>likelihood="normal"</code> , the user provided covariance matrix is internally rescaled by multiplying it with a factor $(N-1)/N$, to ensure that the covariance matrix has been divided by N. This can be turned off by setting the <code>sample.cov.rescale</code> argument to FALSE.

<code>sample.cov.rescale</code>	If TRUE, the sample covariance matrix provided by the user is internally rescaled by multiplying it with a factor $(N-1)/N$. If "default", the value is set depending on the estimator and the likelihood option: it is set to TRUE if maximum likelihood estimation is used and <code>likelihood="normal"</code> , and FALSE otherwise.
<code>sample.mean</code>	A sample mean vector. For a multiple group analysis, a list with a mean vector for each group.
<code>sample.nobs</code>	Number of observations if the full data frame is missing and only sample moments are given. For a multiple group analysis, a list or a vector with the number of observations for each group.
<code>ridge</code>	Numeric. Small constant used for ridging. Only used if the sample covariance matrix is non positive definite.
<code>group</code>	A variable name in the data frame defining the groups in a multiple group analysis.
<code>group.label</code>	A character vector. The user can specify which group (or factor) levels need to be selected from the grouping variable, and in which order. If NULL (the default), all grouping levels are selected, in the order as they appear in the data.
<code>group.equal</code>	A vector of character strings. Only used in a multiple group analysis. Can be one or more of the following: "loadings", "intercepts", "means", "thresholds", "regressions", "residuals", "residual.covariances", "lv.variances" or "lv.covariances", specifying the pattern of equality constraints across multiple groups.
<code>group.partial</code>	A vector of character strings containing the labels of the parameters which should be free in all groups (thereby overriding the <code>group.equal</code> argument for some specific parameters).
<code>group.w.free</code>	Logical. If TRUE, the group frequencies are considered to be free parameters in the model. In this case, a Poisson model is fitted to estimate the group frequencies. If FALSE (the default), the group frequencies are fixed to their observed values.
<code>cluster</code>	Not used yet.
<code>constraints</code>	Additional (in)equality constraints not yet included in the model syntax. See model.syntax for more information.
<code>estimator</code>	The estimator to be used. Can be one of the following: "ML" for maximum likelihood, "GLS" for generalized least squares, "WLS" for weighted least squares (sometimes called ADF estimation), "ULS" for unweighted least squares and "DWLS" for diagonally weighted least squares. These are the main options that affect the estimation. For convenience, the "ML" option can be extended as "MLM", "MLMV", "MLMVS", "MLF", and "MLR". The estimation will still be plain "ML", but now with robust standard errors and a robust (scaled) test statistic. For "MLM", "MLMV", "MLMVS", classic robust standard errors are used (<code>se="robust.sem"</code>); for "MLF", standard errors are based on first-order derivatives (<code>se="first.order"</code>); for "MLR", 'Huber-White' robust standard errors are used (<code>se="robust.huber.white"</code>). In addition, "MLM" will compute a Satorra-Bentler scaled (mean adjusted) test statistic (<code>test="satorra.bentler"</code>), "MLMVS" will compute a mean and variance adjusted test statistic (Satterthwaite style) (<code>test="mean.var.adjusted"</code>),

	<p>"MLMV" will compute a mean and variance adjusted test statistic (scaled and shifted) (<code>test="scaled.shifted"</code>), and "MLR" will compute a test statistic which is asymptotically equivalent to the Yuan-Bentler T2-star test statistic. Analogously, the estimators "WLSM" and "WLSMV" imply the "DWLS" estimator (not the "WLS" estimator) with robust standard errors and a mean or mean and variance adjusted test statistic. Estimators "ULSM" and "ULSMV" imply the "ULS" estimator with robust standard errors and a mean or mean and variance adjusted test statistic.</p>
likelihood	<p>Only relevant for ML estimation. If "wishart", the wishart likelihood approach is used. In this approach, the covariance matrix has been divided by N-1, and both standard errors and test statistics are based on N-1. If "normal", the normal likelihood approach is used. Here, the covariance matrix has been divided by N, and both standard errors and test statistics are based on N. If "default", it depends on the mimic option: if <code>mimic="lavaan"</code> or <code>mimic="Mplus"</code>, normal likelihood is used; otherwise, wishart likelihood is used.</p>
link	<p>Currently only used if estimator is MML. If "logit", a logit link is used for binary and ordered observed variables. If "probit", a probit link is used. If "default", it is currently set to "probit" (but this may change).</p>
information	<p>If "expected", the expected information matrix is used (to compute the standard errors). If "observed", the observed information matrix is used. If "default", the value is set depending on the estimator and the mimic option.</p>
se	<p>If "standard", conventional standard errors are computed based on inverting the (expected or observed) information matrix. If "first.order", standard errors are computed based on first-order derivatives. If "robust.sem", conventional robust standard errors are computed. If "robust.huber.white", standard errors are computed based on the 'mlr' (aka pseudo ML, Huber-White) approach. If "robust", either "robust.sem" or "robust.huber.white" is used depending on the estimator, the mimic option, and whether the data are complete or not. If "boot" or "bootstrap", bootstrap standard errors are computed using standard bootstrapping (unless Bollen-Stine bootstrapping is requested for the test statistic; in this case bootstrap standard errors are computed using model-based bootstrapping). If "none", no standard errors are computed.</p>
test	<p>If "standard", a conventional chi-square test is computed. If "Satorra.Bentler", a Satorra-Bentler scaled test statistic is computed. If "Yuan.Bentler", a Yuan-Bentler scaled test statistic is computed. If "mean.var.adjusted" or "Satterthwaite", a mean and variance adjusted test statistic is compute. If "scaled.shifted", an alternative mean and variance adjusted test statistic is computed (as in Mplus version 6 or higher). If "boot" or "bootstrap" or "Bollen.Stine", the Bollen-Stine bootstrap is used to compute the bootstrap probability value of the test statistic. If "default", the value depends on the values of other arguments.</p>
bootstrap	<p>Number of bootstrap draws, if bootstrapping is used.</p>
mimic	<p>If "Mplus", an attempt is made to mimic the Mplus program. If "EQS", an attempt is made to mimic the EQS program. If "default", the value is (currently) set to "lavaan", which is very close to "Mplus".</p>
representation	<p>If "LISREL" the classical LISREL matrix representation is used to represent the model (using the all-y variant).</p>

<code>do.fit</code>	If FALSE, the model is not fit, and the current starting values of the model parameters are preserved.
<code>control</code>	A list containing control parameters passed to the optimizer. By default, lavaan uses "nlminb". See the manpage of nlminb for an overview of the control parameters. A different optimizer can be chosen by setting the value of <code>optim.method</code> . For unconstrained optimization (the model syntax does not include any "=", ">" or "<" operators), the available options are "nlminb" (the default), "BFGS" and "L-BFGS-B". See the manpage of the optim function for the control parameters of the latter two options. For constrained optimization, the only available option is "nlminb.constr".
<code>WLS.V</code>	A user provided weight matrix to be used by estimator "WLS"; if the estimator is "DWLS", only the diagonal of this matrix will be used. For a multiple group analysis, a list with a weight matrix for each group. The elements of the weight matrix should be in the following order (if all data is continuous): first the means (if a meanstructure is involved), then the lower triangular elements of the covariance matrix including the diagonal, ordered column by column. In the categorical case: first the thresholds (including the means for continuous variables), then the slopes (if any), the variances of continuous variables (if any), and finally the lower triangular elements of the correlation/covariance matrix excluding the diagonal, ordered column by column.
<code>NACOV</code>	A user provided matrix containing the elements of (N times) the asymptotic variance-covariance matrix of the sample statistics. For a multiple group analysis, a list with an asymptotic variance-covariance matrix for each group. See the <code>WLS.V</code> argument for information about the order of the elements.
<code>zero.add</code>	A numeric vector containing two values. These values affect the calculation of polychoric correlations when some frequencies in the bivariate table are zero. The first value only applies for 2x2 tables. The second value for larger tables. This value is added to the zero frequency in the bivariate table. If "default", the value is set depending on the "mimic" option. By default, lavaan uses <code>zero.add = c(0.5, 0.0)</code> .
<code>zero.keep.margins</code>	Logical. This argument only affects the computation of polychoric correlations for 2x2 tables with an empty cell, and where a value is added to the empty cell. If TRUE, the other values of the frequency table are adjusted so that all margins are unaffected. If "default", the value is set depending on the "mimic". The default is TRUE.
<code>zero.cell.warn</code>	Logical. Only used if some observed endogenous variables are categorical. If TRUE, give a warning if one or more cells of a bivariate frequency table are empty.
<code>start</code>	If it is a character string, the two options are currently "simple" and "Mplus". In the first case, all parameter values are set to zero, except the factor loadings (set to one), the variances of latent variables (set to 0.05), and the residual variances of observed variables (set to half the observed variance). If "Mplus", we use a similar scheme, but the factor loadings are estimated using the <code>fabin3</code> estimator (tsls) per factor. If <code>start</code> is a fitted object of class lavaan , the estimated values of the corresponding parameters will be extracted. If it is a model list, for

	example the output of the <code>parameterEstimates()</code> function, the values of the <code>est</code> or <code>start</code> or <code>ustart</code> column (whichever is found first) will be extracted.
<code>verbose</code>	If TRUE, the function value is printed out during each iteration.
<code>warn</code>	If TRUE, some (possibly harmless) warnings are printed out during the iterations.
<code>debug</code>	If TRUE, debugging information is printed out.

Details

The `sem` function is a wrapper for the more general `lavaan` function, using the following default arguments: `int.ov.free = TRUE`, `int.lv.free = FALSE`, `auto.fix.first = TRUE` (unless `std.lv = TRUE`), `auto.fix.single = TRUE`, `auto.var = TRUE`, `auto.cov.lv.x = TRUE`, `auto.th = TRUE`, `auto.delta = TRUE`, and `auto.cov.y = TRUE`.

Value

An object of class `lavaan`, for which several methods are available, including a summary method.

References

Yves Rosseel (2012). `lavaan`: An R Package for Structural Equation Modeling. *Journal of Statistical Software*, 48(2), 1-36. URL <http://www.jstatsoft.org/v48/i02/>.

See Also

`lavaan`

Examples

```
## The industrialization and Political Democracy Example
## Bollen (1989), page 332
model <- '
  # latent variable definitions
  ind60 =~ x1 + x2 + x3
  dem60 =~ y1 + a*y2 + b*y3 + c*y4
  dem65 =~ y5 + a*y6 + b*y7 + c*y8

  # regressions
  dem60 ~ ind60
  dem65 ~ ind60 + dem60

  # residual correlations
  y1 ~~ y5
  y2 ~~ y4 + y6
  y3 ~~ y7
  y4 ~~ y8
  y6 ~~ y8
'

fit <- sem(model, data=PoliticalDemocracy)
summary(fit, fit.measures=TRUE)
```

simulateData

*Simulate Data From a Lavaan Model Syntax***Description**

Simulate data starting from a lavaan model syntax.

Usage

```
simulateData(model = NULL, model.type = "sem", meanstructure = FALSE,
  int.ov.free = TRUE, int.lv.free = FALSE, fixed.x = FALSE,
  orthogonal = FALSE, std.lv = TRUE, auto.fix.first = FALSE,
  auto.fix.single = FALSE, auto.var = TRUE, auto.cov.lv.x = TRUE,
  auto.cov.y = TRUE, ..., sample.nobs = 500L, ov.var = NULL,
  group.label = paste("G", 1:ngroups, sep = ""), skewness = NULL,
  kurtosis = NULL, seed = NULL, empirical = FALSE,
  return.type = "data.frame", return.fit = FALSE,
  debug = FALSE, standardized = FALSE)
```

Arguments

model	A description of the user-specified model. Typically, the model is described using the lavaan model syntax. See model.syntax for more information. Alternatively, a parameter table (eg. the output of the lavaanify() function) is also accepted.
model.type	Set the model type: possible values are "cfa", "sem" or "growth". This may affect how starting values are computed, and may be used to alter the terminology used in the summary output, or the layout of path diagrams that are based on a fitted lavaan object.
meanstructure	If TRUE, the means of the observed variables enter the model. If "default", the value is set based on the user-specified model, and/or the values of other arguments.
int.ov.free	If FALSE, the intercepts of the observed variables are fixed to zero.
int.lv.free	If FALSE, the intercepts of the latent variables are fixed to zero.
fixed.x	If TRUE, the exogenous 'x' covariates are considered fixed variables and the means, variances and covariances of these variables are fixed to their sample values. If FALSE, they are considered random, and the means, variances and covariances are free parameters. If "default", the value is set depending on the mimic option.
orthogonal	If TRUE, the exogenous latent variables are assumed to be uncorrelated.
std.lv	If TRUE, the metric of each latent variable is determined by fixing their variances to 1.0. If FALSE, the metric of each latent variable is determined by fixing the factor loading of the first indicator to 1.0.
auto.fix.first	If TRUE, the factor loading of the first indicator is set to 1.0 for every latent variable.

<code>auto.fix.single</code>	If TRUE, the residual variance (if included) of an observed indicator is set to zero if it is the only indicator of a latent variable.
<code>auto.var</code>	If TRUE, the residual variances and the variances of exogenous latent variables are included in the model and set free.
<code>auto.cov.lv.x</code>	If TRUE, the covariances of exogenous latent variables are included in the model and set free.
<code>auto.cov.y</code>	If TRUE, the covariances of dependent variables (both observed and latent) are included in the model and set free.
<code>...</code>	additional arguments passed to the <code>lavaan</code> function.
<code>sample.nobs</code>	Number of observations. If a vector, multiple datasets are created. If <code>return.type = "matrix"</code> or <code>return.type = "cov"</code> , a list of <code>length(sample.nobs)</code> is returned, with either the data or covariance matrices, each one based on the number of observations as specified in <code>sample.nobs</code> . If <code>return.type = "data.frame"</code> , all datasets are merged and a group variable is added to mimic a multiple group dataset.
<code>ov.var</code>	The user-specified variances of the observed variables.
<code>group.label</code>	The group labels that should be used if multiple groups are created.
<code>skewness</code>	Numeric vector. The skewness values for the observed variables. Defaults to zero.
<code>kurtosis</code>	Numeric vector. The kurtosis values for the observed variables. Defaults to zero.
<code>seed</code>	Set random seed.
<code>empirical</code>	Logical. If TRUE, the implied moments (Mu and Sigma) specify the empirical not population mean and covariance matrix.
<code>return.type</code>	If <code>"data.frame"</code> , a <code>data.frame</code> is returned. If <code>"matrix"</code> , a numeric matrix is returned (without any variable names). If <code>"cov"</code> , a covariance matrix is returned (without any variable names).
<code>return.fit</code>	If TRUE, return the fitted model that has been used to generate the data as an attribute (called <code>"fit"</code>); this may be useful for inspection.
<code>debug</code>	If TRUE, debugging information is displayed.
<code>standardized</code>	If TRUE, the residual variances of the observed variables are set in such a way such that the model implied variances are unity. This allows regression coefficients and factor loadings (involving observed variables) to be specified in a standardized metric.

Details

Model parameters can be specified by fixed values in the lavaan model syntax. If no fixed values are specified, the value zero will be assumed, except for factor loadings and variances, which are set to unity by default. By default, multivariate normal data are generated. However, by providing skewness and/or kurtosis values, nonnormal multivariate data can be generated, using the Vale & Maurelli (1983) method.

Value

The generated data. Either as a data.frame (if `return.type="data.frame"`), a numeric matrix (if `return.type="matrix"`), or a covariance matrix (if `return.type="cov"`).

Examples

```
# specify population model
population.model <- ' f1 =~ x1 + 0.8*x2 + 1.2*x3
                    f2 =~ x4 + 0.5*x5 + 1.5*x6
                    f3 =~ x7 + 0.1*x8 + 0.9*x9

                    f3 ~ 0.5*f1 + 0.6*f2
                    '

# generate data
set.seed(1234)
myData <- simulateData(population.model, sample.nobs=100L)

# population moments
fitted(sem(population.model))

# sample moments
round(cov(myData), 3)
round(colMeans(myData), 3)

# fit model
myModel <- ' f1 =~ x1 + x2 + x3
            f2 =~ x4 + x5 + x6
            f3 =~ x7 + x8 + x9
            f3 ~ f1 + f2 '
fit <- sem(myModel, data=myData)
summary(fit)
```

standardizedSolution	<i>Standardized Solution</i>
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Description

Standardized solution of a latent variable model.

Usage

```
standardizedSolution(object, type = "std.all")
```

Arguments

object An object of class `lavaan`.

type If "std.lv", the standardized estimates are on the variances of the (continuous) latent variables only. If "std.all", the standardized estimates are based on both the variances of both (continuous) observed and latent variables. If "std.no", the standardized estimates are based on both the variances of both (continuous) observed and latent variables, but not the variances of exogenous covariates.

Value

A data.frame containing standardized model parameters.

Examples

```
HS.model <- ' visual  =~ x1 + x2 + x3
              textual =~ x4 + x5 + x6
              speed   =~ x7 + x8 + x9 '
```

```
fit <- cfa(HS.model, data=HolzingerSwineford1939)
standardizedSolution(fit)
```

utils-matrix	<i>Utility Functions For Matrices.</i>
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Description

Utility functions to deal with (mostly symmetric) matrices.

Usage

```
vech(S, diagonal = TRUE)
vechr(S, diagonal = TRUE)
vechu(S, diagonal = TRUE)
vechru(S, diagonal = TRUE)
vech.reverse(x, diagonal = TRUE)
vechru.reverse(x, diagonal = TRUE)
vechr.reverse(x, diagonal = TRUE)
vechu.reverse(x, diagonal = TRUE)
lower2full(x, diagonal = TRUE)
upper2full(x, diagonal = TRUE)
duplicationMatrix(n = 1L)
commutationMatrix(m = 1L, n = 1L)
sqrtSymmetricMatrix(S)
```

Arguments

S A symmetric matrix.

x A numeric vector containing the lower triangular or upper triangular elements of a symmetric matrix, possibly including the diagonal elements.

diagonal Logical. If TRUE, the diagonal is included. If FALSE, the diagonal is not included.

n	Integer. Dimension of the symmetric matrix, or column dimension of a non-square matrix.
m	Integer. Row dimension of a matrix.

Details

The `vech` function implements the `vech` operator (for 'half vectorization') and transforms a symmetric matrix into a vector by stacking the columns of the matrix one underneath the other, but eliminating all supradiagonal elements.

The `vech.reverse` function does the reverse: given the output of the `vech` function, it reconstructs the symmetric matrix.

The `lower2full` function takes the lower

The `duplicationMatrix` function creates a duplication matrix D : it duplicates the elements in `vech(S)` to create `vec(S)` (where S is symmetric), such that $D \%*\% \text{vech}(S) == \text{vec}(S)$.

The `commutationMatrix` function creates a commutation matrix (K): this $mn \times mn$ matrix is a permutation matrix which transforms `vec(A)` into `vec(t(A))`, such that $K \%*\% \text{vec}(A) == \text{vec}(t(A))$.

The `sqrtSymmetricMatrix` function computes the square root of a (positive definite) symmetric matrix.

References

Magnus, J. R. and H. Neudecker (1999). *Matrix Differential Calculus with Applications in Statistics and Econometrics*, Second Edition, John Wiley.

Examples

```
# lower.tri elements (including diagonal) of a symmetric matrix
x <- c(4,1,5,2,3,6)

# reconstruct full symmetric matrix (row-wise!)
S <- lower2full(x)

# extract the same lower.tri elements again in the same order
vechr(S)

# without diagonal elements
vechr(S, diagonal=FALSE)

# duplication matrix
nvar <- ncol(S)
vec <- as.vector
Dup <- duplicationMatrix(nvar)
Dup \%*\% vechr(S) == vec(S) # should all be true

# commutation matrix
K <- commutationMatrix(nvar, nvar)
K \%*\% vec(S) == vec(t(S)) # should all be true

# take sqrt root of a symmetric matrix
```

```
S.sqrt <- sqrtSymmetricMatrix(S)
S.sqrt %*% S.sqrt
# should be equal to S again (ignoring some rounding-off errors)
```

varTable

Variable Table

Description

Summary information about the variables included in either a data.frame, or a fitted lavaan object.

Usage

```
varTable(object, ov.names = names(object), ov.names.x = NULL,
         ordered = NULL, factor = NULL, as.data.frame. = TRUE)
```

Arguments

object	Either a data.frame, or an object of class lavaan .
ov.names	Only used if object is a data.frame. A character vector containing the variables that need to be summarized.
ov.names.x	Only used if object is a data.frame. A character vector containing additional variables that need to be summarized.
ordered	Character vector. Which variables should be treated as ordered factors
factor	Character vector. Which variables should be treated as (unordered) factors?
as.data.frame.	If TRUE, return the list as a data.frame.

Value

A list or data.frame containing summary information about variables in a data.frame. If object is a fitted lavaan object, it displays the summary information about the observed variables that are included in the model. The summary information includes variable type (numeric, ordered, ...), the number of non-missing values, the mean and variance for numeric variables, the number of levels of ordered variables, and the labels for ordered variables.

Examples

```
HS.model <- ' visual  =~ x1 + x2 + x3
             textual =~ x4 + x5 + x6
             speed   =~ x7 + x8 + x9 '

fit <- cfa(HS.model, data=HolzingerSwineford1939)
varTable(fit)
```


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