

# Package ‘gppm’

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Essentially, GPPM is Gaussian process based modeling of longitudinal panel data.

'gppm' also supports regular Gaussian process regression (with a focus on flexible model specification), and multi-task learning.

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accuracy

*Accuracy Estimates for Predictions*


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### Description

Estimate the accuracy based on predictions.

### Usage

```
accuracy(predRes)
```

**Arguments**

predRes                      object of class GPPMPred as obtained by [predict.GPPM](#)

**Value**

accuracy estimates in the form of the mean squared error (MSE), the negative log-predictive probability (nLPP), and the sum squared error (SSE)

**Examples**

```
data("demoLGCM")
# remove all measurements from person 1 and the first form person 2
predIdx <- c(which(demoLGCM$ID == 1), which(demoLGCM$ID == 2)[1])
fitDemoLGCM <- demoLGCM[setdiff(1:nrow(demoLGCM), predIdx), ]

lgcm <- gppm(
  "muI+muS*t", "varI+covIS*(t+t#)+varS*t*t#+(t==t#)*sigma",
  fitDemoLGCM, "ID", "y"
)
lgcm <- fit(lgcm)
predRes <- predict(lgcm, demoLGCM[predIdx, ])
accEsts <- accuracy(predRes)
accEsts$MSE # mean squared error
accEsts$nLPP # negative log-predictive probability
accEsts$MAE # mean absolute error
```

coef.GPPM

*Point Estimates***Description**

Extracts point estimates for all parameters from a fitted GPPM.

**Usage**

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

**Arguments**

object                      object of class GPPM. Must be fitted, that is, a result from [fit.GPPM](#).  
 ...                          additional arguments (currently not used).

**Value**

Point estimates for all parameters as a named numeric vector.

**See Also**

Other functions to extract from a GPPM: [SE\(\)](#), [confint.GPPM\(\)](#), [covFun\(\)](#), [fitted.GPPM\(\)](#), [getData\(\)](#), [getIntern\(\)](#), [logLik.GPPM\(\)](#), [maxNObs\(\)](#), [meanFun\(\)](#), [nObs\(\)](#), [nPars\(\)](#), [nPers\(\)](#), [nPreds\(\)](#), [parEsts\(\)](#), [pars\(\)](#), [preds\(\)](#), [vcov.GPPM\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
data("demoLGCM")
lgcm <- gppm(
  "muI+muS*t", "varI+covIS*(t+t#)+varS*t*t#+(t==t#)*sigma",
  demoLGCM, "ID", "y"
)
lgcmFit <- fit(lgcm)
paraEsts <- coef(lgcmFit)
```

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confint.GPPM

*Confidence Intervals*


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**Description**

Computes confidence intervals for one or more parameters in a fitted GPPM.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'GPPM'
confint(object, parm, level = 0.95, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	object of class GPPM. Must be fitted, that is, a result from <a href="#">fit.GPPM</a> .
parm	vector of strings. The parameters for which confidence intervals are desired. If missing, confidence intervals for all parameters are returned.
level	scalar from 0 to 1. The confidence level required.
...	additional arguments (currently not used).

**Value**

A matrix (or vector) with columns giving lower and upper confidence limits for each parameter. These will be labeled as  $(1-\text{level})/2$  and  $1 - (1-\text{level})/2$  in \

**See Also**

Other functions to extract from a GPPM: [SE\(\)](#), [coef.GPPM\(\)](#), [covFun\(\)](#), [fitted.GPPM\(\)](#), [getData\(\)](#), [getIntern\(\)](#), [logLik.GPPM\(\)](#), [maxNObs\(\)](#), [meanFun\(\)](#), [nObs\(\)](#), [nPars\(\)](#), [nPers\(\)](#), [nPreds\(\)](#), [parEsts\(\)](#), [pars\(\)](#), [preds\(\)](#), [vcov.GPPM\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
data("demoLGCM")
lgcm <- gppm(
  "muI+muS*t", "varI+covIS*(t+t#)+varS*t*t#+(t==t#)*sigma",
  demoLGCM, "ID", "y"
)
lgcmFit <- fit(lgcm)
confInts <- confint(lgcmFit)
```

covFun

*Covariance Function***Description**

Extracts the covariance function from a GPPM.

**Usage**

```
covFun(gpModel)
```

**Arguments**

gpModel            object of class GPPM.

**Value**

The covariance function as a character string.

**See Also**

Other functions to extract from a GPPM: [SE\(\)](#), [coef.GPPM\(\)](#), [confint.GPPM\(\)](#), [fitted.GPPM\(\)](#), [getData\(\)](#), [getIntern\(\)](#), [logLik.GPPM\(\)](#), [maxNObs\(\)](#), [meanFun\(\)](#), [nObs\(\)](#), [nPars\(\)](#), [nPers\(\)](#), [nPreds\(\)](#), [parEsts\(\)](#), [pars\(\)](#), [preds\(\)](#), [vcov.GPPM\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
data("demoLGCM")
lgcm <- gppm(
  "muI+muS*t", "varI+covIS*(t+t#)+varS*t*t#+(t==t#)*sigma",
  demoLGCM, "ID", "y"
)
myCov <- covFun(lgcm)
```

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```
createLeavePersonsOutFolds
```

*Create Leave-persons-out Folds*

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## Description

This function is used to create a leave-persons-out cross-validation fold vector to be used by [crossvalidate](#).

## Usage

```
createLeavePersonsOutFolds(gpModel, k = 10)
```

## Arguments

gpModel	object of class GPPM.
k	integer scalar. Number of folds to create.

## Details

The folds are created such that the data of each person is fully in one fold.

## Value

A fold vector, which is a vector of length `nrow(getData(gpModel))` of integers from 1 to k. If `foldVector[i]=j`, then data point *i* is assigned to fold *j*.

## See Also

[crossvalidate](#) for how to use the created fold vector to perform cross-validation.

## Examples

```
data("demoLGCM")
lgcm <- gppm(
  "muI+muS*t", "varI+covIS*(t+t#)+varS*t*t#+(t==t#)*sigma",
  demoLGCM, "ID", "y"
)
theFolds <- createLeavePersonsOutFolds(lgcm)
```

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crossvalidate	<i>Cross-validation.</i>
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## Description

Performs cross-validation of a Gaussian process panel model.

## Usage

```
crossvalidate(gpModel, foldVector)
```

## Arguments

gpModel	object of class GPPM.
foldVector	integer vector. Describes the foldstructure to use. For example, created by <a href="#">createLeavePersonsOutFolds</a> .

## Details

The fold vector, must be a vector of length `nrow(getData(gpModel))` of integers from 1 to k. If `foldVector[i]=j`, then data point i is assigned to fold j.

## Value

Cross-validation estimates of the mean squared error (MSE) and the negative log-predictive probability (nLPP)

## Examples

```
data("demoLGCM")
lgcm <- gppm(
  "muI+muS*t", "varI+covIS*(t+t#)+varS*t*t#+(t==t#)*sigma",
  demoLGCM, "ID", "y"
)
theFolds <- createLeavePersonsOutFolds(lgcm, k = 2) # for speed, in practice rather use default k=10
crosRes <- crossvalidate(lgcm, theFolds)
crosRes$MSE # mean squared error
crosRes$nLPP # negative log-predictive probability
```

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demoLGCM	<i>Simulated Data From a Latent Growth Curve Model.</i>
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**Description**

Simulated Data From a Latent Growth Curve Model.

**Usage**

demoLGCM

**Format**

A data frame with 1998 rows and 3 variables:

- ID** Subject ID
- t** Time index
- y** Generic measurement

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fit	<i>Generic Method For Fitting a model</i>
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**Description**

Generic method for fitting a model.

**Usage**

fit(gpModel, ...)

**Arguments**

- gpModel            a model.
- ...                additional arguments.

**Value**

A fitted model

**See Also**

[fit.GPPM](#)



fit.GPPM

*Fit a Gaussian process panel model***Description**

This function is used to fit a Gaussian process panel model, which has been specified fit using [gppm](#).

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'GPPM'
fit(
  gpModel,
  init = "random",
  useOptimizer = TRUE,
  verbose = FALSE,
  hessian = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

gpModel	object of class GPPM. The Gaussian process panel model to be fitted.
init	string or named numeric vector. Used to specify the starting values for the parameters. Can either be the string 'random' (default) or a numeric vector startVal of starting values. Which value belongs to which parameter is determined by the names attribute of startVal. See also the example.
useOptimizer	boolean. Should the optimizer be used or not? For false the (possibly random) starting values are returned as the maximum likelihood estimates.
verbose	boolean. Print diagnostic output?
hessian	boolean. Compute the hessian at the maximum likelihood estimate?
...	additional arguments (currently not used).

**Value**

A fitted Gaussian process panel model, which is an object of class 'GPPM'.

**See Also**

Functions to extract from a fitted GPPM:

**Examples**

```
# regular usage
data("demoLGCM")
lgcm <- gppm(
  "muI+muS*t", "varI+covIS*(t+t#)+varS*t*t#+(t==t#)*sigma",
```

```

    demoLGCM, "ID", "y"
  )
  lgcmFit <- fit(lgcm)

  # starting values as ML results
  startVals <- c(10, 1, 10, 3, 10, 1)
  names(startVals) <- pars(lgcm)
  lgcmFakeFit <- fit(lgcm, init = startVals, useOptimizer = FALSE)
  stopifnot(identical(startVals, coef(lgcmFakeFit)))

```

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fitted.GPPM

*Person-specific mean vectors and covariance matrices*


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## Description

A fitted GPPM implies a mean vector and a covariance matrix for each person. These are returned by this function.

## Usage

```

## S3 method for class 'GPPM'
fitted(object, ...)

```

## Arguments

object	object of class GPPM. Must be fitted, that is, a result from <code>fit.GPPM</code> .
...	additional arguments (currently not used).

## Value

Returns a list structure with mean and covariances matrices. See example.

## See Also

Other functions to extract from a GPPM: `SE()`, `coef.GPPM()`, `confint.GPPM()`, `covFun()`, `getData()`, `getIntern()`, `logLik.GPPM()`, `maxNObs()`, `meanFun()`, `nObs()`, `nPars()`, `nPers()`, `nPreds()`, `parEsts()`, `pars()`, `preds()`, `vcov.GPPM()`

## Examples

```

data("demoLGCM")
lgcm <- gppm(
  "muI+muS*t", "varI+covIS*(t+t#)+varS*t*t#+(t==t#)*sigma",
  demoLGCM, "ID", "y"
)
lgcmFit <- fit(lgcm)
meansCovs <- fitted(lgcmFit)

```

```
person1Mean <- meansCovs$mean[[1]]
person1Cov <- meansCovs$cov[[1]]
person1ID <- meansCovs$ID[[1]]
```

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getData

*Data Set*

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## Description

Extracts the data set from a GPPM.

## Usage

```
getData(gpModel)
```

## Arguments

gpModel            object of class GPPM.

## Value

The data set associated with the GPPM.

## See Also

Other functions to extract from a GPPM: [SE\(\)](#), [coef.GPPM\(\)](#), [confint.GPPM\(\)](#), [covFun\(\)](#), [fitted.GPPM\(\)](#), [getIntern\(\)](#), [logLik.GPPM\(\)](#), [maxNObs\(\)](#), [meanFun\(\)](#), [nObs\(\)](#), [nPars\(\)](#), [nPers\(\)](#), [nPreds\(\)](#), [parEsts\(\)](#), [pars\(\)](#), [preds\(\)](#), [vcov.GPPM\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
data("demoLGCM")
lgcm <- gppm(
  "muI+muS*t", "varI+covIS*(t+t#)+varS*t*t#+(t==t#)*sigma",
  demoLGCM, "ID", "y"
)
myData <- getData(lgcm)
```

getIntern

*Generic Extraction Function***Description**

Extracts internals from a GPPM.

**Usage**

```
getIntern(gpModel, quantity)
```

**Arguments**

gpModel	object of class GPPM.
quantity	character string. Name of the quantity to extract. Possible values are <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "parsedmFormula" for the parsed mean formula</li> <li>• "parsedcFormula" for the parsed covariance formula</li> <li>• "stanData" for the data set in the form needed for rstan</li> <li>• "stanModel" for the created rstan model</li> <li>• "stanOut" for the created stan output</li> </ul>

**Value**

The requested quantity

**See Also**

Other functions to extract from a GPPM: [SE\(\)](#), [coef.GPPM\(\)](#), [confint.GPPM\(\)](#), [covFun\(\)](#), [fitted.GPPM\(\)](#), [getData\(\)](#), [logLik.GPPM\(\)](#), [maxNObs\(\)](#), [meanFun\(\)](#), [nObs\(\)](#), [nPars\(\)](#), [nPers\(\)](#), [nPreds\(\)](#), [parEsts\(\)](#), [pars\(\)](#), [preds\(\)](#), [vcov.GPPM\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
data("demoLGCM")
lgcm <- gppm(
  "muI+muS*t", "varI+covIS*(t+t#)+varS*t*t#+(t==t#)*sigma",
  demoLGCM, "ID", "y"
)
lgcmFit <- fit(lgcm)
getIntern(lgcmFit, "parsedmFormula")
```

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`gppm`*Define a Gaussian process panel model*

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## Description

This function is used to specify a Gaussian process panel model (GPPM), which can then be fit using [fit.GPPM](#).

## Usage

```
gppm(mFormula, cFormula, myData, ID, DV, control = gppmControl())
```

## Arguments

<code>mFormula</code>	character string. Contains the specification of the mean function. See details for more information.
<code>cFormula</code>	character string. Contains the specification of the covariance function. See details for more information.
<code>myData</code>	data frame. Contains the data to which the model is fitted. Must be in the long-format.
<code>ID</code>	character string. Contains the column label in <code>myData</code> which describes the subject ID.
<code>DV</code>	character string. Contains the column label in <code>myData</code> which contains the to be modeled variable.
<code>control</code>	object of class <code>GPPMControl</code> . Used for storing technical settings. Default should only be changed by advanced users. Generated via <a href="#">gppmControl</a> .

## Details

`mFormula` and `cFormula` contain the specification of the mean and the covariance function respectively. These formulas are defined using character strings. Within these strings there are four basic elements:

- Parameters
- Functions and operators
- References to observed variables in the data frame `myData`
- Mathematical constants

The `gppm` function automatically recognizes which part of the string refers to which elements. To be able to do this certain relatively common rules need to be followed:

**Parameters:** Parameters may not have the same name as any of the columns in `myData` to avoid confusing them with a reference to an observed variable. Furthermore, to avoid confusing them with functions, operators, or constants, parameter labels must always begin with a lower case letter and only contain letters and digits.

Functions and operators: All functions and operators that are supported by stan can be used; see <https://mc-stan.org/docs/> for a full list. In general, all basic operators and functions are supported.

References: A reference must be the same as one of the elements of the output of `names(myData)`. For references, the same rules apply as for parameters. That is, the column names of `myData` may only contain letters and digits and must start with a letter.

Constants: Again, all constants that are supported by stan can be used and in general the constants are available by their usual name.

## Value

A (unfitted) Gaussian process panel model, which is an object of class 'GPPM'

## See Also

[fit.GPPM](#) for how to fit a GPPM

## Examples

```
# Definition of a latent growth curve model

data("demoLGCM")
lgcm <- gppm(
  "muI+muS*t", "varI+covIS*(t+t#)+varS*t*t#+(t==t#)*sigma",
  demoLGCM, "ID", "y"
)
```

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`gppmControl`

*Define settings for a Gaussian process panel model*

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## Description

This function is used to specify the settings of a Gaussian process panel model generated by [gppm](#).

## Usage

```
gppmControl(stanModel = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

<code>stanModel</code>	boolean. Should the corresponding stan model be created? Should only be set to FALSE for testing purposes. Not creating the stan model makes model fitting impossible but saves a lot of time.
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## Value

Settings for a Gaussian process panel model in an object of class 'GPPMControl'

**See Also**[gppm](#)

logLik.GPPM

*Log-Likelihood***Description**

Compute the log-likelihood for a GPPM at the maximum likelihood parameter values.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'GPPM'
logLik(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

**object**                object of class GPPM. Must be fitted, that is, a result from [fit.GPPM](#).  
**...**                additional arguments (currently not used).

**Value**

Returns an object of class logLik. Attributes are: "df" (**d**egrees of **f**reedom; number of estimated parameters in the model) and nobs (number of persons in the model)

**See Also**

Other functions to extract from a GPPM: [SE\(\)](#), [coef.GPPM\(\)](#), [confint.GPPM\(\)](#), [covFun\(\)](#), [fitted.GPPM\(\)](#), [getData\(\)](#), [getIntern\(\)](#), [maxNObs\(\)](#), [meanFun\(\)](#), [nObs\(\)](#), [nPars\(\)](#), [nPers\(\)](#), [nPreds\(\)](#), [parEsts\(\)](#), [pars\(\)](#), [preds\(\)](#), [vcov.GPPM\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
data("demoLGCM")
lgcm <- gppm(
  "muI+muS*t", "varI+covIS*(t+t#)+varS*t*t#+(t==t#)*sigma",
  demoLGCM, "ID", "y"
)
lgcmFit <- fit(lgcm)
ll <- logLik(lgcmFit)
```

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maxNObs	<i>Maximum Number of Observations per Person</i>
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**Description**

Extracts the maximum number of observations per person from a GPPM.

**Usage**

```
maxNObs(gpModel)
```

**Arguments**

gpModel            object of class GPPM.

**Value**

Maximum number of observations as a numeric.

**See Also**

Other functions to extract from a GPPM: [SE\(\)](#), [coef.GPPM\(\)](#), [confint.GPPM\(\)](#), [covFun\(\)](#), [fitted.GPPM\(\)](#), [getData\(\)](#), [getIntern\(\)](#), [logLik.GPPM\(\)](#), [meanFun\(\)](#), [nObs\(\)](#), [nPars\(\)](#), [nPers\(\)](#), [nPreds\(\)](#), [parEsts\(\)](#), [pars\(\)](#), [preds\(\)](#), [vcov.GPPM\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
data("demoLGCM")
lgcm <- gppm(
  "muI+muS*t", "varI+covIS*(t+t#)+varS*t*t#+(t==t#)*sigma",
  demoLGCM, "ID", "y"
)
maxNumberObs <- maxNObs(lgcm)
```

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meanFun	<i>Mean Function</i>
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**Description**

Extracts the mean function from a GPPM.

**Usage**

```
meanFun(gpModel)
```



**Arguments**

gpModel                      object of class GPPM.

**Value**

The mean function as a character string.

**See Also**

Other functions to extract from a GPPM: [SE\(\)](#), [coef.GPPM\(\)](#), [confint.GPPM\(\)](#), [covFun\(\)](#), [fitted.GPPM\(\)](#), [getData\(\)](#), [getIntern\(\)](#), [logLik.GPPM\(\)](#), [maxNObs\(\)](#), [nObs\(\)](#), [nPars\(\)](#), [nPers\(\)](#), [nPreds\(\)](#), [parEsts\(\)](#), [pars\(\)](#), [preds\(\)](#), [vcov.GPPM\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
data("demoLGCM")
lgcm <- gppm(
  "muI+muS*t", "varI+covIS*(t+t#)+varS*t*t#+(t==t#)*sigma",
  demoLGCM, "ID", "y"
)
myMean <- meanFun(lgcm)
```

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nObs

*Number of Observations*


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**Description**

Extracts the number of observations for each person from a GPPM.

**Usage**

```
nObs(gpModel)
```

**Arguments**

gpModel                      object of class GPPM.

**Value**

Number of observations for each person as a numeric vector. The corresponding IDs are in the IDs attribute.

**See Also**

Other functions to extract from a GPPM: [SE\(\)](#), [coef.GPPM\(\)](#), [confint.GPPM\(\)](#), [covFun\(\)](#), [fitted.GPPM\(\)](#), [getData\(\)](#), [getIntern\(\)](#), [logLik.GPPM\(\)](#), [maxNObs\(\)](#), [meanFun\(\)](#), [nPars\(\)](#), [nPers\(\)](#), [nPreds\(\)](#), [parEsts\(\)](#), [pars\(\)](#), [preds\(\)](#), [vcov.GPPM\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
data("demoLGCM")
lgcm <- gppm(
  "muI+muS*t", "varI+covIS*(t+t#)+varS*t*t#+(t==t#)*sigma",
  demoLGCM, "ID", "y"
)
numberObs <- nObs(lgcm)
```

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nPars	<i>Number of Parameters</i>
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**Description**

Extracts the number of parameters from a GPPM.

**Usage**

```
nPars(gpModel)
```

**Arguments**

gpModel            object of class GPPM.

**Value**

Number of parameters as a numeric.

**See Also**

Other functions to extract from a GPPM: [SE\(\)](#), [coef.GPPM\(\)](#), [confint.GPPM\(\)](#), [covFun\(\)](#), [fitted.GPPM\(\)](#), [getData\(\)](#), [getIntern\(\)](#), [logLik.GPPM\(\)](#), [maxNObs\(\)](#), [meanFun\(\)](#), [nObs\(\)](#), [nPers\(\)](#), [nPreds\(\)](#), [parEsts\(\)](#), [pars\(\)](#), [preds\(\)](#), [vcov.GPPM\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
data("demoLGCM")
lgcm <- gppm(
  "muI+muS*t", "varI+covIS*(t+t#)+varS*t*t#+(t==t#)*sigma",
  demoLGCM, "ID", "y"
)
numberParas <- nPars(lgcm)
```

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nPers	<i>Number of persons</i>
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**Description**

Extracts the number of persons from a GPPM.

**Usage**

```
nPers(gpModel)
```

**Arguments**

gpModel            object of class GPPM.

**Value**

Number of persons as a numeric.

**See Also**

Other functions to extract from a GPPM: [SE\(\)](#), [coef.GPPM\(\)](#), [confint.GPPM\(\)](#), [covFun\(\)](#), [fitted.GPPM\(\)](#), [getData\(\)](#), [getIntern\(\)](#), [logLik.GPPM\(\)](#), [maxNObs\(\)](#), [meanFun\(\)](#), [nObs\(\)](#), [nPars\(\)](#), [nPreds\(\)](#), [parEsts\(\)](#), [pars\(\)](#), [preds\(\)](#), [vcov.GPPM\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
data("demoLGCM")
lgcm <- gppm(
  "muI+muS*t", "varI+covIS*(t+t#)+varS*t*t#+(t==t#)*sigma",
  demoLGCM, "ID", "y"
)
numberPersons <- nPers(lgcm)
```

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nPreds	<i>Number of Predictors</i>
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**Description**

Extracts the number of predictors from a GPPM.

**Usage**

```
nPreds(gpModel)
```

**Arguments**

gpModel                    object of class GPPM.

**Value**

Number of predictors as numeric.

**See Also**

Other functions to extract from a GPPM: [SE\(\)](#), [coef.GPPM\(\)](#), [confint.GPPM\(\)](#), [covFun\(\)](#), [fitted.GPPM\(\)](#), [getData\(\)](#), [getIntern\(\)](#), [logLik.GPPM\(\)](#), [maxNObs\(\)](#), [meanFun\(\)](#), [nObs\(\)](#), [nPars\(\)](#), [nPers\(\)](#), [parEsts\(\)](#), [pars\(\)](#), [preds\(\)](#), [vcov.GPPM\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
data("demoLGCM")
lgcm <- gppm(
  "muI+muS*t", "varI+covIS*(t+t#)+varS*t*t#+(t==t#)*sigma",
  demoLGCM, "ID", "y"
)
numberPreds <- nPreds(lgcm)
```

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parEsts

*Essential Parameter Estimation Results*

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**Description**

Extracts the essential parameter estimation results for a GPPM.

**Usage**

```
parEsts(object, level = 0.95)
```

**Arguments**

object                    object of class GPPM. Must be fitted, that is, a result from [fit.GPPM](#).  
 level                    scalar from 0 to 1. The confidence level required.

**Value**

A data.frame containing the estimated parameters, standard errors, and the lower and upper bounds of the confidence intervals.

**See Also**

Other functions to extract from a GPPM: [SE\(\)](#), [coef.GPPM\(\)](#), [confint.GPPM\(\)](#), [covFun\(\)](#), [fitted.GPPM\(\)](#), [getData\(\)](#), [getIntern\(\)](#), [logLik.GPPM\(\)](#), [maxNObs\(\)](#), [meanFun\(\)](#), [nObs\(\)](#), [nPars\(\)](#), [nPers\(\)](#), [nPreds\(\)](#), [pars\(\)](#), [preds\(\)](#), [vcov.GPPM\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
data("demoLGCM")
lgcm <- gppm(
  "muI+muS*t", "varI+covIS*(t+t#)+varS*t*t#+(t==t#)*sigma",
  demoLGCM, "ID", "y"
)
lgcmFit <- fit(lgcm)
paramEssentials <- parEsts(lgcmFit)
```

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pars	<i>Parameter Names</i>
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**Description**

Extracts the parameter names from a GPPM.

**Usage**

```
pars(gpModel)
```

**Arguments**

gpModel            object of class GPPM.

**Value**

The names of the parameters

**See Also**

Other functions to extract from a GPPM: [SE\(\)](#), [coef.GPPM\(\)](#), [confint.GPPM\(\)](#), [covFun\(\)](#), [fitted.GPPM\(\)](#), [getData\(\)](#), [getIntern\(\)](#), [logLik.GPPM\(\)](#), [maxNObs\(\)](#), [meanFun\(\)](#), [nObs\(\)](#), [nPars\(\)](#), [nPers\(\)](#), [nPreds\(\)](#), [parEsts\(\)](#), [preds\(\)](#), [vcov.GPPM\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
data("demoLGCM")
lgcm <- gppm(
  "muI+muS*t", "varI+covIS*(t+t#)+varS*t*t#+(t==t#)*sigma",
  demoLGCM, "ID", "y"
)
parameters <- pars(lgcm)
```

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plot.GPPMPred	<i>Plotting predictions</i>
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## Description

Plots person-specific predictions

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'GPPMPred'
plot(x, plotId, ...)
```

## Arguments

x	object of class GPPMPred as obtained by <a href="#">predict.GPPM</a>
plotId	character string or integer. ID of the person for which the predictions should be plotted
...	additional arguments (currently not used).

## Value

A plot visualizing the predictive distribution. The bold line describes the mean and the shaded area the 95\

## Examples

```
data("demoLGCM")
# remove all measurements from person 1 and the first form person 2
predIdx <- c(which(demoLGCM$ID == 1), which(demoLGCM$ID == 2)[1])
fitDemoLGCM <- demoLGCM[setdiff(1:nrow(demoLGCM), predIdx), ]

lgcm <- gppm(
  "muI+muS*t", "varI+covIS*(t+t#)+varS*t*t#+(t==t#)*sigma",
  fitDemoLGCM, "ID", "y"
)
lgcm <- fit(lgcm)
predRes <- predict(lgcm, demoLGCM[predIdx, ])
plot(predRes, 1)
```

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plot.LongData	<i>Plot a Long Data Frame</i>
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### Description

This function is used to plot data from class 'LongData' as it is returned by [getData](#) [simulate.GPPM](#).

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'LongData'
plot(x, plotIds, by, ID, DV, ...)
```

### Arguments

x	longitudinal data frame of class 'LongData'.
plotIds	vector of IDs for which the data should be printed. Can be left empty. Then 5 IDs are picked randomly.
by	label of the variable on the x-axis. Can be left empty.
ID	label of the ID column. Can be left empty.
DV	label of the variable on the y-axis. Can be left empty.
...	additional parameters (currently not used).

### Value

a fitted Gaussian process panel model, which is an object of class 'GPPM'

### Examples

```
data("demoLGCM")
plot(demoLGCM, plotIds = c(1, 2, 3))
plot(demoLGCM) # five random ids
```

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predict.GPPM	<i>GPPM predictions</i>
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### Description

Obtain person-specific predictions.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'GPPM'
predict(object, newData, ...)
```

Arguments

- object            object of class GPPM. Must be fitted, that is, a result from `fit.GPPM`.
- newData          a data frame with the same column names as the data frame used for generating `gpModel` with `gppm`. May only contain new data, that is, data that was not used for fitting.
- ...              additional arguments (currently not used).

Value

Predictions of the dependent variable for all rows in `newData`. Conditional predictions for all persons in `newData` that are also present in the data used for fitting `gpModel`; unconditional predictions for others persons. See examples for format.

Examples

```
data("demoLGCM")
# remove all measurements from person 1 and the first form person 2
predIdx <- c(which(demoLGCM$ID == 1), which(demoLGCM$ID == 2)[1])
fitDemoLGCM <- demoLGCM[setdiff(1:nrow(demoLGCM), predIdx), ]

lgcm <- gppm(
  "muI+muS*t", "varI+covIS*(t+t#)+varS*t*t#+(t==t#)*sigma",
  fitDemoLGCM, "ID", "y"
)
lgcm <- fit(lgcm)
predRes <- predict(lgcm, demoLGCM[predIdx, ])
```

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preds	<i>Predictors Names</i>
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Description

Extracts the predictor names from a GPPM.

Usage

```
preds(gpModel)
```

Arguments

- gpModel            object of class GPPM.

Value

The names of the predictors.



**See Also**

Other functions to extract from a GPPM: [SE\(\)](#), [coef.GPPM\(\)](#), [confint.GPPM\(\)](#), [covFun\(\)](#), [fitted.GPPM\(\)](#), [getData\(\)](#), [getIntern\(\)](#), [logLik.GPPM\(\)](#), [maxNObs\(\)](#), [meanFun\(\)](#), [nObs\(\)](#), [nPars\(\)](#), [nPers\(\)](#), [nPreds\(\)](#), [parEsts\(\)](#), [pars\(\)](#), [vcov.GPPM\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
data("demoLGCM")
lgcm <- gppm(
  "muI+muS*t", "varI+covIS*(t+t#)+varS*t*t#+(t==t#)*sigma",
  demoLGCM, "ID", "y"
)
myPreds <- preds(lgcm)
```

SE

*Standard Errors***Description**

Returns the standard errors of the parameters of a fitted GPPM.

**Usage**

```
SE(object)
```

**Arguments**

**object**                      object of class GPPM. Must be fitted, that is, a result from [fit.GPPM](#).

**Value**

Standard errors for all parameters as a named numeric vector.

**See Also**

Other functions to extract from a GPPM: [coef.GPPM\(\)](#), [confint.GPPM\(\)](#), [covFun\(\)](#), [fitted.GPPM\(\)](#), [getData\(\)](#), [getIntern\(\)](#), [logLik.GPPM\(\)](#), [maxNObs\(\)](#), [meanFun\(\)](#), [nObs\(\)](#), [nPars\(\)](#), [nPers\(\)](#), [nPreds\(\)](#), [parEsts\(\)](#), [pars\(\)](#), [preds\(\)](#), [vcov.GPPM\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
lgcm <- gppm(
  "muI+muS*t", "varI+covIS*(t+t#)+varS*t*t#+(t==t#)*sigma",
  demoLGCM, "ID", "y"
)
lgcmFit <- fit(lgcm)
stdErrors <- SE(lgcmFit)
```

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simulate.GPPM

*Simulate from a Gaussian process panel model*


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### Description

This function is used to simulate from a Gaussian process panel model, which has been specified using `gppm`.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'GPPM'
simulate(
  object,
  nsim = 1,
  seed = NULL,
  parameterValues = NULL,
  verbose = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

### Arguments

<code>object</code>	object of class GPPM. The Gaussian process panel model from which to simulate.
<code>nsim</code>	integer. Number of data sets to generate.
<code>seed</code>	numeric. Random seed to be used.
<code>parameterValues</code>	numeric vector. Used to specify the values for the parameters. Which value belongs to which parameter is determined by the names attribute of <code>parameterValues</code> . See also the example.
<code>verbose</code>	boolean. Print diagnostic output?
<code>...</code>	additional parameters (currently not used).

### Value

A simulated data set, which is an object of class 'LongData'. If `nsim>1` a list of `nsim` simulated data sets.

### Examples

```
data("demoLGCM")
lgcm <- gppm(
  "muI+muS*t", "varI+covIS*(t+t#)+varS*t*t#+(t==t#)*sigma",
  demoLGCM, "ID", "y"
)

parameterValues <- c(10, -1, 0, 10, 0, 0.1)
```

```
names(parameterValues) <- c("muI", "muS", "varI", "varS", "covIS", "sigma")
simData <- simulate(lgcm, parameterValues = parameterValues)
```

summary.GPPM

*Summarizing GPPM*

## Description

This function is used to summarize a GPPM. summary method for class 'GPPM'.

## Usage

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

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

## Arguments

object	object of class GPPM.
...	additional parameters (currently not used).
x	output of <a href="#">fit.GPPM</a>

## Value

An object of class "summary.GPPM", which is a list with 4 entries:

- modelSpecification an object of class 'ModelSpecification' describing the model as a list with the following entries
  - meanFormula formula for the mean function; output of [meanFun](#)
  - covFormula formula for the covariance function; output of [covFun](#)
  - nPars number of parameters; output of [nPars](#)
  - params parameter names; output of [pars](#)
  - nPreds number of predictors; output of [nPreds](#)
  - preds predictors names; output of [preds](#)
- parameterEstimates a data frame containing a summary of the parameter estimates; output of [parEsts](#)
- modelfit An object of class "ModelFit" describing the modelfit using a list with the following entries
  - AIC AIC of the model; output of [AIC](#)
  - BIC BIC of the model; output of [BIC](#)
  - logLik log-likelihood of the model; output of [logLik](#)

- dataStats An object of class "DataStats" describing the data set using a list with the following entries
  - nPer number of persons; output of nPers
  - maxTime maximum number of observations per person; output of maxNObs
  - nTime number of observations for each person; output of nObs

Methods (by generic)

- print(summary.GPPM): Printing a summary.GPPM object

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trueParas	Parameters used for generating demoLGCM.
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Description

Parameters used for generating demoLGCM.

Usage

trueParas

Format

A parameter vector.

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vcov.GPPM	Variance-Covariance Matrix
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Description

Returns the variance-covariance matrix of the parameters of a fitted GPPM.

Usage

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

Arguments

object	object of class GPPM. Must be fitted, that is, a result from fit.GPPM.
...	additional arguments (currently not used).

Value

A matrix of the estimated covariances between the parameter estimates. This has row and column names corresponding to the parameter names.

**See Also**

Other functions to extract from a GPPM: [SE\(\)](#), [coef.GPPM\(\)](#), [confint.GPPM\(\)](#), [covFun\(\)](#), [fitted.GPPM\(\)](#), [getData\(\)](#), [getIntern\(\)](#), [logLik.GPPM\(\)](#), [maxNObs\(\)](#), [meanFun\(\)](#), [nObs\(\)](#), [nPars\(\)](#), [nPers\(\)](#), [nPreds\(\)](#), [parEsts\(\)](#), [pars\(\)](#), [preds\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
data("demoLGCM")
lgcm <- gppm(
  "muI+muS*t", "varI+covIS*(t+t#)+varS*t*t#+(t==t#)*sigma",
  demoLGCM, "ID", "y"
)
lgcmFit <- fit(lgcm)
covMat <- vcov(lgcmFit)
```

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