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Description

A function that returns the AIC (Akaike's Information Criterion) value in a 'remstimate' object.

Usage

```
aic(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'remstimate'
aic(object, ...)
```

Arguments

```
object is a remstimate object.
... further arguments to be passed to the 'aic' method.
```

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Value

AIC value of a 'remstimate' object.

Methods (by class)

• aic(remstimate): AIC (Akaike's Information Criterion) value of a 'remstimate' object

Examples

```
tie-oriented model: "MLE" #
# loading data
data(tie_data)
# processing event sequence with remify
tie_reh <- remify::remify(edgelist = tie_data$edgelist, model = "tie")</pre>
# specifying linear predictor
tie_{model} <- ~1 +
               remstats::indegreeSender()+
               remstats::inertia()+
               remstats::reciprocity()
# calculating statistics
tie_reh_stats <- remstats::remstats(reh = tie_reh,</pre>
                                    tie_effects = tie_model)
# running estimation
tie_mle <- remstimate::remstimate(reh = tie_reh,</pre>
                                  stats = tie_reh_stats,
                                   method = "MLE",
                                   ncores = 1)
# AIC
aic(tie_mle) #
```

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Description

A function that returns the AICC (Akaike's Information Corrected Criterion) value in a 'remstimate' object.

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Usage

```
aicc(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'remstimate'
aicc(object, ...)
```

Arguments

```
object is a remstimate object.
... further arguments to be passed to the 'aicc' method.
```

Value

AICC value of a 'remstimate' object.

Methods (by class)

• aicc(remstimate): AICC (Akaike's Information Corrected Criterion) value of a 'remstimate' object

```
tie-oriented model: "MLE" #
# ----- #
# loading data
data(tie_data)
# processing event sequence with remify
tie_reh <- remify::remify(edgelist = tie_data$edgelist, model = "tie")</pre>
# specifying linear predictor
tie_model <- ~1 +
              remstats::indegreeSender()+
              remstats::inertia()+
              remstats::reciprocity()
# calculating statistics
tie_reh_stats <- remstats::remstats(reh = tie_reh,</pre>
                                  tie_effects = tie_model)
# running estimation
tie_mle <- remstimate::remstimate(reh = tie_reh,</pre>
                                 stats = tie_reh_stats,
                                 method = "MLE",
                                 ncores = 1)
# AICC
aicc(tie_mle)
```

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ao_data

Actor-Oriented Relational Event History

Description

A randomly generated sequence of relational events with 5 actors and 100 events. The event sequence is generated by following an actor-oriented modeling approach (for more information on the algorithm used for the generation, refer to help(topic = remulateActor, package = "remulate") or ?remulate::remulateActor).

Usage

```
data(ao_data)
```

Format

ao_data is a list object containing the following objects:

edgelist a data.frame with the raw simulated edgelist. The columns of the data.frame are:

time the timestamp indicating the time at which each event occurred

actor1 the actor that generated the relational event

actor2 the actor that received the relational event

 $seed\ the\ seed\ value\ used\ in\ \texttt{remulate::remulateActor()}\ for\ generating\ the\ event\ sequence$

true.pars a list of two vectors named "rate_model" and "choice_model", each containing the values of the parameters used in the generation of the event sequence

```
# (1) load the data into the workspace
data(ao_data)

# (2) process event sequence with \code{remify}
ao_reh <- remify::remify(edgelist = ao_data$edgelist, model = "actor")

# (3) define linear predictor and claculate stastistcs with \code{remstats} package

## linear predictor for the rate model
rate_model <- ~ 1 + remstats::indegreeSender()

## linear predictror for the choice model
choice_model <- ~ remstats::inertia() + remstats::reciprocity()

## calculate statistics
ao_reh_stats <- remstats::remstats(reh = ao_reh, sender_effects = rate_model,
receiver_effects = choice_model)</pre>
```

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```
# (4) estimate model using method = "MLE" and print out summary
## estimate model
mle_ao <- remstimate::remstimate(reh = ao_reh, stats = ao_reh_stats, method = "MLE")
## print out a summary of the estimation
summary(mle_ao)</pre>
```

bic

bic

Description

A function that returns the BIC (Bayesian Information Criterion) value in a 'remstimate' object.

Usage

```
bic(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'remstimate'
bic(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object is a remstimate object.
... further arguments to be passed to the 'bic' method.

Value

BIC value of a 'remstimate' object.

Methods (by class)

• bic(remstimate): BIC (Bayesian Information Criterion) value of a 'remstimate' object

```
# ------#
# tie-oriented model: "MLE" #
# -------#
# loading data
data(tie_data)
# processing event sequence with remify
tie_reh <- remify::remify(edgelist = tie_data$edgelist, model = "tie")</pre>
```

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diagnostics

Compute the diagnostics of a remstimate object

Description

A function that returns the diagnostics of a remstimate object. The output object of the method diagnostics contains the residuals of the model estimated in the remstimate object, and the event rates estimated from the model at each tiem point. For tie-oriented modeling frameworks the object contains: a list residuals with two objects, standardized_residuals containing standardized Schoenfeld's residuals (Schoenfeld, D., 1982, <doi:10.2307/2335876>; Grambsch, P. M., & Therneau, T. M., 1994, <doi:10.2307/2337123>; Winnett, A., & Sasieni, P., 2001, <jstor.org/stable/2673500>), and smoothing_weights (a matrix of weights used for the red smooth splines in the plot of the residuals), an array structure rates with the event rates estimated from the optimized model parameters, and .reh.processed which is a pseudo-hidden object containing a further processed remify object that helps speed up the plotting function plot.remstimate and that the user is not supposed to modify. As to the actor-oriented modeling frameworks, in the diagnostics output there are two main list objects named after sender_model and receiver_model. After selecting the model, the structure of diagnostics is the same as for the tie-oriented model. Each model's diagnostics (sender or receiver) is available only if the corresponding model is found in the remstimate object.

Usage

```
diagnostics(object, reh, stats, ...)
## S3 method for class 'remstimate'
diagnostics(object, reh, stats, ...)
```

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Arguments

```
object is a remstimate object.

reh is a remify object, the same used for the 'remstimate' object.

stats is a remstats object, the same used for the 'remstimate' object.

further arguments to be passed to the 'diagnostics' method.
```

Value

a object of class "diagnostics" "remstimate" with standardized Schoenfeld's residuals and estimated event rates given the optimized model parameters.

Methods (by class)

• diagnostics(remstimate): diagnostics of a 'remstimate' object

```
# ----- #
      tie-oriented model: "MLE" #
# loading data
data(tie_data)
# processing event sequence with remify
tie_reh <- remify::remify(edgelist = tie_data$edgelist, model = "tie")</pre>
# specifying linear predictor
tie_model <- ~1 +
              remstats::indegreeSender()+
              remstats::inertia()+
              remstats::reciprocity()
# calculating statistics
tie_reh_stats <- remstats::remstats(reh = tie_reh,</pre>
                                  tie_effects = tie_model)
# running estimation
tie_mle <- remstimate::remstimate(reh = tie_reh,</pre>
                                 stats = tie_reh_stats,
                                 method = "MLE",
                                 ncores = 1)
# diagnostics
tie_diagnostics <- diagnostics(object = tie_mle, reh = tie_reh, stats = tie_reh_stats)
names(tie_diagnostics)
```

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plot.remstimate

Plot diagnostics of a remstimate object

Description

A function that returns a plot of diagnostics given a 'remstimate' object and depending on the 'approach' attribute.

Usage

```
## $3 method for class 'remstimate'
plot(
    x,
    reh,
    diagnostics = NULL,
    which = c(1:4),
    effects = NULL,
    sender_effects = NULL,
    receiver_effects = NULL,
    ...
)
```

Arguments

x is a remstimate object.

reh a remify object, the same used for the remstimate object.

diagnostics is a 'diagnostics' 'remstimate' object.

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one or more numbers between 1 and 2. Plots described in order: (1) two plots: a Q-Q plot of the waiting times where theoretical quantiles (Exponential distribution with rate 1) are plotted against observed quantiles (these are calculated as the multiplication at each time point between the sum of the event rates and the corresponding waiting time, which should be distributed as an exponential with rate 1). Next to the q-q plot, a density plot of the rescaled waiting times (in red) vs. the theoretical distribution (exponential distribution with rate 1, in black). The observed density is truncated at the 99th percentile of the waiting times, (2) standardized Schoenfeld's residuals (per each variable in the model, excluding the baseline) with smoothed weighted spline (line in red). The Schoenfeld's residuals help understand the potential presence of time dependence of the effects of statistics specified in the model, (3) distributions of posterior draws with histograms (only for BSIR and HMC method), (4) trace plots of posterior draws after thinning (only for HMC method).

effects

[optional] for tie-oriented modeling (model = "tie"), the names of the statistics which the user wants to plot the diagnostics for (default value is set to all the statistics available inside the object 'diagnostics'). The user can specify this argument for the standardized Schoenfeld's residuals (which = 2), histograms of posterior distributions (which = 3) and trace plots (which = 4). Default value is NULL, selecting all the effects available in the 'remstimate' object.

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sender_effects [optional] for actor-oriented modeling (model = "actor"), the names of the statistics as to the sender model which the user wants to plot the diagnostics for (default value is set to all the statistics available inside the object 'diagnostics'). The user can specify this argument for the standardized Schoenfeld's residuals (which = 2), histograms of posterior distributions (which = 3) and trace plots (which = 4). If the user wants to plot only the diagnostics of one or more effects of the sender model and at the same time wants to exclude the plots of the receiver model, then set argument receiver_effects = NA and specify the vector of effects to sender_effects (or leave it sender_effects = NULL for selecting all effects of the sender model). Default value is NULL, selecting all the effects available for the sender model in the 'remstimate' object.

receiver_effects

[optional] for actor-oriented modeling (model = "actor"), the names of the statistics as to the receiver model which the user wants to plot the diagnostics for (default value is set to all the statistics available inside the object 'diagnostics'). The user can specify this argument for the standardized Schoenfeld's residuals (which = 2), histograms of posterior distributions (which = 3) and trace plots (which = 4). If the user wants to plot only the diagnostics of one or more effects of the receiver model and at the same time wants to exclude the plots of the sender model, then set argument sender_effects = NA and specify the vector of effects to receiver_effects (or leave it receiver_effects = NULL for selecting all effects of the receiver model). Default value is NULL, selecting all the effects available for the receiver model in the 'remstimate' object (x).

further arguments to be passed to the 'plot' method, for instance, the remstats object with statistics ('stats') when the object 'diagnostics' is not supplied.

Value

no return value. The function plots the diagnostics of a 'remstimate' object.

```
tie-oriented model: "MLE" #
# loading data
data(tie_data)
# processing event sequence with remify
tie_reh <- remify::remify(edgelist = tie_data$edgelist, model = "tie")</pre>
# specifying linear predictor
tie_{model} <- ~1 +
               remstats::indegreeSender()+
              remstats::inertia()+
              remstats::reciprocity()
# calculating statistics
```

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print.remstimate

Print out a quick overview of a remstimate object

Description

A function that prints out the estimates returned by a 'remstimate' object.

Usage

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

Arguments

x is a remstimate object.

... further arguments to be passed to the print method.

Value

no return value. Prints out the main characteristics of a 'remstimate' object.

```
# ------ #
# method 'print' for the  #
# tie-oriented model: "BSIR"  #
# ----- #
# loading data
data(tie_data)
# processing event sequence with remify
```

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```
tie_reh <- remify::remify(edgelist = tie_data$edgelist, model = "tie")</pre>
# specifying linear predictor
tie_model <- \sim 1 +
              remstats::indegreeSender()+
              remstats::inertia()+
              remstats::reciprocity()
# calculating statistics
tie_reh_stats <- remstats::remstats(reh = tie_reh,</pre>
                                  tie_effects = tie_model)
# running estimation
tie_mle <- remstimate::remstimate(reh = tie_reh,</pre>
                                stats = tie_reh_stats,
                                method = "BSIR",
                                nsim = 100,
                                ncores = 1)
# print
tie_mle
# ----- #
    method 'print' for the #
     actor-oriented model: "BSIR" #
# ----- #
# loading data
data(ao_data)
# processing event sequence with remify
ao_reh <- remify::remify(edgelist = ao_data$edgelist, model = "actor")</pre>
# specifying linear predictor (for sender rate and receiver choice model)
rate_model <- ~ 1 + remstats::indegreeSender()</pre>
choice_model <- ~ remstats::inertia() + remstats::reciprocity()</pre>
# calculating statistics
ao_reh_stats <- remstats::remstats(reh = ao_reh,</pre>
                                 sender_effects = rate_model,
                                 receiver_effects = choice_model)
# running estimation
ao_mle <- remstimate::remstimate(reh = ao_reh,</pre>
                               stats = ao_reh_stats,
                               method = "BSIR",
                               nsim = 100,
                               ncores = 1)
# print
ao_mle
# ----- #
```

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remstimate - optimization of tie-oriented and actor-oriented likelihood

Description

A function for the optimization of tie-oriented and actor-oriented likelihood. There are four optimization algorithms: two Frequentists, Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE) and Adaptive Gradient Descent (GDADAMAX), and two Bayesian, Bayesian Sampling Importance Resampling (BSIR) and Hamiltonian Monte Carlo (HMC).

Usage

```
remstimate(
  reh,
  stats,
 method = c("MLE", "GDADAMAX", "BSIR", "HMC"),
  ncores = attr(reh, "ncores"),
  prior = NULL,
  nsim = 1000L,
  nchains = 1L,
  burnin = 500L,
  thin = 10L,
  init = NULL,
  epochs = 1000L,
  L = 50L
  epsilon = ifelse(method == "GDADAMAX", 0.001, 0.002),
  seed = NULL,
 WAIC = FALSE,
  silent = TRUE,
)
```

Arguments

reh

a remify object of the processed relational event history. Output object of the function remify::remify().

stats

a remstats object: when 'attr(reh,"model")' is '"tie"', stats is an array of statistics with dimensions [M \times D \times P]: where M is the number of events, D is the number of possible dyads (full riskset), P is the number of statistics; if 'attr(reh,"model")' is '"actor"', stats is a list that can contain up to two arrays named "sender_stats" and "receiver_stats" with dimensions [M \times N \times P], where N are the actors (senders in the array "sender_stats", receivers in the array "receiver_stats"). Furthermore, it is possible to only estimate

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> the sender rate model or only the receiver choice model, by using the correct naming of the arrays.

method

the optimization method to estimate model parameters. Methods available are: Maximum Likelihood Estimation ("MLE", and also the default method), Adaptive Gradient Descent ("GDADAMAX") based on the work of Diederik P. Kingma and Jimmy Ba, 2014 (<doi:10.48550/arXiv.1412.6980>), Bayesian Sampling Importance Resampling ("BSIR"), Hamiltonian Monte Carlo ("HMC"). (default method is "MLE").

ncores

[optional] number of threads for the parallelization. (default value is 1, which means no parallelization).

prior

[optional] prior distribution when method is "BSIR". Default value is NULL, which means that no prior is assumed. For the tie-oriented modeling, the argument prior is the name of the function in the format name_package::name_density_function. The parameters of the prior distribution can be supplied as inputs to the remstimate function (e.g., remstimate::remstimate(reh=reh, stats=stats, method="BSIR", ncores=5, pr). For actor-oriented modeling the argument prior is a named list of two objects "sender_model", which calls the prior function for the sender rate model, and, "receiver_model", which calls the prior function for the receiver choice model. For the specification of the prior parameters, the user must define an optional argument called prior_args, which is also a named list (with names "sender_model" and "receiver_model"): each list is a list of objects named after the prior arguments and with value of the prior argument (e.g., prior_args\$sender_model = list(mu = rep(1.5,3), sigma = diag(3) \star 0.5, log = TRUE)). Finally, both in tie-oriented and actor-oriented modeling prior functions must have an argument that returns the value of the density on a logarithmic scale (i.e., log=TRUE). log=TRUE is already set up internally by remstimate().

nsim

[optional] when method is "HMC", nsim is the number of simulations (iterations) in each chain, when method is "BSIR", then nsim is the number of samples from the proposal distribution. Default value is 1000.

nchains

[optional] number of chains to generate in the case of method = "HMC". Default value is 1.

burnin

[optional] number of initial iterations to be added as burnin for method = "HMC". Default value is 500.

thin

[optional] number of steps to skip in the posterior draws for method = "HMC". Default value is 10. If nsim<100, thin is set to 1.

init

[optional] vector of initial values if tie-oriented model, or a named list of two vectors ('sender_model' and 'receiver_model') if both models of the actor-oriented framework are specified. init can also be a list of only one vector (named 'sender model' or 'receiver model'), if the interest is to estimate one specific model of the actor-oriented framework. init is used for the methods "GDADAMAX" and "HMC". If init is NULL, then it will be assigned internally.

epochs

[optional] It is the number of iteration used in the method "GDADAMAX". Default value is 1000.

[optional] number of leap-frog steps to use in the method "HMC". Default value is 50.

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epsilon	[optional] It is a parameter used in two methods: if method is "GDADAMAX", it represents the inter-iteration difference of the loss function and it is used as stop-rule within the algorithm (default value is 0.001), if method is "HMC" (default value is 0.002), it is a parameter used in the leap-frog algorithm and it is proportional to the step size.
seed	[optional] seed value for reproducibility. If NULL, seed will be assigned by the machine and saved in the output object.
WAIC	[optional] logical value. The Watanabe Akaike's Information Criterion (WAIC) will be calculated is WAIC = TRUE. The default number of simulations used to calculate the WAIC is 500. In order to specify a different number of simulations, the user must supply an additional argument nsimWAIC to the function.
silent	[optional-not-yet-implemented] a TRUE/FALSE value. If FALSE, progress of optimization status will be printed out.
	additional parameters. They can be parameters of other functions defined as input in some of the arguments above. (e.g., arguments of the prior distribution)

Value

'remstimate' S3 object.

```
# ----- #
    tie-oriented model: "MLE" #
# loading data
data(tie_data)
# processing event sequence with remify
tie_reh <- remify::remify(edgelist = tie_data$edgelist, model = "tie")</pre>
# specifying linear predictor
tie_model <- ~ 1 +
              remstats::indegreeSender()+
              remstats::inertia()+
              remstats::reciprocity()
# calculating statistics
tie_reh_stats <- remstats::remstats(reh = tie_reh,</pre>
                                  tie_effects = tie_model)
# running estimation
tie_mle <- remstimate::remstimate(reh = tie_reh,</pre>
                                stats = tie_reh_stats,
                                method = "MLE",
                                ncores = 1)
# summary
summary(tie_mle)
```

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```
actor-oriented model: "MLE" #
# loading data
data(ao_data)
# processing event sequence with remify
ao_reh <- remify::remify(edgelist = ao_data$edgelist, model = "actor")</pre>
# specifying linear predictor (for sender rate and receiver choice model)
rate_model <- ~ 1 + remstats::indegreeSender()</pre>
choice_model <- ~ remstats::inertia() + remstats::reciprocity()</pre>
# calculating statistics
ao_reh_stats <- remstats::remstats(reh = ao_reh,</pre>
                                   sender_effects = rate_model,
                                   receiver_effects = choice_model)
# running estimation
ao_mle <- remstimate::remstimate(reh = ao_reh,</pre>
                               stats = ao_reh_stats,
                                method = "MLE",
                                ncores = 1)
# summary
summary(ao_mle)
 for more examples check vignettes #
# ----- #
```

summary.remstimate

Generate the summary of a remstimate object

Description

A function that returns the summary of a remstimate object.

Usage

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

Arguments

object is a remstimate object.

... further arguments to be passed to the 'summary' method.

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Value

no return value. Prints out the summary of a 'remstimate' object. The output can be save in a list, which contains the information printed out by the summary method.

```
method 'summary' for the
     tie-oriented model: "BSIR" #
#
# ----- #
# loading data
data(tie_data)
# processing event sequence with remify
tie_reh <- remify::remify(edgelist = tie_data$edgelist, model = "tie")</pre>
# specifying linear predictor
tie_{model} <- ~1 +
              remstats::indegreeSender()+
             remstats::inertia()+
              remstats::reciprocity()
# calculating statistics
tie_reh_stats <- remstats::remstats(reh = tie_reh,</pre>
                                 tie_effects = tie_model)
# running estimation
tie_mle <- remstimate::remstimate(reh = tie_reh,</pre>
                                stats = tie_reh_stats,
                                method = "BSIR",
                                nsim = 100,
                                ncores = 1)
# summary
summary(tie_mle)
# ----- #
    method 'summary' for the #
    actor-oriented model: "BSIR" #
# loading data
data(ao_data)
# processing event sequence with remify
ao_reh <- remify::remify(edgelist = ao_data$edgelist, model = "actor")</pre>
# specifying linear predictor (for sender rate and receiver choice model)
rate_model <- ~ 1 + remstats::indegreeSender()</pre>
choice_model <- ~ remstats::inertia() + remstats::reciprocity()</pre>
```

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tie_data

Tie-Oriented Relational Event History

Description

A randomly generated sequence of relational events with 5 actors and 100 events. The event sequence is generated by following a tie-oriented modeling approach (for more information run on console help(topic = remulateTie, package = "remulate") or ?remulate::remulateTie).

Usage

```
data(tie_data)
```

Format

tie_data is a list object containing the following objects:

edgelist a data.frame with the raw simulated edgelist. The columns of the data.frame are:

time the timestamp indicating the time at which each event occurred

actor1 the actor that generated the relational event

actor2 the actor that received the relational event

seed the seed value used in remulate::remulateTie() for generating the event sequence

true.pars a vector containing the values of the parameters used in the generation of the event sequence

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Examples

```
# (1) load the data into the workspace
data(tie_data)

# (2) process event sequence with \code{remify}
tie_reh <- remify::remify(edgelist = tie_data$edgelist, model = "tie")

# (3) define linear predictor and claculate stastistcs with \code{remstats} package

## linear predictor
tie_model <- ~ 1 + remstats::indegreeSender() + remstats::inertia() + remstats::reciprocity()

## calculate statistics
tie_reh_stats <- remstats::remstats(reh = tie_reh, tie_effects = tie_model)

# (4) estimate model using method = "MLE" and print out summary

## estimate model
mle_tie <- remstimate::remstimate(reh = tie_reh, stats = tie_reh_stats, method = "MLE")

## print out a summary of the estimation
summary(mle_tie)</pre>
```

waic

waic

Description

A function that returns the WAIC (Watanabe-Akaike's Information Criterion) value in a 'remstimate' object.

Usage

```
waic(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'remstimate'
waic(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object is a remstimate object.
... further arguments to be passed to the 'waic' method.

Value

WAIC value of a 'remstimate' object.

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Methods (by class)

• waic(remstimate): WAIC (Watanabe-Akaike's Information Criterion) value of a 'remstimate' object

Examples

No examples available at the moment

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