

# Package ‘robustbetareg’

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**Description** Robust estimators for modeling beta-distributed dependent variables as rates and proportions. The implemented estimators are: LSMLE, LMDPDE, SMLE and MDPDE. Robust Wald-type tests are included. Additionally, diagnostic tools such as goodness-of-fit and several kinds of residuals are also available.

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degb

*The EGB of the Second Type***Description**

Density, distribution function and random generation for the exponential generalized beta (EGB) of the second type.

**Usage**

```
degb(y_star, mu, phi, log = FALSE)
pegb(q, mu, phi)
qegb(p, mu, phi)
regb(n, mu, phi)
```

**Arguments**

y_star, q	vector of quantiles.
mu	mu parameter ( $\mu \in (0, 1)$ ).
phi	phi parameter ( $\phi > 0$ ).
log	a logical value. If TRUE, it returns the log of density function.
p	vector of probabilities.
n	number of observations.

**Details**

The EGB density function is  $f_{\theta}(y^*; \mu, \phi) = B^{-1}(\mu\phi, (1-\mu)\phi) \exp\{-y^*(1-\mu)\phi\} / (1 + \exp\{-y^*\})^{\phi}$ , with  $\mu \in (0, 1)$ ,  $\phi > 0$  and  $y^* \in R$ . The cumulative distribution function is given by  $F_{\theta}(y^*; \mu, \phi) = \frac{{}_2F_1(\mu\phi, 1 - (1-\mu)\phi; \mu\phi + 1; (1 + e^{-y^*})^{-1})}{B(\mu\phi; (1-\mu)\phi) \mu\phi (1 + e^{-y^*})^{\mu\phi}}$ , where  ${}_2F_1(\cdot, \cdot; \cdot; \cdot)$  is the hypergeometric function. The  $E(y^*) = \psi(\mu\phi) - \psi((1-\mu)\phi)$  and  $Var(y^*) = \psi'(\mu\phi) + \psi'((1-\mu)\phi)$  where  $\psi$  is the digamma function and  $\psi'$  its first derivative. See Kerman and McDonald (2015) for more details.

**Value**

degb gives the density, pegb gives the distribution function, qegb gives the quantile function, and regb generates random sample of EGB variables.

**References**

Kerman, S. McDonald, J. B. Skewness-kurtosis bounds for EGB1, EGB2, and special cases. *Communications in Statistics - Theory and Methods*, 44:3857-3864 (2015).

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HIC	<i>Health Insurance Coverage (HIC)</i>
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**Description**

A dataset containing the proportion of the population from several counties of the state of São Paulo in Brazil who have health insurance.

**Usage**

```
data("HIC", package = "robustbetareg")
```

**Format**

A data frame with 80 rows and 4 variables:

**County** the corresponding county of the state of São Paulo, Brazil

**Urbanization** percentage of the total population who lives in the city's urban zone

**GDP\_percapita** per capita gross domestic product (GDP)

**Percent\_HIC** the health insurance coverage index

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plot.robustbetareg	<i>Interactive Plots for Diagnostic of robustbetareg Object Class</i>
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**Description**

Several types of standard diagnostic plots can be produced interactively, involving various kinds of residuals, influence measures, weights etc.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'robustbetareg'
plot(object, ask = TRUE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	fitted model object of class robustbetareg.
ask	logical. If TRUE the user is asked before each plot.
...	other parameters to be passed through to plotting functions.

**See Also**

[robustbetareg](#), [residuals.robustbetareg](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:
data("HIC", package = "robustbetareg")
fit <- robustbetareg(Percent_HIC ~ Urbanization + GDP_percapita | GDP_percapita,
data = HIC, alpha = 0.06)
plot(fit)

## End(Not run)
```

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plotenvelope

*Simulated Envelope of Residuals*


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## Description

Plot a Simulated Envelope of Robust Beta Residuals from robustbetareg Object Class.

## Usage

```
plotenvelope(object, type = c("sweighted2", "pearson", "weighted", "sweighted",
"sweighted.gamma", "sweighted2.gamma", "combined", "combined.projection", "sweighted3"),
conf = 0.95, n.sim = 100, PrgBar = T, control = robustbetareg.control(...), ...)
```

## Arguments

object	Fitted model object of class robustbetareg (see <a href="#">robustbetareg</a> ).
type	character indicating type of residuals.
conf	the confidence level of the envelopes required. The default is to find 95% confidence envelopes.
n.sim	the number of simulation sample. Deafault n.sim=100.
PrgBar	a logical value. If TRUE the progress bar will be shown in the console.
control	a list of control arguments specified via <a href="#">robustbetareg.control</a> .
...	other parameters to be passed through to plotting functions.

## Value

Return a simulated envelope graphic.

## See Also

[robustbetareg](#), [robustbetareg.control](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run: data("HIC", package = "robustbetareg")
fit <- robustbetareg(Percent_HIC ~ Urbanization + GDP_percapita | 1, data = HIC, alpha = 0.06)
plotenvelope(fit, n.sim = 500)
## End(Not run)
```

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predict.robustbetareg *Prediction Methods for robustbetareg Objects Class*

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**Description**

Extract several types of predictions from beta regression models: either on the scale of responses in (0, 1) or the scale of the linear predictor, from robustbetareg object class.

**Usage**

```
predict(object, newdata = NULL,
        type = c("response", "link", "precision", "variance", "quantile"), at = 0.5)
```

**Arguments**

object	Fitted model object of class robustbetareg (see <a href="#">robustbetareg</a> ).
newdata	optionally, a data frame in which to look for variables with which to predict. If omitted, the original observations are used.
type	character indicating type of predictions: fitted means of response ("response"), corresponding linear predictor ("link"), fitted precision parameter phi ("precision"), fitted variances of response ("variance"), or fitted quantile(s) of the response distribution ("quantile").
at	numeric vector indicating the level(s) at which quantiles should be predicted (only if type = "quantile"), defaulting to the median at = 0.5.

**Value**

Return a vector of predicted values.

**See Also**

[robustbetareg](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
data("HIC", package = "robustbetareg")
fit = robustbetareg(Percent_HIC ~ Urbanization + GDP_percapita | 1, data = HIC, alpha = 0.04)
cbind(predict(fit, type = "response"), predict(fit, type = "quantile", at = c(0.25, 0.5, 0.75)))
## End(Not run)
```

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residuals.robustbetareg

*Residuals Method for robustbetareg Object Class*


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## Description

Extract several types of residuals from robust beta regression models: Pearson residuals (raw residuals scaled by square root of variance function) and different kinds of weighted residuals suggested by Espinheira et al. (2008) and Espinheira et al. (2017).

## Usage

```
residuals(object,
  type = c("sweighted2", "pearson", "weighted", "sweighted", "sweighted.gamma",
    "sweighted2.gamma", "combined", "combined.projection", "sweighted3"), ...)
```

## Arguments

object	fitted model object of class robustbetareg (see <a href="#">robustbetareg</a> ).
type	character indicating type of residuals.
...	currently not used.

## Details

The definitions of the first four residuals are provided in Espinheira et al. (2008): Equation (2) for "pearson", Equation (6) for "weighted", Equation (7) for "sweighted", and Equation (8) for "sweighted2". For the last four residuals the definitions are described in Espinheira et al. (2017): Last equation of Equation (7) and Equation (10) for "sweighted.gamma" and "sweighted2.gamma" respectively, Equation (9) for "combined", and Equation (11) for "combined.projection".

## References

Espinheira, P.L., Ferrari, S.L.P., and Cribari-Neto, F. (2008). On Beta Regression Residuals. *Journal of Applied Statistics*, 35(4), 407–419.

Espinheira, P.L., Santos, E.G. and Cribari-Neto, F. (2017). On nonlinear beta regression residuals. *Biometrical Journal*, 59(3), 445-461.

## See Also

[robustbetareg](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:
data("HIC", package = "robustbetareg")
fit <- robustbetareg(Percent_HIC ~ Urbanization + GDP_percapita | 1, data = HIC, alpha = 0.04)
residuals(fit, type = "sweighted2")
## End(Not run)
```

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robustbetareg

*Robust Beta Regression*


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## Description

Fit robust beta regression models for rates and proportions via LSMLE, LMDPDE, SMLE and MDPDE using a parametrization with mean (depending through a link function on the covariates) and precision parameter (called phi).

## Usage

```
robustbetareg(formula, data, alpha, type = c("LSMLE", "LMDPDE", "SMLE", "MDPDE"),
link = c("logit", "probit", "cloglog", "cauchit", "loglog"),
link.phi = NULL, control = robustbetareg.control(...), model = TRUE, ...)
```

```
LSMLE.fit(y, x, z, alpha = NULL, link = "logit",
link.phi = "log", control = robustbetareg.control(...), ...)
```

```
LMDPDE.fit(y, x, z, alpha = NULL, link = "logit",
link.phi = "log", control = robustbetareg.control(...), ...)
```

```
SMLE.fit(y, x, z, alpha = NULL, link = "logit",
link.phi = "log", control = robustbetareg.control(...), ...)
```

```
MDPDE.fit(y, x, z, alpha = NULL, link = "logit",
link.phi = "log", control = robustbetareg.control(...), ...)
```

## Arguments

formula	symbolic description of the model (of type $y \sim x$ or $y \sim x   z$ ).
data	arguments controlling formula.
alpha	the tuning value ( $\alpha$ ) within $[0,1)$ for robust estimation. When alpha is equal to zero ( $\alpha=0$ ) is equivalent to MLE. If this argument is suppressed, the tuning parameter should be selected automatically through the data-driven algorithm proposed by Ribeiro and Ferrari (2022).
type	character specification of the type of estimator. Currently, LSMLE (default), LMDPDE, SMLE and MDPDE.

link	character specification of the link function in the mean model. Currently, "logit", "probit", "cloglog", "cauchit", "loglog" are supported
link.phi	character specification of the link function in the precision model (phi). Currently, "identity", "log", "sqrt" are supported. The default is "log" unless formula is of type $y \sim x$ where the default is "identity"
control	a list of control arguments specified via <a href="#">robustbetareg.control</a> .
model	logicals for robustbetareg. If TRUE the corresponding components of the fit (model frame, response, model matrix) are returned. For LSMLE.fit, LMDPDE.fit, SMLE.fit and MDPDE.fit y must be a numeric response vector within (0,1).
y, x, z	y should be a numeric response vector ( $y \in (0, 1)$ ), x should be a numeric regressor matrix and z should be a regressor matrix for the precision model, where there is the intercept only.
...	argument to be passed to <a href="#">robustbetareg.control</a>

### Value

robustbetareg returns an object of class "robustbetareg" with a list of the following components. The functions LSMLE.fit, LMDPDE.fit, SMLE.fit and MDPDE.fit return an unclassified list with items up to method:

coefficients	A numeric vector of parameter estimates,
vcov	the covariance matrix of all parameters in the model,
converged	logical indicating successful convergence of optim call,
fitted.values	the vector of predicted values,
start	the starting values for the parameters estimator,
weights	the weights generated by robust estimator for each obs,
Tuning	the selected tuning parameter,
residuals	a vector of standardized weighted residual 2 (see Espinheira et al (2008)),
n	number of observations,
link	mean link function applied,
link.phi	precision link function applied,
Optimal.Tuning	logical indicating whether the auto selecting tuning algorithm was selected,
pseudo.r.squared	pseudo R-squared value (squared correlation of linear predictor and link-transformed response),



control	the control arguments passed to auto selecting tuning algorithm and optim call,
std.error	the standard error of all parameters,
method	estimator type,
call	the original function call,
formula	the original formula,
model	the full model frame,
terms	a list with elements "mean", "precision" and "full" including the terms objects for the respective models,
y	the response proportion vector,
data	the dataset used.

## References

- Espinheira, P.L., Ferrari, S.L.P., and Cribari-Neto, F. (2008). On Beta Regression Residuals. *Journal of Applied Statistics*, 35(4), 407–419.
- Ghosh, A. Robust inference under the beta regression model with application to health care studies. *Statistical Methods in Medical Research*, 28:271-888 (2019).
- Maluf, Y. S., Ferrari, S. L., & Queiroz, F. F. (2022). Robust beta regression through the logit transformation. *arXiv*
- Ribeiro, K. A. T. Ferrari, S. L. P. Robust estimation in beta regression via maximum Lq-likelihood. *Statistical Papers* (2022).

## See Also

[robustbetareg.control](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:
data("HIC", package = "robustbetareg")
fit <- robustbetareg(Percent_HIC ~ Urbanization + GDP_percapita | 1, data = HIC)
summary(fit)
## End(Not run)
```

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robustbetareg.control *Control Parameter for Robust Beta Regression*


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## Description

Several parameters that control fitting of robust beta regression models using [robustbetareg](#).

## Usage

```
robustbetareg.control(start = NULL, alpha.optimal = TRUE, tolerance = 1e-3, maxit = 5000,
  L = 0.02, M = 3, ...)
```

## Arguments

start	a numeric vector as an initial guess of parameter estimation.
alpha.optimal	a logical value. If TRUE the tuning parameter should be selected automatically.
tolerance	numeric tolerance for convergence.
maxit	integer specifying the maxit argument of iterations used by the Newton-Raphson algorithm.
L	a parameter of auto selecting algorithm of tuning parameter.
M	a integer parameter value of auto selecting algorithm of tuning parameter.
...	currently not used.

## Details

The arguments L and M set the parameters of the data-driven algorithm for selecting the  $\alpha$  tuning parameter of robust estimator. See Ribeiro and Ferrari (2022) for more details.

## Value

A list with the arguments specified.

## References

Ribeiro, K. A. T. Ferrari, S. L. P. Robust estimation in beta regression via maximum  $L_q$ -likelihood. Statistical Papers (2022).

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summary.robustbetareg *Methods for robustbetareg Objects*


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## Description

Methods for extracting information from fitted robust beta regression model objects of class "robustbetareg"

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'robustbetareg'
summary(object, type = "sweighted2", ...)

## S3 method for class 'robustbetareg'
coef(object, model = c("full", "mean", "precision"))
```

## Arguments

object, x	fitted model of class robustbetareg.
type	character specifying type of residuals to be included in the summary output, see <a href="#">robustbetareg.residuals</a> .
...	currently not used.
model	character specifying for which component of the model coefficients/covariance should be extracted.

## Details

A set of standard extractor functions for fitted model objects is available for objects of class "robustbetareg", including methods to the generic functions print and summary which print the estimated coefficients along with some further information.

## References

Espinheira, P.L., Ferrari, S.L.P., and Cribari-Neto, F. (2008). On Beta Regression Residuals. *Journal of Applied Statistics*, 35(4), 407–419.

Ghosh, A. Robust inference under the beta regression model with application to health care studies. *Statistical Methods in Medical Research*, 28:271-888 (2019).

Maluf, Y. S., Ferrari, S. L., & Queiroz, F. F. (2022). Robust beta regression through the logit transformation. *arXiv*

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Espinheira, P.L., Santos, E.G.and Cribari-Neto, F. (2017). On nonlinear beta regression residuals. *Biometrical Journal*, 59(3), 445-461.

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

```
## Not run:
data("HIC", package = "robustbetareg")
fit <- robustbetareg(Percent_HIC ~ Urbanization + GDP_percapita | 1 , data = HIC, alpha = 0.06)
summary(fit)
coef(fit)

## End(Not run)
```

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waldtypetest

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*Robust Wald-type Tests*


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**Description**

Wald-type tests for both simple and composite hypothesis for independent but non-homogeneous observations, based on LSMLE, LMDPDE, SMLE and MDPDE estimators.

**Usage**

```
waldtypetest(object, FUN, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	fitted model object of class robustbetareg (see <a href="#">robustbetareg</a> ).
FUN	the function representing the null hypothesis to be tested.
...	Further arguments to be passed.

**References**

Basu, A., Ghosh, A., Martin, N. et al. Robust Wald-type tests for non-homogeneous observations based on the minimum density power divergence estimator. *Metrika* 81, 493–522 (2018)

Ribeiro, K. A. T. Ferrari, S. L. P. Robust estimation in beta regression via maximum Lq-likelihood. *Statistical Papers* (2022).

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

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
data("HIC", package = "robustbetareg")
fit <- robustbetareg(Percent_HIC ~ Urbanization + GDP_percapita | 1, data = HIC, type = "LMDPDE", alpha = 0.06)
h0 <- function(theta,B){theta[2:3] - B}#Hypothesis to be tested
WaldTypeTest(fit, h0, B = c(0,0)) #Testing Urbanization = GDP_percapita = 0
## End(Not run)
```

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