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Show a table of AIC model comparisons

Usage

aictab(x, plot = FALSE, bw = FALSE,
models = names(x$models)[!names(x$models) %in% c("absdiff",
"absunc")], digits = NA)

Arguments

x     An RSA object
plot  Should a plot of the AICc table be plotted?
bw    Should the plot be black & white?
models A vector with all model names of the candidate set. Defaults to all polynomial
        models in the RSA object.
digits The output is rounded to this number of digits. No rounding if NA (default).

Details

For detailed information on the function, see the help file for aictab
Value

- **Modnames**: Model names.
- **K**: Number of estimated parameters (without intercept).
- **AICc**: Akaike Information Criterion (corrected)
- **Delta_AICc**: Difference in AICc between this model and the best model.
- **AICcWt**: The Akaike weights, also termed "model probabilities" by Burnham and Anderson (2002).
  - Indicates the level of support (i.e., weight of evidence) of a model being the most parsimonious among the candidate model set.
- **Cum.Wt**: Cumulative Akaike weight. Models with a Cum.Wt > .95 can be discarded.
- **evidence.ratio**: Likelihood ratio of this model vs. the best model.

References


Examples

```r
## Not run:
data(motcon)
r.m <- RSA(postVA~ePow*iPow, motcon, verbose=FALSE)
aictab(r.m, plot=TRUE)
## End(Not run)
```

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carange

**Range check for the CA/RRCA model**

Description

Identify data points behind E2 and test how many of them have outcome predictions that significantly differ from predictions for predictor combinations on E2 (that have the same level)

Usage

```r
carRange(object, alpha = 0.05, verbose = TRUE, model = "CA")
```

Arguments

- **object**: An RSA object
- **alpha**: Alpha level for the one-sided confidence interval of the outcome predictions on E2
- **verbose**: Should extra information be printed?
- **model**: Either "CA" or "RRCA"
Details

When testing an asymmetric congruence hypothesis with the CA or RRCA model, the caRange function helps to determine whether the hypothesis is supported for the whole range of realistic predictor combinations. It computes the position of the second extremum line E2 and tests how many predictor combinations are in the data which lie "behind" this line and, at the same time, have a significantly different outcome prediction than points on E2.

When plotting the estimated model (CA or RRCA) with plot, you can plot the line E2 and the surface above this line by calling "E2" in the options project and axes.

clRange

Range check for the CL/RRCL model

Description

Compute the regions of significance and test their intersection with the data

Usage

clRange(object, alpha = 0.05, verbose = TRUE, model = "CL")

Arguments

object An RSA object
alpha Alpha level for the regions of significance of the surface's curvature
verbose Should extra information be printed?
model Either "CL" or "RRCL"

Details

When testing a level-dependent congruence hypothesis with the CL or RRCL model, the clRange function helps to determine whether the hypothesis is supported for the whole range of realistic predictor combinations. It computes the mean predictor levels k1 and k2 at which the curvature of the surface changes its significance status. For each of the resulting intervals, the function informs whether the curvature is significantly negative, nonsignificant, or significantly positive in the respective interval.

When plotting the estimated model (CL or RRCL) with plot, you can plot the lines at which the significance status of the curvature changes and the surface above these lines by calling "K1" and "K2" in the options project and axes.
compare

Compare several fit indexes of all models computed from the RSA function.

Usage

```r
compare(x, verbose = TRUE, plot = FALSE, digits = 3, ...)
```

Arguments

- `x`: An RSA object
- `verbose`: Should the summary be printed?
- `plot`: Should the comparison be plotted (using the `modeltree` function)?
- `digits`: Digits of the output
- `...`: Additional parameters passed to the `modeltree` function

Details

No details so far.

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compare2

Compare several fit indexes of two models computed from the RSA function.

Usage

```r
compare2(x, m1 = "", m2 = "full", digits = 3, verbose = TRUE)
```

Arguments

- `x`: An RSA object
- `m1`: Name of first model
- `m2`: Name of second model
- `digits`: Digits of the output
- `verbose`: Should the summary be printed?
Details
You must take care yourself that the compared models are nested! There is no automatic check, so you could, in principle, compare non-nested models. This is valid for AIC, BIC, CFI, and R2 indices, but *not* for the chi2-LR test!

confint.RSA
Computes confidence intervals for RSA parameters, standard or bootstrapped

Description
Computes confidence intervals for RSA parameters, standard or bootstrapped (using a percentile bootstrap)

Usage
```r
## S3 method for class 'RSA'
confint(object, parm, level = 0.95, ..., model = "full",
         digits = 3, method = "standard", R = 5000)
```

Arguments
- `object`: An RSA object
- `parm`: Not used.
- `level`: The confidence level required.
- `...`: Additional parameters passed to the bootstrapLavaan function, e.g., parallel="multicore", ncpus=2.
- `model`: A string specifying the model; defaults to "full"
- `digits`: Number of digits the output is rounded to; if NA, digits are unconstrained
- `method`: "standard" returns the CI for the lavaan object as it was computed. "boot" computes new percentile bootstrapped CIs.
- `R`: If method = "boot", R specifies the number of bootstrap samples

Details
There are two ways of getting bootstrapped CIs and p-values in the RSA package If you use the option se="boot" in the RSA function, lavaan provides CIs and p-values based on the bootstrapped standard error (not percentile bootstraps). If you use confint(..., method="boot"), in contrast, you get CIs and p-values based on percentile bootstrap.

See Also
RSA
Examples

```r
## Not run:
set.seed(0x0BEEF)
n <- 300
err <- 2
x <- rnorm(n, 0, 5)
y <- rnorm(n, 0, 5)
df <- data.frame(x, y)
df <- within(df, {
  diff <- x-y
  absdiff <- abs(x-y)
  SD <- (x-y)^2
  z.sq <- SD + rnorm(n, 0, err)
})

r1 <- RSA(z.sq-x*y, df, models="SSQD")
(c1 <- confint(r1, model="SSQD"))

# Dummy example with 10 bootstrap replications - better use >= 5000!
(c2 <- confint(r1, model="SSQD", method="boot", R=10))
# multicore version
confint(r1, model="SSQD", R=5000, parallel="multicore", ncpus=2)

## End(Not run)
```
x2  \( X^2 \) coefficient
y2  \( Y^2 \) coefficient
xy  XY interaction coefficient
w   W coefficient (for (un)constrained absolute difference model)
wx  WX coefficient (for (un)constrained absolute difference model)
wy  WY coefficient (for (un)constrained absolute difference model)
x3  \( X^3 \) coefficient
xy2 XY^2 coefficient
x2y X^2Y coefficient
y3  \( Y^3 \) coefficient
b0  Intercept
type 3d for 3d surface plot, contour for 2d contour plot. Shortcuts (i.e., first letter of string) are sufficient; be careful: "contour" is very slow at the moment
zlim Limits of the z axis
xlim Limits of the x axis
ylim Limits of the y axis
xlab Label of the x axis
ylab Label of the y axis
zlab Label of the z axis
points A list of parameters which define the appearance of the raw scatter points: show = TRUE: Should the original data points be overplotted? value="raw": Plot the original z value, "predicted": plot the predicted z value. jitter=0: Amount of jitter for the raw data points. cex = .5: multiplication factor for point size. See ?plotRSA for details.
model If x is an RSA object: from which model should the response surface be computed?
project Which features should be projected on the floor? See ?plotRSA for details.
extended Show additional controls (not implemented yet)
... Other parameters passed through to plot.RSA (e.g., xlab, ylab, zlab, cex, legend)

Details

No details so far. Just play around with the interface!

See Also

plotRSA, RSA
fitted.RSA

Examples

# Plot response surfaces from known parameters
# Example of Edwards (2002), Figure 3
## Not run:
demoRSA(x=.314, y=-.118, x2=-.145, y2=-.102, xy=.299, b0=5.628, type="3d")
demoRSA(x=.314, y=-.118, x2=-.145, y2=-.102, xy=.299, b0=5.628, legend=FALSE, type="c")

## End(Not run)

# Plot response surface from an RSA object
## Not run:
set.seed(0xBEEF)
n <- 300
err <- 2
x <- rnorm(n, 0, 5)
y <- rnorm(n, 0, 5)
df <- data.frame(x, y)
df <- within(df, {
  diff <- x-y
  absdiff <- abs(x-y)
  SD <- (x-y)^2
  z.diff <- diff + rnorm(n, 0, err)
  z.abs <- absdiff + rnorm(n, 0, err)
  z.sq <- SD + rnorm(n, 0, err)
  z.add <- diff + 0.4*x + rnorm(n, 0, err)
  z.complex <- 0.4*x + -0.2*x*y + + 0.1*x^2 - 0.03*y^2 + rnorm(n, 0, err)
})
r1 <- RSA(z.sq-x*y, df)
demoRSA(r1)
demoRSA(r1, points=TRUE, model="SQD")

## End(Not run)

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fitted.RSA

Return fitted values of a RSA model

Description

Return fitted values of a RSA model

Usage

## S3 method for class 'RSA'
fitted(object, ..., model = "full")
getPar

Retrieves several variables from an RSA object

Description

Retrieves several variables from an RSA object

Usage

getPar(x, type = "coef", model = "full", digits = NA, ...)

Arguments

x RSA object
type One of: "syntax", "coef", "R2", "R2.adj", "free", "summary", "p.value"
model A string specifying the model; defaults to "full"
digits Number of digits the output is rounded to; if NA, digits are unconstrained
... Additional parameters passed to the extraction function

Details

None so far.

See Also

RSA

Examples

set.seed(0xBBEEF)
n <- 300
err <- 2
x <- rnorm(n, 0, 5)
y <- rnorm(n, 0, 5)
df <- data.frame(x, y)
df <- within(df, {
diff <- x-y
absdiff <- abs(x-y)
SD <- (x-y)^2
z.sq <- SD + rnorm(n, 0, err)\n\n\nArguments

object An RSA object.
... Other parameters (currently not used)
model Model on which the fitted values are based
Description

Plots a flow chart with model comparisons from a RSA object

Usage

```r
modeltree(x, digits = 3, sig = 0.05, borderline = 0.1, ...)
```

Arguments

- `x`: A cRSA object (= output from the `compare` function)
- `digits`: The number of digits to which numbers are rounded
- `sig`: Threshold for models to be marked as "not significant"
- `borderline`: Threshold for models to be marked as "borderline significant" (used for color of arrows)
- `...`: Additional parameters (not used yet)

Details

The plot can be either requested within the `compare` function: `compare(r1, plot=TRUE)` Or it can be plotted from a cRSA object (= output from the `compare` function): `c1 <- compare(r1)` `plot(c1)`

See Also

- `rsa`, `compare`

Examples

```r
## Not run:
data(motcon)
r.m <- RSA(postVA+pow*iPow, motcon)
c1 <- compare(r.m)
modeltree(c1)

## End(Not run)
```
motcon

Data set on motive congruence.

Description
A dataset containing the explicit power motive, implicit power motive and self ratings of affective valence during a spontaneous speech. The variables are as follows:

Format
A data frame with 84 rows and 3 variables

Details
- ePow Explicit power motive, measured with a questionnaire (Unified Motive Scales, Schönbrodt & Gerstenberg, 2012). Raw values have been z standardized.
- iPow Implicit power motive, measure with picture story exercise (6 pictures). Raw motive scores have been controlled for word count and z standardized
- postVA z standardized valence rating after the speech (‘How did you feel during the speech’). Consists of two bipolar items from the PANAVA questionnaire (Schallberger, 2005): ‘zufrieden ... unzufrieden’ (satisfied ... unsatisfied) and ‘ungluecklich ... gluecklich’ (unhappy ... happy).

References
Schallberger, U. (2005). Kurzskala zur Erfassung der Positiven Aktivierung, Negativen Aktivierung und Valenz in Experience Sampling Studien (PANAVA-KS) [Short scales for the assessment of positive affect, negative affect, and valence in experience sampling studies]. University of Zurich.

motcon2

Another data set on motive congruence.

Description
A dataset containing the explicit intimacy motive, implicit affiliation/intimacy motive and self ratings of affective valence. The variables are as follows:

Format
A data frame with 362 rows and 3 variables
Details

- **EM** Explicit intimacy motive, measured with a questionnaire (Unified Motive Scales, Schönbrodt & Gerstenberg, 2012). Raw values have been z standardized.
- **IM** Implicit affiliation/intimacy motive, measured with picture story exercise (6 pictures). Raw motive scores have been controlled for word count and z standardized.
- **VA** z standardized valence rating. Consists of two bipolar items from the PANAVA questionnaire (Schallberger, 2005): ‘zufrieden ... unzufrieden’ (satisfied ... unsatisfied) and ‘unglücklich ... glücklich’ (unhappy ... happy).

References


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**movieRSA**

*Create a movie of plotRSA plots, with changing surface and/or rotation*

**Description**

Create a movie of plotRSA plots, with changing surface and/or rotation

**Usage**

```r
movieRSA(name, frames, dur = 2000, fps = 30, width = 800, height = 600, mirror = TRUE, savetodisk = TRUE, clean = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

- **name** Name for the subfolder containing all still pictures, and for the final movie file.
- **frames** A list of lists: Each list contains parameters which are passed to the plotRSA function. See *plotRSA* for details.
- **dur** Duration of the movie in milliseconds
- **fps** Frame per second (defaults to 30)
- **width** Width of the final movie in pixels
- **height** Height of the final movie in pixels
- **mirror** If TRUE, the frame sequence is mirrored at the end so that the movie ends at frame 1.
- **savetodisk** If TRUE the files are saved to the disk. If FALSE, the movie is only shown on the screen
- **clean** Should the still images be deleted?
Details

frames is a list of the first, intermediate, and the final parameters of the surface. Each scalar parameter defined in frames is interpolated between steps in order to create a smooth sequence of plots. Logical and character parameters are inherited from the first frame. Plots are saved as individual still pictures in a subfolder called name and finally glued together using ffmpeg. Hence, a ffmpeg installation is needed to create the movie (the still pictures can be produced without ffmpeg).

See Also

plotRSA

Examples

```r
## Not run:
movieRSA(name="SD0",
frames <- list(
    step1 = list(b0=0, xy=-.40, x2=.20, y2=.20,
        rotation=list(x=-63, y=32, z=15),
        legend=FALSE, zlim=c(0, 4), param=FALSE),
    step2 = list(b0=0, xy=-.10, x2=.05, y2=.05,
        rotation=list(x=-54, y=39, z=25)),
    step3 = list(b0=0, xy=-.40, x2=.20, y2=.20,
        rotation=list(x=-45, y=45, z=35))
)
mirror=TRUE, fps=30, dur=5000)
## End(Not run)
```

plotRSA

Plots a response surface of a polynomial equation of second degree

Description

Plots an RSA object, or a response surface with specified parameters

Usage

```r
plotRSA(x = 0, y = 0, x2 = 0, y2 = 0, xy = 0, w = 0, wx = 0,
wy = 0, x3 = 0, xy2 = 0, x2y = 0, y3 = 0, b0 = 0,
type = "3d", model = "full", xlim = NULL, ylim = NULL,
zlim = NULL, xlab = NULL, ylab = NULL, zlab = NULL, main = "",
surface = "predict", lambda = NULL, suppress.surface = FALSE,
suppress.box = FALSE, suppress.grid = FALSE,
suppress.ticklabels = FALSE, rotation = list(x = -63, y = 32, z = 15),
label.rotation = list(x = 19, y = -40, z = 92), gridsize = 21,
bw = FALSE, legend = TRUE, param = TRUE, coefs = FALSE,
axes = c("LOC", "LOIC", "PA1", "PA2"), axesStyles = list(LOC =
list(1ty = "solid", lwd = 2, col = ifelse(bw == TRUE, "black", "blue")),
```
Arguments

x Either an RSA object (returned by the rsa function), or the coefficient for the X predictor
y Y coefficient
x2 X^2 coefficient
y2 Y^2 coefficient
xy XY interaction coefficient
w W coefficient (for (un)constrained absolute difference model)
wx WX coefficient (for (un)constrained absolute difference model)
wy WY coefficient (for (un)constrained absolute difference model)
x3 X^3 coefficient
xy2 XY^2 coefficient
x2y X^2Y coefficient
y3 Y^3 coefficient
b0 Intercept
type 3d for 3d surface plot, contour for 2d contour plot, "interactive" for interactive rotatable plot. Shortcuts (i.e., first letter of string) are sufficient
model If x is an RSA object: from which model should the response surface be computed?
xlim Limits of the x axis
ylim Limits of the y axis
zlim Limits of the z axis
xlab Label for x axis
ylab Label for y axis
zlab Label for z axis
main the main title of the plot
surface Method for the calculation of the surface z values. "predict" takes the predicted values from the model, "smooth" uses a thin plate smoother (function Tps from the fields package) of the raw data
lambda  lambda parameter for the smoother. Default (NULL) means that it is estimated by the smoother function. Small lambdas around 1 lead to rugged surfaces, big lambdas to very smooth surfaces.

suppress.surface  Should the surface be suppressed (only for type="3d")? Useful for only showing the data points, or for didactic purposes (e.g., first show the cube, then fade in the surface).

suppress.box  Should the surrounding box be suppressed (only for type="3d")?

suppress.grid  Should the grid lines be suppressed (only for type="3d")?

suppress.ticklabels  Should the numbers on the axes be suppressed (only for type="3d")?

rotation  Rotation of the 3d surface plot (when type == "3d")

label.rotation  Rotation of the axis labels (when type == "3d")

gridsize  Number of grid nodes in each dimension

bw  Print surface in black and white instead of colors?

legend  Print color legend for z values?

param  Should the surface parameters a1 to a5 be shown on the plot? In case of a 3d plot a1 to a5 are printed on top of the plot; in case of a contour plot the principal axes are plotted. Surface parameters are not printed for cubic surfaces.

coefs  Should the regression coefficients b1 to b5 (b1 to b9 for cubic models) be shown on the plot? (Only for 3d plot)

axes  A vector of strings specifying the axes that should be plotted. Can be any combination of c("LOC", "LOIC", "PA1", "PA2", "E2", "K1", "K2"). LOC = line of congruence, LOIC = line of incongruence, PA1 = first principal axis, PA2 = second principal axis, E2 = second extremum line in the CA or RRCA model, K1, K2 = boundary lines of the regions of significance in the CL or RRCL model.

axesStyles  Define the visual styles of the axes LOC, LOIC, PA1, PA2, E2, K1, and K2. Provide a named list: axesStyles=list(LOC = list(lty="solid", lwd=2, col=ifelse(bw==TRUE, "black", "blue"). It recognizes three parameters: lty, lwd, and col. If you define a style for an axis, you have to provide all three parameters, otherwise a warning will be shown.

project  A vector of graphic elements that should be projected on the floor of the cube. Can include any combination of c("LOC", "LOIC", "PA1", "PA2", "contour", "points", "E2", "K1", "K2")

maxlines  Should the maximum lines be plotted? (red: maximum X for a given Y, blue: maximum Y for a given X). Works only in type="3d"

cex.tickLabel  Font size factor for tick labels

cex.axesLabel  Font size factor for axes labels

cex.main  Factor for main title size

points  A list of parameters which define the appearance of the raw scatter points:
  • data: Data frame which contains the coordinates of the raw data points. First column = x, second = y, third = z. This data frame is automatically generated when the plot is based on a fitted RSA-object
- show = TRUE: Should the original data points be overplotted?
- color = "black": Color of the points
- value="raw": Plot the original z value, "predicted": plot the predicted z value
- jitter = 0: Amount of jitter for the raw data points. For z values, a value of 0.005 is reasonable
- cex = .5: multiplication factor for point size
- out.mark = FALSE: If set to TRUE, outliers according to Bollen & Jackman (1980) are printed as red X symbols, but only when they have been removed in the RSA function: RSA(..., out.rm=TRUE).
  - If out.rm == TRUE (in RSA()) and out.mark == FALSE (in plotRSA()), the outlier is removed from the model and *not plotted* in plotRSA.
  - If out.rm == TRUE (in RSA()) and out.mark == TRUE (in plotRSA()), the outlier is removed from the model but plotted and marked in plotRSA.
  - If out.rm == FALSE (in RSA()): Outliers are not removed and cannot be plotted.
  - Example syntax: plotRSA(r1, points=list(show=TRUE, out.mark=TRUE))

As a shortcut, you can also set points=TRUE to set the defaults.

fit
Do not change that parameter (internal use only)

link
Link function to transform the z axes. Implemented are "identity" (no transformation; default), "probit", and "logit"

tck
A vector of three values defining the position of labels to the axes (see ?wireframe)

distance
A vector of three values defining the distance of labels to the axes

border
Should a thicker border around the surface be plotted? Sometimes this border leaves the surrounding box, which does not look good. In this case the border can be suppressed by setting border=FALSE.

contour
A list defining the appearance of contour lines (aka. height lines). show=TRUE: Should the contour lines be plotted on the 3d wireframe plot? (Parameter only relevant for type="3d"). color = "grey40": Color of the contour lines. highlight = c(): A vector of heights which should be highlighted (i.e., printed in bold). Be careful: the highlighted line is not necessarily exactly at the specified height; instead the nearest height line is selected.

hull
Plot a bag plot on the surface (This is a bivariate extension of the boxplot. 50% of points are in the inner bag, 50% in the outer region). See Rousseeuw, Ruts, & Tukey (1999).

showSP
Plot the stationary point? (only relevant for type="contour")

showSP.CI
Plot the CI of the stationary point? (only relevant for type="contour")
	pal
A palette for shading. You can use colorRampPalette to construct a color ramp, e.g. plot(r.m, pal=colorRampPalette(c("darkgreen", "yellow", "darkred"))(20)). If pal="flip", the default palette is used, but reversed (so that red is on top and green on the bottom).
pal.range  Should the color range be scaled to the box (pal.range = "box", default), or to the min and max of the surface (pal.range = "surface")? If set to "box", different surface plots can be compared along their color, as long as the zlim is the same for both.

pad  Pad controls the margin around the figure (positive numbers: larger margin, negative numbers: smaller margin)

demo  Do not change that parameter (internal use only)

Details

Each plot type has its distinctive advantages. The two-dimensional contour plot gives a clear view of the position of the principal axes and the stationary point. The 3d plot gives a three dimensional impression of the surface, allows overplotting of the original data points (in case an RSA object is provided), and allows the interactive adjustment of regression weights in the rsa function. The interactive plot allows rotating and exploring a three-dimensional surface with the mouse (nice for demonstration purposes). If you want to export publication-ready plots, it is recommended to export it with following commands: p1 <- plot(r1, bw=TRUE) trellis.device(device="cairo_pdf", filename="RSA_plot.pdf") print(p1) dev.off()

References


See Also
demoRSA, RSA

Examples

# Plot response surfaces from known parameters
# example of Edwards (2002), Figure 3
## Not run:
# Default: 3d plot:
plotRSA(x=.314, y=-.118, x2=-.145, y2=-.102, xy=.299, b0=5.628)
# Contour plot:
plotRSA(x=.314, y=-.118, x2=-.145, y2=-.102, xy=.299, b0=5.628, type="c")
# Interactive plot (try the mouse!):
plotRSA(x=.314, y=-.118, x2=-.145, y2=-.102, xy=.299, b0=5.628, type="i")

# Plot response surface from an RSA object
set.seed(8xBEEF)
n <- 300
err <- 2
x <- rnorm(n, 0, 5)
y <- rnorm(n, 0, 5)
df <- data.frame(x, y)
df <- within(df, {
residuals.RSA  

Return residual values of a RSA model

Description

Return residual values of a RSA model

Usage

```r
## S3 method for class 'RSA'
residuals(object, ..., model = "full")
```

Arguments

- `object`: An RSA object.
- `...`: Other parameters (currently not used)
- `model`: Model on which the fitted values are based

RSA  

Performs several RSA model tests on a data set with two predictors

Description

Performs several RSA model tests on a data set with two predictors

Usage

```r
RSA(formula, data = NULL, center = FALSE, scale = FALSE,
    na.rm = FALSE, out.rm = TRUE, breakline = FALSE,
    models = "default", cubic = FALSE, verbose = TRUE, add = "",
    estimator = "MLR", se = "robust", missing = NA, ...,
    control.variables = c())
```
Arguments

**formula**
A formula in the form \( z \sim x \cdot y \), specifying the variable names used from the data frame, where \( z \) is the name of the response variable, and \( x \) and \( y \) are the names of the predictor variables.

**data**
A data frame with the variables

**center**
Should predictor variables be centered on each variable's sample mean before analyses? You should think carefully about this option, as different centering of the predictor variables can affect the commensurability of the predictor scales.

**scale**
Should predictor variables be scales on the SD of each variable before analyses? You should think carefully about this option, as different scaling of the predictor variables can affect the commensurability of the predictor scales.

**na.rm**
Remove missings before proceeding?

**out.rm**
Should outliers according to Bollen & Jackman (1980) criteria be excluded from the analyses? In large data sets this analysis is the speed bottleneck. If you are sure that no outliers exist, set this option to FALSE for speed improvements.

**breakline**
Should the breakline in the unconstrained absolute difference model be allowed (the breakline is possible from the model formulation, but empirically rather unrealistic ...). Defaults to FALSE

**models**
A vector with names of all models that should be computed. Should be any from c(“absdiff”, “absunc”, “diff”, “mean”, “additive”, “IA”, “SQD”, “RR”, “SRR”, “SRRR”, “”). For models=“all”, all models are computed, for models=“default” all models besides absolute difference models are computed.

**cubic**
Should the cubic models with the additional terms \( Y^3 \), \( XY^2 \), \( YX^2 \), and \( X^3 \) be included?

**verbose**
Should additional information during the computation process be printed?

**add**
Additional syntax that is added to the lavaan model. Can contain, for example, additional constraints, like "p01 == 0; p11 == 0"

**estimator**
Type of estimator that should be used by lavaan. Defaults to "MLR", which provides robust standard errors, a robust scaled test statistic, and can handle missing values. If you want to reproduce standard OLS estimates, use estimator="ML" and se="standard"

**se**
Type of standard errors. This parameter gets passed through to the sem function of the lavaan package. See options there. By default, robust SEs are computed. If you use se="boot", lavaan provides CIs and p-values based on the bootstrapped standard error. If you use confint(..., method="boot"), in contrast, you get CIs and p-values based on percentile bootstrap (see also confint.RSA).

**missing**
Handling of missing values (this parameter is passed to the lavaan sem function). By default (missing=NA), Full Information Maximum Likelihood (FIML) is employed in case of missing values. If cases with missing values should be excluded, use missing = "listwise".

... Additional parameters passed to the lavaan sem function.
control.variables

A string vector with variable names from data. These variables are added as linear predictors to the model (in order "to control for them"). No interactions with the other variables are modeled. WARNING: This feature is not implemented yet!

Details

Even if the main variables of the model are normally distributed, their squared terms and interaction terms are necessarily non-normal. By default, the RSA function uses a scaled test statistic (test="Satorra-Bentler") and robust standard errors (se="robust"), which are robust against violations of the normality assumption.

Why does my standard polynomial regression give different p-values and SEs than the RSA package? Shouldn't they be the same? This is due to the robust standard errors employed in the RSA package. If you set estimator="ML" and se="standard", you get p-values that are very close to the standard approach. (They might still not be identical because the standard regression approach usually uses an OLS estimator and RSA uses an ML estimator).

You can also fit binary outcome variables with a probit link function. For that purpose, the response variable has to be defined as "ordered", and the lavaan estimator changed to "WLSMV":

\[
\text{r1 <- RSA(Z.binary ~ x*y, dat, ordered="Z.binary", estimator="WLSMV")}
\]

(for more details see the help file of the sem function in the lavaan package). The results can also be plotted with probabilities on the z axis using the probit link function:

\[
\text{plot(r1, link="probit", zlim=c(0, 1), zlab="Probability")}
\]

lavaan at the moment only supports a probit link function for binary outcomes, not a logit link.

See Also
demoRSA, plotRSA, RSA.ST, confint.RSA, compare

Examples

# Compute response surface from a fake data set
set.seed(0xBEEF)
n <- 300
err <- 15
x <- rnorm(n, 0, 5)
y <- rnorm(n, 0, 5)
df <- data.frame(x, y)
df <- within(df, {
  diff <- x-y
  absdiff <- abs(x-y)
  SD <- (x-y)^2
  z.diff <- diff + rnorm(n, 0, err)
  z.abs <- absdiff + rnorm(n, 0, err)
  z.sq <- SD + rnorm(n, 0, err)
  z.add <- diff + 0.4*x + rnorm(n, 0, err)
  z.complex <- 0.4*x + -0.2*x*y + + 0.1*x^2 - 0.03*y^2 + rnorm(n, 0, err)
})
## Not run:
r1 <- RSA(z.complex ~ x*y, df)
summary(r1)
compare(r1)
plot(r1)
plot(r1, model="SRSQD")
plot(r1, model="full", type="c")
getPar(r1, "coef") # print model parameters including SE and CI
RSA.ST(r1) # get surface parameters

# Motive congruency example
data(motcon)
r.m <- RSA(postVA*epow*ipow, motcon)

# Get bootstrapped CIs with 10 bootstrap samples (usually this should be set to 5000 or higher),
# only from the SSQD model
cI <- confint(r.m, model="SSQD", method="boot", R=10)

# Plot the final model
plot(r.m, model="RR", xlab="Explicit power motive",
     ylab="Implicit power motive", zlab="Affective valence")

## End(Not run)

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RSA.ST  

**Surface tests**

**Description**

Calculates surface parameters a1 to a4, the stationary point, the principal axes, the eigenvectors and p-values.

**Usage**

```r
RSA.ST(x = 0, y = 0, x2 = 0, xy = 0, y2 = 0, b0 = 0,
       SE = NULL, COV = NULL, df = NULL, model = "full")
```

**Arguments**

- `x`  
  Either an RSA object (returned by the RSA function), or the coefficient for the X predictor.

- `y`  
  Y coefficient.

- `x2`  
  X^2 coefficient.

- `xy`  
  XY interaction coefficient.

- `y2`  
  Y^2 coefficient.

- `b0`  
  The intercept.

- `SE`  
  In case that the coefficients are provided directly (as parameters x, y, x2, y2, xy), SE can provide the standard errors of these estimates. SE has to be a named vector with exactly five elements with the names of the coefficients, e.g.:

  ```r
  SE=c(x=.1, y=.2, x2=.1, y2=.5, xy=.3).
  ```

  SEs of all parameters have to...
provided, otherwise the function will print an error. In case standard errors and the covariances (see below) and df (see below) are provided, parametric confidence intervals for a1 to a4 are calculated.

**COV**

Covariances between parameters. COV has to be a named vector with exactly four elements with the names of four specific covariances, e.g.: \( \text{COV} = c(\text{x}_x\text{y}_y = .1, \text{x}_2\text{y}_2 = .2, \text{x}_2\text{x}_y = .3, \text{x}_3\text{y}_3 = .4) \). where \( \text{x}_x\text{y}_y \) is the covariance between \( x \) and \( y \), and so on. All these covariances have to be provided with exactly these names, otherwise the function will print an error.

**df**

Degrees of freedom for the calculation of a1 to a4 confidence intervals. The df are the residual dfs of the model (df = \( n - \text{estimated parameters} \)). For the full polynomial model, this is \( n - 6 \) in a regular regression (the following parameters are estimated: Intercept, \( x \), \( y \), \( xy \), \( x^2 \), \( y^2 \)). df should be a single number.

**model**

If x is an RSA object, this parameter specifies the model from which to extract the coefficients.

**Details**

No details so far.

**Value**

Returns surface parameters a1 to a5. If an RSA object or SE, COV and df are provided, also significance test and standard errors of a1 to a5 are reported. The stationary point (\( X_0, Y_0, \) and \( Z_0 \)). First principal axis (PA) relative to the X-Y plane (p10 = intercept, p11 = slope), second PA (p20 = intercept, p21 = slope). M = eigenvectors, l = eigenvalues, \( \lambda \) = lambda matrix as1X to as4X: surface parameters of the PA, relative to X values as1Y to as4Y: surface parameters of the PA, relative to Y values PA1.curvX: quadratic component of the first PA, as seen from X axis PA2.curvX: quadratic component of the second PA, as seen from X axis PA1.curv: quadratic component of the first PA, after optimal coord transformation PA2.curv: quadratic component of the second PA, after optimal coord transformation.

**References**


**See Also**

RSA

**Examples**

```r
# get surface parameters from known parameters
# example from Shanock et al. (2010), p. 548, Table 2
```
RSA.ST(x=-.23, y=.77, x2=-.07, y2=-.10, xy=.27)

## Compute standard errors and p values for surface parameters
## from external regression coefficients:
# standard errors for coefficients
SE <- c(x=.09, y=.09, x2=.07, y2=.07, xy=.11)
# covariances for specific coefficients:
COV <- c(x-y=-.000, x2_y2 = .001, x2_xy = -.003, y2_xy = -.004)
RSA.ST(x = .131, y = .382, x2 = .074, xy = .002, y2 = .039, SE=SE, COV=COV, df=181)

# Get surface parameters from a computed RSA object
set.seed(0xBEEF)
n <- 300
err <- 2
x <- rnorm(n, 0, 5)
y <- rnorm(n, 0, 5)
df <- data.frame(x, y)
df <- within(df, {
diff <- x-y
absdiff <- abs(x-y)
SD <- (x-y)^2
z.diff <- (diff + rnorm(n, 0, err))
z.abs <- absdiff + rnorm(n, 0, err)
z.sq <- SD + rnorm(n, 0, err)
z.add <- diff + 0.4*x + rnorm(n, 0, err)
z.complex <- 0.4*x + - 0.2*x*y + + 0.1*x^2 - 0.03*y^2 + rnorm(n, 0, err)
})
r1 <- RSA(z.sq~x*y, df, models="full")
RSA.ST(r1)
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