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Post-Hoc Interaction Analysis

Description

Analysis of the expected values and other terms of in linear, generalized, and mixed linear models, on the basis of multiple comparisons of factor contrasts. Specially suited for the analysis of interaction effects.

Details

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This package contains functions that may be used for the post-hoc analysis of any term of linear models (univariate or multivariate), generalized and mixed linear models. The function testFactors provides a flexible user interface for defining combinations of factor levels and covariates, to evaluate and test the model, using the function linearHypothesis from package car. testInteractions uses this function for multiple comparisons of simple effects, interaction residuals, interaction contrasts, or user-defined contrasts. interactionMeans may be used to explore the ‘cell means’ of factorial designs, and plot main effects or first-order interactions.

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Boik  

Contrived Data of Treatments for Hemophobia

Description

Data set based on the hypothetical example used by R.J. Boik (1979) to explain the analysis of interaction contrasts. It represents the electrodermal response of 72 students complaining of hemophobia, treated with different fear reduction therapies and doses of antianxiety medication, in a balanced factorial design. The observed values of the dependent variable (not given in the original article) are contrived so that the results of all the tests are coherent with the examples.
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Usage

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Format

A data frame with 72 observations and three columns:

therapy Fear reduction therapy. Factor with levels control, T1, T2.
medication Dose of antianxiety medication. Ordered factor with levels placebo, D1, D2, D3.
edr Electrodermal response (in arbitrary units).

Note

The anova table in Boik’s article (p. 1085) has a misprint in the MS value for ‘Treatment B’ (medication): it should be 790.32, instead of 970.32.

Source


contrastCoefficients Calculate Coefficient Matrices of Factor Contrasts

Description

Take symbolic formulas of contrasts across the levels of one or more factors, and return a list of matrices with the corresponding linear combination coefficients, in a suitable form to use in testFactors, or as custom contrasts in testInteractions.

Usage

contrastCoefficients(..., contrastdefinitions, data=parent.frame(), normalize=FALSE)

Arguments

..., contrastdefinitions
definitions of the contrasts.
data list, data frame or environment that contains the factors symbolically represented in the contrast definitions.
normalize logical value: should the coefficients be normalized to unit norm?
Details

In the context of this function, a “contrast” means a linear combination of factor levels (regardless of the dummy coefficients that are used to code those levels in fitted models). For a factor \( f \) with three levels \( f_1, f_2, f_3 \), this could be a single level (e.g. \( f \sim f_1 \)), a “pairwise” contrast (e.g. \( f \sim f_1 - f_2 \)), an average (e.g. \( f \sim (f_1 + f_2 + f_3) / 3 \)), or any other linear combination. Such arithmetic operations are usually applied to the values of a dependent variable, conditioned to the value of the represented factor, but those symbolic representations, as if the levels of the factors were themselves combined, are useful abstractions that may come in handy to define hypotheses about the effects of the factor.

This function takes one or more formulas of that type, and returns matrices of the linear coefficients that define such contrasts. For the previous examples, it would return the column matrices

\[
\begin{align*}
&\text{list(f=matrix(c(f1=1, f2=0, f3=0))}, \\
&\text{list(f=matrix(c(f1=1, f2=-1, f3=0))}, \\
&\text{list(f=matrix(c(f1=0.333, f2=-0.333, f3=0.333))},
\end{align*}
\]

respectively. The factors must be defined in the data frame, list, or environment given in data, with the name provided in the right hand side of the formulas. By default this is the parent.frame, which in normal interactive use is the global environment.

The contrast matrices are returned in a named list, where the names are the represented factors, as required by the arguments levels and custom of the functions testFactors and testInteractions, respectively. When more than one formula is given for the same factor, all the corresponding columns of coefficients are bound into a single matrix.

Other ways of representing contrasts, allowed by testFactors and testInteractions, can also be mixed with the formulas as input arguments. Such alternative contrast definitions are just appended without changes in the returned list, after the matrices created from the formulas. (Notice that if other coefficient vectors or matrices are explicitly entered, these will not be combined with the ones calculated from formulas.)

In case of having the contrast definitions stored in a list, that list can be entered as the argument contrast definitions. This option is recommended if the contrast definitions are mixed with named elements which could create a conflict with data, normalize, or contrast definitions itself (although this is unlikely to happen specially if all the definitions are given as formulas). In any event, only one alternative of entering the definitions is allowed. If contrast definitions is given, all the other definitions are ignored with a warning.

Value

A named list, where each element has the name of a factor, and contains a numeric matrix with the contrast coefficients. Each row of such matrices is associated to a level of the factor, in the order given by levels.

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See Also

testFactors, interactionMeans.
Examples

```r
# Calculate the coefficients of example(testInteractions)
# cntrl vs T1 <- list(therapy = c(1, -1, 0))
contrastCoefficients(therapy ~ control ~ T1, data = Boik)
# cntrl vs T2 <- list(therapy = c(1, 0, -1))
contrastCoefficients(therapy ~ control ~ T2, data = Boik)
# plcbl vs doses <- list(medication = c(1, -1/3, -1/3, -1/3))
contrastCoefficients(medication ~ placebo ~ (D1+D2+D3)/3, data = Boik)
# Combine cntrl vs T1 and plcbl vs doses
contrastCoefficients(
  therapy ~ control ~ T1, medication ~ placebo ~ (D1+D2+D3)/3, data = Boik)
```

```r
# Put various contrasts of the same factor in a matrix, and normalize them
contrastCoefficients(
  therapy ~ control ~ T1,
  therapy ~ control ~ T2,
  medication ~ placebo ~ (D1+D2+D3)/3,
  data = Boik,
  normalize=TRUE)
```

interactionMeans

**Calculate and Plot Adjusted Means for Interactions**

Description

Creates a data frame with the adjusted means of a fitted model or the slopes associated to its co-
variates, plus the standard error of those values, for all the interactions of given factors, including
intra-subjects factors in multivariate linear models with intra-subjects designs. These interactions
may be plotted by pairs of factors.

Usage

```
interactionMeans(model, factors=names(xlevels), slope=NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

- **model**: fitted model. Currently supported classes include "lm", "glm", "nlm", "lme", and "mer" or "merMod" (excluding models fitted by nlmer).
- **factors**: character vector with the names of interacting factors. All the factors of the
  model are used by default; use NULL for calculating the overall mean.
- **slope**: character vector with the names of the interacting covariates associated to the
  slope that will be represented; if it is NULL (the default value), the function will
  calculate adjusted mean values.
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- **x**: an object created by the function *interactionMeans*.
- **atx**: character vector with the names of factors that will be represented in the horizontal axis of the plots. All the factors represented in x are used by default.
- **traces**: character vector with the names of the factors that will be represented as different traces in a plot (the same as atx by default).
- **multiple**: logical indicating if the plots shall be combined in multi-panel figures.
- **y.equal**: logical indicating if all the plots should have the same range in the y-axis (all plots would be expanded to the maximum range).
- **legend**: logical indicating if legends should be drawn in case of plots with multiple traces.
- **legend.margin**: fraction of the combined plotting area that shall be reserved for drawing the legends, if they are required.
- **cex.legend**: character expansion for the legend, relative to the value of `par("cex")`.
- **abbrev.levels**: A logical indicating whether the factor levels are to be abbreviated in the plot, or an integer that specifies the minimum length of such abbreviations. See `abbreviate`.
- **type, pch**: type of plot and point characters, as used by `matplot`.
- **errorbar**: definition of the error bars in the plots (see Details).
- **...**: further arguments passed to `testFactors` or `matplot`.

**Details**

This function calculates the adjusted values of the model and their standard errors for interactions between factors, at fixed values of covariates, if they exist. The main or crossed effect of covariates is represented by their “slope”, i.e. the variation rate of the response with respect to the product of the specified covariates. The default value of the covariates (and of the offset, if any) is their average in the model data frame, and it can be changed by the arguments `covariates` or `offset`, passed down to `testFactors`. Note that in generalized linear models, standard errors and slopes are referred to the link function, not to the mean (see `testFactors` for details, and how to force the calculation of the link function instead of the response for adjusted means).

In multivariate linear models, the adjusted means or slopes are calculated separately for each column by default, but it is possible to define an intra-subjects design of factors across columns, and put all columns in one. This may be defined by the argument `idata` passed down to `testFactors` (see `Anova` or `linearHypothesis` in package `car` for further details). If such transformation is done, it is also possible to include the factors of the intra-subjects design in `factors`, for calculating their main effects or interactions.

The generic `plot` function creates matrices of interaction plots, with the main effects of each factor represented in the diagonal, and the interactions between each pair of factors in the rest of panels. For multivariate models without intra-subjects design, a new device for each variable will be created. By default it also prints error bars around the means, plus/minus their standard errors. The size of the error bars can be adjusted by the argument `errorbar`. Currently supported definitions are strings with the pattern `cixX`, where `XX` is a number between 01 and 99, standing for the $XX$

The adjusted means and error bars of generalized models (fitted with `glm` or `glmer`) are plotted on the scale of the link function, although the y-axis is labelled on the scale of the response (unless the link function had been forced in the calculation of the means).
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If the interactions involve many factors, it may be convenient to plot each panel in a different device (with `multiple=FALSE`), or select a subset of factors to be plotted with the arguments `atx` and `traces`. A panel will be plotted for each pair of factors defined by crossing these arguments; if the crossed factors are the same one, that panel will show its main effect.

Value

`interactionMeans` returns an object of class "interactionMeans", that contains a data frame with the factor interactions and the means or slopes of the model adjusted to them, and some attributes used for plotting.

Note

The purpose of the plot method is similar to the function `interaction.plot`, but it uses the lower-level function `matplot`, so the aspect of the plots is different.

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See Also

testFactors, interactionMeans.

Examples

# Interaction between two factors  # See ?Adler for a description of the data set
mod.adler <- lm(rating ~ instruction * expectation, data=Adler)  
(means.adler <- interactionMeans(mod.adler))  
plot(means.adler, abbrev.levels=TRUE)

# Effect of factors on the slopes of the model  # See ?SLID for a description of the data set
SLID$logwages <- log2(SLID$wages)  
mod.slid <- lm(logwages ~ education + age * (sex * language), data=SLID)  
(slopes.slid <- interactionMeans(mod.slid, slope="age"))  
plot(slopes.slid)

# Include intra-subjects factors  # See ?OBrienKaiser for a description of the data set
mod.ok <- lm(cbind(pre.1, pre.2, pre.3, pre.4, pre.5,  
        post.1, post.2, post.3, post.4, post.5,  
        fup.1, fup.2, fup.3, fup.4, fup.5) ~ treatment*gender,  
        data=OBrienKaiser)

# Intra-subjects data:
phase <- factor(rep(c("pretest", "posttest", "followup"), each=5))
hour <- ordered(rep(1:5, 3))
data <- data.frame(phase, hour)

# Calculate all interactions, but plot only the interactions between
# hour (represented in the x-axis) and the other factors (in traces)
means.ok <- interactionMeans(mod.ok, idata=data)
plot(means.ok, atx="hour", traces=c("gender","treatment","phase"))

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**Keselman**

**Repeated-Measures Psychophysiological Experiment**

**Description**

This data set represents the outcome of an hypothetical experiment, that recorded psychophysiological measures of subjects with different susceptibility to stressors. Each subject performed a task at four different levels of challenge. Data artificially generated from a multivariate lognormal distribution, with unequal variances and covariance structure related to group sample sizes.

**Usage**

Keselman1
Keselman2

**Format**

Keselman1 is a data frame of 156 rows and 4 columns, with the measures of 39 subjects in a balanced design.

Keselman2 is an unbalanced subset of Keselman1, with 120 rows and 4 columns, corresponding to the measures of 30 subjects.

Both data frames contain the following variables:

subject Integer identity of the subject.
group Classification of the subjects according to their susceptibility to stressors. Factor with levels G1, G2, and G3.
challenge Level of challenge of the task. Ordered factor with levels M1, M2, M3, M4.
measure Psychophysiological measure.

**Source**

Rosnow's and Rosenthal's Baseball Performance Data

Description

Contrived data set of a hypothetical study about the efficacy of a new training method for improving the performance of baseball players. 2x2 factorial design with two factors: training method and expertise of the player.

Usage

rosnow

Format

A data frame with 36 observations and three columns:

- **method**: Training method. Factor with levels control and ralphing.
- **experience**: Experience of the player in championship competition. Factor with levels no, yes.
- **hits**: Performance scores, measured as total number of hits in an experimentally devised game.

Source


testfactors

Evaluate and Test Combinations of Factor Levels

Description

Calculates and tests the adjusted mean value of the response and other terms of a fitted model, for specific linear combinations of factor levels and specific values of the covariates. This function is specially indicated for post-hoc analyses of models with factors, to test pairwise comparisons of factor levels, simple main effects, and interaction contrasts. In multivariate models, it is possible to define and test contrasts of intra-subjects factors, as in a repeated-measures analysis.

Usage

```r
## Default S3 method:
testFactors(model, levels, covariates, offset, terms.formula=~1,
    inherit.contrasts=FALSE, default.contrasts=c("contr.sum","contr.poly"),
    lht=TRUE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'lm'
testFactors(model, ...)
```
## S3 method for class 'glm'

`testFactors(model, ..., link=FALSE)`

## S3 method for class 'mlm'

`testFactors(model, levels, covariates, offset, terms.formula=~1, inherit.contrasts=FALSE, default.contrasts=c("contr.sum","contr.poly"), idata, icontrasts=default.contrasts, lht=TRUE, ...)`

## S3 method for class 'lme'

`testFactors(model, ...)`

## S3 method for class 'mer'

`testFactors(model, ..., link=FALSE)`

## S3 method for class 'merMod'

`testFactors(model, ..., link=FALSE)`

## S3 method for class 'testFactors'

`summary(object, predictors=TRUE, matrices=TRUE, covmat=FALSE, ...)`

### Arguments

- **model**: fitted model. Currently supported classes include "lm", "glm", "mlm", "lme", and "mer" or "merMod" (excluding models fitted by `nlarmer`).
- **levels**: list that defines the factor levels that will be contrasted; see the *Details* for more information.
- **covariates**: optional numeric vector with specific values of the covariates (see *Details*).
- **offset**: optional numeric value with a specific value of the offset (if any).
- **terms.formula**: formula that defines the terms of the model that will be calculated and tested. The default value is ~1, and stands for the adjusted mean value. See the *Details* for more information.
- **inherit.contrasts**: logical value: should the default contrasts of model factors be inherited from the model data frame?
- **default.contrasts**: names of contrast-generating functions to be applied by default to factors and ordered factors, respectively, if `inherit.contrasts` is `FALSE` (the default); the contrasts must produce an intra-subjects model matrix in which different terms are orthogonal. The default is `c("contr.sum", "contr.poly")`.
- **lht**: logical indicating if the adjusted values are tested (via `linearHypothesis`).
- **link**: for models fitted with `glm` or `glmer`, logical indicating if the adjusted mean values should represent the link function (FALSE by default, i.e. represent the adjusted means of the response variable).
- **idata**: an optional data frame giving a factor or factors defining the intra-subjects model for multivariate repeated-measures data, as defined in Anova or `linearHypothesis`.
- **icontrasts**: names of contrast-generating functions to be applied in the within-subject “data”. The default is the same as `default.contrasts`.
- **object**: object returned by `testFactors`.
- **predictors**: logical value: should `summary` return the values of the predictor values used in the calculations?
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matrices logical value: should summary return the matrices used for testing by linearHypothesis?
covmat logical value: should summary return the covariance matrix of the adjusted values?
... other arguments passed down to linearHypothesis.

Details

The only mandatory argument is model, which may include any number of factor or numeric predictors, and one offset. The simplest usage of this method, where no other argument is defined, calculates the adjusted mean of the model response variable, pooling over all the levels of factor predictors, and setting the numeric predictors (covariates and offset, if any) to their average values in the model data frame.

The calculations will be done for the linear combinations of factor levels defined by levels. This argument must be a list, with one element for each factor of the model that has to be manipulated (including factors of the intra-subjects design, if suitable). The factors that are not represented in this list will be pooled over, and elements that do not correspond to any factor of the model will be ignored with a warning. levels may be a named list, where the name of each element identifies the represented factor, and its contents may be one of the following:

1. A character string of length 1 or 2, with the name of one or two factor levels. In the former case, the calculations will be restricted to this level of the factor, as in a simple main effects analysis; in the latter, a pairwise contrast will be calculated between both factor levels.
2. A numeric vector without names, as long as the number of levels in the factor. This will create a linear combination of factor levels, with the elements of the vector as coefficients. For instance, if the factor f has three levels, an element f=c(0.5, 0.5, 0) will average the two first levels, and f=c(0.5, 0.5, -1) will contrast the average of the two first levels against the third one.
3. A numeric vector with names equal to some or all the levels of the factor. This is a simplification of the previous option, where some levels can be omitted, and the coefficient of each level is determined by the names of the vector, which do not have to follow a specific order. Omitted levels will automatically be set to zero.
4. A numeric matrix, as an extension of the two previous options for calculating several combinations at a time. Combinations are defined in columns, so if the matrix does not have row names, the number of rows must be equal to the number of levels in the factor, or if the matrix does have row names, they must coincide with the levels of the factor.

Alternatively, levels may be a single formula or an unnamed list of formulas, of the type factorname ~ K1*level1 K K R*levelR (see contrastCoefficients for further details). Both types of lists (named list of string or numeric vectors and matrices, and unnamed lists of formulas) may be mixed.

The argument covariates may be used for setting specific values of the model numeric predictors (covariates). It must be a vector of numeric values. If the elements of this vector have names, their values will be assigned to the covariates that match them; covariates of the model with names not represented in this vector will be set to their default value (the average in the model data frame), and elements with names that do not match with covariates will be ignored. On the other hand, if covariates has no names, and its length is equal to the number of covariates of the model, the values will be assigned to those covariates in the same order as they occur in the model. If it has a different length, the vector will be trimmed or recycled as needed to fit the number of covariates.
in the model; this feature may be used, for instance, to set all covariates to the same value, e.g. covariates = 0. The argument offset can likewise be used to define a specific value for the offset of the model.

To analyse terms other than the adjusted mean value of the response, use the argument terms.formula. For instance, if the model has the covariates var1, var2, ..., the slopes of the response with respect to them may be added to the analysis by defining terms.formula as ~var1 + var2 .... This formula may be used more generally, for analysing interactions, omitting the mean response, adding the main effects of factors, etc. A different analysis is done for each term of this formula, that must also be contained in the formula of model. For instance, if terms.formula is equal to ~ var1*var2, the function will analyse the adjusted intercept, plus the terms var1, var2, and var1:var2. The intercept stands for the mean value of the response, and terms formed by one or more covariates stand for the slope of the response with respect to the product of those covariates.

If any of the variables in the term is a factor, the function analyses a full set of contrasts for that factor of the remaining part of the term; for instance if var1 were a factor, the term var1 would stand for the contrasts of the intercept, and var1:var2 would stand for the contrasts of the slope variable2, across the levels of variable1. The set of contrasts used in the analysis is normally defined by the argument default.contrasts: by default, if the factor is ordered it will be a set of “polynomial contrasts”, and otherwise “sum contrasts”; however, if inherit.contrasts is TRUE the contrasts will directly be copied from the ones used to define the model. Factors that have explicit contrasts defined in the model data frame will use those contrasts, regardless of the values defined for default.contrasts and inherit.contrasts. The analysis assumes that the contrasts are orthogonal to the intercept, which is the usual case if the default arguments are provided, and a warning will be issued if non-orthogonal contrasts are used; take special care of not using “treatment contrasts” if inherit.contrasts is set to TRUE or default.contrasts is changed.

In generalized linear models, the adjusted means represent the expected values of the response by default, but the expected value of the link function may be shown by setting the argument link=FALSE. On the other hand, slope values and standard errors always refer to the link function.

For multivariate models, the arguments idata, and icontrasts may be used to define an intra-subjects model for multivariate repeated-measures data, as described for Anova or linearHypothesis in package car. Note, however, that the combinations of intra-subjects factor levels are defined in levels, and other arguments defined in those functions like idesign, imatrix or iterms will have no effect in testFactors.

The significance of adjusted values is tested by a call to linearHypothesis for each term, unless lht is set to FALSE. Extra arguments may be passed down to that function, for instance to specify the test statistic that will be evaluated.

Value

An object of class “testFactors”, that contains the adjusted values and their standard errors for each term, and the output of the test, plus other variables used in the calculations. The summary method for this object will display those variables, unless they be omitted by setting the optional arguments predictors, matrices or covmat to FALSE. The argument predictors refers to the coefficients of specified combinations of factor levels, the values of covariates, and the contrast matrices used for terms that include factors; matrices refers to the “linear hypothesis matrix” used by linearHypothesis, and in multivariate linear models, to the “response transformation matrix” as well — if it exists; covmat refers to the variance-covariance matrix of the adjusted values.
Moreover, `summary` groups the results of the tests for all terms in one table. By default this table shows the test statistics, their degrees of freedom, and the $p$-values. If the model is of class "lm", it also shows the sums of squares; and if it is of class "mlm", only the first type of test statistic returned by `linearHypothesis` (by default “Pillai”) is shown. This variable shape of the ANOVA table is controlled by additional classes assigned to the object (either "testFactors.lm" or "testFactors.mlm", as suitable).

**Note**

The tests of mixed models are done under the assumption that the estimation of the random part of the model is exact.

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**See Also**

`linearHypothesis` in package `car`, `interactionMeans`, and `testInteractions` as useful wrappers of `testFactors`.

**Examples**

```r
# Example with factors and covariates
# Analyse prestige of Canadian occupations depending on
# education, income and type of occupation
# See ?Prestige for a description of the data set

prestige.mod <- lm(prestige ~ (education+log2(income))*type, data=Prestige)

# Pairwise comparisons for factor "type", to see how it influences
# the mean value of prestige and interacts with log.income

# 1: "white collar" vs "blue collar"
wc.vs.bc <- list(type=c("wc", "bc"))
testFactors(prestige.mod, wc.vs.bc, terms.formula=~log2(income))

# 2: "professional" vs. "blue collar"
prof.vs.bc <- list(type=c("prof", "bc"))
testFactors(prestige.mod, prof.vs.bc, terms.formula=~log2(income))

# 3: "professional" vs. "white collar"
prof.vs.wc <- list(type=c("prof", "wc"))
testFactors(prestige.mod, prof.vs.wc, terms.formula=~log2(income))

# Interaction contrasts in a repeated-measures experiment
# See ?OBrienKaiser for a description of the data set

mod.ok <- lm(cbind(pre.1, pre.2, pre.3, pre.4, pre.5,
                   post.1, post.2, post.3, post.4, post.5,
                   fup.1, fup.2, fup.3, fup.4, fup.5) ~ treatment*gender,
                   data=OBrienKaiser)
```
testInteractions

Description
Calculates and tests different types of contrasts for factor interactions, in linear, generalized and mixed linear models: simple main effects, interaction contrasts, residual effects, and others.

Usage
testInteractions(model, pairwise=NULL, fixed=NULL, residual=NULL, across=NULL, custom=NULL, slope=NULL, adjustment=NULL, label.factors=FALSE, abbrev.levels=FALSE, ...)

Arguments
model fitted model. Currently supported classes include "lm", "glm", "mlm", "lme", and "mer" or "merMod" (excluding models fitted by nlmer).
pairwise character vector with the names of factors represented by pairwise contrasts.
fixed character vector with the names of factors represented by fixed levels.
residual character vector with the names of factors represented by residuals effects.
across character vector with the names of factors represented by a full set of independent contrasts.
custom list with custom contrasts for other factors. See the Details for more information.
slope character vector with the names of the covariates associated to the slope that will tested; if it is NULL (the default value), the function will test the adjusted mean values.
adjustment adjustment method for p-values, as defined in \texttt{p.adjust}.
label.factors If true, the rownames for each row in the resulting table include the name(s) of the factor(s) involved, followed by the level values. Otherwise, the rownames include only the levels of the factor(s), with multiple factors separated by \texttt{'}:\texttt{'}.
abbrev.levels Either a logical or an integer, specifying whether the levels values of the factors in the term are to be abbreviated in constructing the rownames. An integer specifies the minimum length of the abbreviation for each factor in the term.
... further arguments passed down to testFactors.

Details

Each factor of the model can at most be contained in one of the arguments pairwise, fixed, residual, across, or custom; redundant assignment of factors is not allowed. If none of these arguments is defined, the default behavior is as if pairwise contained all the factors of the model. The result will show a set of tests on the model adjusted mean, at different combinations of factor levels. If there are covariates defined in slope, the test will apply to the slope for the interaction of such covariates. Each row will contain a different combination of factor levels or contrasts, depending on the argument wherein the factor has been defined:

• The factors contained in pairwise will appear as pairwise contrasts between levels.
• The factors contained in fixed will appear as one of their possible levels.
• The factors contained in residual will appear as residual effects of their levels, after removing effects of higher order.
• The factors contained in across will appear as a full set of contrasts. By default they will be orthogonal contrasts, unless overridden by the contrasts of the model data frame or by the arguments passed down to testFactors. See the documentation of that function for further details.

Ommitted factors will be averaged across all their levels. Thus, to test the overall adjusted means or slopes, use pairwise=NULL (or do the same with any of the arguments of the previous list).

Other combinations of factor levels can be defined by custom. This argument should be a list of numeric matrices or vectors, named as the model factors. Each matrix must have as many rows as the number of levels of the corresponding factor, so that each column represents a linear combination of such levels that will be tested, crossed with the combinations of the other factors. Vectors will be treated as column matrices.
In multivariate linear models it is possible to define an intra-subjects design, with the argument idata passed down to testFactors (see Anova or linearHypothesis in package car for further details). The factors defined by that argument can be included as any other factor of the model.

**Value**

An anova table with one row for each different combination of levels and contrasts defined in pairwise, fixed, across, and custom. The rownames represent the specific levels or contrasts used for the different factors, separated by ‘:’. These names can be tweaked by the arguments labelFactors and abbrev.levels, as done by termMeans in package heplots.

**Note**

The tests of mixed models are done under the assumption that the estimation of the random part of the model is exact.

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**See Also**

testFactors, interactionMeans. Use contrastCoefficients as a facility to create matrices of custom contrasts.

**Examples**

```r
# Tests of the interactions described in Boik (1979)
# See ?boik for a description of the data set

mod.boik <- lm(educ ~ therapy * medication, data=boik)
Anova(mod.boik)

cntrl.vs.T1 <- list(therapy = c(1, -1, 0))
cntrl.vs.T2 <- list(therapy = c(1, 0, -1))
plcb.vs.doses <- list(medication = c(1, -1/3, -1/3, -1/3))
testInteractions(mod.boik, pairwise="therapy", adjustment="none")
testInteractions(mod.boik, custom=plcb.vs.doses, adjustment="none")
testInteractions(mod.boik, custom=cntrl.vs.T1, across="medication", adjustment="none")
testInteractions(mod.boik, custom=cntrl.vs.T1, plcb.vs.doses, adjustment="none")
testInteractions(mod.boik, custom=cntrl.vs.T2, across="medication", adjustment="none")
testInteractions(mod.boik, custom=plcb.vs.doses, across="therapy", adjustment="none")
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