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Plot an Adjusted Boxplot for Skew Distributions

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# **Description**

Produces boxplots adjusted for skewed distributions as proposed in Hubert and Vandervieren (2008).

# Usage

```
adjbox(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'formula'
adjbox(formula, data = NULL, ..., subset, na.action = NULL)
## Default S3 method:
adjbox(x, ..., range = 1.5, doReflect = FALSE,
    width = NULL, varwidth = FALSE,
    notch = FALSE, outline = TRUE, names, plot = TRUE,
    border = par("fg"), col = NULL, log = "",
    pars = list(boxwex = 0.8, staplewex = 0.5, outwex = 0.5),
    horizontal = FALSE, add = FALSE, at = NULL)
```

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# **Arguments**

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formula a formula, such as y ~ grp, where y is a numeric vector of data values to be split

into groups according to the grouping variable grp (usually a factor).

data a data.frame (or list) from which the variables in formula should be taken.

subset an optional vector specifying a subset of observations to be used for plotting.

na.action a function which indicates what should happen when the data contain NAs. The

default is to ignore missing values in either the response or the group.

for specifying data from which the boxplots are to be produced. Either a numeric vector, or a single list containing such vectors. Additional unnamed arguments

specify further data as separate vectors (each corresponding to a component

boxplot). NAs are allowed in the data.

... For the formula method, named arguments to be passed to the default method.

For the default method, unnamed arguments are additional data vectors (unless x is a list when they are ignored), and named arguments are arguments and graphical parameters to be passed to bxp in addition to the ones given by argument

pars (and override those in pars).

range this determines how far the plot whiskers extend out from the box, and is simply

passed as argument coef to adjboxStats(). If range is positive, the whiskers extend to the most extreme data point which is no more than range times the interquartile range from the box. A value of zero causes the whiskers to extend

to the data extremes.

doReflect logical indicating if the MC should also be computed on the reflected sample

-x, and be averaged, see mc.

width a vector giving the relative widths of the boxes making up the plot.

varwidth if varwidth is TRUE, the boxes are drawn with widths proportional to the square-

roots of the number of observations in the groups.

notch if notch is TRUE, a notch is drawn in each side of the boxes. If the notches of

two plots do not overlap this is 'strong evidence' that the two medians differ (Chambers *et al.*, 1983, p. 62). See boxplot.stats for the calculations used.

outline if outline is not true, the outliers are not drawn (as points whereas S+ uses

lines).

names group labels which will be printed under each boxplot.

boxwex a scale factor to be applied to all boxes. When there are only a few groups, the

appearance of the plot can be improved by making the boxes narrower.

staplewex staple line width expansion, proportional to box width.

outwex outlier line width expansion, proportional to box width.

plot if TRUE (the default) then a boxplot is produced. If not, the summaries which the

boxplots are based on are returned.

border an optional vector of colors for the outlines of the boxplots. The values in

border are recycled if the length of border is less than the number of plots.

col if col is non-null it is assumed to contain colors to be used to colour the bodies

of the box plots. By default they are in the background colour.

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log	character indicating if x or y or both coordinates should be plotted in log scale.
pars	a list of (potentially many) more graphical parameters, e.g., boxwex or outpch; these are passed to $bxp$ (if plot is true); for details, see there.
horizontal	logical indicating if the boxplots should be horizontal; default FALSE means vertical boxes.
add	logical, if true add boxplot to current plot.
at	numeric vector giving the locations where the boxplots should be drawn, particularly when add = TRUE; defaults to 1:n where n is the number of boxes.

# **Details**

The generic function adjbox currently has a default method (adjbox.default) and a formula interface (adjbox.formula).

If multiple groups are supplied either as multiple arguments or via a formula, parallel boxplots will be plotted, in the order of the arguments or the order of the levels of the factor (see factor).

Missing values are ignored when forming boxplots.

Extremes of the upper and whiskers of the adjusted boxplots are computed using the medcouple (mc()), a robust measure of skewness. For details, cf. TODO

# Value

A list with the following components:

stats	a matrix, each column contains the extreme of the lower whisker, the lower hinge, the median, the upper hinge and the extreme of the upper whisker for one group/plot. If all the inputs have the same class attribute, so will this component.
n	a vector with the number of observations in each group.
coef	a matrix where each column contains the lower and upper extremes of the notch.
out	the values of any data points which lie beyond the extremes of the whiskers.
group	a vector of the same length as out whose elements indicate to which group the outlier belongs.
names	a vector of names for the groups.

# Note

The code and documentation only slightly modifies the code of boxplot.default, boxplot.formula and boxplot.stats

# Author(s)

R Core Development Team, slightly adapted by Tobias Verbeke

# References

Hubert, M. and Vandervieren, E. (2008). An adjusted boxplot for skewed distributions, *Computational Statistics and Data Analysis* **52**, 5186–5201. doi:10.1016/j.csda.2007.11.008

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# See Also

The medcouple, mc; boxplot.

# **Examples**

```
if(require("boot")) {
### Hubert and Vandervieren (2008), Fig. 5.%(2006): p. 10, Fig. 4.
 data(coal, package = "boot")
 coaldiff <- diff(coal$date)</pre>
 op \leftarrow par(mfrow = c(1,2))
 boxplot(coaldiff, main = "Original Boxplot")
 adjbox(coaldiff, main = "Adjusted Boxplot")
par(op)
}
### Hubert and Vandervieren (2008), p. 11, Fig. 7a -- enhanced
op <- par(mfrow = c(2,2), mar = c(1,3,3,1), oma = c(0,0,3,0))
with(condroz, {
boxplot(Ca, main = "Original Boxplot")
adjbox (Ca, main = "Adjusted Boxplot")
boxplot(Ca, main = "Original Boxplot [log]", log = "y")
adjbox (Ca, main = "Adjusted Boxplot [log]", log = "y")
})
mtext("'Ca' from data(condroz)",
      outer=TRUE, font = par("font.main"), cex = 2)
par(op)
```

adjboxStats

Statistics for Skewness-adjusted Boxplots

# **Description**

Computes the "statistics" for producing boxplots adjusted for skewed distributions as proposed in Hubert and Vandervieren (2008), see adjbox.

### Usage

# **Arguments**

```
    a numeric vector for which adjusted boxplot statistics are computed.
    number determining how far 'whiskers' extend out from the box, see boxplot.stats.
    a, b scaling factors multiplied by the medcouple mc() to determine outlyer boundaries; see the references.
    do.conf, do.out logicals; if FALSE, the conf or out component respectively will be empty in the result.
    further optional arguments to be passed to mc(), such as doReflect.
```

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# **Details**

Given the quartiles  $Q_1, Q_3$ , the interquartile range  $\Delta Q := Q_3 - Q_1$ , and the medcouple M := mc(x), c = coef, the "fence" is defined, for  $M \ge 0$  as

$$[Q_1 - ce^{a \cdot M} \Delta Q, Q_3 + ce^{b \cdot M} \Delta Q],$$

and for M < 0 as

$$[Q_1 - ce^{-b \cdot M} \Delta Q, Q_3 + ce^{-a \cdot M} \Delta Q],$$

and all observations x outside the fence, the "potential outliers", are returned in out.

Note that a typo in robustbase version up to 0.7-8, for the (rare left-skewed) case where mc(x) < 0, lead to a "fence" not wide enough in the upper part, and hence *less* outliers there.

# Value

### A list with the components

stats	a vector of length 5, containing the extreme of the lower whisker, the lower hinge, the median, the upper hinge and the extreme of the upper whisker.
n	the number of observations
conf	the lower and upper extremes of the 'notch' (if(do.conf)). See boxplot.stats.
fence	length 2 vector of interval boundaries which define the non-outliers, and hence the whiskers of the plot.
out	the values of any data points which lie beyond the fence, and hence beyond the extremes of the whiskers.

# Note

The code only slightly modifies the code of R's boxplot.stats.

#### Author(s)

R Core Development Team (boxplot.stats); adapted by Tobias Verbeke and Martin Maechler.

# See Also

adjbox(), also for references, the function which mainly uses this one; further boxplot.stats.

```
data(condroz)
adjboxStats(ccA <- condroz[,"Ca"])
adjboxStats(ccA, doReflect = TRUE)# small difference in fence

## Test reflection invariance [was not ok, up to and including robustbase_0.7-8]
a1 <- adjboxStats( ccA, doReflect = TRUE)
a2 <- adjboxStats(-ccA, doReflect = TRUE)

nm1 <- c("stats", "conf", "fence")</pre>
```

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Compute (Skewness-adjusted) Multivariate Outlyingness

# **Description**

For an  $n \times p$  data matrix (or data frame) x, compute the "outlyingness" of all n observations. Outlyingness here is a generalization of the Donoho-Stahel outlyingness measure, where skewness is taken into account via the medcouple, mc().

# Usage

# **Arguments**

X	a numeric $n \times p$ matrix or data.frame, which must be of full rank $p$ .
ndir	positive integer specifying the number of directions that should be searched.
p.samp	the sample size to use for finding good random directions, must be at least p. The default, p had been hard coded previously.
clower, cupper	the constant to be used for the lower and upper tails, in order to transform the data towards symmetry. You can set clower = $0$ , cupper = $0$ to get the <i>non</i> -adjusted, i.e., classical ("central" or "symmetric") outlyingness. In that case, mc() is not used.
IQRtype	a number from 1:9, denoting type of empirical quantile computation for the IQR(). The default 7 corresponds to quantile's and IQR's default. MM has evidence that type=6 would be a bit more stable for small sample size.
alpha.cutoff	number in (0,1) specifying the quantiles $(\alpha,1-\alpha)$ which determine the "outlier" cutoff. The default, using quartiles, corresponds to the definition of the medcouple (mc), but there is no stringent reason for using the same alpha for the outlier cutoff.
coef	positive number specifying the factor with which the interquartile range (IQR) is multiplied to determine 'boxplot hinges'-like upper and lower bounds.

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qr.tol positive tolerance to be used for qr and solve.qr for determining the ndir directions, each determined by a random sample of p (out of n) observations. Note that the default  $10^{-12}$  is rather small, and gr's default = 1e-7 may be more appropriate. positive tolerance to determine which of the sample direction should be kept, keep.tol namely only those for which  $||x|| \cdot ||B||$  is larger than keep. tol. only.outlyingness logical indicating if the final outlier determination should be skipped. In that case, a vector is returned, see 'Value:' below. integer factor; maxit <- maxit.mult \* ndir will determine the maximal nummaxit.mult ber of direction searching iterations. May need to be increased for higher dimensional data, though increasing ndir may be more important. trace.lev an integer, if positive allows to monitor the direction search. mcReflect passed as doReflect to mc(). mcScale passed as doScale to mc(). mcMaxit passed as maxit to mc(). mcEps1 passed as eps1 to mc(); the default is slightly looser (100 larger) than the default for mc(). mcEps2 passed as eps2 to mc().

# **Details**

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**FIXME**: Details in the comment of the Matlab code; also in the reference(s).

passed as trace.lev to mc().

The method as described can be useful as preprocessing in FASTICA (http://research.ics.aalto.fi/ica/fastica/ see also the R package fastICA.

### Value

If only outlyingness is true, a vector adjout, otherwise, as by default, a list with components

adjout numeric of length(n) giving the adjusted outlyingness of each observation.

cutoff cutoff for "outlier" with respect to the adjusted outlyingnesses, and depending

on alpha.cutoff.

nonOut logical of length(n), TRUE when the corresponding observation is **non**-outlying

with respect to the cutoff and the adjusted outlyingnesses.

#### Note

If there are too many degrees of freedom for the projections, i.e., when  $n \le 4p$ , the current definition of adjusted outlyingness is ill-posed, as one of the projections may lead to a denominator (quartile difference) of zero, and hence formally an adjusted outlyingness of infinity. The current implementation avoids Inf results, but will return seemingly random adjout values of around  $10^{14} - 10^{15}$  which may be completely misleading, see, e.g., the longley data example.

The result is *random* as it depends on the sample of ndir directions chosen; specifically, to get sub samples the algorithm uses sample.int(n, p.samp) which from R version 3.6.0 depends on

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RNGkind(\*, sample.kind). Exact reproducibility of results from R versions 3.5.3 and earlier, requires setting RNGversion("3.5.0"). In any case, do use set.seed() yourself for reproducibility!

Till Aug/Oct. 2014, the default values for clower and cupper were accidentally reversed, and the signs inside exp(.) where swapped in the (now corrected) two expressions

```
tup <- Q3 + coef * IQR * exp(.... + clower * tmc * (tmc < 0))
tlo <- Q1 - coef * IQR * exp(.... - cupper * tmc * (tmc < 0))
```

already in the code from Antwerpen ('mcrsoft/adjoutlingness.R'), contrary to the published reference.

Further, the original algorithm had not been scale-equivariant in the direction construction, which has been amended in 2014-10 as well.

The results, including diagnosed outliers, therefore have changed, typically slightly, since **robust-base** version 0.92-0.

#### Author(s)

Guy Brys; help page and improvements by Martin Maechler

# References

Brys, G., Hubert, M., and Rousseeuw, P.J. (2005) A Robustification of Independent Component Analysis; *Journal of Chemometrics*, **19**, 1–12.

Hubert, M., Van der Veeken, S. (2008) Outlier detection for skewed data; *Journal of Chemometrics* **22**, 235–246; doi:10.1002/cem.1123.

For the up-to-date reference, please consult https://wis.kuleuven.be/statdatascience/robust

#### See Also

the adjusted boxplot, adjbox and the medcouple, mc.

```
## An Example with bad condition number and "border case" outliers

dim(longley) # 16 x 7 // set seed, as result is random :
  set.seed(31)

ao1 <- adjOutlyingness(longley, mcScale=FALSE)

## which are outlying ?
which(!ao1$nonOut) ## for this seed, two: "1956", "1957"; (often: none)

## For seeds 1:100, we observe (Linux 64b)

if(FALSE) {
    adjO <- sapply(1:100, function(iSeed) {
        set.seed(iSeed); adjOutlyingness(longley)$nonOut })

    table(nrow(longley) - colSums(adjO))
}

## #{outl.}: 0 1 2 3

## #{cases}: 74 17 6 3</pre>
```

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```
## An Example with outliers :
dim(hbk)
set.seed(1)
ao.hbk <- adjOutlyingness(hbk)</pre>
str(ao.hbk)
hist(ao.hbk $adjout)## really two groups
table(ao.hbk$nonOut)## 14 outliers, 61 non-outliers:
## outliers are :
which(! ao.hbk$nonOut) # 1 .. 14 --- but not for all random seeds!
## here, they are(*) the same as found by (much faster) MCD:
## *) only "almost", since the 2023-05 change to covMcd()
cc <- covMcd(hbk)
table(cc = cc$mcd.wt, ao = ao.hbk$nonOut)# one differ..:
stopifnot(sum(cc$mcd.wt != ao.hbk$nonOut) <= 1)</pre>
## This is revealing: About 1--2 cases, where outliers are *not* == 1:14
## (2023: ~ 1/8 [sec] per call)
if(interactive()) {
  for(i in 1:30) {
    print(system.time(ao.hbk <- adjOutlyingness(hbk)))</pre>
    if(!identical(iout <- which(!ao.hbk$nonOut), 1:14)) {</pre>
 cat("Outliers:\n"); print(iout)
  }
## "Central" outlyingness: *not* calling mc() anymore, since 2014-12-11:
trace(mc)
out <- capture.output(</pre>
  oo <- adjOutlyingness(hbk, clower=0, cupper=0)</pre>
untrace(mc)
stopifnot(length(out) == 0)
## A rank-deficient case
T <- tcrossprod(data.matrix(toxicity))</pre>
try(adjOutlyingness(T, maxit. = 20, trace.lev = 2)) # fails and recommends:
T. <- fullRank(T)
aT <- adjOutlyingness(T.)
plot(sort(aT$adjout, decreasing=TRUE), log="y")
plot(T.[,9:10], col = (1:2)[1 + (aT$adjout > 10000)])
## .. (not conclusive; directions are random, more 'ndir' makes a difference!)
```

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# **Description**

Aircraft Data, deals with 23 single-engine aircraft built over the years 1947-1979, from Office of Naval Research. The dependent variable is cost (in units of \$100,000) and the explanatory variables are aspect ratio, lift-to-drag ratio, weight of plane (in pounds) and maximal thrust.

# Usage

```
data(aircraft, package="robustbase")
```

#### **Format**

A data frame with 23 observations on the following 5 variables.

```
X1 Aspect Ratio
```

X2 Lift-to-Drag Ratio

X3 Weight

X4 Thrust

Y Cost

# Source

P. J. Rousseeuw and A. M. Leroy (1987) *Robust Regression and Outlier Detection*; Wiley, page 154, table 22.

# **Examples**

```
data(aircraft)
summary( lm.airc <- lm(Y ~ ., data = aircraft))
summary(rlm.airc <- MASS::rlm(Y ~ ., data = aircraft))
aircraft.x <- data.matrix(aircraft[,1:4])
c_air <- covMcd(aircraft.x)
c_air</pre>
```

airmay

Air Quality Data

# **Description**

Air Quality Data Set for May 1973, from Chambers et al. (1983). The whole data set consists of daily readings of air quality values from May 1, 1973 to September 30, 1973, but here are included only the values for May. This data set is an example of the special treatment of the missing values.

# Usage

```
data(airmay, package="robustbase")
```

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# **Format**

A data frame with 31 observations on the following 4 variables.

- X1 Solar Radiation in Longleys in the frequency band 4000-7700 from 0800 to 1200 hours at Central Park
- X2 Average windspeed (in miles per hour) between 7000 and 1000 hours at La Guardia Airport
- X3 Maximum daily temperature (in degrees Fahrenheit) at La Guardia Airport
- Y Mean ozone concentration (in parts per billion) from 1300 to 1500 hours at Roosevelt Island

#### **Source**

P. J. Rousseeuw and A. M. Leroy (1987) *Robust Regression and Outlier Detection*; Wiley, p.86, table 6.

# **Examples**

```
data(airmay)
summary(lm.airmay <- lm(Y ~ ., data=airmay))
airmay.x <- data.matrix(airmay[,1:3])</pre>
```

alcohol

Alcohol Solubility in Water Data

# **Description**

The solubility of alcohols in water is important in understanding alcohol transport in living organisms. This dataset from (Romanelli et al., 2001) contains physicochemical characteristics of 44 aliphatic alcohols. The aim of the experiment was the prediction of the solubility on the basis of molecular descriptors.

# Usage

```
data(alcohol, package="robustbase")
```

### **Format**

A data frame with 44 observations on the following 7 numeric variables.

SAG solvent accessible surface-bounded molecular volume.

V volume

logPC Log(PC); PC = octanol-water partitions coefficient

P polarizability

RM molar refractivity

Mass the mass

logSolubility ln(Solubility), the response.

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#### Source

The website accompanying the MMY-book: https://www.wiley.com/legacy/wileychi/robust\_statistics/

#### References

Maronna, R.A., Martin, R.D. and Yohai, V.J. (2006) Robust Statistics, Theory and Methods, Wiley.

# **Examples**

```
data(alcohol)
## version of data set with trivial names, as
s.alcohol <- alcohol
names(s.alcohol) <- paste("Col", 1:7, sep='')</pre>
```

ambientNOxCH

Daily Means of NOx (mono-nitrogen oxides) in air

# **Description**

This dataset contains daily means (from midnight to midnight) of NOx, i.e., mono-nitrogen oxides, in [ppb] at 13 sites in central Switzerland and Aarau for the year 2004.

# Usage

```
data(ambientNOxCH, package="robustbase")
```

# Format

A data frame with 366 observations on the following 14 variables.

```
date date of day, of class "Date".
```

- ad Site is located north of Altdorf 100 meters east of motorway A2, on an open field at the beginning of a more than 2000m deep valley (690.175, 193.55; 438; inLuft)
- ba Site is located in the centre of the little town of Baden in a residential area. Baden has 34'000 inhabitants and is situated on the swiss plateau (666.075, 257.972; 377; inLuft).
- ef Site is located 6 km south of altdorf and 800 m north of the village of Erstfeld. The motorway A2 passes 5 m west of the measuring site. Over 8 million vehicles have passed Erstfeld in 2004 where 13% of the counts were attributed to trucks (691.43, 187.69; 457; MFM-U).
- la Site is located on a wooded hill in a rural area called Laegern, about 190 m above Baden, which is about 5 km away (669.8, 259; 690; NABEL).
- 1u Site is located in the center of town of Lucerne, which has 57'000 inhabitants (666.19, 211.975; 460; inLuft).
- re Site is located 1 km west of Reiden on the Swiss plateau. The motorway A2 passes 5 m west of the measuring site (639.56, 232.11; 462; MFM-U).

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ri Site is located at Rigi Seebodenalp, 649 m above the lake of Lucerne on an alp with half a dozen small houses (677.9, 213.5; 1030; NABEL).

- se Site is located in Sedel next to town of Lucerne 35m above and 250m south of motorway A14 from Zug to Lucerne on a low hill with free 360° panorama (665.5, 213.41; 484; inLuft).
- si Site is located at the border of a small industrial area in Sisseln, 300 m east of a main road (640.725, 266.25; 305; inLuft).
- st Site is located at the south east border of Stans with 7'000 inhabitants (670.85, 201.025; 438; inLuft).
- su Site is located in the center of Suhr (8700 inhabitants), 10 m from the main road (648.49, 246.985; 403; inLuft).
- sz Site is located in Schwyz (14'200 inhabitants) near a shopping center (691.92, 208.03; 470; inLuft).
- zg Site is located in the centre of Zug with 22'000 inhabitants, 24 m from the main road (681.625, 224.625; 420; inLuft).

#### **Details**

The 13 sites are part of one of the three air quality monitoring networks: inLuft (regional authorities of central Switzerland and canton Aargau)

NABEL (Swiss federal network)

MFM-U (Monitoring flankierende Massnahmen Umwelt), special Swiss federal network along transit motorways A2 and A13 from Germany to Italy through Switzerland

The information within the brackets means: Swiss coordinates km east, km north; m above sea level; network

When the measuring sites are exposed to the same atmospheric condition and when there is no singular emission event at any site, log(mean(NOx) of a specific day at each site) is a linear function of log(yearly.mean(NOx) at the corresponding site). The offset and the slope of the straight line reflects the atmospheric conditions at this specific day. During winter time, often an inversion prevents the emissions from being diluted vertically, so that there evolve two separate atmospheric compartements: One below the inversion boundary with polluted air and one above with relatively clean air. In our example below, Rigi Seebodenalp is above the inversion boundary between December 10th and 12th.

# **Source**

http://www.in-luft.ch/ http://www.empa.ch/plugin/template/empa/\*/6794 http://www.bafu.admin.ch/umweltbeobachtung/02272/02280

### See Also

another NOx dataset, NOxEmissions.

# **Examples**

data(ambientNOxCH)
str (ambientNOxCH)

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```
yearly <- log(colMeans(ambientN0xCH[,-1], na.rm=TRUE))</pre>
xlim <- range(yearly)</pre>
1NOx <- log(ambientNOxCH[, -1])</pre>
days <-
            ambientNOxCH[, "date"]
## Subset of 9 days starting at April 4:
idays <- seq(which(ambientN0xCH$date=="2004-12-04"), length=9)
ylim <- range(lNOx[idays,],na.rm=TRUE)</pre>
op <- par(mfrow=c(3,3), mar=rep(1,4), oma = c(0,0,2,0))
for (id in idays) {
  daily <- unlist(lN0x[id,])</pre>
  plot(NA, xlim=xlim,ylim=ylim, ann=FALSE, type = "n")
  abline(0:1, col="light gray")
  abline(lmrob(daily~yearly, na.action=na.exclude),
         col="red", lwd=2)
  text(yearly, daily, names(yearly), col="blue")
  mtext(days[id], side=1, line=-1.2, cex=.75, adj=.98)
mtext("Daily ~ Yearly log( NOx mean values ) at 13 Swiss locations",
      outer=TRUE)
par(op)
## do all 366 regressions: Least Squares and Robust:
LS <- lapply(1:nrow(ambientNOxCH), function(id)
             lm(unlist(lNOx[id,]) ~ yearly,
                na.action = na.exclude))
R <- lapply(1:nrow(ambientNOxCH),</pre>
            function(id) lmrob(unlist(lNOx[id,]) \sim yearly,
                                na.action = na.exclude))
## currently 4 warnings about non-convergence;
## which ones?
days[not0k <- ! sapply(R, `[[`, "converged") ]</pre>
## "2004-01-10" "2004-05-12" "2004-05-16" "2004-11-16"
## first problematic case:
daily <- unlist(lN0x[which(not0k)[1],])</pre>
plot(daily ~ yearly,
     main = paste("lmrob() non-convergent:",days[not0k[1]]))
rr <- lmrob(daily ~ yearly, na.action = na.exclude,</pre>
            control = lmrob.control(trace=3, max.it = 100))
##-> 53 iter.
## Look at all coefficients:
R.cf <- t(sapply(R, coef))</pre>
C.cf <- t(sapply(LS, coef))</pre>
plot(C.cf, xlim=range(C.cf[,1],R.cf[,1]),
           ylim=range(C.cf[,2],R.cf[,2]))
mD1 <- rowMeans(abs(C.cf - R.cf))</pre>
lrg <- mD1 > quantile(mD1, 0.80)
arrows(C.cf[lrg,1], C.cf[lrg,2],
       R.cf[lrg,1], R.cf[lrg,2], length=.1, col="light gray")
```

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Animals2

Brain and Body Weights for 65 Species of Land Animals

# **Description**

A data frame with average brain and body weights for 62 species of land mammals and three others. Note that this is simply the union of Animals and mammals.

# Usage

Animals2

# Format

body body weight in kg brain brain weight in g

# Note

After loading the MASS package, the data set is simply constructed by Animals2 <- local({D <- rbind(Animals, mammals); unique(D[order(D\$body,D\$brain),])}).

Rousseeuw and Leroy (1987)'s 'brain' data is the same as **MASS**'s Animals (with Rat and Brachiosaurus interchanged, see the example below).

# **Source**

Weisberg, S. (1985) *Applied Linear Regression*. 2nd edition. Wiley, pp. 144–5. P. J. Rousseeuw and A. M. Leroy (1987) *Robust Regression and Outlier Detection*. Wiley, p. 57.

#### References

Venables, W. N. and Ripley, B. D. (2002) Modern Applied Statistics with S. Forth Edition. Springer.

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# **Examples**

```
data(Animals2)
## Sensible Plot needs doubly logarithmic scale
plot(Animals2, log = "xy")
## Regression example plot:
plotbb <- function(bbdat) {</pre>
  d.name <- deparse(substitute(bbdat))</pre>
  plot(log(brain) ~ log(body), data = bbdat, main = d.name)
  abline(
                lm(log(brain) ~ log(body), data = bbdat))
  abline(MASS::rlm(log(brain) ~ log(body), data = bbdat), col = 2)
  legend("bottomright", leg = c("lm", "rlm"), col=1:2, lwd=1, inset = 1/20)
plotbb(bbdat = Animals2)
## The `same' plot for Rousseeuw's subset:
data(Animals, package = "MASS")
brain <- Animals[c(1:24, 26:25, 27:28),]
plotbb(bbdat = brain)
lbrain <- log(brain)</pre>
plot(mahalanobis(lbrain, colMeans(lbrain), var(lbrain)),
     main = "Classical Mahalanobis Distances")
mcd <- covMcd(lbrain)</pre>
plot(mahalanobis(lbrain, mcd$center, mcd$cov),
     main = "Robust (MCD) Mahalanobis Distances")
```

anova.glmrob

Analysis of Robust Quasi-Deviance for "glmrob" Objects

# **Description**

Compute an analysis of robust quasi-deviance table for one or more generalized linear models fitted by glmrob.

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'glmrob'
anova(object, ..., test = c("Wald", "QD", "QDapprox"))
```

# Arguments

```
object, ... objects of class glmrob, typically the result of a call to glmrob.

test a character string specifying the test statistic to be used. (Partially) matching one of "Wald", "QD" or "QDapprox". See Details.
```

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#### **Details**

Specifying a single object gives a sequential analysis of robust quasi-deviance table for that fit. That is, the reductions in the robust residual quasi-deviance as each term of the formula is added in turn are given in as the rows of a table. (Currently not yet implemented.)

If more than one object is specified, the table has a row for the residual quasi-degrees of freedom (However, this information is never used in the asymptotic tests). For all but the first model, the change in degrees of freedom and robust quasi-deviance is also given. (This only makes statistical sense if the models are nested.) It is conventional to list the models from smallest to largest, but this is up to the user.

In addition, the table will contain test statistics and P values comparing the reduction in robust quasi-deviance for the model on the row to that on top of it. For all robust fitting methods, the "Wald"-type test between two models can be applied (test = "Wald").

When using Mallows or Huber type robust estimators (method="Mqle" in glmrob), then there are additional test methods. One is the robust quasi-deviance test (test = "QD"), as described by Cantoni and Ronchetti (2001). The asymptotic distribution is approximated by a chi-square distibution. Another test (test = "QDapprox") is based on a quadratic approximation of the robust quasi-deviance test statistic. Its asymptotic distribution is chi-square (see the reference).

The comparison between two or more models by anova. glmrob will only be valid if they are fitted to the same dataset and by the same robust fitting method using the same tuning constant c (tcc in glmrob).

#### Value

Basically, an object of class anova inheriting from class data. frame.

#### Author(s)

Andreas Ruckstuhl

### References

E. Cantoni and E. Ronchetti (2001) Robust Inference for Generalized Linear Models. *JASA* **96** (455), 1022–1030.

E.Cantoni (2004) Analysis of Robust Quasi-deviances for Generalized Linear Models. *Journal of Statistical Software* **10**, https://www.jstatsoft.org/article/view/v010i04

# See Also

```
glmrob, anova.
```

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```
Cfit4 <- glmrob(cbind(success, total-success) ~ logdose * block,</pre>
                family=binomial, data=carrots, method="Mqle",
                control=glmrobMqle.control(tcc=1.2))
anova(Cfit2, Cfit4, test="Wald")
anova(Cfit2, Cfit4, test="QD")
anova(Cfit2, Cfit4, test="QDapprox")
## Poisson response -----
data(epilepsy)
Efit2 <- glmrob(Ysum ~ Age10 + Base4*Trt, family=poisson, data=epilepsy,</pre>
               method="Mqle", control=glmrobMqle.control(tcc=1.2,maxit=100))
summary(Efit2)
Efit3 <- glmrob(Ysum ~ Age10 + Base4 + Trt, family=poisson, data=epilepsy,
               method="Mqle", control=glmrobMqle.control(tcc=1.2,maxit=100))
anova(Efit3, Efit2, test = "Wald")
anova(Efit3, Efit2, test = "QD")
## trivial intercept-only-model:
E0 <- update(Efit3, . ~ 1)
anova(E0, Efit3, Efit2, test = "QDapprox")
```

anova.lmrob

Analysis of Robust Deviances ('anova') for "lmrob" Objects

# **Description**

Compute an analysis of robust Wald-type or deviance-type test tables for one or more linear regression models fitted by lmrob.

# Usage

# **Arguments**

```
object, ... objects of class "lmrob", typically the result of a call to lmrob. ... arguments may also be symbolic descriptions of the reduced models (cf. argument formula in lm).
```

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test a character string specifying the test statistic to be used. Can be one of "Wald"

or "Deviance", with partial matching allowed, for specifying a "Wald"-type test

or "Deviance"-type test.

verbose logical; if true some informative messages are printed.

#### **Details**

Specifying a single object gives a sequential analysis of a robust quasi-deviance table for that fit. That is, the reductions in the robust residual deviance as each term of the formula is added in turn are given in as the rows of a table. (Currently not yet implemented.)

If more than one object is specified, the table has a row for the residual quasi-degrees of freedom (however, this information is never used in the asymptotic tests). For all but the first model, the change in degrees of freedom and robust deviance is also given. (This only makes statistical sense if the models are nested.) As opposed to the convention, the models are forced to be listed from largest to smallest due to computational reasons.

In addition, the table will contain test statistics and P values comparing the reduction in robust deviances for the model on the row to that on top of it. There are two different robust tests available: The "Wald"-type test (test = "Wald") and the Deviance-type test (test = "Deviance"). When using formula description of the nested models in the dot arguments and test = "Deviance", you may be urged to supply a lmrob fit for these models by an error message. This happens when the coefficients of the largest model reduced to the nested models result in invalid initial estimates for the nested models (indicated by robustness weights which are all 0).

The comparison between two or more models by anova.lmrob will only be valid if they are fitted to the same dataset.

### Value

Basically, an object of class anova inheriting from class data. frame.

### Author(s)

Andreas Ruckstuhl

#### See Also

1mrob, anova.

```
data(salinity)
summary(m0.sali <- lmrob(Y ~ . , data = salinity))
anova(m0.sali, Y ~ X1 + X3)
## -> X2 is not needed
(m1.sali <- lmrob(Y ~ X1 + X3, data = salinity))
anova(m0.sali, m1.sali) # the same as before
anova(m0.sali, m1.sali, test = "Deviance")
## whereas 'X3' is highly significant:
m2 <- update(m0.sali, ~ . -X3)
anova(m0.sali, m2)</pre>
```

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```
anova(m0.sali, m2, test = "Deviance")
## Global test [often not interesting]:
anova(m0.sali, update(m0.sali, . ~ 1), test = "Wald")
anova(m0.sali, update(m0.sali, . ~ 1), test = "Deviance")
if(require("MPV")) { ## Montgomery, Peck & Vining datasets
 Jet <- table.b13</pre>
 Jet.rflm1 <- lmrob(y ~ ., data=Jet,</pre>
                     control = lmrob.control(max.it = 500))
 summary(Jet.rflm1)
 anova(Jet.rflm1, y \sim x1 + x5 + x6, test="Wald")
 try( anova(Jet.rflm1, y \sim x1 + x5 + x6, test="Deviance") )
 ## -> Error in anovaLm.... Please fit the nested models by lmrob
 ## {{ since all robustness weights become 0 in the nested model ! }}
 ## Ok: Do as the error message told us:
        test by comparing the two *fitted* models:
 Jet.rflm2 \leftarrow lmrob(y \sim x1 + x5 + x6, data=Jet,
                     control=lmrob.control(max.it=100))
 anova(Jet.rflm1, Jet.rflm2, test="Deviance")
} # end{"MPV" data}
```

biomassTill

Biomass Tillage Data

#### **Description**

An agricultural experiment in which different tillage methods were implemented. The effects of tillage on plant (maize) biomass were subsequently determined by modeling biomass accumulation for each tillage treatment using a 3 parameter Weibull function.

A datset where the total biomass is modeled conditional on a three value factor, and hence *vector* parameters are used.

# Usage

```
data("biomassTill", package="robustbase")
```

#### **Format**

A data frame with 58 observations on the following 3 variables.

```
Tillage Tillage treatments, a factor with levels
```

CA-: a no-tillage system with plant residues removed

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CA+: a no-tillage system with plant residues retained

CT: a conventionally tilled system with residues incorporated

DVS the development stage of the maize crop. A DVS of 1 represents maize anthesis (flowering), and a DVS of 2 represents physiological maturity. For the data, numeric vector with 5 different values between 0.5 and 2.

Biomass accumulated biomass of maize plants from each tillage treatment.

Biom. 2 the same as Biomass, but with three values replaced by "gross errors".

#### Source

From Strahinja Stepanovic and John Laborde, Department of Agronomy & Horticulture, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, USA

```
data(biomassTill)
str(biomassTill)
require(lattice)
## With long tailed errors
xyplot(Biomass ~ DVS | Tillage, data = biomassTill, type=c("p","smooth"))
## With additional 2 outliers:
xyplot(Biom.2 ~ DVS | Tillage, data = biomassTill, type=c("p","smooth"))
### Fit nonlinear Regression models: ------
## simple starting values, needed:
m00st <- list(Wm = rep(300, 3),
              a = rep(1.5, 3),
               b = rep(2.2, 3)
robm <- nlrob(Biomass ~ Wm[Tillage] * (-expm1(-(DVS/a[Tillage])^b[Tillage])),</pre>
              data = biomassTill, start = m00st, maxit = 200)
summary(robm) ## ... 103 IRWLS iterations
plot(sort(robm$rweights), log = "y",
     main = "ordered robustness weights (log scale)")
mtext(getCall(robm))
## the classical (only works for the mild outliers):
cl.m <- nls(Biomass ~ Wm[Tillage] * (-expm1(-(DVS/a[Tillage])^b[Tillage])),</pre>
            data = biomassTill, start = m00st)
## now for the extra-outlier data: -- fails with singular gradient !!
rob2 <- nlrob(Biom.2 ~ Wm[Tillage] * (-expm1(-(DVS/a[Tillage]))* [Tillage])),</pre>
              data = biomassTill, start = m00st)
## use better starting values:
m1st <- setNames(as.list(as.data.frame(matrix(</pre>
                coef(robm), 3))),
                c("Wm", "a","b"))
```

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Campbell Bushfire Data

# **Description**

This data set was used by Campbell (1984) to locate bushfire scars. The dataset contains satelite measurements on five frequency bands, corresponding to each of 38 pixels.

# Usage

```
data(bushfire, package="robustbase")
```

# **Format**

A data frame with 38 observations on 5 variables.

# **Source**

Maronna, R.A. and Yohai, V.J. (1995) The Behavoiur of the Stahel-Donoho Robust Multivariate Estimator. *Journal of the American Statistical Association* **90**, 330–341.

```
data(bushfire)
plot(bushfire)
covMcd(bushfire)
```

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DV1	$\mathbf{p}$ , $\mathbf{v}_1$ , $\mathbf{r}_2$ ,	c $D$ $I$ $A$ $I$ $A$
RYINGRAG	Rianco-Yonai Estimato	er for Robust Logistic Regression
BYlogreg	Dianco Tonai Estinato	T JOT RODUST LOGISTIC REGRESSION

Description

Computation of the estimator of Bianco and Yohai (1996) in logistic regression. Now provides both the *weighted* and regular (unweighted) BY-estimator.

By default, an intercept term is included and p parameters are estimated. For more details, see the reference.

Note: This function is for "back-compatibility" with the BYlogreg() code web-published at KU Leuven, Belgium, and also available as file 'FunctionsRob/BYlogreg.ssc' from https://www.wiley.com/legacy/wileychi/robust\_statistics/robust.html.

However instead of using this function, the recommended interface is glmrob(\*, method = "BY") or ... method = "WBY" ..., see glmrob.

# Usage

# Arguments

x0 a numeric  $n \times (p-1)$  matrix containing the explanatory variables.

y numeric n-vector of binomial (0 - 1) responses.

initwml logical for selecting one of the two possible methods for computing the initial

value of the optimization process.

If initwml is true (default), a weighted ML estimator is computed with weights derived from the MCD estimator computed on the explanatory variables.

If initwml is false, a classical ML fit is performed. When the explanatory variables contain binary observations, it is recommended to set initwml to FALSE or to modify the code of the algorithm to compute the weights only on the con-

tinuous variables.

addIntercept  $\log x$  logical indicating that a column of 1 must be added the x matrix.

const tuning constant used in the computation of the estimator (default=0.5).

kmax maximum number of iterations before convergence (default=1000).

maxhalf max number of step-halving (default=10).

sigma.min smallest value of the scale parameter before implosion (and hence non-convergence)

is assumed.

trace.lev logical (or integer) indicating if intermediate results should be printed; defaults

to 0 (the same as FALSE).

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#### Value

a list with components

convergence logical indicating if convergence was achieved objective the value of the objective function at the minimum

coefficients vector of parameter estimates

vcov variance-covariance matrix of the coefficients (if convergence is TRUE).

sterror standard errors, i.e., simply sqrt(diag(.\$vcov)), if convergence.

# Author(s)

Originally, Christophe Croux and Gentiane Haesbroeck, with thanks to Kristel Joossens and Valentin Todorov for improvements.

Speedup, tweaks, more "control" arguments: Martin Maechler.

#### References

Croux, C., and Haesbroeck, G. (2003) Implementing the Bianco and Yohai estimator for Logistic Regression, *Computational Statistics and Data Analysis* **44**, 273–295.

Ana M. Bianco and Víctor J. Yohai (1996) Robust estimation in the logistic regression model. In Helmut Rieder, *Robust Statistics, Data Analysis, and Computer Intensive Methods*, Lecture Notes in Statistics **109**, pages 17–34.

# See Also

The more typical way to compute BY-estimates (via formula and methods): glmrob(\*, method = "WBY") and .. method = "BY".

```
set.seed(17)
x0 <- matrix(rnorm(100,1))
y <- rbinom(100, size=1, prob= 0.5) # ~= as.numeric(runif(100) > 0.5)
BY <- BYlogreg(x0,y)
BY <- BYlogreg(x0,y, trace.lev=TRUE)

## The "Vaso Constriction" aka "skin" data:
data(vaso)
vX <- model.matrix( ~ log(Volume) + log(Rate), data=vaso)
vY <- vaso[,"Y"]
head(cbind(vX, vY))# 'X' does include the intercept

vWBY <- BYlogreg(x0 = vX, y = vY, addIntercept=FALSE) # as 'vX' has it already
v.BY <- BYlogreg(x0 = vX, y = vY, addIntercept=FALSE, initwml=FALSE)
## they are relatively close, well used to be closer than now,
## with the (2023-05, VT) change of covMcd() scale-correction
stopifnot( all.equal(vWBY, v.BY, tolerance = 0.008) ) # was ~ 1e-4 till 2023-05</pre>
```

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Insect Damages on Carrots

### **Description**

The damage carrots data set from Phelps (1982) was used by McCullagh and Nelder (1989) in order to illustrate diagnostic techniques because of the presence of an outlier. In a soil experiment trial with three blocks, eight levels of insecticide were applied and the carrots were tested for insect damage.

# Usage

```
data(carrots, package="robustbase")
```

#### **Format**

A data frame with 24 observations on the following 4 variables.

success integer giving the number of carrots with insect damage.

total integer giving the total number of carrots per experimental unit.

logdose a numeric vector giving log(dose) values (eight different levels only).

**block** factor with levels B1 to B3

#### **Source**

Phelps, K. (1982). Use of the complementary log-log function to describe doseresponse relationships in insecticide evaluation field trials.

In R. Gilchrist (Ed.), Lecture Notes in Statistics, No. 14. GLIM.82: Proceedings of the International Conference on Generalized Linear Models; Springer-Verlag.

# References

```
McCullagh P. and Nelder, J. A. (1989) Generalized Linear Models. London: Chapman and Hall. Eva Cantoni and Elvezio Ronchetti (2001); JASA, and Eva Cantoni (2004); JSS, see glmrob
```

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Change Defaults (Parameters) of "Psi Function" Objects

# **Description**

To modify an object of class psi\_func, i.e. typically change the tuning parameters, the generic function chgDefaults() is called and works via the corresponding method.

# Methods

object = "psi\_func" The method is used to change the default values for the tuning parameters, and returns an object of class psi\_func, a copy of input object with the slot tDefs possibly changed;.

#### See Also

```
psiFunc
```

# **Examples**

```
## Hampel's psi and rho:
H.38 <- chgDefaults(hampelPsi, k = c(1.5, 3.5, 8))
H.38
plot(H.38)
## for more see ?psiFunc</pre>
```

classPC

Compute Classical Principal Components via SVD or Eigen

# **Description**

Compute classical principal components (PC) via SVD (svd or eigenvalue decomposition (eigen) with non-trivial rank determination.

# Usage

# **Arguments**

X	a numeric matrix.
scale	logical indicating if the matrix should be scaled; it is mean centered in any case (via scale(*, scale=scale)c
center	logical or numeric vector for "centering" the matrix.

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signflip	logical indicating if the sign(.) of the loadings should be determined should flipped such that the absolutely largest value is always positive.
via.svd	logical indicating if the computation is via SVD or Eigen decomposition; the latter makes sense typically only for $n \le p$ .
scores	logical indicating

#### Value

# a list with components

the (numerical) matrix rank of x; an integer number, say k, from  $\emptyset: \min(\dim(x))$ . In the n>p case, it is  $\operatorname{rankMM}(x)$ .

eigenvalues the k eigenvalues, in the n>p case, proportional to the variances.

loadings the loadings, a  $p\times k$  matrix.

scores if the scores argument was true, the  $n\times k$  matrix of scores, where k is the rank above.

center a numeric p-vector of means, unless the center argument was false.

if the scale argument was not false, the scale used, a *p*-vector.

# Author(s)

scale

Valentin Todorov; efficiency tweaks by Martin Maechler

### See Also

In spirit very similar to R's standard prcomp and princomp, one of the main differences being how the *rank* is determined via a non-trivial tolerance.

```
set.seed(17)
x \leftarrow matrix(rnorm(120), 10, 12) \# n 
pcx <- classPC(x)</pre>
(k <- pcx$rank) # = 9 [after centering!]</pre>
pc2 <- classPC(x, scores=TRUE)</pre>
pcS <- classPC(x, via.svd=TRUE)</pre>
all.equal(pcx, pcS, tol = 1e-8)
## TRUE: eigen() & svd() based PC are close here
pc0 <- classPC(x, center=FALSE, scale=TRUE)</pre>
pc0$rank # = 10 here *no* centering (as E[.] = 0)
## Loadings are orthnormal:
zapsmall( crossprod( pcx$loadings ) )
## PC Scores are roughly orthogonal:
S.S <- crossprod(pc2$scores)</pre>
print.table(signif(zapsmall(S.S), 3), zero.print=".")
stopifnot(all.equal(pcx$eigenvalues, diag(S.S)/k))
```

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Cloud point of a Liquid

# Description

This data set contains the measurements concerning the cloud point of a Liquid, from Draper and Smith (1969). The cloud point is a measure of the degree of crystallization in a stock.

# Usage

```
data(cloud, package="robustbase")
```

# **Format**

A data frame with 19 observations on the following 2 variables.

```
Percentage Percentage of I-8 CloudPoint Cloud point
```

### **Source**

P. J. Rousseeuw and A. M. Leroy (1987) *Robust Regression and Outlier Detection*; Wiley, p.96, table 10.

```
data(cloud)
summary(lm.cloud <- lm(CloudPoint ~., data=cloud))</pre>
```

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coleman

Coleman Data Set

# Description

Contains information on 20 Schools from the Mid-Atlantic and New England States, drawn from a population studied by Coleman et al. (1966). Mosteller and Tukey (1977) analyze this sample consisting of measurements on six different variables, one of which will be treated as a responce.

# Usage

```
data(coleman, package="robustbase")
```

#### **Format**

A data frame with 20 observations on the following 6 variables.

```
salaryP staff salaries per pupil
```

fatherWc percent of white-collar fathers

sstatus socioeconomic status composite deviation: means for family size, family intactness, father's education, mother's education, and home items

teacherSc mean teacher's verbal test score

motherLev mean mother's educational level, one unit is equal to two school years

Y verbal mean test score (y, all sixth graders)

# Author(s)

Valentin Todorov

# **Source**

P. J. Rousseeuw and A. M. Leroy (1987) *Robust Regression and Outlier Detection* Wiley, p.79, table 2.

```
data(coleman)
pairs(coleman)
summary( lm.coleman <- lm(Y ~ . , data = coleman))
summary(lts.coleman <- ltsReg(Y ~ . , data = coleman))
coleman.x <- data.matrix(coleman[, 1:6])
(Cc <- covMcd(coleman.x))</pre>
```

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colMedians Fast Row or Column-wise Medians of a Matrix	
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# **Description**

Calculates the median for each row (column) of a matrix x. This is the same as but more efficient than apply(x, MM, median) for MM=2 or MM=1, respectively.

# Usage

```
colMedians(x, na.rm = FALSE, hasNA = TRUE, keep.names=TRUE)
rowMedians(x, na.rm = FALSE, hasNA = TRUE, keep.names=TRUE)
```

# **Arguments**

x a numeric  $n \times p$  matrix.

na.rm if TRUE, NAs are excluded first, otherwise not.

hasNA logical indicating if x may contain NAs. If set to FALSE, no internal NA handling is performed which typically is faster.

keep.names logical indicating if row or column names of x should become names of the result - as is the case for apply(x, MM, median).

#### Details

The implementation of rowMedians() and colMedians() is optimized for both speed and memory. To avoid coercing to doubles (and hence memory allocation), there is a special implementation for integer matrices. That is, if x is an integer matrix, then rowMedians(as.double(x)) (rowMedians(as.double(x))) would require three times the memory of rowMedians(x) (colMedians(x)), but all this is avoided.

#### Value

```
a numeric vector of length n or p, respectively.
```

#### Missing values

Missing values are excluded before calculating the medians *unless* hasNA is false. Note that na.rm has no effect and is automatically false when hasNA is false, i.e., internally, before computations start, the following is executed:

```
if (!hasNA)  ## If there are no NAs, don't try to remove them
    narm <- FALSE</pre>
```

# Author(s)

Henrik Bengtsson, Harris Jaffee, Martin Maechler

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# See Also

See wgt.himedian() for a weighted hi-median, and colWeightedMedians() etc from package matrixStats for weighted medians.

For mean estimates, see rowMeans() in colSums().

# **Examples**

condroz

Condroz Data

# **Description**

Dataset with pH-value and Calcium content in soil samples, collected in different communities of the Condroz region in Belgium. The data pertain to a subset of 428 samples with a pH-value between 7.0 and 7.5.

# Usage

```
data(condroz, package="robustbase")
```

#### **Format**

A data frame with 428 observations on the following 2 variables.

Ca Calcium content of the soil sample pH pH value of the soil sample

#### Details

For more information on the dataset, cf. Goegebeur et al. (2005).

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#### Source

Hubert and Vandervieren (2006), p. 10. This dataset is also studied in Vandewalle et al. (2004).

#### References

See also those for adjbox.

Goegebeur, Y., Planchon, V., Beirlant, J., Oger, R. (2005). Quality Assessment of Pedochemical Data Using Extreme Value Methodology, Journal of Applied Science, 5, p. 1092-1102.

Vandewalle, B., Beirlant, J., Hubert, M. (2004). A robust estimator of the tail index based on an exponential regression model, in Hubert, M., Pison G., Struyf, A. and S. Van Aelst, ed., Theory and Applications of Recent Robust Methods, Birkhäuser, Basel, p. 367-376.

### **Examples**

adjbox(condroz\$Ca)

covComed

Co-Median Location and Scatter "Covariance" Estimator

# **Description**

Compute (versions of) the (multivariate) "Comedian" covariance, i.e., multivariate location and scatter estimator

# Usage

# **Arguments**

X data matrix of dimension, say  $n \times p$ .

n.iter number of comedian() iterations. Can be as low as zero.

reweight logical indicating if the final distances and weights should be recomputed from

the final cov and center. The default is currently FALSE because that was im-

plicit in the first version of the R code.

tolSolve a numerical tolerance passed to solve.

trace logical (or integer) indicating if intermediate results should be printed; defaults

to FALSE; values  $\geq 2$  also produce print from the internal (Fortran) code.

wgtFUN a character string or function, specifying how the weights for the reweighting

step should be computed. The default, wgtFUN = "01.original" corresponds to 0-1 weights as proposed originally. Other predefined string options are available,

though experimental, see the experimental .wgtFUN.covComed object.

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control

a list with estimation options - this includes those above provided in the function specification, see rrcov.control for the defaults. If control is supplied, the parameters from it will be used. If parameters are passed also in the invocation statement, they will override the corresponding elements of the control object.

#### **Details**

```
.. not yet ..
```

#### Value

an object of class "covComed" which is basically a list with components

```
comp1 Description of 'comp1'
comp2 Description of 'comp2'
... FIXME ...
```

### Author(s)

Maria Anna di Palma (initial), Valentin Todorov and Martin Maechler

#### References

Falk, M. (1997) On mad and comedians. Annals of the Institute of Statistical Mathematics 49, 615–644.

Falk, M. (1998). A note on the comedian for elliptical distributions. *Journal of Multivariate Analysis* **67**, 306–317.

#### See Also

```
covMcd, etc
```

```
## Cutoffs may depend on (n, p, control$beta) :
str(.wgtFUN.covComed)
```

covMcd

Robust Location and Scatter Estimation via MCD

## **Description**

Compute the Minimum Covariance Determinant (MCD) estimator, a robust multivariate location and scale estimate with a high breakdown point, via the 'Fast MCD' or 'Deterministic MCD' ("DetMcd") algorithm.

## Usage

```
covMcd(x, cor = FALSE, raw.only = FALSE,
    alpha =, nsamp =, nmini =, kmini =,
    scalefn =, maxcsteps =,
    initHsets = NULL, save.hsets = FALSE, names = TRUE,
    seed =, tolSolve =, trace =,
    use.correction =, wgtFUN =, control = rrcov.control())
```

## **Arguments**

V	a	matrix	$\alpha$ r	data	frame.
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cor should the returned result include a correlation matrix? Default is cor = FALSE.

raw.only should only the "raw" estimate be returned, i.e., no (re)weighting step be per-

formed; default is false.

alpha numeric parameter controlling the size of the subsets over which the determinant

is minimized; roughly alpha\*n, (see 'Details' below) observations are used for computing the determinant. Allowed values are between 0.5 and 1 and the de-

fault is 0.5.

nsamp number of subsets used for initial estimates or "best", "exact", or "deterministic".

Default is nsamp = 500. For nsamp = "best" exhaustive enumeration is done, as long as the number of trials does not exceed 100'000 (= nLarge). For "exact", exhaustive enumeration will be attempted however many samples are needed. In this case a warning message may be displayed saying that the computation

can take a very long time.

For "deterministic", the *deterministic* MCD is computed; as proposed by Hubert et al. (2012) it starts from the h most central observations of six (deterministic).

ministic) estimators.

nmini, kmini for  $n \geq 2 \times n_0, n_0 :=$  nmini, the algorithm splits the data into maximally

kmini (by default 5) subsets, of size approximately, but at least nmini. When nmini\*kmini < n, the initial search uses only a *subsample* of size nmini\*kmini.

The original algorithm had nmini = 300 and kmini = 5 hard coded.

for the deterministic MCD: function to compute a robust scale estimate or

character string specifying a rule determining such a function. The default, currently "hrv2012", uses the recommendation of Hubert, Rousseeuw and Verdonck (2012) who recommend Qn for n < 1000 and scaleTau2 for larger n. Alternatively, scalefn = "v2014", uses that rule with cutoff n = 5000. maxcsteps maximal number of concentration steps in the deterministic MCD; should not be reached. initHsets NULL or a Kxh integer matrix of initial subsets of observations of size h (specified by the indices in 1:n). save.hsets (for deterministic MCD) logical indicating if the initial subsets should be returned as initHsets. names logical; if true (as by default), several parts of the result have a names or dimnames respectively, derived from data matrix x. seed initial seed for random generator, like .Random. seed, see rrcov.control. tolSolve numeric tolerance to be used for inversion (solve) of the covariance matrix in mahalanobis. logical (or integer) indicating if intermediate results should be printed; defaults trace to FALSE; values  $\geq 2$  also produce print from the internal (Fortran) code. whether to use finite sample correction factors; defaults to TRUE. use.correction wgtFUN a character string or function, specifying how the weights for the reweight-

ing step should be computed. Up to April 2013, the only option has been the original proposal in (1999), now specified by wgtFUN = "01.original" (or via control). Since **robustbase** version 0.92-3, Dec.2014, other predefined string options are available, though experimental, see the experimental .wgtFUN.covMcd

object.

control a list with estimation options - this includes those above provided in the function

specification, see rrcov.control for the defaults. If control is supplied, the parameters from it will be used. If parameters are passed also in the invocation statement, they will override the corresponding elements of the control object.

## **Details**

scalefn

The minimum covariance determinant estimator of location and scatter implemented in covMcd() is similar to R function cov.mcd() in MASS. The MCD method looks for the h(>n/2) ( $h=h(\alpha,n,p)=h.alpha.n(alpha,n,p)$ ) observations (out of n) whose classical covariance matrix has the lowest possible determinant.

The raw MCD estimate of location is then the average of these h points, whereas the raw MCD estimate of scatter is their covariance matrix, multiplied by a consistency factor (.MCDcons(p, h/n)) and (if use.correction is true) a finite sample correction factor (.MCDcnp2(p, n, alpha)), to make it consistent at the normal model and unbiased at small samples. Both rescaling factors (consistency and finite sample) are returned in the length-2 vector raw.cnp2.

The implementation of covMcd uses the Fast MCD algorithm of Rousseeuw and Van Driessen (1999) to approximate the minimum covariance determinant estimator.

Based on these raw MCD estimates, (unless argument raw.only is true), a reweighting step is performed, i.e.,  $V \leftarrow cov.wt(x,w)$ , where w are weights determined by "outlyingness" with respect to

the scaled raw MCD. Again, a consistency factor and (if use correction is true) a finite sample correction factor (.MCDcnp2.rew(p, n, alpha)) are applied. The reweighted covariance is typically considerably more efficient than the raw one, see Pison et al. (2002).

The two rescaling factors for the reweighted estimates are returned in cnp2. Details for the computation of the finite sample correction factors can be found in Pison et al. (2002).

#### Value

An object of class "mcd" which is basically a list with components

center the final estimate of location. cov the final estimate of scatter.

the (final) estimate of the correlation matrix (only if cor = TRUE). cor

the value of the criterion, i.e., the logarithm of the determinant. Previous to crit

Nov.2014, it contained the determinant itself which can under- or overflow rela-

tively easily.

the best subset found and used for computing the raw estimates, with length(best) best

== quan = h.alpha.n(alpha,n,p).

mahalanobis distances of the observations using the final estimate of the location mah

and scatter.

mcd.wt weights of the observations using the final estimate of the location and scatter. cnp2

a vector of length two containing the consistency correction factor and the finite

sample correction factor of the final estimate of the covariance matrix.

the raw (not reweighted) estimate of location. raw.center raw.cov the raw (not reweighted) estimate of scatter.

raw.mah mahalanobis distances of the observations based on the raw estimate of the lo-

cation and scatter.

weights of the observations based on the raw estimate of the location and scatter. raw.weights raw.cnp2 a vector of length two containing the consistency correction factor and the finite

sample correction factor of the raw estimate of the covariance matrix.

Χ the input data as numeric matrix, without NAs.

total number of observations. n.obs

alpha the size of the subsets over which the determinant is minimized (the default is

(n+p+1)/2).

the number of observations, h, on which the MCD is based. If quan equals quan

n. obs, the MCD is the classical covariance matrix.

method character string naming the method (Minimum Covariance Determinant), start-

ing with "Deterministic" when nsamp="deterministic".

iBest (for the deterministic MCD) contains indices from 1:6 denoting which of the

(six) initial subsets lead to the best set found.

(for the deterministic MCD) for each of the initial subsets, the number of C-steps n.csteps

executed till convergence.

call the call used (see match.call).

#### Author(s)

Valentin Todorov <valentin.todorov@chello.at>, based on work written for S-plus by Peter Rousseeuw and Katrien van Driessen from University of Antwerp.

Visibility of (formerly internal) tuning parameters, notably wgtFUN(): Martin Maechler

#### References

Rousseeuw, P. J. and Leroy, A. M. (1987) Robust Regression and Outlier Detection. Wiley.

Rousseeuw, P. J. and van Driessen, K. (1999) A fast algorithm for the minimum covariance determinant estimator. *Technometrics* **41**, 212–223.

Pison, G., Van Aelst, S., and Willems, G. (2002) Small Sample Corrections for LTS and MCD, *Metrika* **55**, 111–123.

Hubert, M., Rousseeuw, P. J. and Verdonck, T. (2012) A deterministic algorithm for robust location and scatter. Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics **21**, 618–637.

#### See Also

cov.mcd from package MASS; covOGK as cheaper alternative for larger dimensions.

BACON and covNNC, from package **robustX**;

```
data(hbk)
hbk.x <- data.matrix(hbk[, 1:3])
set.seed(17)
(cH <- covMcd(hbk.x))</pre>
cH0 <- covMcd(hbk.x, nsamp = "deterministic")</pre>
with(cH0, stopifnot(quan == 39,
     iBest == c(1:4,6), # 5 out of 6 gave the same
     identical(raw.weights, mcd.wt),
     identical(which(mcd.wt == 0), 1:14), all.equal(crit, -1.045500594135)))
## the following three statements are equivalent
c1 <- covMcd(hbk.x, alpha = 0.75)
c2 <- covMcd(hbk.x, control = rrcov.control(alpha = 0.75))
## direct specification overrides control one:
c3 < - covMcd(hbk.x, alpha = 0.75,
             control = rrcov.control(alpha=0.95))
c1
## Martin's smooth reweighting:
## List of experimental pre-specified wgtFUN() creators:
## Cutoffs may depend on (n, p, control$beta) :
str(.wgtFUN.covMcd)
cMM <- covMcd(hbk.x, wgtFUN = "sm1.adaptive")</pre>
ina <- which(names(cH) == "call")</pre>
```

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```
all.equal(cMM[-ina], cH[-ina]) # *some* differences, not huge (same 'best'):
stopifnot(all.equal(cMM[-ina], cH[-ina], tol = 0.2))
```

cov0GK

Orthogonalized Gnanadesikan-Kettenring (OGK) Covariance Matrix Estimation

## **Description**

Computes the orthogonalized pairwise covariance matrix estimate described in in Maronna and Zamar (2002). The pairwise proposal goes back to Gnanadesikan and Kettenring (1972).

## Usage

## Arguments

X data in something that can be coerced into a numeric matrix.

n.iter number of orthogonalization iterations. Usually 1 or 2; values greater than 2 are

unlikely to have any significant effect on the estimate (other than increasing the

computing time).

sigmamu, scalefn

a function that computes univariate robust location and scale estimates. By default it should return a single numeric value containing the robust scale (standard deviation) estimate. When mu.too is true, sigmamu() should return a numeric vector of length 2 containing robust location and scale estimates. See scaleTau2, s\_Qn, s\_Sn, s\_mad or s\_IQR for examples to be used as sigmamu

argument.

function that computes a robust covariance estimate between two vectors. The

default, Gnanadesikan-Kettenring's covGK, is simply  $(s^2(X+Y)-s^2(X-Y))$ 

(Y) /4 where s() is the scale estimate sigmamu().

weight. fn a function of the robust distances and the number of variables p to compute the

weights used in the reweighting step.

keep.data logical indicating if the (untransformed) data matrix X should be kept as part of

the result.

... additional arguments; for covOGK to be passed to sigmamu() and weight.fn();

for covGK passed to scalefn.

x, y numeric vectors of the same length, the covariance of which is sought in covGK

(or the scale, in s\_mad or s\_IQR).

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mu. too logical indicating if both location and scale should be returned or just the scale

(when  $\mbox{mu.too=FALSE}$  as by default).

na.rm if TRUE then NA values are stripped from x before computation takes place.

#### **Details**

Typical default values for the *function* arguments sigmamu, rcov, and weight.fn, are available as well, see the *Examples* below, **but** their names and calling sequences are still subject to discussion and may be changed in the future.

The current default, weight. fn = hard.rejection corresponds to the proposition in the litterature, but Martin Maechler strongly believes that the hard threshold currently in use is too arbitrary, and further that *soft* thresholding should be used instead, anyway.

#### Value

covOGK() currently returns a list with components

center robust location: numeric vector of length p. cov robust covariance matrix estimate:  $p \times p$  matrix.

wcenter, wcov re-weighted versions of center and cov.

weights the robustness weights used.

distances the mahalanobis distances computed using center and cov.

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but note that this might be radically changed to returning an S4 classed object!

covGK() is a trivial 1-line function returning the covariance estimate

$$\hat{c}(x,y) = (\hat{\sigma}(x+y)^2 - \hat{\sigma}(x-y)^2)/4,$$

where  $\hat{\sigma}(u)$  is the scale estimate of u specified by scalefn.

 $s_mad()$ , and  $s_IQR()$  return the scale estimates mad or IQR respectively, where the  $s_*$  functions return a length-2 vector (mu, sig) when mu. too = TRUE, see also scaleTau2.

## Author(s)

Kjell Konis <konis@stats.ox.ac.uk>, with modifications by Martin Maechler.

# References

Maronna, R.A. and Zamar, R.H. (2002) Robust estimates of location and dispersion of high-dimensional datasets; *Technometrics* **44**(4), 307–317.

Gnanadesikan, R. and John R. Kettenring (1972) Robust estimates, residuals, and outlier detection with multiresponse data. *Biometrics* **28**, 81–124.

## See Also

scaleTau2, covMcd, cov.rob.

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## **Examples**

```
data(hbk)
hbk.x <- data.matrix(hbk[, 1:3])</pre>
c01 <- cov0GK(hbk.x, sigmamu = scaleTau2)</pre>
c02 <- covOGK(hbk.x, sigmamu = s_Qn)</pre>
cO3 <- covOGK(hbk.x, sigmamu = s_Sn)
cO4 <- covOGK(hbk.x, sigmamu = s_mad)
cO5 <- covOGK(hbk.x, sigmamu = s_IQR)
data(toxicity)
cOltox <- covOGK(toxicity, sigmamu = scaleTau2)</pre>
cO2tox <- covOGK(toxicity, sigmamu = s_Qn)</pre>
## nice formatting of correlation matrices:
as.dist(round(cov2cor(c01tox$cov), 2))
as.dist(round(cov2cor(cO2tox$cov), 2))
## "graphical"
symnum(cov2cor(c01tox$cov))
symnum(cov2cor(cO2tox$cov), legend=FALSE)
```

CrohnD

Crohn's Disease Adverse Events Data

## **Description**

Data set issued from a study of the adverse events of a drug on 117 patients affected by Crohn's disease (a chronic inflammatory disease of the intestines).

# Usage

```
data(CrohnD, package="robustbase")
```

#### **Format**

A data frame with 117 observations on the following 9 variables.

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#### **Source**

form the authors of the reference, with permission by the original data collecting agency.

#### References

Serigne N. Lô and Elvezio Ronchetti (2006). Robust Second Order Accurate Inference for Generalized Linear Models. Technical report, University of Geneva, Switzerland.

# **Examples**

```
data(CrohnD)
str(CrohnD)
with(CrohnD, ftable(table(sex,country, treat)))
```

cushny

Cushny and Peebles Prolongation of Sleep Data

## **Description**

The original data set was bivariate and recorded for ten subjects the prolongation of sleep caused by two different drugs. These data were used by Student as the first illustration of the paired t-test which only needs the *differences* of the two measurements. These differences are the values of cushny.

## Usage

```
data(cushny, package="robustbase")
```

## Format

```
numeric vector, sorted increasingly: 0 0.8 1 1.2 1.3 1.3 1.4 1.8 2.4 4.6
```

#### **Source**

Cushny, A.R. and Peebles, A.R. (1905) The action of optical isomers. II. Hyoscines. *J. Physiol.* **32**, 501–510.

These data were used by Student(1908) as the first illustration of the paired t-test, see also sleep; then cited by Fisher (1925) and thereforth copied in numerous books as an example of a normally distributed sample, see, e.g., Anderson (1958).

## References

Student (1908) The probable error of a mean. *Biometrika* 6, 1–25.

Fisher, R.A. (1925) Statistical Methods for Research Workers; Oliver & Boyd, Edinburgh.

Anderson, T.W. (1958) An Introduction to Multivariate Statistical Analysis; Wiley, N.Y.

Hampel, F., Ronchetti, E., Rousseeuw, P. and Stahel, W. (1986) *Robust Statistics: The Approach Based on Influence Functions*; Wiley, N.Y.

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## **Examples**

```
data(cushny)
plot(cushny, rep(0, 10), pch = 3, cex = 3,
     ylab = "", yaxt = "n")
plot(jitter(cushny), rep(0, 10), pch = 3, cex = 2,
     main = "'cushny' data (n= 10)", ylab = "", yaxt = "n")
abline(h=0, col="gray", lty=3)
myPt \leftarrow function(m, 1wd = 2, ..., e = 1.5*par("cxy")[2])
  segments(m, +e, m, -e, lwd = lwd, ...)
myPt( mean(cushny), col = "pink3")
myPt(median(cushny), col = "light blue")
legend("topright", c("mean", "median"), lwd = 2,
       col = c("pink3", "light blue"), inset = .01)
## The 'sleep' data from the standard 'datasets' package:
d.sleep <- local({ gr <- with(datasets::sleep, split(extra, group))</pre>
                   gr[[2]] - gr[[1]] })
stopifnot(all.equal(cushny,
                    sort(d.sleep), tolerance=1e-15))
```

delivery

Delivery Time Data

# Description

Delivery Time Data, from Montgomery and Peck (1982). The aim is to explain the time required to service a vending machine (Y) by means of the number of products stocked (X1) and the distance walked by the route driver (X2).

# Usage

```
data(delivery, package="robustbase")
```

# **Format**

A data frame with 25 observations on the following 3 variables.

```
n.prod Number of Productsdistance DistancedelTime Delivery time
```

#### Source

Montgomery and Peck (1982, p.116)

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## References

P. J. Rousseeuw and A. M. Leroy (1987) *Robust Regression and Outlier Detection*; Wiley, page 155, table 23.

# **Examples**

```
data(delivery)
summary(lm.deli <- lm(delTime ~ ., data = delivery))
delivery.x <- as.matrix(delivery[, 1:2])
c_deli <- covMcd(delivery.x)
c_deli</pre>
```

education

Education Expenditure Data

## Description

Education Expenditure Data, from Chatterjee and Price (1977, p.108). This data set, representing the education expenditure variables in the 50 US states, providing an interesting example of heteroscedacity.

## Usage

```
data(education, package="robustbase")
```

## **Format**

A data frame with 50 observations on the following 6 variables.

State State

Region Region (1=Northeastern, 2=North central, 3=Southern, 4=Western)

- X1 Number of residents per thousand residing in urban areas in 1970
- X2 Per capita personal income in 1973
- X3 Number of residents per thousand under 18 years of age in 1974
- Y Per capita expenditure on public education in a state, projected for 1975

## Source

P. J. Rousseeuw and A. M. Leroy (1987) *Robust Regression and Outlier Detection*; Wiley, p.110, table 16.

```
data(education)
education.x <- data.matrix(education[, 3:5])
summary(lm.education <- lm(Y ~ Region + X1+X2+X3, data=education))
## See example(lmrob.M.S) # for how robust regression is used</pre>
```

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Epilepsy Attacks Data Set

## **Description**

Data from a clinical trial of 59 patients with epilepsy (Breslow, 1996) in order to illustrate diagnostic techniques in Poisson regression.

# Usage

```
data(epilepsy, package="robustbase")
```

#### **Format**

A data frame with 59 observations on the following 11 variables.

- ID Patient identification number
- Y1 Number of epilepsy attacks patients have during the first follow-up period
- Y2 Number of epilepsy attacks patients have during the second follow-up period
- Y3 Number of epilepsy attacks patients have during the third follow-up period
- Y4 Number of epilepsy attacks patients have during the forth follow-up period

Base Number of epileptic attacks recorded during 8 week period prior to randomization

Age Age of the patients

Trt a factor with levels placebo progabide indicating whether the anti-epilepsy drug Progabide has been applied or not

Ysum Total number of epilepsy attacks patients have during the four follow-up periods

Age 10 Age of the patients devided by 10

Base4 Variable Base devided by 4

## **Details**

Thall and Vail reported data from a clinical trial of 59 patients with epilepsy, 31 of whom were randomized to receive the anti-epilepsy drug Progabide and 28 of whom received a placebo. Baseline data consisted of the patient's age and the number of epileptic seizures recorded during 8 week period prior to randomization. The response consisted of counts of seizures occuring during the four consecutive follow-up periods of two weeks each.

# Source

Thall, P.F. and Vail S.C. (1990) Some covariance models for longitudinal count data with overdispersion. *Biometrics* **46**, 657–671.

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## References

Diggle, P.J., Liang, K.Y., and Zeger, S.L. (1994) *Analysis of Longitudinal Data*; Clarendon Press. Breslow N. E. (1996) Generalized linear models: Checking assumptions and strengthening conclusions. *Statistica Applicata* **8**, 23–41.

# **Examples**

estimethod

Extract the Estimation Method 'Estimethod' from a Fitted Model

# Description

Extract the estimation method as a character string from a fitted model.

# Usage

```
estimethod(object, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

```
object a fitted model.
... additional, optional arguments. (None are used in our methods)
```

## **Details**

This is a (S3) generic function for which we provide methods, currently for nlrob only.

## Value

a character string, the estimation method used.

# See Also

```
nlrob, and nlrob.MM, notably for examples.
```

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Example Data of Antille and May - for Simple Regression

# **Description**

This is an artificial data set, cleverly construced and used by Antille and May to demonstrate 'problems' with LMS and LTS.

# Usage

```
data(exAM, package="robustbase")
```

## **Format**

A data frame with 12 observations on 2 variables, x and y.

#### **Details**

Because the points are not in general position, both LMS and LTS typically *fail*; however, e.g., rlm(\*, method="MM") "works".

#### Source

Antille, G. and El May, H. (1992) The use of slices in the LMS and the method of density slices: Foundation and comparison.

In Yadolah Dodge and Joe Whittaker, editors, *COMPSTAT: Proc. 10th Symp. Computat. Statist.*, *Neuchatel*, **1**, 441–445; Physica-Verlag.

## **Examples**

```
data(exAM)
plot(exAM)
summary(ls <- lm(y ~ x, data=exAM))
abline(ls)</pre>
```

foodstamp

Food Stamp Program Participation

## **Description**

This data consists of 150 randomly selected persons from a survey with information on over 2000 elderly US citizens, where the response, indicates participation in the U.S. Food Stamp Program.

## Usage

```
data(foodstamp, package="robustbase")
```

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#### **Format**

```
A data frame with 150 observations on the following 4 variables.

participation participation in U.S. Food Stamp Program; yes = 1, no = 0

tenancy tenancy, indicating home ownership; yes = 1, no = 0

suppl.income supplemental income, indicating whether some form of supplemental security income is received; yes = 1, no = 0

income monthly income (in US dollars)
```

#### Source

Data description and first analysis: Stefanski et al.(1986) who indicate Rizek(1978) as original source of the larger study.

Electronic version from CRAN package catdata.

#### References

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fullRank

Remove Columns (or Rows) From a Matrix to Make It Full Rank

# **Description**

From the QR decomposition with pivoting, (qr(x, tol) if  $n \ge p$ ), if the matrix is not of full rank, the corresponding columns  $(n \ge p)$  or rows (n < p) are omitted to form a full rank matrix.

## Usage

```
fullRank(x, tol = 1e-7, qrx = qr(x, tol=tol))
```

## **Arguments**

```
x a numeric matrix of dimension n \times p, or a similar object for which qr() works.
tol tolerance for determining rank (deficiency). Currently is simply passed to qr.
qrx optionally may be used to pass a qr(x, ..); only used when p <= n.
```

#### Value

a version of the matrix x, with less columns or rows if x's rank was smaller than min(n,p). If x is of full rank, it is returned unchanged.

#### Note

This is useful for robustness algorithms that rely on X matrices of full rank, e.g., adjOutlyingness. This also works for numeric data frames and whenever qr() works correctly.

## Author(s)

Martin Maechler

## See Also

qr; for more sophisticated rank determination, rankMatrix from package Matrix.

```
stopifnot(identical(fullRank(wood), wood))

## More sophisticated and delicate
dim(T <- tcrossprod(data.matrix(toxicity))) # 38 x 38
dim(T. <- fullRank(T)) # 38 x 10
if(requireNamespace("Matrix")) {
   rMmeths <- eval(formals(Matrix::rankMatrix)$method)
   rT. <- sapply(rMmeths, function(.m.) Matrix::rankMatrix(T., method = .m.))
   print(rT.) # "qr" (= "qrLinpack"): 13, others rather 10
}</pre>
```

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Class "functionX" of Psi-like Vectorized Functions

## Description

The class "functionX" of vectorized functions of one argument x and typically further tuning parameters.

#### **Objects from the Class**

Objects can be created by calls of the form new("functionX", ...).

## **Slots**

.Data: Directly extends class "function".

#### **Extends**

Class "function", from data part. Class "OptionalFunction", by class "function". Class "PossibleMethod", by class "function".

## Methods

No methods defined with class "functionX" in the signature.

## Author(s)

Martin Maechler

## See Also

psiFunc(), and class descriptions of functionXal for *functionals* of "functionX", and psi\_func which has several functionX slots.

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Class "functionXal" of Functionals (of Psi-like functions)

## **Description**

The class "functionXal" is a class of functionals (typically integrals) typically of functionX functions.

Since the functionX functions typically also depend on tuning parameters, objects of this class ("functionXal") are functions of these tuning parameters.

#### Slots

.Data: Directly extends class "function".

#### **Extends**

Class "function", from data part. Class "OptionalFunction", by class "function". Class "PossibleMethod", by class "function".

# See Also

psiFunc() and the class definitions of functionX and psi\_func which has several functionXal slots.

glmrob

Robust Fitting of Generalized Linear Models

# Description

glmrob is used to fit generalized linear models by robust methods. The models are specified by giving a symbolic description of the linear predictor and a description of the error distribution. Currently, robust methods are implemented for family = binomial, = poisson, = Gamma and = gaussian.

# Usage

```
glmrob(formula, family, data, weights, subset, na.action,
    start = NULL, offset, method = c("Mqle", "BY", "WBY", "MT"),
    weights.on.x = c("none", "hat", "robCov", "covMcd"), control = NULL,
    model = TRUE, x = FALSE, y = TRUE, contrasts = NULL, trace.lev = 0, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

formula a formula, i.e., a symbolic description of the model to be fit (cf. glm or lm).

family a description of the error distribution and link function to be used in the model.

This can be a character string naming a family function, a family function or the result of a call to a family function. (See family for details of family

functions.)

data an optional data frame containing the variables in the model. If not found in

data, the variables are taken from environment(formula), typically the envi-

ronment from which glmrob is called.

weights an optional vector of weights to be used in the fitting process.

subset an optional vector specifying a subset of observations to be used in the fitting

process.

na.action a function which indicates what should happen when the data contain NAs. The

default is set by the na. action setting in options. The "factory-fresh" default

is na.omit.

start starting values for the parameters in the linear predictor. Note that specifying

start has somewhat different meaning for the different methods. Notably, for "MT", this skips the expensive computation of initial estimates via sub samples,

but needs to be *robust* itself.

offset this can be used to specify an a priori known component to be included in the

linear predictor during fitting.

method a character string specifying the robust fitting method. The details of method

specification are given below.

weights.on.x a character string (can be abbreviated), a function or list (see below), or

a numeric vector of length n, specifying how points (potential outliers) in x-space are downweighted. If "hat", weights on the design of the form  $\sqrt{1-h_{ii}}$  are used, where  $h_{ii}$  are the diagonal elements of the hat matrix. If "robCov", weights based on the robust Mahalanobis distance of the design matrix (intercept excluded) are used where the covariance matrix and the centre is estimated by

cov. rob from the package MASS.

Similarly, if "covMcd", robust weights are computed using covMcd. The default

is "none".

If weights.on.x is a function, it is called with arguments (X, intercept)

and must return an n-vector of non-negative weights.

If it is a list, it must be of length one, and as element contain a function much like covMcd() or cov.rob() (package MASS), which computes multivariate

location and "scatter" of a data matrix X.

control a list of parameters for controlling the fitting process. See the documentation for

glmrobMqle.control for details.

model a logical value indicating whether *model frame* should be included as a compo-

nent of the returned value.

x, y logical values indicating whether the response vector and model matrix used in

the fitting process should be returned as components of the returned value.

contrasts an optional list. See the contrasts.arg of model.matrix.default.

logical (or integer) indicating if intermediate results should be printed; defaults to 0 (the same as FALSE).arguments passed to glmrobMqle.control when control is NULL (as per default).

#### **Details**

method="model.frame" returns the model.frame(), the same as glm().

method="Mqle" fits a generalized linear model using Mallows or Huber type robust estimators, as described in Cantoni and Ronchetti (2001) and Cantoni and Ronchetti (2006). In contrast to the implementation described in Cantoni (2004), the pure influence algorithm is implemented.

method="WBY" and method="BY", available for logistic regression (family = binomial) only, call BYlogreg(\*, initwml= .) for the (weighted) Bianco-Yohai estimator, where initwml is true for "WBY", and false for "BY".

method="MT", currently only implemented for family = poisson, computes an "[M]-Estimator based on [T]ransformation", by Valdora and Yohai (2013), via (hidden internal) glmrobMT(); as that uses sample(), from R version 3.6.0 it depends on RNGkind(\*, sample.kind). Exact reproducibility of results from R versions 3.5.3 and earlier, requires setting RNGversion("3.5.0").

weights.on.x="robCov" makes sense if all explanatory variables are continuous.

In the cases,where weights.on.x is "covMcd" or "robCov", or list with a "robCov" function, the mahalanobis distances D^2 are computed with respect to the covariance (location and scatter) estimate, and the weights are  $1/\sqrt{1+ pmax.int(0, 8*(D2-p)/\sqrt{2*p})}$ , where D2 = D^2 and p = ncol(X).

#### Value

glmrob returns an object of class "glmrob" and is also inheriting from glm.

The summary method, see summary.glmrob, can be used to obtain or print a summary of the results. The generic accessor functions coefficients, effects, fitted.values and residuals (see residuals.glmrob) can be used to extract various useful features of the value returned by glmrob().

An object of class "glmrob" is a list with at least the following components:

coefficients a named vector of coefficients residuals the working residuals, that is the (robustly "huberized") residuals in the final iteration of the IWLS fit. fitted.values the fitted mean values, obtained by transforming the linear predictors by the inverse of the link function. robustness weights for each observations; i.e., residuals × w.r equals the psiw.r function of the Preason's residuals. weights used to down-weight observations based on the position of the observa-W.X tion in the design space. robust estimation of dispersion paramter if appropriate dispersion cov the estimated asymptotic covariance matrix of the estimated coefficients.

tcc the tuning constant c in Huber's psi-function.

family the family object used.

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the linear fit on link scale.

deviance NULL; Exists because of compatipility reasons.

iter the number of iterations used by the influence algorithm.

converged logical. Was the IWLS algorithm judged to have converged?

call the matched call.

formula the formula supplied.

terms the terms object used.

data the data argument.

offset the offset vector used.

control the value of the control argument used.

method the name of the robust fitter function used.

contrasts (where relevant) the contrasts used.

xlevels (where relevant) a record of the levels of the factors used in fitting.

#### Author(s)

Andreas Ruckstuhl ("Mqle") and Martin Maechler

#### References

Eva Cantoni and Elvezio Ronchetti (2001) Robust Inference for Generalized Linear Models. *JASA* **96** (455), 1022–1030.

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S. Heritier, E. Cantoni, S. Copt, M.-P. Victoria-Feser (2009) *Robust Methods in Biostatistics*. Wiley Series in Probability and Statistics.

Marina Valdora and Víctor J. Yohai (2013) Robust estimators for Generalized Linear Models. In progress.

# See Also

```
predict.glmrob for prediction; glmrobMqle.control
```

```
family = binomial, data = carrots, method= "Mqle",
                control= glmrobMqle.control(tcc=1.2))
summary(Rfit1)
Rfit2 <- glmrob(success/total ~ logdose + block, weights = total,
                family = binomial, data = carrots, method= "Mqle",
                control= glmrobMqle.control(tcc=1.2))
coef(Rfit2) ## The same as Rfit1
## Binary response -----
data(vaso)
Vfit1 <- glm(Y ~ log(Volume) + log(Rate), family=binomial, data=vaso)</pre>
coef(Vfit1)
Vfit2 <- glmrob(Y ~ log(Volume) + log(Rate), family=binomial, data=vaso,
                method="Mqle", control = glmrobMqle.control(tcc=3.5))
coef(Vfit2) \# c = 3.5 \Longrightarrow not much different from classical
## Note the problems with tcc <= 3 %% FIXME algorithm ???
Vfit3 <- glmrob(Y ~ log(Volume) + log(Rate), family=binomial, data=vaso,
                method= "BY")
coef(Vfit3)## note that results differ much.
## That's not unreasonable however, see Kuensch et al.(1989), p.465
## Poisson response -----
data(epilepsy)
Efit1 <- glm(Ysum ~ Age10 + Base4*Trt, family=poisson, data=epilepsy)</pre>
summary(Efit1)
Efit2 <- glmrob(Ysum ~ Age10 + Base4*Trt, family = poisson,
                data = epilepsy, method= "Mqle",
                control = glmrobMqle.control(tcc= 1.2))
summary(Efit2)
## 'x' weighting:
(Efit3 <- glmrob(Ysum ~ Age10 + Base4*Trt, family = poisson,
           data = epilepsy, method= "Mqle", weights.on.x = "hat",
 control = glmrobMqle.control(tcc= 1.2)))
try( # gives singular cov matrix: 'Trt' is binary factor -->
     # affine equivariance and subsampling are problematic
Efit4 <- glmrob(Ysum ~ Age10 + Base4*Trt, family = poisson,</pre>
                data = epilepsy, method= "Mqle", weights.on.x = "covMcd",
                control = glmrobMqle.control(tcc=1.2, maxit=100))
)
##--> See example(possumDiv) for another Poisson-regression
### ----- Gamma family -- data from example(glm) ---
```

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```
clotting <- data.frame(</pre>
            u = c(5,10,15,20,30,40,60,80,100),
         lot1 = c(118, 58, 42, 35, 27, 25, 21, 19, 18),
         lot2 = c(69, 35, 26, 21, 18, 16, 13, 12, 12))
summary(cl <- glm (lot1 ~ log(u), data=clotting, family=Gamma))</pre>
summary(ro <- glmrob(lot1 ~ log(u), data=clotting, family=Gamma))</pre>
clotM5.high <- within(clotting, { lot1[5] <- 60 })</pre>
op <- par(mfrow=2:1, mgp = c(1.6, 0.8, 0), mar = c(3,3:1))
plot( lot1 ~ log(u), data=clotM5.high)
plot(1/lot1 ~ log(u), data=clotM5.high)
par(op)
## Obviously, there the first observation is an outlier with respect to both
## representations!
cl5.high <- glm (lot1 ~ log(u), data=clotM5.high, family=Gamma)</pre>
ro5.high <- glmrob(lot1 ~ log(u), data=clotM5.high, family=Gamma)</pre>
with(ro5.high, cbind(w.x, w.r))## the 5th obs. is downweighted heavily!
plot(1/lot1 ~ log(u), data=clotM5.high)
abline(cl5.high, lty=2, col="red")
abline(ro5.high, lwd=2, col="blue") ## result is ok (but not "perfect")
```

glmrob..control

Controlling Robust GLM Fitting by Different Methods

# **Description**

These are auxiliary functions as user interface for glmrob fitting when the different methods, "Mqle", "BY", or "MT" are used. Typically only used when calling glmrob.

# Usage

```
glmrobMqle.control(acc = 1e-04, test.acc = "coef", maxit = 50, tcc = 1.345) glmrobBY.control (maxit = 1000, const = 0.5, maxhalf = 10) glmrobMT.control (cw = 2.1, nsubm = 500, acc = 1e-06, maxit = 200)
```

## **Arguments**

acc positive convergence tolerance; the iterations converge when ???

test.acc Only "coef" is currently implemented

maxit integer giving the maximum number of iterations.

tcc tuning constant c for Huber's psi-function

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const for "BY", the normalizing constant ..

maxhalf for "BY"; the number of halving steps when the gradient itself no longer im-

proves. We have seen examples when increasing maxhalf was of relevance.

cw tuning constant c for Tukey's biweight psi-function

nsubm the number of subsamples to take for finding an initial estimate for method =

"MT".

#### Value

A list with the arguments as components.

## Author(s)

Andreas Ruckstuhl and Martin Maechler

## See Also

glmrob

## **Examples**

```
str(glmrobMqle.control())
str(glmrobBY.control())
str(glmrobMT.control())
```

h.alpha.n

Compute h, the subsample size for MCD and LTS

# **Description**

Compute h(alpha) which is the size of the subsamples to be used for MCD and LTS. Given  $\alpha = alpha$ , n and p, h is an *integer*,  $h \approx \alpha n$ , where the exact formula also depends on p.

```
For \alpha = 1/2, h == floor(n+p+1)/2; for the general case, it's simply n2 <- (n+p+1) %/% 2; floor(2*n2 - n + 2*(n-n2)*alpha).
```

# Usage

```
h.alpha.n(alpha, n, p)
```

## **Arguments**

alpha fraction, numeric (vector) in [0.5, 1], see, e.g., covMcd.

n integer (valued vector), the sample size.
p integer (valued vector), the dimension.

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## Value

numeric vector of  $h(\alpha, n, p)$ ; when any of the arguments of length greater than one, the usual R arithmetic (recycling) rules are used.

## See Also

covMcd and ltsReg which are defined by  $h = h(\alpha, n, p)$  and hence both use h.alpha.n.

## **Examples**

hbk

Hawkins, Bradu, Kass's Artificial Data

## **Description**

Artificial Data Set generated by Hawkins, Bradu, and Kass (1984). The data set consists of 75 observations in four dimensions (one response and three explanatory variables). It provides a good example of the masking effect. The first 14 observations are outliers, created in two groups: 1–10 and 11–14. Only observations 12, 13 and 14 appear as outliers when using classical methods, but can be easily unmasked using robust distances computed by, e.g., MCD - covMcd().

## Usage

```
data(hbk, package="robustbase")
```

# Format

A data frame with 75 observations on 4 variables, where the last variable is the dependent one.

```
X1 x[,1] X2 x[,2] X3 x[,3]
```

# Yy

## Note

This data set is also available in package wle as artificial.

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## **Source**

Hawkins, D.M., Bradu, D., and Kass, G.V. (1984) Location of several outliers in multiple regression data using elemental sets. *Technometrics* **26**, 197–208.

P. J. Rousseeuw and A. M. Leroy (1987) Robust Regression and Outlier Detection; Wiley, p.94.

# **Examples**

```
data(hbk)
plot(hbk)
summary(lm.hbk <- lm(Y ~ ., data = hbk))
hbk.x <- data.matrix(hbk[, 1:3])
(cHBK <- covMcd(hbk.x))</pre>
```

heart

Heart Catherization Data

# **Description**

This data set was analyzed by Weisberg (1980) and Chambers et al. (1983). A catheter is passed into a major vein or artery at the femoral region and moved into the heart. The proper length of the introduced catheter has to be guessed by the physician. The aim of the data set is to describe the relation between the catheter length and the patient's height (X1) and weight (X2).

This data sets is used to demonstrate the effects caused by collinearity. The correlation between height and weight is so high that either variable almost completely determines the other.

# Usage

```
data(heart)
```

#### **Format**

A data frame with 12 observations on the following 3 variables.

```
height Patient's height in inches
weight Patient's weights in pounds
clength Y: Catheter Length (in centimeters)
```

#### Note

There are other heart datasets in other R packages, notably **survival**, hence considering using package = "robustbase", see examples.

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## **Source**

```
Weisberg (1980)
Chambers et al. (1983)
```

P. J. Rousseeuw and A. M. Leroy (1987) *Robust Regression and Outlier Detection*; Wiley, p.103, table 13.

## **Examples**

```
data(heart, package="robustbase")
heart.x <- data.matrix(heart[, 1:2]) # the X-variables
plot(heart.x)
covMcd(heart.x)
summary( lm.heart <- lm(clength ~ . , data = heart))
summary(lts.heart <- ltsReg(clength ~ . , data = heart))</pre>
```

huberize

Huberization - Bringing Outliers In

# **Description**

Huberization (named after Peter Huber's M-estimation algorithm for location originally) replaces outlying values in a sample x by their respective boundary: when  $x_j < c_1$  it is replaced by  $c_1$  and when  $x_j > c_2$  it is replaced by  $c_2$ . Consequently, values inside the interval  $[c_1, c_2]$  remain unchanged.

Here,  $c_j = M \pm c \cdot s$  where s := s(x) is the *robust* scale estimate Qn(x) if that is positive, and by default, M is the robust huber estimate of location  $\mu$  (with tuning constant k).

In the degenerate case where Qn(x) == 0, trimmed means of abs(x - M) are tried as scale estimate s, with decreasing trimming proportions specified by the decreasing trim vector.

## Usage

## **Arguments**

x	numeric vector which is to be huberized.
М	a number; defaulting to $huberM(x, k)$ , the robust Huber M-estimator of location.
С	a positive number, the tuning constant for huberization of the sample x.
trim	a decreasing vector of trimming proportions in $[0,0.5]$ , only used to trim the

absolute deviations from M in case Qn(x) is zero.

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k	used if M is not specified as huberization center M, and so, by default is taken as Huber's M-estimate $huberM(x, k)$ .
warn0	logical indicating if a warning should be signalled in case $Qn(x)$ is zero and the trimmed means for all trimming proportions trim are zero as well.
saveTrim	a logical indicating if the last tried $trim[j]$ value should be stored if $Qn(x)$ was zero.

#### **Details**

- In regular cases, s = Qn(x) is positive and used to huberize values of x outside [M c\*s, M + c\*s].
- In degenerate cases where Qn(x) == 0, we search for an s > 0 by trying the trimmed mean s := mean(abs(x-M), trim = trim[j]) with less and less trimming (as the trimming proportions trim[] must decrease). If even the last, trim[length(trim)], leads to s = 0, a warning is printed when warn0 is true.

#### Value

a numeric vector as x; in case Qn(x) was zero and saveTrim is true, also containing the (last) trim proportion used (to compute the scale s) as attribute "trim" (see attr(), attributes).

#### Note

For the use in mc() and similar cases where mainly numerical stabilization is necessary, a large c = 1e12 will lead to *no* huberization, i.e., all y == x for y <- huberize(x, c) for typical non-degenerate samples.

#### Author(s)

Martin Maechler

## See Also

huberM and mc which is now stabilized by default via something like huberize(\*, c=1e11).

```
## For non-degenerate data and large c, nothing is huberized,
## as there are *no* really extreme outliers :
set.seed(101)
x <- rnorm(1000)
stopifnot(all.equal(x, huberize(x, c=100)))
## 0TOH, the "extremes" are shrunken towards the boundaries for smaller c:
xh <- huberize(x, c = 2)
table(x != xh)
## 45 out of a 1000:
table(xh[x != xh])# 26 on the left boundary -2.098 and 19 on the right = 2.081
## vizualization:
stripchart(x); text(0,1, "x {original}", pos=3); yh <- 0.9
stripchart(xh, at = yh, add=TRUE, col=2)</pre>
```

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huberM

Safe (generalized) Huber M-Estimator of Location

#### **Description**

(Generalized) Huber M-estimator of location with MAD scale, being sensible also when the scale is zero where huber() returns an error.

# Usage

```
huberM(x, k = 1.5, weights = NULL, tol = 1e-06,
    mu = if(is.null(weights)) median(x) else wgt.himedian(x, weights),
    s = if(is.null(weights)) mad(x, center=mu)
else wgt.himedian(abs(x - mu), weights),
    se = FALSE,
    warn0scale = getOption("verbose"))
```

## **Arguments**

X	numeric vector.
k	positive factor; the algorithm winsorizes at k standard deviations.
weights	numeric vector of non-negative weights of same length as x, or NULL.
tol	convergence tolerance.
mu	initial location estimator.
S	scale estimator held constant through the iterations.
se	logical indicating if the standard error should be computed and returned (as SE component). Currently only available when weights is NULL.
warn0scale	logical; if true, and s is 0 and length(x) > 1, this will be warned about.

## **Details**

Note that currently, when non-NULL weights are specified, the default for initial location mu and scale s is wgt.himedian, where strictly speaking a weighted "non-hi" median should be used for consistency. Since s is not updated, the results slightly differ, see the examples below.

When se = TRUE, the standard error is computed using the  $\tau$  correction factor but no finite sample correction.

# Value

list of location and scale parameters, and number of iterations used.

mu	location estimate
S	the s argument, typically the mad.
it	the number of "Huber iterations" used.

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#### Author(s)

Martin Maechler, building on the MASS code mentioned.

#### References

```
Huber, P. J. (1981) Robust Statistics. Wiley.
```

#### See Also

hubers (and huber) in package MASS; mad.

# **Examples**

```
huberM(c(1:9, 1000))
      (c(1:9, 1000))
mad
      (rep(9, 100))
huberM(rep(9, 100))
## When you have "binned" aka replicated observations:
set.seed(7)
x <- c(round(rnorm(1000), 1), round(rnorm(50, m=10, sd = 10)))
t.x \leftarrow table(x) \# \rightarrow unique values and multiplicities
x.uniq <- as.numeric(names(t.x)) ## == sort(unique(x))</pre>
x.mult <- unname(t.x)</pre>
str(Hx <- huberM(x.uniq, weights = x.mult), digits = 7)</pre>
str(Hx. \leftarrow huberM(x, s = Hx\$s, se=TRUE), digits = 7) ## should be <math>\sim= Hx
stopifnot(all.equal(Hx[-4], Hx.[-4]))
str(Hx2 <- huberM(x, se=TRUE), digits = 7)## somewhat different, since 's' differs</pre>
## Confirm correctness of std.error :
system.time(
SS <- replicate(10000, vapply(huberM(rnorm(400), se=TRUE), as.double, 1.))
) \# \sim 2.8 seconds (was 12.2 s)
rbind(mean(SS["SE",]), sd(SS["mu",]))# both ~ 0.0508
stopifnot(all.equal(mean(SS["SE",]),
                     sd ( SS["mu",]), tolerance= 0.002))
```

kootenay

Waterflow Measurements of Kootenay River in Libby and Newgate

#### **Description**

The original data set is the waterflow in January of the Kootenay river, measured at two locations, namely, Libby (Montana) and Newgate (British Columbia) for 13 consecutive years, 1931–1943.

The data set is of mostly interest because it has been used as example in innumerous didactical situations about robust regression. To this end, one number (in observation 4) has been modified from the original data from originally 44.9 to 15.7 (here).

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#### Usage

```
data(kootenay, package="robustbase")
```

#### **Format**

A data frame with 13 observations on the following 2 variables.

```
Libby a numeric vector
Newgate a numeric vector
```

#### **Details**

The original (unmodified) version of the data is easily obtainable as kootenay0 from the examples; other modified versions of the data sets are also used in different places, see the examples below.

#### Source

Original Data, p.58f of Ezekiel and Fox (1959), *Methods of Correlation and Regression Analysis*. Wiley, N.Y.

#### References

Hampel, F., Ronchetti, E., Rousseeuw, P. and Stahel, W. (1986) *Robust Statistics: The Approach Based on Influence Functions*; Wiley, N.Y.

Rousseeuw, P. J. and Leroy, A. M. (1987) Robust Regression & Outlier Detection, Wiley, N. Y.

```
data(kootenay)
plot(kootenay, main = "'kootenay' data")
points(kootenay[4,], col = 2, cex = 2, pch = 3)
abline(lm (Newgate ~ Libby, data = kootenay), col = "pink")
abline(lmrob(Newgate ~ Libby, data = kootenay), col = "blue")
## The original version of Ezekiel & Fox:
kootenay0 <- kootenay
kootenay0[4, "Newgate"] <- 44.9
plot(kootenay0, main = "'kootenay0': the original data")
abline(lm (Newgate ~ Libby, data = kootenay0), col = "pink")
abline(lmrob(Newgate ~ Libby, data = kootenay0), col = "blue")
## The version with "milder" outlier -- Hampel et al., p.310
kootenay2 <- kootenay0
kootenay2[4, "Libby"] <- 20.0 # instead of 77.6
plot(kootenay2, main = "The 'kootenay2' data",
     xlim = range(kootenay[,"Libby"]))
points(kootenay2[4,], col = 2, cex = 2, pch = 3)
abline(lm (Newgate ~ Libby, data = kootenay2), col = "pink")
abline(lmrob(Newgate ~ Libby, data = kootenay2), col = "blue")
```

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lactic

Lactic Acid Concentration Measurement Data

## **Description**

Data on the Calibration of an Instrument that Measures Lactic Acid Concentration in Blood, from Afifi and Azen (1979) - comparing the true concentration X with the measured value Y.

# Usage

```
data(lactic, package="robustbase")
```

## **Format**

- A data frame with 20 observations on the following 2 variables.
- X True Concentration
- Y Instrument

#### Source

P. J. Rousseeuw and A. M. Leroy (1987) *Robust Regression and Outlier Detection*; Wiley, p.62, table 10.

# **Examples**

```
data(lactic)
summary(lm.lactic <- lm(Y ~., data=lactic))</pre>
```

1mc

Left and Right Medcouple, Robust Measures of Tail Weight

# **Description**

Compute the left and right 'medcouple', *robust* estimators of tail weight, in some sense robust versions of the kurtosis, the very unrobust centralized 4th moment.

# Usage

```
lmc(x, mx = median(x, na.rm=na.rm), na.rm = FALSE, doReflect = FALSE, ...)

rmc(x, mx = median(x, na.rm=na.rm), na.rm = FALSE, doReflect = FALSE, ...)
```

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# Arguments

a numeric vector

number, the "center" of x wrt which the left and right parts of x are defined:

lmc(x, mx, \*) := mc(x[x <= mx], \*)

rmc(x, mx, \*) := mc(x[x >= mx], \*)

na.rm

logical indicating how missing values (NAs) should be dealt with.

doReflect

logical indicating if mc should also be computed on the reflected sample -x.

Setting doReflect=TRUE makes sense for mathematical strictness reasons, as the internal MC computes the himedian() which can differ slightly from the median. Note that mc()'s own default is true iff length(x) <= 100.

further arguments to mc(), see its help page.

#### Value

each a number (unless . . . contains full.result = TRUE).

#### References

. . .

Brys, G., Hubert, M. and Struyf, A. (2006). Robust measures of tail weight, *Computational Statistics and Data Analysis* **50(3)**, 733–759.

and those in 'References' of mc.

```
mc(1:5) # 0 for a symmetric sample
lmc(1:5) # 0
rmc(1:5) # 0
x1 <- c(1, 2, 7, 9, 10)
mc(x1) # = -1/3
c( lmc(x1), lmc(x1, doReflect=TRUE))# 0 -1/3
c( rmc( x1), rmc( x1, doReflect=TRUE))# -1/3 -1/6
c(-rmc(-x1), -rmc(-x1, doReflect=TRUE)) # 2/3 1/3
data(cushny)
lmc(cushny) # 0.2
rmc(cushny) # 0.45
isSym_LRmc \leftarrow function(x, tol = 1e-14)
    all.equal(lmc(-x, doReflect=TRUE),
              rmc( x, doReflect=TRUE), tolerance = tol)
sym < -c(-20, -5, -2:2, 5, 20)
stopifnot(exprs = {
    lmc(sym) == 0.5
    rmc(sym) == 0.5
    isSym_LRmc(cushny)
    isSym_LRmc(x1)
```

```
})
## Susceptibility to large outliers:
## "Sensitivity Curve" := empirical influence function
dX10 \leftarrow function(X) c(1:5,7,10,15,25, X) \# generate skewed size-10 with 'X'
x \leftarrow c(26:40, 45, 50, 60, 75, 100)
(lmc10N \leftarrow vapply(x, function(X) lmc(dX10(X)), 1))
(rmc10N <- vapply(x, function(X) rmc(dX10(X)), 1))</pre>
cols <- adjustcolor(2:3, 3/4)</pre>
plot(x, lmc10N, type="o", cex=1/2, main = "lmc & rmc(c(1:5,7,10,15,25, X))",
     xlab=quote(X), log="x", col=cols[1])
lines(x, rmc10N, col=cols[2], lwd=3)
legend("top", paste0(c("lmc", "rmc"), "(X)"), col=cols, lty=1, lwd=c(1,3), pch = c(1, NA), bty="n")
n <- length(x)</pre>
stopifnot(exprs = {
    all.equal(current = lmc10N, target = rep(0, n))
    all.equal(current = rmc10N, target = c(3/19, 1/5, 5/21, 3/11, 7/23, rep(1/3, n-5)))
    ## and it stays stable with outlier X \longrightarrow oo:
    lmc(dX10(1e300)) == 0
    rmc(dX10(1e300)) == rmc10N[6]
})
```

1mrob

MM-type Estimators for Linear Regression

## Description

Computes fast MM-type estimators for linear (regression) models.

# Usage

```
lmrob(formula, data, subset, weights, na.action, method = "MM",
    model = TRUE, x = !control$compute.rd, y = FALSE,
    singular.ok = TRUE, contrasts = NULL, offset = NULL,
    control = NULL, init = NULL, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

formula	a symbolic description of the model to be fit. See 1m and formula for more details.
data	an optional data frame, list or environment (or object coercible by as.data.frame to a data frame) containing the variables in the model. If not found in data, the variables are taken from environment (formula), typically the environment from which lmrob is called.
subset	an optional vector specifying a subset of observations to be used in the fitting process.

weights	an optional vector of weights to be used in the fitting process (in addition to the robustness weights computed in the fitting process).
na.action	a function which indicates what should happen when the data contain NAs. The default is set by the na.action setting of options, and is na.fail if that is unset. The "factory-fresh" default is na.omit. Another possible value is NULL, no action. Value na.exclude can be useful.
method	string specifying the estimator-chain. MM is interpreted as SM. See <i>Details</i> , notably the currently recommended setting = "KS2014".
model, x, y	logicals. If TRUE the corresponding components of the fit (the model frame, the model matrix, the response) are returned.
singular.ok	logical. If FALSE (the default in S but not in R) a singular fit is an error.
contrasts	an optional list. See the contrasts.arg of model.matrix.default.
offset	this can be used to specify an <i>a priori</i> known component to be included in the linear predictor during fitting. An offset term can be included in the formula instead or as well, and if both are specified their sum is used.
control	a list specifying control parameters; use the function <code>lmrob.control(.)</code> and see its help page.
init	an optional argument to specify or supply the initial estimate. See Details.
• • •	additional arguments can be used to specify control parameters directly instead of (but not in addition to!) via control.

## **Details**

Overview: This function computes an MM-type regression estimator as described in Yohai (1987) and Koller and Stahel (2011). By default it uses a bi-square redescending score function, and it returns a highly robust and highly efficient estimator (with 50% breakdown point and 95% asymptotic efficiency for normal errors). The computation is carried out by a call to lmrob.fit().

The argument setting of lmrob.control is provided to set alternative defaults as suggested in Koller and Stahel (2011) (setting="KS2011"; now do use its extension setting="KS2014"). For further details, see lmrob.control.

**Initial Estimator** init: The initial estimator may be specified using the argument init. This can either be

- a *string* used to specify built in internal estimators (currently "S" and "M-S", see *See also* below);
- a function taking arguments x, y, control, mf (where mf stands for model.frame) and returning a list containing at least the initial coefficients as component "coefficients" and the initial scale estimate as "scale".
- Or a list giving the initial coefficients and scale as components "coefficients" and "scale". See also *Examples*.

Note that when init is a function or list, the method argument must *not* contain the initial estimator, e.g., use MDM instead of SMDM.

The default, equivalent to init = "S", uses as initial estimator an S-estimator (Rousseeuw and Yohai, 1984) which is computed using the Fast-S algorithm of Salibian-Barrera and Yohai

(2006), calling 1mrob.S(). That function, since March 2012, by default uses *nonsingular* subsampling which makes the Fast-S algorithm feasible for categorical data as well, see Koller (2012). Note that convergence problems may still show up as warnings, e.g.,

S refinements did not converge (to refine.tol=1e-07) in 200 (= k.max) steps

and often can simply be remedied by increasing (i.e. weakening) refine.tol or increasing the allowed number of iterations k.max, see lmrob.control.

**Method** method: The following chain of estimates is customizable via the method argument. There are currently two types of estimates available,

"M": corresponds to the standard M-regression estimate.

"D": stands for the Design Adaptive Scale estimate as proposed in Koller and Stahel (2011).

The method argument takes a string that specifies the estimates to be calculated as a chain. Setting method='SMDM' will result in an intial S-estimate, followed by an M-estimate, a Design Adaptive Scale estimate and a final M-step. For methods involving a D-step, the default value of psi (see lmrob.control) is changed to "lqq".

By default, standard errors are computed using the formulas of Croux, Dhaene and Hoorelbeke (2003) (lmrob.control option cov=".vcov.avar1"). This method, however, works only for MM-estimates (i.e., method = "MM" or = "SM"). For other method arguments, the covariance matrix estimate used is based on the asymptotic normality of the estimated coefficients (cov=".vcov.w") as described in Koller and Stahel (2011). The var-cov computation can be skipped by cov = "none" and (re)done later by e.g., vcov(<obj>, cov = ".vcov.w"). As of robustbase version 0.91-0 (April 2014), the computation of robust standard errors for method="SMDM" has been changed. The old behaviour can be restored by setting the control parameter cov.corrfact = "tauold".

#### Value

An object of class 1mrob; a list including the following components:

coefficients The estimate of the coefficient vector scale The scale as used in the M estimator. residuals Residuals associated with the estimator. converged TRUE if the IRWLS iterations have converged.

iter number of IRWLS iterations

rweights the "robustness weights"  $\psi(r_i/S)/(r_i/S)$ . Fitted values associated with the estimator.

init.S The list returned by lmrob.S() or lmrob.M.S() (for MM-estimates, i.e., method="MM"

or "SM" only)

init A similar list that contains the results of intermediate estimates (not for MM-

estimates).

rank the numeric rank of the fitted linear model.

cov The estimated covariance matrix of the regression coefficients

df.residual the residual degrees of freedom.

weights the specified weights (missing if none were used).

na.action (where relevant) information returned by model.frame on the special handling

of NAs.

offset the offset used (missing if none were used).
contrasts (only where relevant) the contrasts used.

xlevels (only where relevant) a record of the levels of the factors used in fitting.

call the matched call.
terms the terms object used.

model if requested (the default), the model frame used.

x if requested, the model matrix used. y if requested, the response used.

In addition, non-null fits will have components assign, and qr relating to the linear fit, for use by extractor functions such as summary.

## Author(s)

(mainly:) Matias Salibian-Barrera and Manuel Koller

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#### See Also

lmrob.control; for the algorithms lmrob.S, lmrob.M.S and lmrob.fit; and for methods, summary.lmrob, for the extra "statistics", notably  $R^2$  ("R squared"); predict.lmrob, print.lmrob, plot.lmrob, and weights.lmrob.

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# **Examples**

```
data(coleman)
set.seed(0)
## Default for a very long time:
summary( m1 <- lmrob(Y ~ ., data=coleman) )</pre>
## Nowadays **strongly recommended** for routine use:
summary(m2 <- lmrob(Y ~ ., data=coleman, setting = "KS2014"))
                                         -----
plot(residuals(m2) ~ weights(m2, type="robustness")) ##-> weights.lmrob()
abline(h=0, lty=3)
data(starsCYG, package = "robustbase")
## Plot simple data and fitted lines
plot(starsCYG)
 lmST <-
            lm(log.light ~ log.Te, data = starsCYG)
(RlmST <- lmrob(log.light ~ log.Te, data = starsCYG))</pre>
abline(lmST, col = "red")
abline(RlmST, col = "blue")
## --> Least Sq.:/ negative slope \ robust: slope ~= 2.2 % checked in ../tests/lmrob-data.R
summary(RlmST) # -> 4 outliers; rest perfect
vcov(RlmST)
stopifnot(all.equal(fitted(RlmST),
                   predict(RlmST, newdata = starsCYG), tol = 1e-14))
## FIXME: setting = "KS2011" or setting = "KS2014" **FAIL** here
##--- 'init' argument ------
## 1) string
set.seed(0)
m3 <- lmrob(Y ~ ., data=coleman, init = "S")
stopifnot(all.equal(m1[-18], m3[-18]))
## 2) function
initFun <- function(x, y, control, ...) { # no 'mf' needed</pre>
    init.S <- lmrob.S(x, y, control)</pre>
    list(coefficients=init.S$coef, scale = init.S$scale)
}
set.seed(0)
m4 <- lmrob(Y ~ ., data=coleman, method = "M", init = initFun)</pre>
## list
m5 <- lmrob(Y ~ ., data=coleman, method = "M",
           init = list(coefficients = m3$init$coef, scale = m3$scale))
stopifnot(all.equal(m4[-17], m5[-17]))
```

lmrob..D..fit

Compute Design Adaptive Scale estimate

#### Description

This function calculates a Design Adaptive Scale estimate for a given MM-estimate. This is supposed to be a part of a chain of estimates like SMD or SMDM.

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### Usage

# **Arguments**

obj lmrob-object based on which the estimate is to be calculated.

x the design matrix; if missing, the method tries to get it from obj\$x and if this

fails from obj\$model.

control list of control parameters, as returned by lmrob.control.

mf defunct.

method optional; the method used for *obj* computation.

### **Details**

This function is used by lmrob.fit and typically not to be used on its own. Note that lmrob.fit() specifies control potentially differently than the default, but does use the default for method.

# Value

The given 1mrob-object with the following elements updated:

scale The Design Adaptive Scale estimate

converged TRUE if the scale calculation converged, FALSE other.

# Author(s)

Manuel Koller

### References

Koller, M. and Stahel, W.A. (2011), Sharpening Wald-type inference in robust regression for small samples, *Computational Statistics & Data Analysis* **55**(8), 2504–2515.

# See Also

```
lmrob.fit, lmrob
```

```
data(stackloss)
## Compute manual SMD-estimate:
## 1) MM-estimate
m1 <- lmrob(stack.loss ~ ., data = stackloss)
## 2) Add Design Adaptive Scale estimate
m2 <- lmrob..D..fit(m1)
print(c(m1$scale, m2$scale))</pre>
```

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```
summary(m1)
summary(m2) ## the covariance matrix estimate is also updated
```

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Compute M-estimators of regression

# Description

This function performs RWLS iterations to find an M-estimator of regression. When started from an S-estimated beta.initial, this results in an MM-estimator.

### Usage

# **Arguments**

Χ design matrix  $(n \times p)$  typically including a column of 1s for the intercept. numeric response vector (of length n). У numeric vector (of length p) of initial estimate. Usually the result of an Sbeta.initial regression estimator. robust residual scale estimate. Usually an S-scale estimator. scale control list of control parameters, as returned by lmrob.control. Currently, the components c("max.it", "rel.tol", "trace.lev", "psi", "tuning.psi", "mts", "subsampling") are accessed. obj an optional 1mrob-object. If specified, this is typically used to set values for the other arguments. mf defunct.

### **Details**

method

This function is used by lmrob.fit (and anova(<lmrob>, type = "Deviance")) and typically not to be used on its own.

optional; the method used for *obj* computation.

# Value

A list with the following elements:

coef the M-estimator (or MM-estim.) of regression
control the control list input used
scale The residual scale estimate
seed The random number generator seed
converged TRUE if the RWLS iterations converged, FALSE otherwise

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### Author(s)

Matias Salibian-Barrera and Martin Maechler

#### References

Yohai, 1987

### See Also

1mrob.fit, 1mrob; rlm from package MASS.

```
data(stackloss)
X <- model.matrix(stack.loss ~ . , data = stackloss)</pre>
v <- stack.loss</pre>
\#\# Compute manual MM-estimate:
## 1) initial LTS:
m0 <- ltsReg(X[,-1], y)</pre>
## 2) M-estimate started from LTS:
m1 <- lmrob..M..fit(X, y, beta.initial = coef(m0), scale = m0$scale, method = "SM",
                     control = lmrob.control(tuning.psi = 1.6, psi = 'bisquare'))
## no 'method' (nor 'obj'):
m1. \leftarrow lmrob..M..fit(X, y, beta.initial = coef(m0), scale = m0$scale,
                      control = m1$control)
stopifnot(all.equal(m1, m1., tol = 1e-15)) # identical {call *not* stored!}
cbind(m0$coef, m1$coef)
## the scale is kept fixed:
stopifnot(identical(unname(m0$scale), m1$scale))
## robustness weights: are
r.s <- with(m1, residuals/scale) # scaled residuals</pre>
m1.wts \leftarrow Mpsi(r.s, cc = 1.6, psi="tukey") / r.s
summarizeRobWeights(m1.wts)
##--> outliers 1,3,4,13,21
which(m0$lts.wt == 0) # 1,3,4,21 but not 13
## Manually add M-step to SMD-estimate (=> equivalent to "SMDM"):
m2 <- lmrob(stack.loss ~ ., data = stackloss, method = 'SMD')</pre>
m3 <- lmrob..M..fit(obj = m2)</pre>
## Simple function that allows custom initial estimates
## (Deprecated; use init argument to lmrob() instead.) %% MM: why deprecated?
lmrob.custom <- function(x, y, beta.initial, scale, terms) {</pre>
  ## initialize object
  obj <- list(control = lmrob.control("KS2011"),</pre>
               terms = terms) ## terms is needed for summary()
  ## M-step
  obj <- lmrob..M..fit(x, y, beta.initial, scale, obj = obj)</pre>
  ## D-step
  obj <- lmrob..D..fit(obj, x)</pre>
```

lmrob.control

Tuning Parameters for lmrob() and Auxiliaries

# **Description**

Tuning parameters for lmrob, the MM-type regression estimator and the associated S-, M- and D-estimators. Using setting="KS2011" sets the defaults as suggested by Koller and Stahel (2011) and analogously for "KS2014".

The .M\*.default functions and .M\*.defaults lists contain default tuning parameters for all the predefined  $\psi$  functions, see also Mpsi, etc.

# Usage

```
lmrob.control(setting, seed = NULL, nResample = 500,
              tuning.chi = NULL, bb = 0.5, tuning.psi = NULL,
              max.it = 50, groups = 5, n.group = 400,
              k.fast.s = 1, best.r.s = 2,
              k.max = 200, maxit.scale = 200, k.m_s = 20,
          refine.tol = 1e-7, rel.tol = 1e-7, scale.tol = 1e-10, solve.tol = 1e-7,
              zero.tol = 1e-10,
              trace.lev = 0,
              mts = 1000, subsampling = c("nonsingular", "simple"),
              compute.rd = FALSE, method = "MM", psi = "bisquare",
              numpoints = 10, cov = NULL,
              split.type = c("f", "fi", "fii"), fast.s.large.n = 2000,
              # only for outlierStats() :
              eps.outlier = function(nobs) 0.1 / nobs,
              eps.x = function(maxx) .Machine$double.eps^(.75)*maxx,
              compute.outlier.stats = method,
              warn.limit.reject = 0.5,
```

```
warn.limit.meanrw = 0.5, ...)
## S3 method for class 'lmrobCtrl'
update(object, ...)
.Mchi.tuning.defaults
.Mchi.tuning.default(psi)
.Mpsi.tuning.defaults
.Mpsi.tuning.default(psi)
```

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	setting	a string specifying alternative default values. Leave empty for the defaults or use "KS2011" or "KS2014" for the defaults suggested by Koller and Stahel (2011, 2017). See <i>Details</i> .
	seed	NULL or an integer vector compatible with .Random.seed: the seed to be used for random re-sampling used in obtaining candidates for the initial S-estimator. The current value of .Random.seed will be preserved if seed is set, i.e. non-NULL; otherwise, as by default, .Random.seed will be used and modified as usual from calls to runif() etc.
	nResample	number of re-sampling candidates to be used to find the initial S-estimator. Currently defaults to 500 which works well in most situations (see references).
	tuning.chi	tuning constant vector for the S-estimator. If NULL, as by default, sensible defaults are set (depending on psi) to yield a $50\%$ breakdown estimator. See <i>Details</i> .
	bb	expected value under the normal model of the "chi" (rather $\rho(rho)$ ) function with tuning constant equal to tuning.chi. This is used to compute the Sestimator.
	tuning.psi	tuning constant vector for the redescending M-estimator. If NULL, as by default, this is set (depending on psi) to yield an estimator with asymptotic efficiency of $95\%$ for normal errors. See <i>Details</i> .
	max.it	integer specifying the maximum number of IRWLS iterations.
	groups	(for the fast-S algorithm): Number of random subsets to use when the data set is large.
	n.group	(for the fast-S algorithm): Size of each of the groups above. Note that this must be at least $\it p$ .
	k.fast.s	(for the fast-S algorithm): Number of local improvement steps (" $I$ - $steps$ ") for each re-sampling candidate.
	k.m_s	(for the M-S algorithm): specifies after how many unsuccessful refinement steps the algorithm stops.
	best.r.s	(for the fast-S algorithm): Number of of best candidates to be iterated further (i.e., " $\textit{refined}$ "); is denoted $t$ in Salibian-Barrera & Yohai(2006).
	k.max	(for the fast-S algorithm): maximal number of refinement steps for the "fully" iterated best candidates.

maxit.scale	integer specifying the maximum number of C level $find\_scale()$ iterations (in fast-S and M-S algorithms).
refine.tol	(for the fast-S algorithm): relative convergence tolerance for the fully iterated best candidates.
rel.tol	(for the RWLS iterations of the MM algorithm): relative convergence tolerance for the parameter vector.
scale.tol	(for the scale estimation iterations of the S algorithm): relative convergence tolerance for the scale $\sigma(.).$
solve.tol	(for the S algorithm): relative tolerance for inversion. Hence, this corresponds to $solve.default()$ 's tol.
zero.tol	for checking 0-residuals in the S algorithm, non-negative number $\epsilon_z$ such that $\{i; \left  \tilde{R}_i \right  \leq \epsilon_z \}$ correspond to 0-residuals, where $\tilde{R}_i$ are standardized residuals, $\tilde{R}_i = R_i/s_y$ and $s_y = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n  y_i $ .
trace.lev	integer indicating if the progress of the MM-algorithm and the fast-S algorithms, see $lmrob.S$ , should be traced (increasingly); default trace. lev = 0 does no tracing.
mts	maximum number of samples to try in subsampling algorithm.
subsampling	type of subsampling to be used, a string: "simple" for simple subsampling (default prior to version $0.9$ ), "nonsingular" for nonsingular subsampling. See also $lmrob.S$ .
compute.rd	logical indicating if robust distances (based on the MCD robust covariance estimator covMcd) are to be computed for the robust diagnostic plots. This may take some time to finish, particularly for large data sets, and can lead to singularity problems when there are factor explanatory variables (with many levels, or levels with "few" observations). Hence, is FALSE by default.
method	string specifying the estimator-chain. MM is interpreted as SM. See $Details$ of $lmrob$ for a description of the possible values.
psi	string specifying the type $\psi$ -function used. See $Details$ of lmrob. Defaults to "bisquare" for S and MM-estimates, otherwise "lqq".
numpoints	number of points used in Gauss quadrature.
cov	function or string with function name to be used to calculate covariance matrix estimate. The default is if(method %in% c('SM', 'MM')) ".vcov.avar1" else ".vcov.w". See $Details$ of $lmrob$ .
split.type	$determines\ how\ categorical\ and\ continuous\ variables\ are\ split.\ See\ {\tt splitFrame}.$
fast.s.large.n	minimum number of observations required to switch from ordinary "fast $S$ " algorithm to an efficient "large $n$ " strategy.
eps.outlier	limit on the robustness weight below which an observation is considered to be an outlier. Either a numeric(1) or a function that takes the number of observations as an argument. Used only in summary.lmrob and outlierStats.
eps.x	limit on the absolute value of the elements of the design matrix below which an element is considered zero. Either a numeric(1) or a function that takes the maximum absolute value in the design matrix as an argument.

compute.outlier.stats

vector of character strings, each valid to be used as method argument. Used to specify for which estimators outlier statistics (and warnings) should be produced. Set to empty (NULL or character(0)) if none are required.

Note that the default is method which by default is either "MM", "SM", or "SMDM"; hence using compute.outlier.stats = "S" provides outlierStats() to a lmrob.S() result.

warn.limit.reject

limit of ratio #rejected/#obs in level above ( $\geq$ ) which a warning is produced. Set to NULL to disable warning.

warn.limit.meanrw

limit of the mean robustness per factor level below which ( $\leq$ ) a warning is produced. Set to NULL to disable warning.

object

an "lmrobCtrl" object, as resulting from a lmrob.control(\*) or an update(<lmrobCtrl>,
\*) call.

... for

lmrob.control(): further arguments to be added as list components to the
 result, e.g., those to be used in .vcov.w().

update(object, \*): (named) components from object, to be modified, not
 setting = \*.

#### **Details**

The option setting="KS2011" alters the default arguments. They are changed to method = "SMDM", psi = "lqq", max.it = 500, k.max = 2000, cov = ".vcov.w". The defaults of all the remaining arguments are not changed.

The option setting="KS2014" builds upon setting="KS2011". More arguments are changed to best.r.s = 20, k.fast.s = 2, nResample = 1000. This setting should produce more stable estimates for designs with factors.

By default, and in .Mpsi.tuning.default() and .Mchi.tuning.default(), tuning.chi and tuning.psi are set to yield an MM-estimate with breakdown point 0.5 and efficiency of 95% at the normal.

If numeric tuning.chi or tuning.psi are specified, say cc, for psi = "ggw" or "lqq", .psi.const(cc, psi) is used, see its help page.

To get the defaults, e.g., .Mpsi.tuning.default(psi) is equivalent to but more efficient than the formerly widely used lmrob.control(psi = psi)\$tuning.psi.

These defaults are:

```
psi tuning.chi tuning.psi
bisquare 1.54764 4.685061
welsh 0.5773502 2.11
ggw c(-0.5, 1.5, NA, 0.5) c(-0.5, 1.5, 0.95, NA)
lqq c(-0.5, 1.5, NA, 0.5) c(-0.5, 1.5, 0.95, NA)
optimal 0.4047 1.060158
hampel c(1.5, 3.5, 8)*0.2119163 c(1.5, 3.5, 8)*0.9014
```

The values for the tuning constant for the ggw and lqq psi functions are specified differently here by a vector with four elements: minimal slope, b (controlling the bend at the maximum of the curve), efficiency, breakdown point. Use NA for an unspecified value of either efficiency or breakdown point, see examples in the tables (above and below). For these table examples, the respective "inner constants" are stored precomputed, see .psi.lqq.findc for more.

The constants for the "hampel" psi function are chosen to have a redescending slope of -1/3. Constants for a slope of -1/2 would be

```
psi tuning.chi tuning.psi "hampel" c(2, 4, 8) * 0.1981319 c(2, 4, 8) * 0.690794
```

Alternative coefficients for an efficiency of 85% at the normal are given in the table below.

```
psi tuning.psi
bisquare 3.443689
welsh 1.456
ggw,lqq c(-0.5, 1.5, 0.85, NA)
optimal 0.8684
hampel(-1/3) c(1.5, 3.5, 8)* 0.5704545
hampel(-1/2) c(2, 4, 8) * 0.4769578
```

#### Value

.Mchi.tuning.default(psi) and .Mpsi.tuning.default(psi) return a short numeric vector of tuning constants which are defaults for the corresponding psi-function, see the *Details*. They are based on the named lists .Mchi.tuning.defaults and .Mpsi.tuning.defaults, respectively.

lmrob.control() returns a named list with over twenty components, corresponding to the arguments, where tuning.psi and tuning.chi are typically computed, as .Mpsi.tuning.default(psi) or .Mchi.tuning.default(psi), respectively. It is of class "lmrobCtrl" and we provide print(), update() and within methods.

```
update(<lmrobCtrl>, ....) does not allow a setting="<...>" in .....
```

### Author(s)

Matias Salibian-Barrera, Martin Maechler and Manuel Koller

### References

Koller, M. and Stahel, W.A. (2011) Sharpening Wald-type inference in robust regression for small samples. *Computational Statistics & Data Analysis* **55**(8), 2504–2515.

Koller, M. and Stahel, W.A. (2017) Nonsingular subsampling for regression S estimators with categorical predictors, *Computational Statistics* **32**(2): 631–646. doi:10.1007/s001800160679x. Referred as "KS2014" everywhere in **robustbase**; A shorter first version, Koller (2012) has been available from https://arxiv.org/abs/1208.5595.

### See Also

Mpsi, etc, for the (fast!) psi function computations; 1mrob, also for references and examples.

```
## Show the default settings:
str(lmrob.control())
## Artificial data for a simple "robust t test":
set.seed(17)
y <- y0 <- rnorm(200)
y[sample(200,20)] <- 100*rnorm(20)
gr <- as.factor(rbinom(200, 1, prob = 1/8))</pre>
lmrob(y0 \sim 0+gr)
## Use Koller & Stahel(2011)'s recommendation but a larger 'max.it':
str(ctrl <- lmrob.control("KS2011", max.it = 1000))</pre>
str(.Mpsi.tuning.defaults)
stopifnot(identical(.Mpsi.tuning.defaults,
                   sapply(names(.Mpsi.tuning.defaults),
                           .Mpsi.tuning.default)))
## Containing (names!) all our (pre-defined) redescenders:
str(.Mchi.tuning.defaults)
## Difference between settings:
Cdef <- lmrob.control()</pre>
C11 <- lmrob.control("KS2011")</pre>
C14 <- lmrob.control("KS2014")
str(C14)
## Differences:
diffD <- names(which(!mapply(identical, Cdef,C11, ignore.environment=TRUE)))</pre>
diffC <- names(which(!mapply(identical, C11, C14, ignore.environment=TRUE)))</pre>
## KS2011 vs KS2014: Apart from `setting` itself, they only differ in three places:
cbind(KS11 = unlist(C11[diffC[-1]]),
      KS14 = unlist(C14[diffC[-1]]))
##
             KS11 KS14
## nResample 500 1000
## best.r.s
               2 20
## k.fast.s
               1
## default vs KS2011: a bit more: setting + 8
str2simpLang <- function(x) {</pre>
    r <- if(is.null(x)) quote((NULL)) else str2lang(deparse(x))</pre>
    if(is.call(r)) format(r) else r
cbind(deflt= lapply(Cdef[diffD], str2simpLang),
      KS11 = lapply(C11 [diffD], str2simpLang))
## update()ing a lmrob.control() , e.g.,
C14mod <- update(C14, trace.lev = 2) # the same as
C14m.d <- C14; C14m.d$trace.lev <- 2
stopifnot(identical(C14mod, C14m.d))
## changing psi --> updates tuning.{psi,chi}:
C14mp <- update(C14, psi = "hampel", seed=101)
## updating 'method' is "smart" :
C.SMDM <- update(Cdef, method="SMDM")</pre>
```

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MM-type estimator for regression

# **Description**

Compute MM-type estimators of regression: An S-estimator is used as starting value, and an M-estimator with fixed scale and redescending psi-function is used from there. Optionally a D-step (Design Adaptive Scale estimate) as well as a second M-step is calculated.

# Usage

```
lmrob.fit(x, y, control, init = NULL, mf = NULL, bare.only = FALSE)
```

# **Arguments**

Х	design matrix $(n \times p)$ typically including a column of 1s for the intercept.
у	numeric response vector (of length $n$ ).
control	a list of control parameters as returned by lmrob.control, used for both the initial S-estimate and the subsequent M- and D-estimates.
init	optional list of initial estimates. See Details.
mf	defunct.
bare.only	logical indicating if the result should be return()ed after the bare computation steps are done. Useful, e.g., when you only need the coefficients.

# Details

This function is the basic fitting function for MM-type estimation, called by lmrob and typically not to be used on its own.

If given, init must be a list of initial estimates containing at least the initial coefficients and scale as coefficients and scale. Otherwise it calls lmrob.S(..) and uses it as initial estimator.

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# Value

A list with components (some missing in case bare.only is true)

fitted.values  $X\beta$ , i.e., X %\*% coefficients.

residuals the raw residuals, y - fitted.values

rweights robustness weights derived from the final M-estimator residuals (even when not

converged).

rank

degree.freedom n - rank

coefficients estimated regression coefficient vector

scale the robustly estimated error standard deviation

cov variance-covariance matrix of coefficients, if the RWLS iterations have con-

verged (and control\$cov is not "none").

control

iter

converged logical indicating if the RWLS iterations have converged.

init. S the whole initial S-estimator result, including its own converged flag, see 1mrob. S

(only for MM-estimates).

init A similar list that contains the results of intermediate estimates (not for MM-

estimates).

### Author(s)

Matias Salibian-Barrera, Martin Maechler and Manuel Koller

### See Also

```
lmrob, lmrob..M..fit, lmrob..D..fit, lmrob.S
```

lmrob.lar

Least Absolute Residuals / L1 Regression

# Description

To compute least absolute residuals (LAR) or "L1" regression, 1mrob.1ar implements the routine L1 in Barrodale and Roberts (1974), which is based on the simplex method of linear programming. It is a copy of 1mRob.1ar (in early 2012) from the  ${\bf robust}$  package.

# Usage

```
lmrob.lar(x, y, control, ...)
```

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# **Arguments**

```
x numeric matrix for the predictors.
y numeric vector for the response.
control list as returned by lmrob.control().
... (unused but needed when called as init(x,y,ctrl, mf) from lmrob())
```

# **Details**

This method is used for computing the M-S estimate and typically not to be used on its own.

A description of the Fortran subroutines used can be found in Marazzi (1993). In the book, the main method is named RILARS.

# Value

A list that includes the following components:

coef	The L1-estimate of the coefficient vector
scale	The residual scale estimate (mad)
resid	The residuals
iter	The number of iterations required by the simplex algorithm
status	Return status (0: optimal, but non unique solution, 1: optimal unique solution)
converged	Convergence status (always TRUE), needed for lmrob.fit.

# Author(s)

Manuel Koller

### References

Marazzi, A. (1993). *Algorithms, routines, and S functions for robust statistics*. Wadsworth & Brooks/Cole, Pacific Grove, CA.

# See Also

rq from CRAN package quantreg.

```
data(stackloss)
X <- model.matrix(stack.loss ~ . , data = stackloss)
y <- stack.loss
(fm.L1 <- lmrob.lar(X, y))
with(fm.L1, stopifnot(converged
   , status == 1L
   , all.equal(scale, 1.5291576438)
   , sum(abs(residuals) < 1e-15) == 4 # p=4 exactly fitted obs.
))</pre>
```

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M-S regression estimators

### **Description**

Computes an M-S-estimator for linear regression using the "M-S" algorithm.

# Usage

# Arguments

```
x numeric matrix (a model.matrix) of the predictors.
y numeric vector for the response
control list as returned by lmrob.control.
mf a model frame as returned by model.frame.
split (optional) list as returned by splitFrame.
```

### **Details**

This function is used by lmrob and not intended to be used on its own (because an M-S-estimator has too low efficiency 'on its own').

An M-S estimator is a combination of an S-estimator for the continuous variables and an L1-estimator (i.e. an M-estimator with  $\psi(t)=sign(t)$ ) for the categorical variables.

The S-estimator is estimated using a subsampling algorithm. If the model includes interactions between categorical (factor) and continuous variables, the subsampling algorithm might fail. In this case, one can choose to assign the interaction to the categorical side of variables rather than to the continuous side. This can be accomplished via the control argument split.type or by specifying split, see splitFrame.

Note that the return status converged does not refer to the actual convergence status. The algorithm used does not guarantee convergence and thus true convergence is almost never reached. This is, however, not a problem if the estimate is only used as initial estimate part of an MM or SMDM estimate.

The algorithm sometimes produces the warning message "Skipping design matrix equilibration (dgeequ): row ?? is exactly zero.". This is just an artifact of the algorithm and can be ignored safely.

### Value

### A list with components

```
coefficients numeric vector (length p) of M-S-regression coefficient estimates. scale the M-S-scale residual estimate
```

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residuals	numeric vector (legnth $n$ ) of the residuals.
rweights	numeric vector (length $n$ ) of the robustness weights.
control	the same list as the control argument.
converged	Convergence status (always TRUE), needed for lmrob.fit.
descent.cov	<pre>logical with the true m_s_descent convergence status.</pre>

# Author(s)

Manuel Koller

### References

Maronna, R. A., and Yohai, V. J. (2000). Robust regression with both continuous and categorical predictors. *Journal of Statistical Planning and Inference* **89**, 197–214.

# See Also

1mrob; for a description of the available split types, see splitFrame.

lmRob in package **robust** uses a version of the M-S algorithm automatically when the formula contains factors. Our version however follows Maronna and Yohai (2000) more closely.

# **Examples**

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S-regression estimators

# **Description**

Computes an S-estimator for linear regression, using the "fast S" algorithm.

# Usage

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# Arguments

 $\begin{array}{lll} \textbf{x} & & \text{design matrix } (n \times p) \\ \textbf{y} & & \text{numeric vector of responses (or residuals for only.scale=TRUE).} \\ \textbf{control} & & \text{list as returned by lmrob.control; the following components are used for lmrob.S():} \\ & & & \text{"trace.lev", "nResample", "groups", "n.group", "fast.s.large.n", "seed", "bb", "psi", "tuning.chi", "best.r.s", "k.fast.s", "k.max", "maxit.scale", "refine.tol", "solve.tol", "scale.tol", "mts", "subsampling".} \\ \textbf{trace.lev} & & \text{integer indicating if the progress of the algorithm should be traced (increasingly); default trace.lev = 0 does no tracing.} \\ \textbf{only.scale} & & \textbf{logical indicating if only the scale of y should be computed. In this case, y will typically contain <math>residuals. \\ \end{array}$ 

### **Details**

mf

This function is used by lmrob.fit and typically not to be used on its own (because an S-estimator has too low efficiency 'on its own').

By default, the subsampling algorithm uses a customized LU decomposition which ensures a non singular subsample (if this is at all possible). This makes the Fast-S algorithm also feasible for categorical and mixed continuous-categorical data.

One can revert to the old subsampling scheme by setting the parameter subsampling in control to "simple".

### Value

By default (when only. scale is false), a list with components

coefficients numeric vector (length p) of S-regression coefficient estimates.

scale the S-scale residual estimate

defunct.

fitted.values numeric vector (length n) of the fitted values. residuals numeric vector (length n) of the residuals.

rweights numeric vector (length n) of the robustness weights. k.iter (maximal) number of refinement iterations used.

converged logical indicating if **all** refinement iterations had converged.

control the same list as the control argument.

If only . scale is true, the computed scale (a number) is returned.

### Author(s)

Matias Salibian-Barrera and Manuel Koller; Martin Maechler for minor new options and more documentation.

### See Also

1mrob, also for references.

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# **Examples**

```
set.seed(33)
x1 <- sort(rnorm(30)); x2 <- sort(rnorm(30)); x3 <- sort(rnorm(30))</pre>
X. <- cbind(x1, x2, x3)
y \leftarrow 10 + X. \%\% (10*(2:4)) + rnorm(30)/10
y[1] <- 500 # a moderate outlier
X.[2,1] <- 20 \# an X outlier
X1 \leftarrow cbind(1, X.)
(m.lm <- lm(y \sim X.))
set.seed(12)
m.lmS \leftarrow lmrob.S(x=X1, y=y,
                  control = lmrob.control(nRes = 20), trace.lev=1)
m.lmS[c("coefficients", "scale")]
all.equal(unname(m.lmS$coef), 10 * (1:4), tolerance = 0.005)
stopifnot(all.equal(unname(m.lmS$coef), 10 * (1:4), tolerance = 0.005),
          all.equal(m.lmS$scale, 1/10, tolerance = 0.09))
## only.scale = TRUE: Compute the S scale, given residuals;
s.lmS <- lmrob.S(X1, y=residuals(m.lmS), only.scale = TRUE,
                  control = lmrob.control(trace.lev = 3))
all.equal(s.lmS, m.lmS$scale) # close: 1.89e-6 [64b Lnx]
```

los

Length of Stay Data

# **Description**

Length of stay for 201 patients that stayed at the University Hospital of Lausanne during the year 2000.

# Usage

```
data(los, package="robustbase")
```

# **Format**

Vector of integer values giving the length of stay (days):

```
int [1:201] 16 13 17 4 15 24 59 18 33 8 ...
```

# **Details**

These data may be used to estimate and predict the total resource consumption of this group of patients.

Cf. Ruffieux, Paccaud and Marazzi (2000).

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# Source

```
The data were kindly provided by A. Marazzi.
Cf. Hubert, M. and Vandervieren, E. (2006), p. 13–15.
```

# References

Ruffieux, C., Paccaud, F. and A. Marazzi (2000) Comparing rules for truncating hospital length of stay; *Casemix Quarterly* **2**, n. 1.

See also those for adjbox.

# **Examples**

ltsReg

Least Trimmed Squares Robust (High Breakdown) Regression

### **Description**

Carries out least trimmed squares (LTS) robust (high breakdown point) regression.

# Usage

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### **Arguments**

formula a formula of the form  $y \sim x1 + x2 + ...$ 

data frame from which variables specified in formula are to be taken.

subset an optional vector specifying a subset of observations to be used in the fitting

process.

weights an optional vector of weights to be used in the fitting process. **NOT USED** 

YET.

na.action a function which indicates what should happen when the data contain NAs. The

default is set by the na.action setting of options, and is na.fail if that is unset. The "factory-fresh" default is na.omit. Another possible value is NULL,

no action. Value na. exclude can be useful.

model, x.ret, y.ret

logicals indicating if the model frame, the model matrix and the response are

to be returned, respectively.

contrasts an optional list. See the contrasts.arg of model.matrix.default.

offset this can be used to specify an a priori known component to be included in the

linear predictor during fitting. An offset term can be included in the formula

instead or as well, and if both are specified their sum is used.

x a matrix or data frame containing the explanatory variables.

y the response: a vector of length the number of rows of x.

intercept if true, a model with constant term will be estimated; otherwise no constant term

will be included. Default is intercept = TRUE

alpha the percentage (roughly) of squared residuals whose sum will be minimized, by

default 0.5. In general, alpha must between 0.5 and 1.

nsamp number of subsets used for initial estimates or "best" or "exact". Default is

nsamp = 500. For nsamp="best" exhaustive enumeration is done, as long as the number of trials does not exceed 5000. For "exact", exhaustive enumeration will be attempted however many samples are needed. In this case a warning message will be displayed saying that the computation can take a very long

time.

adjust whether to perform intercept adjustment at each step. Since this can be time

consuming, the default is adjust = FALSE.

mcd whether to compute robust distances using Fast-MCD.

qr.out whether to return the QR decomposition (see qr); defaults to false.

yname the name of the dependent variable. Default is yname = NULL

seed initial seed for random generator, like .Random.seed, see rrcov.control.

trace logical (or integer) indicating if intermediate results should be printed; defaults

to FALSE; values  $\geq 2$  also produce print from the internal (Fortran) code.

use.correction whether to use finite sample correction factors. Default is use.correction=TRUE

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wgtFUN a character string or function, specifying how the weights for the reweight-

ing step should be computed. Up to April 2013, the only option has been the original proposal in (1999), now specified by wgtFUN = "01.original" (or via

control).

control a list with estimation options - same as these provided in the function specifi-

cation. If the control object is supplied, the parameters from it will be used. If parameters are passed also in the invocation statement, they will override the

corresponding elements of the control object.

... arguments passed to or from other methods.

#### **Details**

The LTS regression method minimizes the sum of the h smallest squared residuals, where h > n/2, i.e. at least half the number of observations must be used. The default value of h (when alpha=1/2) is roughly n/2, more precisely, (n+p+1) %/% 2 where n is the total number of observations, but by setting alpha, the user may choose higher values up to n, where  $h = h(\alpha, n, p) = h.alpha.n(alpha,n,p)$ . The LTS estimate of the error scale is given by the minimum of the objective function multiplied by a consistency factor and a finite sample correction factor – see Pison et al. (2002) for details. The rescaling factors for the raw and final estimates are returned also in the vectors raw.cnp2 and cnp2 of length 2 respectively. The finite sample corrections can be suppressed by setting use.correction=FALSE. The computations are performed using the Fast LTS algorithm proposed by Rousseeuw and Van Driessen (1999).

As always, the formula interface has an implied intercept term which can be removed either by  $y \sim x - 1$  or  $y \sim 0 + x$ . See formula for more details.

### Value

The function ltsReg returns an object of class "lts". The summary method function is used to obtain (and print) a summary table of the results, and plot() can be used to plot them, see the the specific help pages.

The generic accessor functions coefficients, fitted.values and residuals extract various useful features of the value returned by ltsReg.

An object of class 1ts is a list containing at least the following components:

crit the value of the objective function of the LTS regression method, i.e., the sum

of the h smallest squared raw residuals.

coefficients vector of coefficient estimates (including the intercept by default when intercept=TRUE),

obtained after reweighting.

best the best subset found and used for computing the raw estimates, with length(best)

== quan = h.alpha.n(alpha,n,p).

fitted.values vector like y containing the fitted values of the response after reweighting.

residuals vector like y containing the residuals from the weighted least squares regression.

scale scale estimate of the reweighted residuals.

alpha same as the input parameter alpha.

guan the number h of observations which have determined the least trimmed squares

estimator.

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same as the input parameter intercent

the response variable as a vector.

Tirrer cept	same as the input parameter intercept.
cnp2	a vector of length two containing the consistency correction factor and the finite sample correction factor of the final estimate of the error scale.
raw.coefficient	•
	vector of raw coefficient estimates (including the intercept, when intercept=TRUE).
raw.scale	scale estimate of the raw residuals.
raw.resid	vector like y containing the raw residuals from the regression.
raw.cnp2	a vector of length two containing the consistency correction factor and the finite sample correction factor of the raw estimate of the error scale.
lts.wt	vector like y containing weights that can be used in a weighted least squares. These weights are 1 for points with reasonably small residuals, and 0 for points with large residuals.
raw.weights	vector containing the raw weights based on the raw residuals and raw scale.
method	character string naming the method (Least Trimmed Squares).

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the input data as a matrix (including intercept column if applicable).

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# See Also

covMcd; summary.lts for summaries, lmrob() for alternative robust estimator with HBDP. The generic functions coef, residuals, fitted.

```
data(heart)
## Default method works with 'x'-matrix and y-var:
heart.x <- data.matrix(heart[, 1:2]) # the X-variables
heart.y <- heart[,"clength"]
ltsReg(heart.x, heart.y)

data(stackloss)
ltsReg(stack.loss ~ ., data = stackloss)</pre>
```

Medcouple, a Robust Measure of Skewness

mc

# **Description**

Compute the 'medcouple', a *robust* concept and estimator of skewness. The medcouple is defined as a scaled median difference of the left and right half of distribution, and hence *not* based on the third moment as the classical skewness.

# Usage

# **Arguments**

X	a numeric vector
na.rm	logical indicating how missing values (NAs) should be dealt with.
doReflect	logical indicating if the internal MC should also be computed on the <i>reflected</i> sample $-x$ , with final result $(mc.(x) - mc.(-x))/2$ . This makes sense since the internal MC, $mc.()$ computes the himedian() which can differ slightly from the median.
doScale	logical indicating if the internal algorithm should also <i>scale</i> the data (using the most distant value from the median which is unrobust and numerically dangerous); scaling has been hardwired in the original algorithm and R's mc() till summer 2018, where it became the default. Since <b>robustbase</b> version 0.95-0, March 2022, the default is FALSE. As this may change the result, a message is printed about the new default, once per R session. You can suppress the message by specifying doScale = * explicitly, or, by setting options(mc_doScale_quiet=TRUE).
c.huberize	a positive number (default: 1e11) used to stabilize the sample via x <- huberize(x, c = c.huberize) for the mc() computations in the case of a nearly degenerate sample (many observations practically equal to the median) or very extreme outliers. In previous versions of <b>robustbase</b> no such huberization was applied which is equivalent to c.huberize = Inf.
eps1, eps2	tolerance in the algorithm; eps1 is used as a for convergence tolerance, where eps2 is only used in the internal h_kern() function to prevent underflow to zero, so could be considerably smaller. The original code implicitly <i>hard coded</i> in C eps1 := eps2 := 1e-13; only change with care!
maxit	maximal number of iterations; typically a few should be sufficient.
trace.lev	integer specifying how much diagnostic output the algorithm (in $C$ ) should produce. No output by default, most output for trace.lev = 5.
full.result	logical indicating if the full return values (from $C$ ) should be returned as a list via attr(*, "mcComp").

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### Value

```
a number between -1 and 1, which is the medcouple, MC(x). For r <- mc(x, full.result = TRUE, ....), then attr(r, "mcComp") is a list with components
```

medc the medcouple mc.(x).

medc2 the medcouple mc.(-x) if doReflect=TRUE.

eps tolerances used.

iter, iter2 number of iterations used.

converged, converged2

logical specifying "convergence".

# **Convergence Problems**

For extreme cases there were convergence problems which should not happen anymore as we now use doScale=FALSE and huberization (when c.huberize < Inf).

The original algorithm and mc(\*, doScale=TRUE) not only centers the data around the median but also scales them by the extremes which may have a negative effect e.g., when changing an extreme outlier to even more extreme, the result changes wrongly; see the 'mc10x' example.

# Author(s)

Guy Brys; modifications by Tobias Verbeke and bug fixes and extensions by Manuel Koller and Martin Maechler.

The new default doScale=FALSE, and the new c.huberize were introduced as consequence of Lukas Graz' BSc thesis.

# References

Guy Brys, Mia Hubert and Anja Struyf (2004) A Robust Measure of Skewness; *JCGS* **13** (4), 996–1017.

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### See Also

Qn for a robust measure of scale (aka "dispersion"), ....

```
mc(1:5) # 0 for a symmetric sample x1 <- c(1, 2, 7, 9, 10) mc(x1) # = -1/3 data(cushny) mc(cushny) # 0.125
```

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```
stopifnot(mc(c(-20, -5, -2:2, 5, 20)) == 0,
          mc(x1, doReflect=FALSE) == -mc(-x1, doReflect=FALSE),
          all.equal(mc(x1, doReflect=FALSE), -1/3, tolerance = 1e-12))
## Susceptibility of the current algorithm to large outliers :
dX10 \leftarrow function(X) c(1:5,7,10,15,25, X) \# generate skewed size-10 with 'X'
x <- c(10,20,30, 100^{(1:20)})
## (doScale=TRUE, c.huberize=Inf) were (implicit) defaults in earlier {robustbase}:
(mc10x <- vapply(x, function(X) mc(dX10(X), doScale=TRUE, c.huberize=Inf), 1))</pre>
## limit X -> Inf should be 7/12 = 0.58333... but that "breaks down a bit" :
plot(x, mc10x, type="b", main = "mc(c(1:5,7,10,15,25, X))", xlab="X", log="x")
## The new behavior is much preferable {shows message about new 'doScale=FALSE'}:
(mc10N \leftarrow vapply(x, function(X) mc(dX10(X)), 1))
lines(x, mc10N, col=adjustcolor(2, 3/4), lwd=3)
mtext("mc(*, c.huberize=1e11)", col=2)
stopifnot(all.equal(c(4, 6, rep(7, length(x)-2))/12, mc10N))
## Here, huberization already solves the issue:
mc10NS <- vapply(x, function(X) mc(dX10(X), doScale=TRUE), 1)</pre>
stopifnot(all.equal(mc10N, mc10NS))
```

milk

Daudin's Milk Composition Data

### **Description**

Daudin et al.(1988) give 8 readings on the composition of 86 containers of milk. They speak about 85 observations, but this can be explained with the fact that observations 63 and 64 are identical (as noted by Rocke (1996)).

The data set was used for analysing the stability of principal component analysis by the bootstrap method. In the same context, but using high breakdown point robust PCA, these data were analysed by Todorov et al. (1994). Atkinson (1994) used these data for illustration of the forward search algorithm for identifying of multiple outliers.

#### Usage

```
data(milk, package="robustbase")
```

### **Format**

A data frame with 86 observations on the following 8 variables, all but the first measure units in grams / liter.

X1 density

X2 fat content

X3 protein content

X4 casein content

X5 cheese dry substance measured in the factory

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X6 cheese dry substance measured in the laboratory
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X7 milk dry substance

X8 cheese product

#### Source

Daudin, J.J. Duby, C. and Trecourt, P. (1988) Stability of Principal Component Analysis Studied by the Bootstrap Method; *Statistics* **19**, 241–258.

### References

Todorov, V., Neyko, N., Neytchev, P. (1994) Stability of High Breakdown Point Robust PCA, in *Short Communications, COMPSTAT'94*; Physica Verlag, Heidelberg.

Atkinson, A.C. (1994) Fast Very Robust Methods for the Detection of Multiple Outliers. *J. Amer. Statist. Assoc.* **89** 1329–1339.

Rocke, D. M. and Woodruff, D. L. (1996) Identification of Outliers in Multivariate Data; *J. Amer. Statist. Assoc.* **91** (435), 1047–1061.

# **Examples**

```
data(milk)
(c.milk <- covMcd(milk))
summarizeRobWeights(c.milk $ mcd.wt)# 19..20 outliers
umilk <- unique(milk) # dropping obs.64 (== obs.63)
summary(cumilk <- covMcd(umilk, nsamp = "deterministic")) # 20 outliers</pre>
```

Mpsi

Psi / Chi / Wgt / Rho Functions for \*M-Estimation

# **Description**

Compute Psi / Chi / Wgt / Rho functions for M-estimation, i.e., including MM, etc. For definitions and details, please use the vignette " $\psi$ -Functions Available in Robustbase".

MrhoInf(x) computes  $\rho(\infty)$ , i.e., the normalizing or scaling constant for the transformation from  $\rho(\cdot)$  to  $\tilde{\rho}(\cdot)$ , where the latter, aka as  $\chi()$  fulfills  $\tilde{\rho}(\infty)=1$  which makes only sense for "redescending" psi functions, i.e., not for "huber".

Mwgt(x, \*) computes  $\psi(x)/x$  (fast and numerically accurately).

# Usage

```
Mpsi(x, cc, psi, deriv = 0)
Mchi(x, cc, psi, deriv = 0)
Mwgt(x, cc, psi)
MrhoInf(cc, psi)

.Mwgt.psi1(psi, cc = .Mpsi.tuning.default(psi))
.regularize.Mpsi(psi, redescending = TRUE)
```

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# Arguments

х	numeric ("abscissa" values) vector, possibly with attributes such as dim or names, etc. These are preserved for the M*() functions (but not the .M() ones).
сс	numeric tuning constant, for some psi of length $> 1$ .
psi	a string specifying the psi / chi / rho / wgt function; either "huber", or one of the same possible specifiers as for psi in lmrob.control, i.e. currently, "bisquare", "lqq", "welsh", "optimal", "hampel", or "ggw".
deriv	an integer, specifying the <i>order</i> of derivative to consider; particularly, Mpsi(x, *, deriv = -1) is the principal function of $\psi()$ , typically denoted $\rho()$ in the literature. For some psi functions, currently "huber", "bisquare", "hampel", and "lqq", deriv = 2 is implemented, for the other psi's only $d \in \{-1,0,1\}$
redescending	logical indicating in .regularize. $\texttt{Mpsi}(\texttt{psi},.)$ if the $\texttt{psi}$ function is redescending.

# **Details**

Theoretically, Mchi() would not be needed explicitly as it can be computed from Mpsi() and MrhoInf(), namely, by

```
Mchi(x, *, deriv = d) == Mpsi(x, *, deriv = d-1) / MrhoInf(*)
```

for d=0,1,2 (and '\*' containing par, psi, and equality is in the sense of all.equal(x,y, tol) with a small tol.

Similarly, Mwgt would not be needed strictly, as it could be defined via Mpsi), but the explicit definition takes care of 0/0 and typically is of a more simple form.

For experts, there are slightly even faster versions, .Mpsi(), .Mwgt(), etc.

.Mwgt.psi1() mainly a utility for nlrob(), returns a function with similar semantics as psi.hampel, psi.huber, or psi.bisquare from package MASS. Namely, a function with arguments (x, deriv=0), which for deriv=0 computes Mwgt(x, cc, psi) and otherwise computes Mpsi(x, cc, psi, deriv=deriv).

.Mpsi(), .Mchi(), .Mwgt(), and .MrhoInf() are low-level versions of Mpsi(), Mchi(), Mwgt(), and MrhoInf(), respectively, and .psi2ipsi() provides the psi-function integer codes needed for ipsi argument of the .M\*() functions.

For psi = "ggw", the  $\rho()$  function has no closed form and must be computed via numerical integration, apart from 6 special cases including the defaults, see the 'Details' in help(.psi.ggw.findc).

.Mpsi.regularize() may (rarely) be used to regularize a psi function.

### Value

a numeric vector of the same length as x, with corresponding function (or derivative) values.

### Author(s)

Manuel Koller, notably for the original C implementation; tweaks and speedup via .Call and .M\*() etc by Martin Maechler.

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### References

See the vignette about " $\psi$ -Functions Available in Robustbase".

### See Also

psiFunc and the psi\_func class, both of which provide considerably more on the R side, but are less optimized for speed.

.Mpsi.tuning.defaults, etc, for tuning constants' defaults forlmrob(), and .psi.ggw.findc() utilities to construct such constants' vectors.

```
x < - seq(-5,7, by=1/8)
matplot(x, cbind(Mpsi(x, 4, "biweight"),
                 Mchi(x, 4, "biweight"),
                 Mwgt(x, 4, "biweight")), type = "l")
abline(h=0, v=0, lty=2, col=adjustcolor("gray", 0.6))
hampelPsi
(ccHa <- hampelPsi @ xtras $ tuningP $ k)</pre>
psHa <- hampelPsi@psi(x)</pre>
## using Mpsi():
Mp.Ha <- Mpsi(x, cc = ccHa, psi = "hampel")</pre>
stopifnot(all.equal(Mp.Ha, psHa, tolerance = 1e-15))
psi.huber <- .Mwgt.psi1("huber")</pre>
if(getRversion() >= "3.0.0")
stopifnot(identical(psi.huber, .Mwgt.psi1("huber", 1.345),
                    ignore.env=TRUE))
curve(psi.huber(x), -3, 5, col=2, ylim = 0:1)
curve(psi.huber(x, deriv=1), add=TRUE, col=3)
## and show that this is indeed the same as MASS::psi.huber():
x <- runif(256, -2,3)
stopifnot(all.equal(psi.huber(x), MASS::psi.huber(x)),
          all.equal(
                                      psi.huber(x, deriv=1),
                    as.numeric(MASS::psi.huber(x, deriv=1))))
## and how to get MASS::psi.hampel():
psi.hampel <- .Mwgt.psi1("Hampel", c(2,4,8))</pre>
x <- runif(256, -4, 10)
stopifnot(all.equal(psi.hampel(x), MASS::psi.hampel(x)),
          all.equal(
                                      psi.hampel(x, deriv=1),
                    as.numeric(MASS::psi.hampel(x, deriv=1))))
## "lqq" / "LQQ" and its tuning constants:
ctl0 <- lmrob.control(psi = "lqq", tuning.psi=c(-0.5, 1.5, 0.95, NA))
ctl <- lmrob.control(psi = "lqq", tuning.psi=c(-0.5, 1.5, 0.90, NA))
ctl0$tuning.psi ## keeps the vector _and_ has "constants" attribute:
## [1] -0.50 1.50 0.95
## attr(,"constants")
```

```
## [1] 1.4734061 0.9822707 1.5000000
ctl$tuning.psi ## ditto:
## [1] -0.5 1.5 0.9 NA \ .."constants" 1.213726 0.809151 1.500000
stopifnot(all.equal(Mpsi(0:2, cc = ctl$tuning.psi, psi = ctl$psi),
                    c(0, 0.977493, 1.1237), tol = 6e-6))
x < - seq(-4,8, by = 1/16)
## Show how you can use .Mpsi() equivalently to Mpsi()
stopifnot(all.equal( Mpsi(x, cc = ctl$tuning.psi, psi = ctl$psi),
                    .Mpsi(x, ccc = attr(ctl$tuning.psi, "constants"),
                             ipsi = .psi2ipsi("lqq"))))
stopifnot(all.equal( Mpsi(x, cc = ctl0$tuning.psi, psi = ctl0$psi, deriv=1),
                    .Mpsi(x, ccc = attr(ctl0$tuning.psi, "constants"),
                              ipsi = .psi2ipsi("lqq"),
                                                                     deriv=1)))
## M*() preserving attributes :
x \leftarrow matrix(x, 32, 8, dimnames=list(paste0("r",1:32), col=letters[1:8]))
comment(x) <- "a vector which is a matrix"</pre>
px \leftarrow Mpsi(x, cc = ccHa, psi = "hampel")
stopifnot(identical(attributes(x), attributes(px)))
## The "optimal" psi exists in two versions "in the litterature": ---
## Maronna et al. 2006, 5.9.1, p.144f:
psi.M2006 \leftarrow function(x, c = 0.013)
 sign(x) * pmax(0, abs(x) - c/dnorm(abs(x)))
## and the other is the one in robustbase from 'robust': via Mpsi(.., "optimal")
## Here are both for 95% efficiency:
(c106 <- .Mpsi.tuning.default("optimal"))</pre>
c1 <- curve(Mpsi(x, cc = c106, psi="optimal"), -5, 7, n=1001)</pre>
c2 <- curve(psi.M2006(x), add=TRUE, n=1001, col=adjustcolor(2,0.4), lwd=2)
abline(0,1, v=0, h=0, lty=3)
## the two psi's are similar, but really quite different
## a zoom into Maronna et al's:
c3 <- curve(psi.M2006(x), -.5, 1, n=1001); abline(h=0,v=0, lty=3); abline(0,1, lty=2)
```

nlrob

Robust Fitting of Nonlinear Regression Models

# Description

nlrob fits a nonlinear regression model by robust methods. Per default, by an M-estimator, using iterated reweighted least squares (called "IRLS" or also "IWLS").

# Usage

```
nlrob(formula, data, start, lower, upper,
    weights = NULL, na.action = na.fail,
    method = c("M", "MM", "tau", "CM", "mtl"),
    psi = .Mwgt.psi1("huber", cc=1.345), scale = NULL,
```

```
test.vec = c("resid", "coef", "w"), maxit = 20,
      tol = 1e-06, acc, algorithm = "default", doCov = FALSE, model = FALSE,
      control = if(method == "M") nls.control() else
nlrob.control(method, optArgs = list(trace=trace), ...),
      trace = FALSE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'nlrob'
fitted(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'nlrob'
residuals(object, type = , ...)
## S3 method for class 'nlrob'
predict(object, newdata, ...)
```

### **Arguments**

formula

a nonlinear formula including variables and parameters of the model, such as  $y \sim f(x, theta)$  (cf. nls). (For some checks: if f(.) is linear, then we need parentheses, e.g.,  $y \sim (a + b * x)$ ; (note that .\_nlrob.w is not allowed as variable or parameter name))

data

an optional data frame containing the variables in the model. If not found in data, the variables are taken from environment (formula), typically the environment from which nlrob is called.

start

a named numeric vector of starting parameters estimates, only for method = "M".

lower, upper

numeric vectors of lower and upper bounds; if needed, will be replicated to be as long as the longest of start, lower or upper. For (the default) method = "M", if the bounds are unspecified all parameters are assumed to be unconstrained; also, for method "M", bounds can only be used with the "port" algorithm. They are ignored, with a warning, in cases they have no effect.

For all other methods, currently these bounds *must* be specified as finite values, and one of them must have names matching the parameter names in formula.

For methods "CM" and "mtl", the bounds must additionally have an entry named "sigma" as that is determined simultaneously in the same optimization, and hence its lower bound must not be negative.

weights

an optional vector of weights to be used in the fitting process (for intrinsic weights, not the weights w used in the iterative (robust) fit). I.e.,  $sum(w * e^2)$ is minimized with e = residuals,  $e_i = y_i - f(xreg_i, \theta)$ , where  $f(x, \theta)$  is the nonlinear function, and w are the robust weights from resid \* weights.

na.action

a function which indicates what should happen when the data contain NAs. The default action is for the procedure to fail. If NAs are present, use na.exclude to have residuals with length == nrow(data) == length(w), where w are the weights used in the iterative robust loop. This is better if the explanatory variables in formula are time series (and so the NA location is important). For this reason, na.omit, which leads to omission of cases with missing values on any required variable, is not suitable here since the residuals length is different from nrow(data) == length(w).

method

a character string specifying which method to use. The default is "M", for historical and back-compatibility reasons. For the other methods, primarily see

### nlrob.algorithms.

"M" Computes an M-estimator, using nls(\*, weights=\*) iteratively (hence, IRLS) with weights equal to  $\psi(r_i)/r_i$ , where  $r_i$  is the i-the residual from the previous fit.

"MM" Computes an MM-estimator, starting from init, either "S" or "lts".

"tau" Computes a Tau-estimator.

"CM" Computes a "Constrained M" (=: CM) estimator.

"mtl" Compute as "Maximum Trimmed Likelihood" (=: MTL) estimator.

Note that all methods but "M" are "random", hence typically to be preceded by set.seed() in usage, see also nlrob.algorithms.

psi

a function (possibly by name) of the form g(x, 'tuning constant(s)', deriv) that for deriv=0 returns  $\psi(x)/x$  and for deriv=1 returns  $\psi'(x)$ . Note that tuning constants can *not* be passed separately, but directly via the specification of psi, typically via a simple .Mwgt.psi1() call as per default.

Note that this has been a deliberately non-backcompatible change for robustbase version 0.90-0 (summer 2013 – early 2014).

scale

when not NULL (default), a positive number specifying a scale kept *fixed* during the iterations (and returned as Scale component).

test.vec

character string specifying the convergence criterion. The relative change is tested for residuals with a value of "resid" (the default), for coefficients with "coef", and for weights with "w".

maximum number of iterations in the robust loop.

maxit tol

non-negative convergence tolerance for the robust fit.

acc

previous name for tol, now deprecated.

algorithm

character string specifying the algorithm to use for nls, see there, only when method = "M". The default algorithm is a Gauss-Newton algorithm.

doCov

a logical specifying if nlrob() should compute the asymptotic variance-covariance matrix (see vcov) already. This used to be hard-wired to TRUE; however, the default has been set to FALSE, as vcov(obj) and summary(obj) can easily compute it when needed.

model

a logical indicating if the model. frame should be returned as well.

control

an optional list of control settings.

for method = "M": settings for nls(). See nls.control for the names of the
 settable control values and their effect.

for all methods but "M": a list, typically resulting from nlrob.control(method,
 \*).

trace

logical value indicating if a "trace" of the nls iteration progress should be printed. Default is FALSE.

If TRUE, in each robust iteration, the residual sum-of-squares and the parameter values are printed at the conclusion of each nls iteration. When the "plinear" algorithm is used, the conditional estimates of the linear parameters are printed after the nonlinear parameters.

object

an R object of class "nlrob", typically resulting from nlrob(..).

for nlrob: only when method is *not* "M", optional arguments for nlrob.control;

for other functions: potentially optional arguments passed to the extractor meth-

ods.

type a string specifying the *type* of residuals desired. Currently, "response" and

"working" are supported.

newdata a data frame (or list) with the same names as the original data, see e.g., predict.nls.

#### **Details**

For method = "M", iterated reweighted least squares ("IRLS" or "IWLS") is used, calling nls(\*, weights=.) where weights  $w_i$  are proportional to  $\psi(r_i/\hat{\sigma})$ .

All other methods minimize differently, and work without nls. See nlrob.algorithms for details.

#### Value

nlrob() returns an object of S3 class "nlrob", for method = "M" also inheriting from class "nls", (see nls).

It is a list with several components; they are not documented yet, as some of them will probably change. Instead, rather use "accessor" methods, where possible: There are methods (at least) for the generic accessor functions summary(), coefficients() (aka coef()) fitted.values(), residuals(), sigma() and vcov(), the latter for the variance-covariance matrix of the estimated parameters, as returned by coef(), i.e., not including the variance of the errors. For nlrob() results, estimethod() returns the "estimation method", which coincides with the method argument used.

residuals(.), by default type = "response", returns the residuals  $e_i$ , defined above as  $e_i = Y_i - f(x_i, \hat{\theta})$ . These differ from the standardized or weighted residuals which, e.g., are assumed to be normally distributed, and a version of which is returned in working residuals component.

### Note

This function (with the only method "M") used to be named rnls and has been in package **sfsmisc** in the past, but been dropped there.

### Author(s)

```
method = "M": Andreas Ruckstuhl (inspired by rlm() and nls()), in July 1994 for S-plus.

Christian Sangiorgio did the update to R and corrected some errors, from June 2002 to January 2005, and Andreas contributed slight changes and the first methods in August 2005.
```

```
method = "MM", etc: Originally all by Eduardo L. T. Conceicao, see nlrob.algorithms:
```

Since then, the help page, testing, more cleanup, new methods: Martin Maechler.

#### See Also

nls, rlm.

```
DNase1 <- DNase[ DNase$Run == 1, ]</pre>
## note that selfstarting models don't work yet % <<< FIXME !!!
##--- without conditional linearity ---
## classical
fmNase1 <- nls( density ~ Asym/(1 + exp(( xmid - log(conc) )/scal ) ),</pre>
                 data = DNase1,
                start = list( Asym = 3, xmid = 0, scal = 1 ),
                trace = TRUE )
summary( fmNase1 )
## robust
RmN1 <- nlrob( density ~ Asym/(1 + exp(( xmid - log(conc) )/scal ) ),
                data = DNase1, trace = TRUE,
                 start = list(Asym = 3, xmid = 0, scal = 1)
summary( RmN1 )
##--- using conditional linearity ---
## classical
fm2DNase1 <- nls( density ~ 1/(1 + exp(( xmid - log(conc) )/scal ) ),</pre>
                  data = DNase1,
                  start = c(xmid = 0, scal = 1),
                  alg = "plinear", trace = TRUE )
summary( fm2DNase1 )
## robust
frm2DNase1 <- nlrob(density ~ 1/(1 + exp(( xmid - log(conc) )/scal ) ),</pre>
                  data = DNase1, start = c(xmid = 0, scal = 1),
                  alg = "plinear", trace = TRUE )
summary( frm2DNase1 )
## Confidence for linear parameter is quite smaller than "Asym" above
c1 <- coef(summary(RmN1))</pre>
c2 <- coef(summary(frm2DNase1))</pre>
rownames(c2)[rownames(c2) == ".lin"] <- "Asym"</pre>
stopifnot(all.equal(c1[,1:2], c2[rownames(c1), 1:2], tol = 0.09)) # 0.07315
### -- new examples -- "moderate outlier":
DN2 <- DNase1
DN2[10, "density"] <- 2*DN2[10, "density"]</pre>
fm3DN2 \leftarrow nls(density \sim Asym/(1 + exp((xmid - log(conc))/scal)),
              data = DN2, trace = TRUE,
              start = list( Asym = 3, xmid = 0, scal = 1 ))
## robust
Rm3DN2 <- nlrob(density ~ Asym/(1 + exp(( xmid - log(conc) )/scal ) ),
                data = DN2, trace = TRUE,
                start = list( Asym = 3, xmid = 0, scal = 1 ))
```

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```
Rm3DN2
summary(Rm3DN2) # -> robustness weight of obs. 10 ~= 0.037
confint(Rm3DN2, method = "Wald")
stopifnot(identical(Rm3DN2$dataClasses,
                     c(density = "numeric", conc = "numeric")))
## utility function sfsmisc::lseq() :
lseq <- function (from, to, length)</pre>
  2^seq(log2(from), log2(to), length.out = length)
## predict() {and plot}:
h.x \leftarrow lseq(min(DN2\$conc), max(DN2\$conc), length = 100)
nDat <- data.frame(conc = h.x)</pre>
h.p <- predict(fm3DN2, newdata = nDat)# classical</pre>
h.rp <- predict(Rm3DN2, newdata = nDat)# robust</pre>
plot(density ~ conc, data=DN2, log="x",
     main = format(formula(Rm3DN2)))
lines(h.x, h.p, col="blue")
lines(h.x, h.rp, col="magenta")
legend("topleft", c("classical nls()", "robust nlrob()"),
       lwd = 1, col= c("blue", "magenta"), inset = 0.05)
## See ?nlrob.algorithms for examples
DNase1 <- DNase[DNase$Run == 1,]</pre>
form <- density ~ Asym/(1 + exp(( xmid -log(conc) )/scal ))</pre>
gMM <- nlrob(form, data = DNase1, method = "MM",
              lower = c(Asym = 0, xmid = 0, scal = 0),
              upper = 3, trace = TRUE)
## "CM" (and "mtl") additionally need bounds for "sigma" :
gCM <- nlrob(form, data = DNase1, method = "CM",</pre>
              lower = c(Asym = 0, xmid = 0, scal = 0, sigma = 0),
              upper = c(3,3,3, sigma = 0.8))
summary(gCM)# did fail; note it has NA NA NA (std.err, t val, P val)
stopifnot(identical(Rm3DN2$dataClasses, gMM$dataClasses),
          identical( gCM$dataClasses, gMM$dataClasses))
```

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MM-, Tau-, CM-, and MTL- Estimators for Nonlinear Robust Regression

# **Description**

"MM": Compute an MM-estimator for nonlinear robust (constrained) regression.

"tau": Compute a Tau-estimator for nonlinear robust (constrained) regression.

"CM": Compute a "Constrained M" (=: CM) estimator for nonlinear robust (constrained) regression.

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"MTL": Compute a "Maximum Trimmed Likelihood" (=: MTL) estimator for nonlinear robust (constrained) regression.

# Usage

```
## You can *not* call the nlrob(*, method = <M>) like this ==> see help(nlrob)
nlrob.MM(formula, data, lower, upper,
 tol = 1e-06,
psi = c("bisquare", "lqq", "optimal", "hampel"),
        init = c("S", "Its"),
ctrl = nlrob.control("MM", psi = psi, init = init, fnscale = NULL,
      tuning.chi.scale = .psi.conv.cc(psi, .Mchi.tuning.defaults[[psi]]),
                     = .psi.conv.cc(psi, .Mpsi.tuning.defaults[[psi]]),
      tuning.psi.M
      optim.control = list(), optArgs = list(...)),
 ...)
nlrob.tau(formula, data, lower, upper,
  tol = 1e-06, psi = c("bisquare", "optimal"),
  ctrl = nlrob.control("tau", psi = psi, fnscale = NULL,
tuning.chi.scale = NULL, tuning.chi.tau = NULL,
optArgs = list(...)),
  ...)
nlrob.CM(formula, data, lower, upper,
tol = 1e-06,
psi = c("bisquare", "lqq", "welsh", "optimal", "hampel", "ggw"),
ctrl = nlrob.control("CM", psi = psi, fnscale = NULL,
                       tuning.chi = NULL, optArgs = list(...)),
 ...)
nlrob.mtl(formula, data, lower, upper,
  tol = 1e-06,
  ctrl = nlrob.control("mtl", cutoff = 2.5, optArgs = list(...)),
  ...)
```

### **Arguments**

formula nonlinear regression formula, using both variable names from data and param-

eter names from either lower or upper.

data data to be used, a data.frame

lower, upper bounds aka "box constraints" for all the parameters, in the case "CM" and "mtl"

these must include the error standard deviation as "sigma", see nlrob() about

its names, etc.

Note that one of these two must be a properly "named", e.g., names(lower) being a character vector of parameter names (used in formula above).

tol numerical convergence tolerance.

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#### **Details**

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Currently, all four methods use JDEoptim() from **DEoptimR**, which subsamples using sample(). From R version 3.6.0, sample depends on RNGkind(\*, sample.kind), such that exact reproducibility of results from R versions 3.5.3 and earlier requires setting RNGversion("3.5.0"). In any case, do use set.seed() additionally for reproducibility!

### Value

```
an R object of class "nlrob.<meth>", basically a list with components
```

### Author(s)

Eduardo L. T. Conceicao; compatibility (to nlrob) tweaks and generalizations, inference, by Martin Maechler.

# Source

For "MTL": Maronna, Ricardo A., Martin, R. Douglas, and Yohai, Victor J. (2006). *Robust Statistics: Theory and Methods* Wiley, Chichester, p. 133.

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  In: Robust Statistics, Data Analysis and Computer Intensive Methods, Lecture Notes in Statistics 109, Springer, New York, 299–320.
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Gervini, Daniel, and Yohai, Victor J. (2002). A class of robust and fully efficient regression estimators. The Annals of Statistics **30**, 583–616.

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# **Examples**

```
DNase1 <- DNase[DNase$Run == 1,]</pre>
form <- density ~ Asym/(1 + exp(( xmid -log(conc) )/scal ))</pre>
pnms <- c("Asym", "xmid", "scal")</pre>
set.seed(47) # as these by default use randomized optimization:
fMM <- robustbase:::nlrob.MM(form, data = DNase1,</pre>
           lower = setNames(c(0,0,0), pnms), upper = 3,
           ## call to nlrob.control to pass 'optim.control':
           ctrl = nlrob.control("MM", optim.control = list(trace = 1),
                                 optArgs = list(trace = TRUE)))
## The same via nlrob() {recommended; same random seed to necessarily give the same}:
set.seed(47)
gMM <- nlrob(form, data = DNase1, method = "MM",
              lower = setNames(c(0,0,0), pnms), upper = 3, trace = TRUE)
summary(gMM)
## and they are the same {apart from 'call' and 'ctrl' and new stuff in gMM}:
ni <- names(fMM); ni <- ni[is.na(match(ni, c("call","ctrl")))]</pre>
stopifnot(all.equal(fMM[ni], gMM[ni]))
```

nlrob.control

Control Nonlinear Robust Regression Algorithms

# Description

Allow the user to specify details for the different nonlinear robust regression algorithms in nlrob.

# Usage

# **Arguments**

method	character string specifying the method
psi	string specifying the psi-function which defines the estimator.
init	for some methods, currently, "MM" only, a string specifying the initial estimator.
optimizer	currently only "JDEoptim" from package <b>DEoptimR</b> .
optArgs	a list of optional arguments to the optimizer. Currently, that is JDEoptim from package <b>DEoptimR</b> .

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optional arguments depending on method, such as fnscale, tuning.chi or both tuning.chi.tau and tuning.chi.scale; for method = "MM" also optim.control to be passed to the optim(.., hessian=TRUE) call. Internally, nlrob.control() will choose (or check) defaults for the psi/rho/chi related tuning parameters, also depending on the method chosen; see e.g., the 'Examples'.

#### Value

a list with several named components. The contents depend quite a bit on the method.

#### See Also

```
nlrob; for some details, nlrob.algorithms.
```

### **Examples**

```
## Show how the different 'method's have different smart defaults :
str(nlrob.control("MM"))
str(nlrob.control("MM", psi = "hampel"))# -> other tuning.psi.M and tuning.chi.scale defaults
str(nlrob.control("MM", psi = "lqq", tol = 1e-10))# other tuning.psi.M & tuning.chi.scale defaults
str(nlrob.control("tau"))
str(nlrob.control("tau",psi= "lqq"))
str(nlrob.control("CM")) # tuning.chi undefined, unneeded
str(nlrob.control("CM", psi= "optimal"))
str(nlrob.control("mtl"))
```

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NOx Air Pollution Data

### **Description**

A typical medium sized environmental data set with hourly measurements of NOx pollution content in the ambient air.

### Usage

```
data(NOxEmissions, package="robustbase")
```

#### **Format**

A data frame with 8088 observations on the following 4 variables.

julday day number, a factor with levels 373 ... 730, typically with 24 hourly measurements.

LN0x log of hourly mean of NOx concentration in ambient air [ppb] next to a highly frequented motorway.

 ${\sf LNOxEm}\ \log$  of hourly sum of NOx emission of cars on this motorway in arbitrary units.

sqrtWS Square root of wind speed [m/s].

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#### **Details**

The original data set had more observations, but with missing values. Here, all cases with missing values were omitted (na.omit(.)), and then only those were retained that belonged to days with at least 20 (fully) observed hourly measurements.

#### **Source**

René Locher (at ZHAW, Switzerland).

#### See Also

another NOx dataset, ambientNOxCH.

## **Examples**

```
data(NOxEmissions)
plot(LNOx ~ LNOxEm, data = NOxEmissions, cex = 0.25, col = "gray30")

## Not run: ## these take too much time --
    ## p = 340 ==> already Least Squares is not fast
    (lmNOx <- lm(LNOx ~ . ,data = NOxEmissions))
    plot(lmNOx) #-> indication of 1 outlier

M.NOx <- MASS::rlm(LNOx ~ . , data = NOxEmissions)
    ## M-estimation works
    ## whereas MM-estimation fails:
    try(MM.NOx <- MASS::rlm(LNOx ~ . , data = NOxEmissions, method = "MM"))
    ## namely because S-estimation fails:
    try(lts.NOx <- ltsReg(LNOx ~ . , data = NOxEmissions))
    try(lmR.NOx <- lmrob (LNOx ~ . , data = NOxEmissions))

## End(Not run)</pre>
```

outlierStats

Robust Regression Outlier Statistics

# Description

Simple statistics about observations with robustness weight of almost zero for models that include factor terms. The number of rejected observations and the mean robustness weights are computed for each level of each factor included in the model.

# Usage

```
outlierStats(object, x = object$x, control = object$control
    , epsw = control$eps.outlier
    , epsx = control$eps.x
    , warn.limit.reject = control$warn.limit.reject
    , warn.limit.meanrw = control$warn.limit.meanrw
    , shout = NA)
```

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#### **Arguments**

object of class "1mrob", typically the result of a call to 1mrob.

x design matrix

control list as returned by lmrob.control().

epsw limit on the robustness weight below which an observation is considered to be

an outlier. Either a numeric(1) or a function that takes the number of obser-

vations as an argument.

epsx limit on the absolute value of the elements of the design matrix below which

an element is considered zero. Either a numeric(1) or a function that takes the

maximum absolute value in the design matrix as an argument.

warn.limit.reject

limit of ratio #rejected/#obs in level above (≥) which a warning is produced.

Set to NULL to disable warning.

warn.limit.meanrw

limit of the mean robustness per factor level below which ( $\leq$ ) a warning is pro-

duced. Set to NULL to disable warning.

shout a logical (scalar) indicating if large "Ratio" or small "Mean.RobWeight"

should lead to corresponding warning()s; cutoffs are determined by warn.limit.reject

and warn.limit.meanrw, above. By default, NA; setting it to FALSE or TRUE dis-

ables or unconditionally enables "shouting".

#### **Details**

For models that include factors, the fast S-algorithm used by 1mrob can produce "bad" fits for some of the factor levels, especially if there are many levels with only a few observations. Such a "bad" fit is characterized as a fit where most of the observations in a level of a factor are rejected, i.e., are assigned robustness weights of zero or nearly zero. We call such a fit a "local exact fit".

If a local exact fit is detected, then we recommend to increase some of the control parameters of the "fast S"-algorithm. As a first aid solution in such cases, one can use setting="KS2014", see also lmrob.control.

This function is called internally by 1mrob to issue a warning if a local exact fit is detected. The output is available as ostats in objects of class "1mrob" (only if the statistic is computed).

# Value

A data frame for each column with any zero elements as well as an overall statistic. The data frame consist of the names of the coefficients in question, the number of non-zero observations in that level (N. nonzero), the number of rejected observations (N. rejected), the ratio of rejected observations to the number of observations in that level (Ratio) and the mean robustness weight of all the observations in the corresponding level (Mean.RobWeight).

#### Author(s)

Manuel Koller

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### References

Koller, M. and Stahel, W.A. (2017) Nonsingular subsampling for regression S estimators with categorical predictors, *Computational Statistics* **32**(2): 631–646. doi:10.1007/s001800160679x

#### See Also

lmrob.control for the default values of the control parameters; summarizeRobWeights.

# **Examples**

```
## artificial data example
data <- expand.grid(grp1 = letters[1:5], grp2 = letters[1:5], rep=1:3)</pre>
set.seed(101)
data$y <- c(rt(nrow(data), 1))</pre>
## compute outlier statistics for all the estimators
control <- lmrob.control(method = "SMDM",</pre>
                          compute.outlier.stats = c("S", "MM", "SMD", "SMDM"))
## warning is only issued for some seeds
set.seed(2)
fit1 <- lmrob(y ~ grp1*grp2, data, control = control)</pre>
## do as suggested:
fit2 <- lmrob(y \sim grp1*grp2, data, setting = "KS2014")
## the plot function should work for such models as well
plot(fit1)
## Not run:
 ## access statistics:
 fit1$ostats ## SMDM
 fit1$init$ostats ## SMD
 fit1$init$init$ostats ## SM
 fit1$init$init$init.S$ostats ## S
## End(Not run)
```

pension

Pension Funds Data

# Description

The total 1981 premium income of pension funds of Dutch firms, for 18 Professional Branches, from de Wit (1982).

# Usage

```
data(pension, package="robustbase")
```

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### **Format**

A data frame with 18 observations on the following 2 variables.

```
Income Premium Income (in millions of guilders)
Reserves Premium Reserves (in millions of guilders)
```

#### **Source**

P. J. Rousseeuw and A. M. Leroy (1987) *Robust Regression and Outlier Detection*; Wiley, p.76, table 13.

## **Examples**

```
data(pension)
plot(pension)
summary(lm.p <-
                    lm(Reserves ~., data=pension))
summary(lmR.p <- lmrob(Reserves ~., data=pension))</pre>
summary(lts.p <- ltsReg(Reserves ~., data=pension))</pre>
abline( lm.p)
abline(lmR.p, col=2)
abline(lts.p, col=2, lty=2)
## MM: "the" solution is much simpler:
plot(pension, log = "xy")
lm.lp <-
             lm(log(Reserves) ~ log(Income), data=pension)
lmR.lp <- lmrob(log(Reserves) ~ log(Income), data=pension)</pre>
plot(log(Reserves) ~ log(Income), data=pension)
## no difference between LS and robust:
abline( lm.lp)
abline(lmR.lp, col=2)
```

phosphor

Phosphorus Content Data

# Description

This dataset investigates the effect from inorganic and organic Phosphorus in the soil upon the phosphorus content of the corn grown in this soil, from Prescott (1975).

### Usage

```
data(phosphor, package="robustbase")
```

#### **Format**

A data frame with 18 observations on the following 3 variables.

```
inorg Inorganic soil Phosphorus
organic Organic soil Phosphorus
plant Plant Phosphorus content
```

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### **Source**

P. J. Rousseeuw and A. M. Leroy (1987) *Robust Regression and Outlier Detection*. Wiley, p.156, table 24.

# Examples

```
data(phosphor)
plot(phosphor)
summary(lm.phosphor <- lm(plant ~ ., data = phosphor))
summary(lts.phosphor <- ltsReg(plant ~ ., data = phosphor))
phosphor.x <- data.matrix(phosphor[, 1:2])
cPh <- covMcd(phosphor.x)
plot(cPh, "dd")</pre>
```

pilot

Pilot-Plant Data

# Description

Pilot-Plant data from Daniel and Wood (1971). The response variable corresponds to the acid content determined by titration and the explanatory variable is the organic acid content determined by extraction and weighing. This data set was analyzed also by Yale and Forsythe (1976).

### Usage

```
data(pilot, package="robustbase")
```

#### **Format**

A data frame with 20 observations on the following 2 variables.

```
X Organic acid content - extraction
```

Y Acid content - titration

### **Source**

P. J. Rousseeuw and A. M. Leroy (1987) *Robust Regression and Outlier Detection*; Wiley, page 21, table 1.

```
data(pilot)
summary(lm.pilot <- lm(Y ~.,data=pilot))</pre>
```

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Plot an Object of the "Psi Function" Class

### **Description**

The plot method objects of class psi\_func simply visualizes the  $\rho()$ ,  $\psi()$ , and weight functions and their derivatives.

# Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'psi_func'
plot(x, y,
    which = c("rho", "psi", "Dpsi", "wgt", "Dwgt"),
    main = "full",
    col = c("black", "red3", "blue3", "dark green", "light green"),
    leg.loc = "right", ...)
```

# **Arguments**

X	object of class psi_func to be plotted
У	(optional) vector of abscissa values (to plot object at).
which	character vector of slots to be included in plot; by default, all of the slots are included
main	string or logical indicating the kind of plot title; either "full", "short" or FALSE which chooses a full, a short or no main title at all.
col	colors to be used for the different slots
leg.loc	legend placement, see also x argument of legend
	passed to matplot

### Note

An earlier version had argument shortMain which is deprecated now. Use main = "short" instead of shortMain = TRUE.

If you want to specify your own title, use main=FALSE, and a subsequent title(...) call.

### See Also

```
psiFunc() and the class psi_func.
```

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```
## Plotting aspect ratio = 1:1 :
plot(hampelPsi, asp=1, main="short",
    which = c("psi", "Dpsi", "wgt", "Dwgt"))
```

plot.lmrob

Plot Method for "lmrob" Objects

# **Description**

Diagnostic plots for elements of class Imrob

# Usage

# **Arguments**

X	an object as created by 1mrob
which	integer number between 1 and 5 to specify which plot is desired
caption	Caption for the different plots
panel	<pre>panel function. The useful alternative to points, panel.smooth can be chosen by add.smooth = TRUE.</pre>
main	main title
sub.caption	sub titles
compute.MD	logical indicating if the robust Mahalanobis distances should be recomputed, using covMcd() when needed, i.e., if which contains 1.
ask	waits for user input before displaying each plot
id.n	number of points to be labelled in each plot, starting with the most extreme.
labels.id	vector of labels, from which the labels for extreme points will be chosen. NULL uses observation numbers.
cex.id	magnification of point labels.
label.pos	positioning of labels, for the left half and right half of the graph respectively.
qqline	logical indicating if a qqline() should be added to the normal Q-Q plot.

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```
    add. smooth logical indicating if a smoother should be added to most plots; see also panel above.
    optional arguments for par, title, etc.
    threshold for distance-distance plot
```

### **Details**

if compute.MD = TRUE and the robust Mahalanobis distances need to be computed, they are stored ("cached") with the object x when this function has been called from top-level.

#### References

Robust diagnostic plots as in Rousseeuw and van Zomeren (1990), see 'References' in 1tsPlot.

#### See Also

```
lmrob, also for examples, plot.lm.
```

# **Examples**

```
data(starsCYG)
## Plot simple data and fitted lines
plot(starsCYG)
    lmST <- lm(log.light ~ log.Te, data = starsCYG)
RlmST <- lmrob(log.light ~ log.Te, data = starsCYG)
RlmST
abline(lmST, col = "red")
abline(RlmST, col = "blue")

op <- par(mfrow = c(2,2), mgp = c(1.5, 0.6, 0), mar= .1+c(3,3,3,1))
plot(RlmST, which = c(1:2, 4:5))
par(op)</pre>
```

plot.lts

Robust LTS Regression Diagnostic Plots

# Description

Four plots (selectable by which) are currently provided:

- 1. a plot of the standardized residuals versus their index,
- 2. a plot of the standardized residuals versus fitted values,
- 3. a Normal Q-Q plot of the standardized residuals, and
- 4. a regression diagnostic plot (standardized residuals versus robust distances of the predictor variables).

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# Usage

### **Arguments**

X	a lts object, typically result of ltsReg.
which	string indicating which plot to show. See the <i>Details</i> section for a description of the options. Defaults to "all".
•	
classic	whether to plot the classical distances too. Default is FALSE.
ask	logical indicating if the user should be <i>ask</i> ed before each plot, see par(ask=.). Defaults to which == "all" && dev.interactive().
id.n	number of observations to be identified by a label starting with the most extreme. Default is the number of identified outliers (can be different for the different plots - see Details).
	other parameters to be passed through to plotting functions.

#### **Details**

This function produces several plots based on the robust and classical regression estimates. Which of them to select is specified by the attribute which. The possible options are:

rqq: Normal Q-Q plot of the standardized residuals;

rindex: plot of the standardized residuals versus their index;

rfit: plot of the standardized residuals versus fitted values;

rdiag: regression diagnostic plot.

The normal quantile plot produces a normal Q-Q plot of the standardized residuals. A line is drawn which passes through the first and third quantile. The id.n residuals with largest distances from this line are identified by labels (the observation number). The default for id.n is the number of regression outliers (lts.wt==0).

In the Index plot and in the Fitted values plot the standardized residuals are displayed against the observation number or the fitted value respectively. A horizontal dashed line is drawn at 0 and two solid horizontal lines are located at +2.5 and -2.5. The id.n residuals with largest absolute values are identified by labels (the observation number). The default for id.n is the number regression outliers (lts.wt==0).

The regression diagnostic plot, introduced by Rousseeuw and van Zomeren (1990), displays the standardized residuals versus robust distances. Following Rousseeuw and van Zomeren (1990), the horizontal dashed lines are located at +2.5 and -2.5 and the vertical line is located at the upper 0.975 percent point of the chi-squared distribution with p degrees of freedom. The id.n residuals with

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largest absolute values and/or largest robust Mahalanobis distances are identified by labels (the observation number). The default for id.n is the number of all outliers: regression outliers (lts.wt==0) + leverage (bad and good) points (RD > 0.975 percent point of the chi-squared distribution with p degrees of freedom).

#### References

- P. J. Rousseeuw and van Zomeren, B. C. (1990). Unmasking Multivariate Outliers and Leverage Points. *Journal of the American Statistical Association* **85**, 633–639.
- P. J. Rousseeuw and K. van Driessen (1999) A fast algorithm for the minimum covariance determinant estimator. *Technometrics* **41**, 212–223.

### See Also

```
covPlot
```

### **Examples**

```
data(hbk)
lts <- ltsReg(Y ~ ., data = hbk)
lts
plot(lts, which = "rqq")</pre>
```

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Robust Distance Plots

# **Description**

Shows the Mahalanobis distances based on robust and classical estimates of the location and the covariance matrix in different plots. The following plots are available:

- index plot of the robust and mahalanobis distances
- · distance-distance plot
- Chisquare QQ-plot of the robust and mahalanobis distances
- plot of the tolerance ellipses (robust and classic)
- Scree plot Eigenvalues comparison plot

### Usage

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# **Arguments**

х	For the plot() method, a mcd object, typically result of covMcd. For covPlot(), the numeric data matrix such as the X component as returned from covMcd.
which	string indicating which plot to show. See the <i>Details</i> section for a description of the options. Defaults to "all".
classic	whether to plot the classical distances too. Defaults to FALSE.
ask	logical indicating if the user should be <i>ask</i> ed before each plot, see par(ask=.). Defaults to which == "all" && dev.interactive().
cutoff	the cutoff value for the distances.
id.n	number of observations to be identified by a label. If not supplied, the number of observations with distance larger than cutoff is used.
labels.id	vector of labels, from which the labels for extreme points will be chosen. NULL uses observation numbers.
cex.id	magnification of point labels.
label.pos	positioning of labels, for the left half and right half of the graph respectively (used as text(, pos=*)).
tol	tolerance to be used for computing the inverse, see solve. Defaults to tol = 1e-7.
m.cov	an object similar to those of class "mcd"; however only its components center and cov will be used. If missing, the MCD will be computed (via covMcd()).
	other parameters to be passed through to plotting functions.

# **Details**

These functions produce several plots based on the robust and classical location and covariance matrix. Which of them to select is specified by the attribute which. The plot method for "mcd" objects is calling covPlot() directly, whereas covPlot() should also be useful for plotting other (robust) covariance estimates. The possible options are:

```
distance index plot of the robust distances

dd distance-distance plot

qqchi2 a qq-plot of the robust distances versus the quantiles of the chi-squared distribution
```

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```
tolEllipsePlot a tolerance ellipse plot, via tolEllipsePlot() screeplot an eigenvalues comparison plot - screeplot
```

The Distance-Distance Plot, introduced by Rousseeuw and van Zomeren (1990), displays the robust distances versus the classical Mahalanobis distances. The dashed line is the set of points where the robust distance is equal to the classical distance. The horizontal and vertical lines are drawn at values equal to the cutoff which defaults to square root of the 97.5% quantile of a chi-squared distribution with p degrees of freedom. Points beyond these lines can be considered outliers.

#### References

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### See Also

```
tolEllipsePlot
```

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#### **Description**

Possum diversity data: As issued from a study of the diversity of possum (arboreal marsupials) in the Montane ash forest (Australia), this dataset was collected in view of the management of hardwood forest to take conservation and recreation values, as well as wood production, into account.

The study is fully described in the two references. The number of different species of arboreal marsupials (possum) was observed on 151 different 3ha sites with uniform vegetation. For each site the nine variable measures (see below) were recorded. The problem is to model the relationship between diversity and these other variables.

## Usage

```
data(possumDiv, package="robustbase")
```

#### **Format**

Two different representations of the same data are available:

possumDiv is a data frame of 151 observations of 9 variables, where the last two are factors, eucalyptus with 3 levels and aspect with 4 levels.

possum.mat is a numeric (integer) matrix of 151 rows (observations) and 14 columns (variables) where the last seven ones are 0-1 dummy variables, three (E.\*) are coding for the kind of eucalyptus and the last four are 0-1 coding for the aspect factor.

The variables have the following meaning:

**Diversity** main variable of interest is the number of different species of arboreal marsupial (possum) observed, with values in 0:5.

**Shrubs** the number of shrubs.

**Stumps** the number of cut stumps from past logging operations.

**Stags** the number of stags (hollow-bearing trees).

**Bark** bark index (integer) vector reflecting the quantity of decorticating bark.

**Habitat** an integer score indicating the suitability of nesting and foraging habitat for Leadbeater's possum.

**BAcacia** a numeric vector giving the basal area of acacia species.

**eucalyptus** a 3-level factor specifying the species of eucalypt with the greatest stand basal area. This has the same information as the following three variables

**E.regnans** 0-1 indicator for Eucalyptus regnans

**E.delegatensis** 0-1 indicator for Eucalyptus deleg.

**E.nitens** 0-1 indicator for Eucalyptus nitens

**aspect** a 4-level factor specifying the aspect of the site. It is the same information as the following four variables.

NW-NE 0-1 indicator

NW-SE 0-1 indicator

SE-SW 0-1 indicator

SW-NW 0-1 indicator

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#### Source

Eva Cantoni (2004) Analysis of Robust Quasi-deviances for Generalized Linear Models. *Journal of Statistical Software* **10**, 04, https://www.jstatsoft.org/article/view/v010i04

#### References

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Lindenmayer, D. B., Cunningham, R. B., Tanton, M. T., Smith, A. P. and Nix, H. A. (1990) The conservation of arboreal marsupials in the montane ash forests of the victoria, south-east australia, I. Factors influencing the occupancy of trees with hollows, *Biological Conservation* **54**, 111–131.

See also the references in glmrob.

```
data(possumDiv)
head(possum.mat)
str(possumDiv)
## summarize all variables as multilevel factors:
summary(as.data.frame(lapply(possumDiv, function(v)
                              if(is.integer(v)) factor(v) else v)))
## Following Cantoni & Ronchetti (2001), JASA, p.1026 f.:% cf. ../tests/poisson-ex.R
pdFit <- glmrob(Diversity ~ . , data = possumDiv,</pre>
                 family=poisson, tcc = 1.6, weights.on.x = "hat", acc = 1e-15)
summary(pdFit)
summary(pdF2 <- update(pdFit, ~ . -Shrubs))</pre>
summary(pdF3 <- update(pdF2, ~ . -eucalyptus))</pre>
summary(pdF4 <- update(pdF3, ~ . -Stumps))</pre>
summary(pdF5 <- update(pdF4, ~ . -BAcacia))</pre>
summary(pdF6 <- update(pdF5, ~ . -aspect))# too much ..</pre>
anova(pdFit, pdF3, pdF4, pdF5, pdF6, test = "QD") # indeed,
## indeed, the last simplification is too much
possumD.2 <- within(possumDiv, levels(aspect)[1:3] <- rep("other", 3))</pre>
## and use this binary 'aspect' instead of the 4-level one:
summary(pdF5.1 <- update(pdF5, data = possumD.2))</pre>
if(FALSE) # not ok, as formually not nested.
anova(pdF5, pdF5.1)
summarizeRobWeights(weights(pdF5.1, type="rob"), eps = 0.73)
##-> "outliers" (1, 59, 110)
wrob <- setNames(weights(pdF5.1, type="rob"), rownames(possumDiv))</pre>
head(sort(wrob))
```

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predict.glmrob	Predict Method for Robust GLM ("glmrob") Fits
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# Description

Obtains predictions and optionally estimates standard errors of those predictions from a fitted *robust* generalized linear model (GLM) object.

# Usage

# Arguments

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object	a fitted object of class inheriting from "glmrob".	
newdata	optionally, a data frame in which to look for variables with which to predict. If omitted, the fitted linear predictors are used.	
type	the type of prediction required. The default is on the scale of the linear predictors; the alternative "response" is on the scale of the response variable. Thus for a default binomial model the default predictions are of log-odds (probabilities on logit scale) and type = "response" gives the predicted probabilities. The "terms" option returns a matrix giving the fitted values of each term in the model formula on the linear predictor scale.  The value of this argument can be abbreviated.	
se.fit	logical switch indicating if standard errors are required.	
dispersion	the dispersion of the GLM fit to be assumed in computing the standard errors. If omitted, that returned by summary applied to the object is used.	
terms	with type="terms" by default all terms are returned. A character vector specifies which terms are to be returned	
na.action	function determining what should be done with missing values in newdata. The default is to predict NA.	
	optional further arguments, currently simply passed to predict.lmrob().	

### Value

If se = FALSE, a vector or matrix of predictions. If se = TRUE, a list with components

fit Predictions

se.fit Estimated standard errors

residual.scale A scalar giving the square root of the dispersion used in computing the standard

errors.

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#### Author(s)

Andreas Ruckstuhl

#### See Also

glmrob() to fit these robust GLM models, residuals.glmrob() and other methods; predict.lm(), the method used for a non-robust fit.

# Examples

predict.lmrob

Predict method for Robust Linear Model ("lmrob") Fits

### **Description**

Predicted values based on robust linear model object.

## Usage

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### **Arguments**

object of class inheriting from "lmrob"

newdata an optional data frame in which to look for variables with which to predict. If

omitted, the fitted values are used.

se.fit a switch indicating if standard errors are required.

scale scale parameter for std.err. calculation

df degrees of freedom for scale interval type of interval calculation. level tolerance/confidence level

type Type of prediction (response or model term).

terms if type="terms", which terms (default is all terms)

na.action function determining what should be done with missing values in newdata. The

default is to predict NA.

pred.var the variance(s) for future observations to be assumed for prediction intervals.

See 'Details'.

weights variance weights for prediction. This can be a numeric vector or a one-sided

model formula. In the latter case, it is interpreted as an expression evaluated in

newdata

... further arguments passed to or from other methods.

### **Details**

Note that this lmrob method for predict is closely modeled after the method for lm(), predict.lm, maybe see there for caveats with missing value treatment. The prediction intervals are for a single observation at each case in newdata (or by default, the data used for the fit) with error variance(s) pred.var. This can be a multiple of res.var, the estimated value of  $\sigma^2$ : the default is to assume that future observations have the same error variance as those used for fitting. If weights is supplied, the inverse of this is used as a scale factor. For a weighted fit, if the prediction is for the original data frame, weights defaults to the weights used for the model fit, with a warning since it might not be the intended result. If the fit was weighted and newdata is given, the default is to assume constant prediction variance, with a warning.

### Value

predict.lmrob produces a vector of predictions or a matrix of predictions and bounds with column names fit, lwr, and upr if interval is set. If se.fit is TRUE, a list with the following components is returned:

fit vector or matrix as above

se.fit standard error of predicted means

residual.scale residual standard deviations
df degrees of freedom for residual

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#### Author(s)

Andreas Ruckstuhl

#### See Also

1mrob and the (non-robust) traditional predict. 1m method.

```
## Predictions --- artificial example -- closely following example(predict.lm)
set.seed(5)
n \leftarrow length(x \leftarrow sort(c(round(rnorm(25), 1), 20)))
y <- x + rnorm(n)
i0 <- c(sample(n-1, 3), n)
y[i0] \leftarrow y[i0] + 10*rcauchy(i0)
p.ex <- function(...) {</pre>
  plot(y \sim x, ...); abline(0,1, col="sky blue")
  points(y ~ x, subset=i0, col="red", pch=2)
  abline(lm (y \sim x), col = "gray40")
  abline(lmrob(y \sim x), col = "forest green")
  legend("topleft", c("true", "Least Squares", "robust"),
         col = c("sky blue", "gray40", "forest green"), lwd=1.5, bty="n")
}
p.ex()
fm <- lmrob(y \sim x)
predict(fm)
new <- data.frame(x = seq(-3, 10, 0.25))
str(predict(fm, new, se.fit = TRUE))
pred.w.plim <- predict(fm, new, interval = "prediction")</pre>
pred.w.clim <- predict(fm, new, interval = "confidence")</pre>
pmat <- cbind(pred.w.clim, pred.w.plim[,-1])</pre>
matlines(newx, pmat, lty = c(1,2,2,3,3))# add to first plot
## show zoom-in region :
rect(xleft = -3, ybottom = -20, xright = 10, ytop = 40,
     lty = 3, border="orange4")
## now zoom in :
p.ex(xlim = c(-3,10), ylim = c(-20, 40))
matlines(new$x, pmat, lty = c(1,2,2,3,3))
box(lty = 3, col="orange4", lwd=3)
legend("bottom", c("fit", "lwr CI", "upr CI", "lwr Pred.I", "upr Pred.I"),
       col = 1:5, lty=c(1,2,2,3,3), bty="n")
## Prediction intervals, special cases
## The first three of these throw warnings
w <- 1 + x^2
fit <- lmrob(y \sim x)
wfit <- lmrob(y \sim x, weights = w)
```

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print.lmrob

Print Method for Objects of Class "lmrob"

## **Description**

Print method for elements of class "1mrob".

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'lmrob'
print(x, digits = max(3, getOption("digits") - 3), ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

```
    an R object of class 1mrob, typically created by 1mrob.
    number of digits for printing, see digits in options.
    potentially more arguments passed to methods.
```

# See Also

lmrob, summary.lmrob, print and summary.

# **Examples**

```
data(coleman)
( m1 <- lmrob(Y ~ ., data=coleman) ) # -> print.lmrob() method
```

psi.findc

Find Tuning Constant(s) for "lqq" and "ggw" Psi Functions

#### **Description**

Find psi function tuning constant sets for "LQQ" and "GGW" psi  $(\psi)$  functions by specifying largest descent (minimal slope), efficiency and or breakdown point.

.psi.const() is called from lmrob.control() to set the tuning constants for psi and chi for "LQQ" and "GGW" psi. Unless the specified tuning constants are from fixed small set where the computations are stored precomputed, .psi.const() calls the corresponding .psi.cpsi>.findc().

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### Usage

### **Arguments**

ms	number, the minimal slope, typically negative.	
b, b.c	number, specifying $b$ or $b/c$ for "ggw" or "lqq" respectively.	
eff	a number (or NA), the desired $\it{efficiency}$ , in $[0,1]$ of the estimator. If NA, bp must be specified as valid number.	
bp	a number (or NA), the desired $\it breakdown point$ of the estimator, in $[0,1]$ .	
interval	for finding $c$ via uniroot().	
subdivisions	passed to integrate().	
rel.tol,abs.tol		
	relative and absolute tolerance for integrate().	
tol	relative tolerance for uniroot().	
ms.tol	relative tolerance for the internal .psi.ggw.finda(), eventually passed to optimize inside (internal) .psi.ggw.mxs().	
maxiter	maximal number of iterations for uniroot().	
сс	(for .psi.const():) numeric vector of length 4, containing all constants c(ms, b*, eff, bp), where b* = b for "ggw" and b* = b.c for "lqq", and one of (eff, bp) is NA.	
psi	a string, either "ggw" or "lqq".	

# **Details**

For some important special cases, the result of .psi.\*.findc() are stored precomputed for efficiency reasons. These cases are (the defaults for tuning.chi and tuning.psi respectively in <a href="mailto:lmrob.control">lmrob.control</a>()s result,

```
tuning.chi tuning.psi c(-0.5, 1.5, NA, 0.5) c(-0.5, 1.5, 0.95, NA)
```

and for "ggw" additionally, these four cases:

tuning.chi tuning.psi

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```
c(-0.5, 1.5, 0.85, NA)
c(-0.5, 1, NA, 0.5) c(-0.5, 1, 0.95, NA)
c(-0.5, 1, 0.85, NA)
```

Note that for "ggw", exactly these 2+4=6 cases also allow fast  $\rho$  and  $\chi$  (aka  $\tilde{\rho}(\cdot)$ , see Mchi), function evaluations. For all other tuning constant settings, rho() evaluations are based on numerical integration via R's own Rdqags() C function (part of R's official API).

### Value

a numeric vector of constants, for "lqq" or "ggw" psi functions, respectively:

```
"lqq": (b,c,s)=(b/c*c,c,s=1-min_slope), "ggw": (0,a,b,c,\rho(\infty)).
```

.psi.const(cc, psi) returns the argument cc with the above constant vectors as attribute "constants", in the case of psi = "lqq" in all cases (since **robustbase** version >= 0.93), for psi = "ggw" only in the non-standard cases.

# Author(s)

Manuel Koller (original) and Martin Maechler (arguments, export, docs).

# References

See the vignette about " $\psi$ -Functions Available in Robustbase".

#### See Also

Mpsi() etc for the psi function definitions; .Mpsi.tuning.defaults, etc, for tuning constants' defaults for lmrob().

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psiFunc

Constructor for Objects "Psi Function" Class

### **Description**

```
psiFunc(..) is a convenience interface to new("psi_func",..), i.e. for constructing objects of class "psi_func".
```

### Usage

```
psiFunc(rho, psi, wgt, Dpsi,Dwgt, Erho = NULL, Epsi2 = NULL, EDpsi = NULL, name, ...)
huberPsi
hampelPsi
```

### Arguments

```
rho, psi, wgt, Dpsi, Dwgt each a function of x and tuning parameters typically. Specification of Dwgt is optional. Erho, Epsi2, EDpsi see psi_func, and note that these may change in the future. name Name of \psi-function used for printing. . . . potential further arguments for specifying tuning parameter names and defaults.
```

### Author(s)

Martin Maechler

### See Also

The description of class psi\_func.

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```
## Hampel's psi and rho:
H.38 <- chgDefaults(hampelPsi, k = c(1.5, 3.5, 8))
k. <- H.38@xtras$tuningP$k; k.. <- as.vector(outer(c(-1,1), k.))
c.t <- adjustcolor("skyblue3", .8)
.ax.k <- function(side) { abline(h=0, v=0, lty=2)
    axis(side, at = k.., labels=formatC(k..), pos=0, col=c.t, col.axis=c.t) }
op <- par(mfrow=c(2,1), mgp = c(1.5, .6, 0), mar = .6+c(2,2,1,.5))
curve(H.38@psi(x), -10, 10, col=2, lwd=2, n=512)
lines(k.., H.38@psi(k..), type = "h", lty=3, col=c.t); .ax.k(1)
curve(H.38@rho(x), -10, 10, col=2, lwd=2, n=512); abline(h=0, v=0, lty=2)
lines(k.., H.38@rho(k..), type = "h", lty=3, col=c.t); .ax.k(1)
title(expression("Hampel's " ~~~ psi(x) ~~ "and" ~~ rho(x) ~~~ " functions"))
par(op)

## Not the same, but similar, directly using the plot() method:
plot(H.38)</pre>
```

psi\_func-class

Class of "Psi Functions" for M-Estimation

## **Description**

The class "psi\_func" is used to store  $\psi$  (psi) functions for M-estimation. In particular, an object of the class contains  $\rho(x)$  (rho), its derivative  $\psi(x)$  (psi), the weight function  $\psi(x)/x$ , and first derivative of  $\psi$ , Dpsi =  $\psi'(x)$ .

### **Objects from the Class**

Objects can be created by calls of the form new("psi\_func", ...), but preferably by psiFunc(...).

## Slots

rho: the  $\rho()$  function, an object of class "functionX". This is used to formulate the objective function;  $\rho()$  can be regarded as generalized negative log-likelihood.

psi:  $\psi()$  is the derivative of  $\rho$ ,  $\psi(x) = \frac{d}{dx}\rho(x)$ ; also of class "functionX".

wgt: The weight function  $\psi(x)/x$ , of class "functionX".

Dpsi: the derivative of  $\psi$ , Dpsi(x) = psi'(x); of class "functionX".

Dwgt: the derivative of the weight function, of class "functionX", is generated automatically if psiFunc constructor is used.

tDefs: named numeric vector of tuning parameter **Def**ault values.

Erho: A function of class "functionXal" for computing  $E[\rho(X)]$  when X is standard normal  $\mathcal{N}(0,1)$ .

Epsi2: A function of class "functionXal" for computing  $E[\psi^2(X)]$  when X is standard normal.

EDpsi: A function of class "functionXal" for computing  $E[\psi'(X)]$  when X is standard normal.

name: Name of  $\psi$ -function used for printing.

xtras: Potentially further information.

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### Methods

```
Currently, only chgDefaults(), plot() and show().
```

### Author(s)

Martin Maechler

### See Also

```
psiFunc.
```

# **Examples**

```
str(huberPsi, give.attr = FALSE)
plot(hampelPsi)# calling the plot method (nicely showing "all" !)
```

pulpfiber

Pulp Fiber and Paper Data

# **Description**

Measurements of aspects pulp fibers and the paper produced from them. Four properties of each are measured in sixty-two samples.

### Usage

```
data(pulpfiber, package="robustbase")
```

### **Format**

A data frame with 62 observations on the following 8 variables.

- X1 numeric vector of arithmetic fiber length
- X2 numeric vector of long fiber fraction
- X3 numeric vector of fine fiber fraction
- X4 numeric vector of zero span tensile
- Y1 numeric vector of breaking length
- Y2 numeric vector of elastic modulus
- Y3 numeric vector of stress at failure
- Y4 numeric vector of burst strength

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#### **Details**

Cited from the reference article: The dataset contains measurements of properties of pulp fibers and the paper made from them. The aim is to investigate relations between pulp fiber properties and the resulting paper properties. The dataset contains n=62 measurements of the following four pulp fiber characteristics: arithmetic fiber length, long fiber fraction, fine fiber fraction, and zero span tensile. The four paper properties that have been measured are breaking length, elastic modulus, stress at failure, and burst strength.

The goal is to predict the q=4 paper properties from the p=4 fiber characteristics.

### Author(s)

port to R and this help page: Martin Maechler

#### Source

Rousseeuw, P. J., Van Aelst, S., Van Driessen, K., and Agulló, J. (2004) Robust multivariate regression; *Technometrics* **46**, 293–305.

Till 2016 available from http://users.ugent.be/~svaelst/data/pulpfiber.txt

#### References

Lee, J. (1992) *Relationships Between Properties of Pulp-Fibre and Paper*, unpublished doctoral thesis, U. Toronto, Faculty of Forestry.

# **Examples**

```
data(pulpfiber)
str(pulpfiber)

pairs(pulpfiber, gap=.1)
## 2 blocks of 4 ..
c1 <- cov(pulpfiber)
cR <- covMcd(pulpfiber)
## how different are they: The robust estimate has more clear high correlations:
symnum(cov2cor(c1))
symnum(cov2cor(cR$cov))</pre>
```

Qn

Robust Location-Free Scale Estimate More Efficient than MAD

#### **Description**

Compute the robust scale estimator  $Q_n$ , an efficient alternative to the MAD.

By default,  $Q_n(x_1, \ldots, x_n)$  is the k-th order statistic (a quantile) of the choose(n, 2) absolute differences  $|x_i - x_j|$ , (for  $1 \le i < j \le n$ ), where by default (originally only possible value) k = choose(n%/%2 + 1, 2) which is about the first quartile (25% quantile) of these pairwise differences. See the references for more.

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#### **Usage**

```
Qn(x, constant = NULL, finite.corr = is.null(constant) && missing(k),
    na.rm = FALSE, k = choose(n %/% 2 + 1, 2), warn.finite.corr = TRUE)
s_Qn(x, mu.too = FALSE, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

x numeric vector of observations.

constant number by which the result is multiplied; the default achieves consistency for

normally distributed data. Note that until Nov. 2010, "thanks" to a typo in the very first papers, a slightly wrong default constant, 2.2219, was used instead of the correct one which is equal to 1 / (sqrt(2) \* qnorm(5/8)) (as mentioned

already on p.1277, after (3.7) in Rousseeuw and Croux (1993)).

If you need the old slightly off version for historical reproducibility, you can use

Qn.old().

Note that the relative difference is only about 1 in 1000, and that the correction

should not affect the finite sample corrections for  $n \leq 9$ .

finite.corr logical indicating if the finite sample bias correction factor should be applied.

Defaults to TRUE unless constant is specified. Note the for non-default k, the consistency constant already depends on n leading to *some* finite sample cor-

rection, but no simulation-based small-n correction factors are available.

na.rm logical specifying if missing values (NA) should be removed from x before fur-

ther computation. If false as by default, and if there are NAs, i.e., if(anyNA(x)),

the result will be NA.

k integer, typically half of n, specifying the "quantile", i.e., rather the order statistic that Qn() should return; for the Qn() proper, this has been hard wired to

choose(n%/%2 +1, 2), i.e.,  $\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 1$ . Choosing a large k is less robust but al-

lows to get non-zero results in case the default Qn() is zero.

warn.finite.corr

logical indicating if a warning should be signalled when k is non-default, in

which case specific small-n correction is not yet provided.

mu. too logical indicating if the median(x) should also be returned for  $s_{Qn}()$ .

... potentially further arguments for s\_Qn() passed to Qn().

### **Details**

As the (default, consistency) constant needed to be corrected, the finite sample correction has been based on a much more extensive simulation, and on a 3rd or 4th degree polynomial model in 1/n for odd or even n, respectively.

#### Value

Qn() returns a number, the  $Q_n$  robust scale estimator, scaled to be consistent for  $\sigma^2$  and i.i.d. Gaussian observations, optionally bias corrected for finite samples.

s\_Qn(x, mu.too=TRUE) returns a length-2 vector with location ( $\mu$ ) and scale; this is typically only useful for covOGK(\*, sigmamu = s\_Qn).

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#### Author(s)

Original Fortran code: Christophe Croux and Peter Rousseeuw <rousse@wins.uia.ac.be>.
Port to C and R: Martin Maechler, <maechler@R-project.org>

#### References

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Christophe Croux and Peter J. Rousseeuw (1992) Time-Efficient Algorithms for Two Highly Robust Estimators of Scale, *Computational Statistics*, *Vol.* 1, ed. Dodge and Whittaker, Physica-Verlag Heidelberg, 411–428; available via Springer Link.

About the typo in the constant:

Christophe Croux (2010) Private e-mail, Fri Jul 16, w/ Subject Re: Slight inaccuracy of Qn implementation......

#### See Also

mad for the 'most robust' but much less efficient scale estimator; Sn for a similar faster but less efficient alternative. Finally, scaleTau2 which some consider "uniformly" better than Qn or competitors.

```
set.seed(153)
x \leftarrow sort(c(rnorm(80), rt(20, df = 1)))
s_Qn(x, mu.too = TRUE)
Qn(x, finite.corr = FALSE)
## A simple pure-R version of Qn() -- slow and memory-rich for large n: O(n^2)
Qn0R <- function(x, k = choose(n \%/% 2 + 1, 2)) {
    n \leftarrow length(x \leftarrow sort(x))
    if(n == 0) return(NA) else if(n == 1) return(0.)
    stopifnot(is.numeric(k), k == as.integer(k), 1 \le k, k \le n*(n-1)/2)
    m \leftarrow outer(x, x, "-") \# abs not needed as x[] is sorted
    sort(m[lower.tri(m)], partial = k)[k]
}
(Qx1 \leftarrow Qn(x, constant=1)) # 0.5498463
## the C-algorithm "rounds" to 'float' single precision ..
stopifnot(all.equal(Qx1, Qn0R(x), tol = 1e-6))
(qn \leftarrow Qn(c(1:4, 10, Inf, NA), na.rm=TRUE))
stopifnot(is.finite(qn), all.equal(4.075672524, qn, tol=1e-10))
## -- compute for different 'k' :
n \leftarrow length(x) # = 100 here
```

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```
(k0 <- choose(floor(n/2) + 1, 2)) # 51*50/2 == 1275
stopifnot(identical(Qx1, Qn(x, constant=1, k=k0)))
nn2 <- n*(n-1)/2
all.k <- 1:nn2
system.time(Qss <- sapply(all.k, function(k) Qn(x, 1, k=k)))
system.time(Qs \leftarrow Qn (x, 1, k = all.k))
system.time(Qs0 <- Qn0R(x,
                           k = all.k))
stopifnot(exprs = {
   Qs[1]
         == min(diff(x))
   Qs[nn2] == diff(range(x))
   all.equal(Qs, Qss, tol = 1e-15) # even exactly
   all.equal(Qs0, Qs, tol = 1e-7) \# see 2.68e-8, as Qn() C-code rounds to (float)
})
plot(2:nn2, Qs[-1], type="b", log="y", main = "Qn(*, k), k = 2..n(n-1)/2")
```

r6pack

Robust Distance based observation orderings based on robust "Six pack"

### Description

Compute six initial robust estimators of multivariate location and "scatter" (scale); then, for each, compute the distances  $d_{ij}$  and take the h (h > n/2) observations with smallest distances. Then compute the statistical distances based on these h observations.

Return the indices of the observations sorted in increasing order.

# Usage

```
r6pack(x, h, full.h, scaled = TRUE, scalefn = rrcov.control()$scalefn)
```

# **Arguments**

X	n x p data matrix
h	integer, typically around (and slightly larger than) $n/2$ .
full.h	logical specifying if the full (length n) observation ordering should be returned; otherwise only the first h are. For .detmcd(), full.h=FALSE is typical.
scaled	logical indicating if the data $x$ is already scaled; if false, we apply $x <-$ doScale( $x$ , median, scalefn).
scalefn	a function(u) to compute a robust univariate scale of u.

#### **Details**

The six initial estimators are

- 1. Hyperbolic tangent of standardized data
- 2. Spearmann correlation matrix

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- 3. Tukey normal scores
- 4. Spatial sign covariance matrix
- 5. BACON
- 6. Raw OGK estimate for scatter

#### Value

```
a h' \times 6 matrix of observation indices, i.e., with values from 1, \ldots, n. If full h is true, h' = n, otherwise h' = h.
```

### Author(s)

Valentin Todorov, based on the original Matlab code by Tim Verdonck and Mia Hubert. Martin Maechler for tweaks (performance etc.), and full.h.

#### References

Hubert, M., Rousseeuw, P. J. and Verdonck, T. (2012) A deterministic algorithm for robust location and scatter. Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics **21**, 618–637.

#### See Also

```
covMcd(*, nsamp = "deterministic"); CovSest(*, nsamp = "sdet") from package rrcov.
```

# **Examples**

```
data(pulpfiber)
dim(m.pulp <- data.matrix(pulpfiber)) # 62 x 8
dim(fr6 <- r6pack(m.pulp, h = 40, full.h= FALSE)) # h x 6 = 40 x 6
dim(fr6F <- r6pack(m.pulp, h = 40, full.h= TRUE )) # n x 6 = 62 x 6
stopifnot(identical(fr6, fr6F[1:40,]))</pre>
```

radarImage

Satellite Radar Image Data from near Munich

### **Description**

The data were supplied by A. Frery. They are a part of a synthetic aperture satellite radar image corresponding to a suburb of Munich. Provided are coordinates and values corresponding to three frequency bands for each of 1573 pixels.

# Usage

```
data(radarImage, package="robustbase")
```

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#### **Format**

A data frame with 1573 observations on the following 5 variables.

```
X.coord a numeric vector
Y.coord a numeric vector
Band.1 a numeric vector
Band.2 a numeric vector
Band.3 a numeric vector
```

#### Source

The website accompanying the MMY-book: https://www.wiley.com/legacy/wileychi/robust\_statistics/

```
data(radarImage)
plot(Y.coord ~ X.coord, data = radarImage)
## The 8 "clear" outliers (see also below)
ii8 <- c(1548:1549, 1553:1554, 1565:1566, 1570:1571)
outF <- 1+(seq_len(nrow(radarImage)) %in% ii8)</pre>
pairs(radarImage[, 3:5], main = "radarImage (n = 1573)",
      col = outF, pch=outF)
## Finding outliers ------
set.seed(1)
system.time(cc.ri <- covMcd(radarImage))# ~ 0.1 sec</pre>
## check for covMcd() consistency:
ii0 <- as.integer(</pre>
 c(262, 450:451, 480:481, 509, 535, 542, 597, 643, 669, 697, 803:804, 832:834,
   862:864, 892, 989, 1123, 1145, 1223:1224, 1232:1233, 1249:1250, 1267, 1303,
   1347, 1357, 1375, 1411, 1419:1420, 1443, 1453, 1504, 1510:1512,
   1518:1521, 1525:1526, 1543:1544, 1546:1555, 1557:1558, 1561:1562, 1564:1566,
   1569:1571, 1573))
length(ii0) # 73 -- other seeds sometimes give 72, rarely 71 "outliers"
table(is0 <- cc.ri$mcd.wt == 0) # 2023-05: 118
stopifnot(exprs = {
    ## identical(ii0, which(is0)) -- TRUE before 2023-05 covMcd() change
    ii8 %in% which(is0) # ii8 is subset of is0
    identical(ii8, which(cc.ri$mah > 200))
    length(intersect(cc.ri$best, ii0)) == 0
})
cc <- c(adjustcolor("black", 0.4), adjustcolor("tomato", 0.8))</pre>
pairs(radarImage, main = "radarImage (n = 1573) + Outliers", gap=0,
      col = cc[1+is0], pch = c(1,8)[1+is0], cex = 0.8)
```

rankMM

rankMM

Simple Matrix Rank

# **Description**

Compute the rank of a matrix A in simple way, based on the SVD, svd(), and "the same as Matlab".

### Usage

```
rankMM(A, tol = NULL, sv = svd(A, 0, 0)$d)
```

# **Arguments**

A	a numerical matrix, maybe non-square. When sv is specified, only dim(A) is made use of.
tol	numerical tolerance (compared to singular values). By default, when NULL, the tolerance is determined from the maximal value of sv and the computer epsilon.
sv	vector of <i>non-increasing</i> singular values of A, (to be passed if already known).

### Value

```
an integer from the set 0:min(dim(A)).
```

# Author(s)

Martin Maechler, Date: 7 Apr 2007

# See Also

There are more sophisticated proposals for computing the rank of a matrix; for a couple of those, see rankMatrix in the Matrix package.

```
rankMM # - note the simple function definition

hilbert <- function(n) { i <- seq_len(n); 1/outer(i - 1L, i, "+") }
hilbert(4)
H12 <- hilbert(12)
rankMM(H12)  # 11 - numerically more realistic
rankMM(H12, tol=0) # -> 12
## explanation :
round(log10(svd(H12, 0,0)$d), 1)
```

residuals.glmrob

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Residuals of Robust Generalized Linear Model Fits

# **Description**

Compute residuals of a fitted glmrob model, i.e., robust generalized linear model fit.

# Usage

### **Arguments**

object an object of class glmrob, typically the result of a call to glmrob.

type the type of residuals which should be returned. The alternatives are: "de

the type of residuals which should be returned. The alternatives are: "deviance" (default), "pearson", "working", "response", and "partial".

... further arguments passed to or from other methods.

#### **Details**

The references in glm define the types of residuals: Davison & Snell is a good reference for the usages of each.

The partial residuals are a matrix of working residuals, with each column formed by omitting a term from the model.

The residuals (S3) method (see methods) for glmrob models has been modeled to follow closely the method for classical (non-robust) glm fitted models. Possibly, see its documentation, i.e., residuals.glm, for further details.

#### References

See those for the classical GLM's, glm.

#### See Also

glmrob for computing object, anova. glmrob; the corresponding *generic* functions, summary.glmrob, coef, fitted, residuals.

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### **Examples**

```
### ----- Gamma family -- data from example(glm) ---
clotting <- data.frame(</pre>
            u = c(5,10,15,20,30,40,60,80,100),
         lot1 = c(118, 58, 42, 35, 27, 25, 21, 19, 18),
         lot2 = c(69, 35, 26, 21, 18, 16, 13, 12, 12))
summary(cl <- glm \quad (lot1 \sim log(u), data=clotting, family=Gamma))
summary(ro \leftarrow glmrob(lot1 \sim log(u), data=clotting, family=Gamma))
clotM5.high <- within(clotting, { lot1[5] <- 60 })</pre>
cl5.high <- glm (lot1 ~ log(u), data=clotM5.high, family=Gamma)</pre>
ro5.high \leftarrow glmrob(lot1 \sim log(u), data=clotM5.high, family=Gamma)
rr <- range(residuals(ro), residuals(cl), residuals(ro5.high))</pre>
plot(residuals(ro5.high) ~ residuals(cl5.high), xlim = rr, ylim = rr, asp = 1)
abline(0,1, col=2, lty=3)
points(residuals(ro) ~ residuals(cl), col = "gray", pch=3)
## Show all kinds of residuals:
r.types <- c("deviance", "pearson", "working", "response")</pre>
sapply(r.types, residuals, object = ro5.high)
```

rrcov.control

Control Settings for covMcd and ltsReg

### Description

Auxiliary function for passing the estimation options as parameters to the estimation functions.

### Usage

### **Arguments**

alpha

This parameter controls the size of the subsets over which the determinant is minimized, i.e., alpha\*n observations are used for computing the determinant.

Allowed values are between 0.5 and 1 and the default is 0.5.

method

a string specifying the "main" function for which rrcov.control() is used. This currently only makes a difference to determine the default for beta.

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number of subsets used for initial estimates or "best" or "exact". Default

	is nsamp = 500. If nsamp="best" exhaustive enumeration is done, as far as the number of trials do not exceed 5000. If nsamp="exact" exhaustive enumeration will be attempted however many samples are needed. In this case a warning message will be displayed saying that the computation can take a very long time.
nmini, kmini	for covMcd: For large $n$ , the algorithm splits the data into maximally $kmini$ subsets of targetted size nmini. See covMcd for more details.
seed	initial seed for R's random number generator; see .Random.seed and the description of the seed argument in lmrob.control.
tolSolve	numeric tolerance to be used for inversion (solve) of the covariance matrix in mahalanobis.
scalefn	(for deterministic covMcd():) a character string or function for computing a robust scale estimate. The current default "hrv2012" uses the recommendation of Hubert et al (2012); see covMcd for more.
maxcsteps	integer specifying the maximal number of concentration steps for the deterministic MCD.
trace	logical or integer indicating whether to print intermediate results. Default is trace = FALSE.
wgtFUN	a character string or function, specifying how the weights for the reweighting step should be computed, see <pre>ltsReg</pre> , covMcd or covComed, respectively. The default is specified by "01.original", as the resulting weights are 0 or 1. Alternative string specifications need to match names(.wgtFUN.covComed) - which

a quantile, experimentally used for some of the prespecified wgtFUNs, see e.g.,

.wgtFUN.covMcd and .wgtFUN.covComed.

use.correction whether to use finite sample correction factors. Defaults to TRUE.

adjust (for ltsReg():) whether to perform intercept adjustment at each step. Because

this can be quite time consuming, the default is adjust = FALSE.

### Value

beta

nsamp

A list with components, as the parameters passed by the invocation

currently is experimental.

# Author(s)

Valentin Todorov

### See Also

For details, see the documentation about ltsReg and covMcd, respectively.

```
data(Animals, package = "MASS")
brain <- Animals[c(1:24, 26:25, 27:28),]</pre>
```

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```
data(hbk)
hbk.x <- data.matrix(hbk[, 1:3])

ctrl <- rrcov.control(alpha=0.75, trace=TRUE)
covMcd(hbk.x, control = ctrl)
covMcd(log(brain), control = ctrl)</pre>
```

salinity

Salinity Data

### **Description**

This is a data set consisting of measurements of water salinity (i.e., its salt concentration) and river discharge taken in North Carolina's Pamlico Sound, recording some bi-weekly averages in March, April, and May from 1972 to 1977. This dataset was listed by Ruppert and Carroll (1980). In Carrol and Ruppert (1985) the physical background of the data is described. They indicated that observations 5 and 16 correspond to periods of very heavy discharge and showed that the discrepant observation 5 was masked by observations 3 and 16, i.e., only after deletion of these observations it was possible to identify the influential observation 5.

This data set is a prime example of the *masking effect*.

#### Usage

```
data(salinity, package="robustbase")
```

#### **Format**

A data frame with 28 observations on the following 4 variables (in parentheses are the names used in the 1980 reference).

```
X1: Lagged Salinity ('SALLAG')
```

X2: Trend ('TREND')

X3: Discharge ('H2OFLOW')

Y: Salinity ('SALINITY')

#### Note

The **boot** package contains another version of this salinity data set, also attributed to Ruppert and Carroll (1980), but with two clear transcription errors, see the examples.

#### Source

P. J. Rousseeuw and A. M. Leroy (1987) *Robust Regression and Outlier Detection*; Wiley, p.82, table 5.

Ruppert, D. and Carroll, R.J. (1980) Trimmed least squares estimation in the linear model. *JASA* **75**, 828–838; table 3, p.835.

Carroll, R.J. and Ruppert, D. (1985) Transformations in regression: A robust analysis. *Technometrics* **27**, 1–12

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## **Examples**

```
data(salinity)
summary(lm.sali <-</pre>
                            lm(Y \sim . , data = salinity))
summary(rlm.sali <- MASS::rlm(Y ~ . , data = salinity))</pre>
summary(lts.sali <-</pre>
                      ltsReg(Y ~ . , data = salinity))
salinity.x <- data.matrix(salinity[, 1:3])</pre>
c_sal <- covMcd(salinity.x)</pre>
plot(c_sal, "tolEllipsePlot")
## Connection with boot package's version :
if(requireNamespace("boot")) { ## 'always'
print( head(boot.sal <- boot::salinity</pre>
                                                 ))
 print( head(robb.sal <- salinity [, c(4, 1:3)]) ) # difference: has one digit more</pre>
 ## Otherwise the same ?
 dimnames(robb.sal) <- dimnames(boot.sal)</pre>
 ## apart from the 4th column, they are "identical":
 stopifnot( all.equal(boot.sal[, -4], robb.sal[, -4], tol = 1e-15) )
 ## But the discharge ('X3', 'dis' or 'H20FLOW') __differs__ in two places:
 plot(cbind(robustbase = robb.sal[,4], boot = boot.sal[,4]))
 abline(0,1, lwd=3, col=adjustcolor("red", 1/4))
 D.sal <- robb.sal[,4] - boot.sal[,4]</pre>
 stem(robb.sal[,4] - boot.sal[,4])
 which(abs(D.sal) > 0.01) ## 2 8
 ## *two* typos (=> difference ~= 1) in the version of 'boot': obs. 2 & 8 !!!
cbind(robb = robb.sal[,4], boot = boot.sal[,4], D.sal)
}# boot
```

scaleTau2

Robust Tau-Estimate of Scale

#### **Description**

Computes the robust  $\tau$ -estimate of univariate scale, as proposed by Maronna and Zamar (2002); improved by a consistency factor,

## Usage

## Arguments

x numeric vector

c1, c2 non-negative numbers, specifying cutoff values for the biweighting of the mean and the rho function respectively.

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na.rm	a logical value indicating whether NA values should be stripped before the com-
	putation proceeds.
consistency	logical indicating if the consistency correction factor (for the scale) should be applied.
mu0	the initial location estimate $\mu_0$ , defaulting to the median.
sigma0	the initial scale estimate $s_0$ , defaulting to the MAD; may be set to a positive value when the MAD is zero.
mu.too	logical indicating if both location and scale should be returned or just the scale (when ${\tt mu.too=FALSE}$ as by default).
iter	positive integer or logical indicating if and how many iterations should be done. The default, iter = 1 computes the "traditional" tau-estimate of scale.
tol.iter	if iter is true, or iter > 1, stop the iterations when $ s_n - s_o  \le \epsilon s_n$ , where $\epsilon := \text{tol.iter}$ , and $s_o$ and $s_n$ are the previous and current estimates of $\sigma$ .

#### **Details**

First,  $s_0 := \operatorname{MAD}$ , i.e. the equivalent of  $\operatorname{mad}(\mathbf{x},\operatorname{constant=1})$  is computed. Robustness weights  $w_i := w_{c1}((x_i - med(X))/s_0)$  are computed, where  $w_c(u) = max(0,(1-(u/c)^2)^2)$ . The robust location measure is defined as  $\mu(X) := (\sum_i w_i x_i)/(\sum_i w_i)$ , and the robust  $\tau(tau)$ -estimate is  $s(X)^2 := s_0^2 * (1/n) \sum_i \rho_{c2}((x_i - \mu(X))/s_0)$ , where  $\rho_c(u) = min(c^2, u^2)$ . When iter=TRUE or iter > 1, the above estimate is terated in a fixpoint iteration, setting  $s_0$  to the

When iter=TRUE or iter > 1, the above estimate is *iterated* in a fixpoint iteration, setting  $s_0$  to the current estimate s(X) and iterating until the number of iterations is larger than iter or the fixpoint is found in the sense that \

scaleTau2(\*, consistency=FALSE) returns s(X), whereas this value is divided by its asymptotic limit when consistency = TRUE as by default.

Note that for n = length(x) == 2, all equivariant scale estimates are proportional, and specifically, scaleTau2(x, consistency=FALSE) == mad(x, constant=1). See also the reference.

#### Value

numeric vector of length one (if mu. too is FALSE as by default) or two (when mu. too = TRUE) with robust scale or (location, scale) estimators  $\hat{\sigma}(x)$  or  $(\hat{\mu}(x), \hat{\sigma}(x))$ .

## Author(s)

Original by Kjell Konis with substantial modifications by Martin Maechler.

#### References

Maronna, R.A. and Zamar, R.H. (2002) Robust estimates of location and dispersion of high-dimensional datasets; *Technometrics* **44**(4), 307–317.

Yohai, V.J., and Zamar, R.H. (1988). High breakdown-point estimates of regression by means of the minimization of an efficient scale. *Journal of the American Statistical Association* **83**, 406–413.

## See Also

Sn, Qn, mad; further covOGK for which scaleTau2 was designed.

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#### **Examples**

```
x \leftarrow c(1:7, 1000)
sd(x) # non-robust std.deviation
scaleTau2(x)
scaleTau2(x, mu.too = TRUE)
(sI <- scaleTau2(c(x,Inf), mu.too = TRUE))</pre>
(sIN <- scaleTau2(c(x,Inf,NA), mu.too = TRUE, na.rm=TRUE))
stopifnot({
  identical(sI, sIN)
  all.equal(scaleTau2(c(x, 999), mu.too = TRUE), sIN,
            tol = 1e-15)
})
if(doExtras <- robustbase:::doExtras()) {</pre>
 set.seed(11)
 ## show how much faster this is, compared to Qn
 x <- sample(c(rnorm(1e6), rt(5e5, df=3)))</pre>
 (system.time(Qx \leftarrow Qn(x))) ## 2.04 [2017-09, lynne]
 (system.time(S2x <- scaleTau2(x))) ## 0.25
                                                (ditto)
 cbind(Qn = Qx, sTau2 = S2x)
}##
          Qn
              sTau2
## 1.072556 1.071258
```

SiegelsEx

Siegel's Exact Fit Example Data

# **Description**

A small counterexample data set devised by Andrew Siegel. Six (out of nine) data points lie on the line y=0 such that some robust regression estimators exhibit the "exact fit" property.

# Usage

```
data(SiegelsEx, package="robustbase")
```

#### **Format**

A data frame with 9 observations on the following 2 variables.

```
x a numeric vectory a numeric vector
```

#### Source

Emerson and Hoaglin (1983, p.139)

## References

Peter J. Rousseeuw and Annick M. Leroy (1987) *Robust Regression and Outlier Detection* Wiley, p.60–61

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#### **Examples**

sigma

Extract 'Sigma' - Standard Deviation of Errors for Robust Models

# Description

Extract the estimated standard deviation of the errors, the "residual standard deviation" (misnomed also "residual standard error") from a fitted model.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'lmrob'
sigma(object, ...)
```

# Arguments

```
object a fitted model.
... additional, optional arguments. (None are used in our methods)
```

#### **Details**

For  $R \le 3.2.x$ , we provide an (S3) generic function (as e.g., package lme4) and methods for lmrob, nlrob, and nls.

From  $R \ge 3.3.0$ , we provide methods for our lmrob and nlrob models.

#### Value

the residual standard error as a scalar

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Smooth Weighting Function - Generalized Biweight

## **Description**

"The Biweight on a Stick" — Compute a smooth (when h>0) weight function typically for computing weights from large (robust) "distances" using a piecewise polynomial function which in fact is a 2-parameter generalization of Tukey's 1-parameter "biweight".

#### **Usage**

```
smoothWgt(x, c, h)
```

#### **Arguments**

x numeric vector of abscissa values

c "cutoff", a typically positive number.

h "bandwidth", a positive number.

#### **Details**

Let  $w(x;c,h):=\!\!\operatorname{smoothWgt(x,\,c,\,h)}.$  Then,

$$\begin{split} w(x;c,h) &:= 0 \quad \text{ if } |x| \geq c + h/2, \\ w(x;c,h) &:= 1 \quad \text{ if } |x| \leq c - h/2, \\ w(x;c,h) &:= \left( (1-|x|-(c-h/2))^2 \right)^2 \text{ if } c - h/2 < |x| < c + h/2, \end{split}$$

smoothWgt() is scale invariant in the sense that

$$w(\sigma x; \sigma c, \sigma h) = w(x; c, h),$$

when  $\sigma > 0$ .

#### Value

a numeric vector of the same length as x with weights between zero and one. Currently all attributes including dim and names are dropped.

# Author(s)

Martin Maechler

#### See Also

Mwgt(.., psi = "bisquare") of which smoothWgt() is a generalization, and Mwgt(.., psi = "optimal") which looks similar for larger c with its constant one part around zero, but also has only one parameter.

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#### **Examples**

```
## a somewhat typical picture:
curve(smoothWgt(x, c=3, h=1), -5,7, n = 1000)

csW <- curve(smoothWgt(x, c=1/2, h=1), -2,2) # cutoff 1/2, bandwidth 1
## Show that the above is the same as
## Tukey's "biweight" or "bi-square" weight function:
bw <- function(x) pmax(0, (1 - x^2))^2
cbw <- curve(bw, col=adjustcolor(2, 1/2), lwd=2, add=TRUE)
cMw <- curve(Mwgt(x,c=1,"biweight"), col=adjustcolor(3, 1/2), lwd=2, add=TRUE)
stopifnot(## proving they are all the same:
    all.equal(csW, cbw, tol=1e-15),
    all.equal(csW, cMw, tol=1e-15))</pre>
```

Sn

Robust Location-Free Scale Estimate More Efficient than MAD

## **Description**

Compute the robust scale estimator  $S_n$ , an efficient alternative to the MAD.

#### Usage

```
Sn(x, constant = 1.1926, finite.corr = missing(constant), na.rm = FALSE)
s_Sn(x, mu.too = FALSE, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

X	numeric vector of observations.
constant	number by which the result is multiplied; the default achieves consisteny for normally distributed data.
finite.corr	logical indicating if the finite sample bias correction factor should be applied. Default to TRUE unless constant is specified.
na.rm	logical specifying if missing values (NA) should be removed from $x$ before further computation. If false as by default, and if there are NAs, i.e., if(anyNA( $x$ )), the result will be NA.
mu.too	logical indicating if the $median(x)$ should also be returned for $s_Sn()$ .
	potentially further arguments for s_Sn() passed to Sn().

#### **Details**

```
..... FIXME ......
```

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#### Value

Sn() returns a number, the  $S_n$  robust scale estimator, scaled to be consistent for  $\sigma^2$  and i.i.d. Gaussian observations, optionally bias corrected for finite samples.

s\_Sn(x, mu.too=TRUE) returns a length-2 vector with location ( $\mu$ ) and scale; this is typically only useful for covOGK(\*, sigmamu = s\_Sn).

## Author(s)

Original Fortran code: Christophe Croux and Peter Rousseeuw <rousse@wins.uia.ac.be>. Port to C and R: Martin Maechler, <maechler@R-project.org>

#### References

Rousseeuw, P.J. and Croux, C. (1993) Alternatives to the Median Absolute Deviation, *Journal of the American Statistical Association* **88**, 1273–1283.

#### See Also

mad for the 'most robust' but much less efficient scale estimator; Qn for a similar more efficient but slower alternative; scaleTau2.

## **Examples**

```
x <- c(1:10, 100+1:9)# 9 outliers out of 19
Sn(x)
Sn(x, c=1)# 9
Sn(x[1:18], c=1)# 9
set.seed(153)
x <- sort(c(rnorm(80), rt(20, df = 1)))
s_Sn(x, mu.too=TRUE)

(s <- Sn(c(1:4, 10, Inf, NA), na.rm=TRUE))
stopifnot(is.finite(s), all.equal(3.5527554, s, tol=1e-10))</pre>
```

splitFrame

Split Continuous and Categorical Predictors

# Description

Splits the design matrix into categorical and continuous predictors. Categorical variables are variables that are factors, ordered factors, or character.

#### Usage

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## Arguments

mf	model frame (as returned by model.frame).
X	$(optional)\ design\ matrix,\ defaulting\ to\ the\ derived\ {\tt model.matrix}.$
type	a character string specifying the split type (see details).

#### **Details**

Which split type is used can be controlled with the setting split.type in lmrob.control.

There are three split types. The only differences between the types are how interactions between categorical and continuous variables are handled. The extra types of splitting can be used to avoid *Too many singular resamples* errors.

Type "f", the default, assigns only the intercept, categorical and interactions of categorical variables to x1. Interactions of categorical and continuous variables are assigned to x2.

Type "fi" assigns also interactions between categorical and continuous variables to x1.

Type "fii" assigns not only interactions between categorical and continuous variables to x1, but also the (corresponding) continuous variables themselves.

#### Value

A list that includes the following components:

x1	design matrix containing only categorical variables
x1.idx	logical vectors of the variables considered categorical in the original design matrix
x2	design matrix containing the continuous variables

#### Author(s)

Manuel Koller

## References

Maronna, R. A., and Yohai, V. J. (2000). Robust regression with both continuous and categorical predictors. *Journal of Statistical Planning and Inference* **89**, 197–214.

#### See Also

```
1mrob.M.S
```

## **Examples**

```
data(education)
education <- within(education, Region <- factor(Region))
educaCh <- within(education, Region <- as.character(Region))
## no interactions -- same split for all types:
fm1 <- lm(Y ~ Region + X1 + X2 + X3, education)
fmC <- lm(Y ~ Region + X1 + X2 + X3, educaCh )</pre>
```

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Hertzsprung-Russell Diagram Data of Star Cluster CYG OB1

## Description

Data for the Hertzsprung-Russell Diagram of the Star Cluster CYG OB1, which contains 47 stars in the direction of Cygnus, from C.Doom. The first variable is the logarithm of the effective temperature at the surface of the star (Te) and the second one is the logarithm of its light intencity  $(L/L_0)$ .

In the Hertzsprung-Russell diagram, which is the scatterplot of these data points, where the log temperature is plotted from left to right, two groups of points are seen:

the majority which tend to follow a steep band and four stars in the upper corner. In the astronomy the 43 stars are said to lie on the main sequence and the four remaining stars are called "giants" (the points 11, 20, 30, 34).

#### Usage

```
data(starsCYG, package="robustbase")
```

#### **Format**

A data frame with 47 observations on the following 2 variables

log. Te Logarithm of the effective temperature at the surface of the star (Te).

log.light Logarithm of its light intencity  $(L/L_0)$ 

#### Source

P. J. Rousseeuw and A. M. Leroy (1987) *Robust Regression and Outlier Detection*; Wiley, p.27, table 3.

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## **Examples**

```
data(starsCYG)
plot(starsCYG)
cst <- covMcd(starsCYG)
lm.stars <- lm(log.light ~ log.Te, data = starsCYG)
summary(lm.stars)
plot(lm.stars)
lts.stars <- ltsReg(log.light ~ log.Te, data = starsCYG)
plot(lts.stars)</pre>
```

steamUse

Steam Usage Data (Excerpt)

## **Description**

The monthly use of steam (Steam) in a factory may be modeled and described as function of the operating days per month (Operating. Days) and mean outside temperature per month (Temperature).

#### Usage

```
data("steamUse", package="robustbase")
```

#### **Format**

A data frame with 25 observations on the following 9 variables.

Steam: regression response Y, the poinds of steam used monthly.

fattyAcid: pounds of Real Fatty Acid in storage per month.

glycerine: pounds of crude glycerine made.

wind: average wind velocity in miles per hour (a numeric vector).

days: an integer vector with number of days of that month, i.e., in 28..31.

op.days: the number of operating days for the given month (integer).

freeze.d: the number of days below 32 degrees Fahrenheit (=  $0^{\circ}$ C (C=Celsius) = freezing temperature of water).

temperature: a numeric vector of average outside temperature in Fahrenheit (F).

startups: the number of startups (of production in that month).

#### **Details**

Nor further information is given in Draper and Smith, about the place and exacts years of the measurements, though some educated guesses should be possible, see the examples.

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#### **Source**

Data from Draper and Smith, 1st ed, 1966; appendix A.

A version of this has been used in teaching at SfS ETH Zurich, since at least 1996, https://stat.ethz.ch/Teaching/Datasets/NDK/dsteam.dat

The package aprean3 contains all data sets from the 3rd edition of Draper and Smith (1998), and this data set with variable names x1 . . x10 (x9 being wind^2, hence extraneous).

#### References

Draper and Smith (1981) Applied Regression Analysis (2nd ed., p. 615 ff)

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
if(require("aprean3")) { # show how 'steamUse' is related to 'dsa01a'
 stm <- dsa01a
 names(stm) <- c("Steam", "fattyAcid", "glycerine", "wind",</pre>
  "days", "op.days", "freeze.d",
  "temperature", "wind.2", "startups")
 ## prove that wind.2 is wind^2, "traditionally" rounded to 1 digit:
 stopifnot(all.equal(floor(0.5 + 10*stm[,"wind"]^2)/10,
                      stm[,"wind.2"], tol = 1e-14))
 ## hence drop it
 steamUse <- stm[, names(stm) != "wind.2"]</pre>
}
## End(Not run)
data(steamUse)
str(steamUse)
## Looking at this,
cbind(M=rep_len(month.abb, 25), steamUse[,5:8, drop=FALSE])
## one will conjecture that these were 25 months, Jan--Jan in a row,
## starting in a leap year (perhaps 1960 ?).
plot(steamUse)
summary(fm1 <- lmrob(Steam ~ temperature + op.days, data=steamUse))</pre>
## diagnoses 2 outliers: month of July, maybe company-wide summer vacations
## KS2014 alone seems not robust enough:
summary(fm.14 <- lmrob(Steam ~ temperature + op.days, data=steamUse,</pre>
         setting="KS2014"))
pairs(Steam ~ temperature+op.days, steamUse)
```

#### Description

Print a nice "summary" about a numeric vector of robustness weights. Observations with weights around zero are marked as outliers.

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#### Usage

## **Arguments**

w numeric vector of robustness weigths. digits digits to be used for printing. header string to be printed as header line. eps numeric tolerance  $\epsilon$ : values of w with  $|w_i| < \epsilon/n$  are said to be outliers. eps1 numeric tolerance: values of w with  $|1-w_i| < eps1$  are said to have weight '~= 1'. potential further arguments, passed to print().

#### Value

none; the function is used for its side effect of printing.

## Author(s)

Martin Maechler

#### See Also

The summary methods for lmrob and glmrob make use of summarizeRobWeights(). Our methods for weights(), weights.lmrob(\*, type="robustness") and weights.glmrob(\*, type="robustness").

## **Examples**

```
 w <- c(1,1,1,1,0,1,1,1,1,0,1,1,.9999,.99999, .5,.6,1e-12) \\ summarizeRobWeights(w) # two outside ~= <math>\{0,1\} summarizeRobWeights(w, eps1 = 5e-5)# now three outside \{0,1\} ## See the summary(<lmrob>) outputs
```

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Summarizing Robust Fits of Generalized Linear Models

# **Description**

The summary method for class "glmrob" summarizes robust fits of (currently only discrete) generalized linear models.

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#### Usage

## **Arguments**

object	an object of class "glmrob", usually, a result of a call to glmrob.	
correlation	logical; if TRUE, the correlation matrix of the estimated parameters is returned and printed.	
symbolic.cor	logical. If TRUE, print the correlations in a symbolic form (see $\mbox{symnum})$ rather than as numbers.	
	further arguments passed to or from other methods.	
x	an object of class "summary.glrob".	
digits	the number of digits to use for printing.	
signif.stars	logical indicating if the P-values should be visualized by so called "significance stars".	

## **Details**

```
summary.glmrob returns an object of class "summary.glmrob".
```

Its print() method tries to be smart about formatting the coefficients, standard errors, etc, and gives "significance stars" if signif. stars is TRUE (as per default when options where not changed).

#### Value

The function summary.glmrob computes and returns a list of summary statistics of the robustly fitted linear model given in object. The following elements are in the list:

```
... FIXME
```

#### Author(s)

Andreas Ruckstuhl

#### See Also

```
glmrob; the generic summary and also summary.glm.
```

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#### **Examples**

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Summary Method for "lmrob" Objects

## **Description**

Summary method for R object of class "lmrob" and print method for the summary object.

Further, methods fitted(), residuals() work (via the default methods), and predict() (see predict.lmrob, vcov(), weights() (see weights.lmrob), model.matrix(), confint(), dummy.coef(), hatvalues(), etc., have explicitly defined lmrob methods. .lmrob.hat() is the lower level "work horse" of the hatvalues() method.

# Usage

#### **Arguments**

object	an R object of class 1mrob, typically created by 1mrob.
correlation	logical variable indicating whether to compute the correlation matrix of the estimated coefficients.
symbolic.cor	logical indicating whether to use symbols to display the above correlation matrix.
x	an R object of class summary. 1 mrob, typically resulting from summary (1 mrob(),).
digits	number of digits for printing, see digits in options.

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signif.stars logical variable indicating whether to use stars to display different levels of significance in the individual t-tests.

showAlgo optional logical indicating if the algorithmic parameters (as mostly inside the

optional logical indicating if the algorithmic parameters (as mostly inside the control part) should be shown.

cov covariance estimation function to use, a function or character string naming the

function; **robustbase** currently provides ".vcov.w" and ".vcov.avar1", see *Details* of 1mrob. Particularly useful when object is the result of 1mrob(...,

cov = "none"), where

object\$cov <- vcov(object, cov = ".vcov.w")</pre>

allows to update the fitted object.

complete (mainly for  $R \ge 3.5.0$ :) logical indicating if the full variance-covariance

matrix should be returned also in case of an over-determined system where some coefficients are undefined and coef(.) contains NAs correspondingly. When complete = TRUE, vcov() is compatible with coef() also in this singular case.

. . . potentially more arguments passed to methods.

## Value

summary(object) returns an object of S3 class "summary.lmrob", basically a list with components "call", "terms", "residuals", "scale", "rweights", "converged", "iter", "control" all copied from object, and further components, partly for compatibility with summary.lm,

 $coefficients \qquad a \ matrix \ with \ columns \ "Estimate", "Std. \ Error", "t \ value", and "PR(>|t|)",$ 

where "Estimate" is identical to coef(object). Note that coef(<summary.obj>)

is slightly preferred to access this matrix.

df degrees of freedom, in an 1m compatible way.

sigma identical to sigma(object).

aliased ..

cov derived from object\$cov.

r.squared robust "R squared" or  $R^2$ , a coefficient of determination: This is the consis-

tency corrected robust coefficient of determination by Renaud and Victoria-

Feser (2010).

adj.r.squared an adjusted R squared, see r.squared.

# References

Renaud, O. and Victoria-Feser, M.-P. (2010). A robust coefficient of determination for regression, *Journal of Statistical Planning and Inference* **140**, 1852-1862.

#### See Also

lmrob, predict.lmrob, weights.lmrob, summary.lm, print, summary.

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#### **Examples**

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Summary Method for LTS objects

## Description

summary method for class "lts".

#### Usage

# Arguments

```
object an object of class "lts", usually, a result of a call to ltsReg.

correlation logical; if TRUE, the correlation matrix of the estimated parameters is returned and printed.

x an object of class "summary.lts", usually, a result of a call to summary.lts.

digits the number of significant digits to use when printing.

signif.stars logical indicating if "significance stars" should be printer, see printCoefmat.

further arguments passed to or from other methods.
```

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#### **Details**

These functions compute and print summary statistics for weighted least square estimates with weights based on LTS estimates. Therefore the statistics are similar to those for LS but all terms are multiplied by the corresponding weight.

Correlations are printed to two decimal places: to see the actual correlations print summary(object)\$correlation directly.

#### Value

The function summary.1ts computes and returns a list of summary statistics of the fitted linear model given in object, using the components of this object (list elements).

residuals the residuals - a vector like the response y containing the residuals from the

weighted least squares regression.

coefficients a  $p \times 4$  matrix with columns for the estimated coefficient, its standard error,

t-statistic and corresponding (two-sided) p-value.

sigma the estimated scale of the reweighted residuals

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n-p} \sum_i R_i^2,$$

where  $R_i$  is the *i*-th residual, residuals[i].

df degrees of freedom, a 3-vector (p, n-p, p\*), the last being the number of non-

aliased coefficients.

fstatistic (for models including non-intercept terms) a 3-vector with the value of the F-

statistic with its numerator and denominator degrees of freedom.

r. squared  $R^2$ , the "fraction of variance explained by the model",

$$R^{2} = 1 - \frac{\sum_{i} R_{i}^{2}}{\sum_{i} (y_{i} - y^{*})^{2}},$$

where  $y^*$  is the mean of  $y_i$  if there is an intercept and zero otherwise.

adj.r.squared the above  $R^2$  statistic "adjusted", penalizing for higher p.

cov.unscaled a  $p \times p$  matrix of (unscaled) covariances of the  $\hat{\beta}_j$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, p$ .

correlation the correlation matrix corresponding to the above cov.unscaled, if correlation

= TRUE is specified.

## See Also

1tsReg; the generic summary.

#### **Examples**

```
data(Animals2)
ltsA <- ltsReg(log(brain) ~ log(body), data = Animals2)
(slts <- summary(ltsA))
## non-default options for printing the summary:
print(slts, digits = 5, signif.stars = FALSE)</pre>
```

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Summary Method for MCD objects

## Description

summary method for class "mcd".

## Usage

## **Arguments**

```
object, x an object of class "mcd" (or "summary.mcd"); usually, a result of a call to covMcd.

digits the number of significant digits to use when printing.

print.gap number of horizontal spaces between numbers; see also print.default.

further arguments passed to or from other methods.
```

#### **Details**

summary.mcd(), the S3 method, simply returns an (S3) object of class "summary.mcd" for which there's a print method:

print.summary.mcd prints summary statistics for the weighted covariance matrix and location estimates with weights based on MCD estimates. While the function print.mcd prints only the robust estimates of the location and the covariance matrix, print.summary.mcd will print also the correlation matrix (if requested in the call to covMcd with cor=TRUE), the eigenvalues of the covariance or the correlation matrix and the robust ("Mahalanobis") distances.

#### Value

summary.mcd returns an summary.mcd object, whereas the print methods returns its first argument via invisible, as all print methods do.

#### See Also

```
covMcd, summary
```

#### **Examples**

```
data(Animals, package = "MASS")
brain <- Animals[c(1:24, 26:25, 27:28),]
lbrain <- log(brain)
summary(cLB <- covMcd(lbrain))</pre>
```

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# Description

```
summary method for objects of class "nlrob", i.e., nlrob() results. Currently it only works for nlrob(*, method="M").
```

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'nlrob'
summary(object, correlation = FALSE, symbolic.cor = FALSE, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

object an object of class "nlrob", usually, a result of a call to nlrob.

correlation logical variable indicating whether to compute the correlation matrix of the estimated coefficients.

symbolic.cor logical indicating whether to use symbols to display the above correlation matrix.

further arguments passed to or from other methods.

## Value

The function summary.nlrob computes and returns an object of class "summary.nlrob" of summary statistics of the robustly fitted linear model given in object. There is a print method, print.summary.lmrob(), which nicely formats the output.

The result keeps a large part of object's components such as residuals, cov or w, and additionally contains

coefficients the matrix of coefficients, standard errors and p-values.

correlation if the correlation argument was true, the correlation matrix of the parameters.

#### Author(s)

Andreas Ruckstuhl

## See Also

nlrob(), also for examples.

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Number of International Calls from Belgium

## Description

Number of international calls from Belgium, taken from the Belgian Statistical Survey, published by the Ministry of Economy.

## Usage

```
data(telef, package="robustbase")
```

#### **Format**

A data frame with 24 observations on the following 2 variables.

```
Calls Number of Calls (in tens of millions)
Year Year (1950 - 1973)
```

## **Source**

P. J. Rousseeuw and A. M. Leroy (1987) *Robust Regression and Outlier Detection*; Wiley, page 26, table 2.

# **Examples**

```
data(telef)
summary(lm.telef <- lm(Year~., data=telef))</pre>
```

tolEllipsePlot

Tolerance Ellipse Plot

## **Description**

Plots the 0.975 tolerance ellipse of the bivariate data set x. The ellipse is defined by those data points whose distance is equal to the squareroot of the 0.975 chisquare quantile with 2 degrees of freedom.

# Usage

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#### **Arguments**

	Χ	a two dimensional matrix or data frame.	
	m.cov	an object similar to those of class "mcd"; however only its components center and cov will be used. If missing, the MCD will be computed (via covMcd()).	
	cutoff	numeric distance needed to flag data points outside the ellipse.	
	id.n	number of observations to be identified by a label. If not supplied, the number of observations with distance larger than cutoff is used.	
	classic	whether to plot the classical distances as well, FALSE by default.	
	tol	tolerance to be used for computing the inverse, see solve. Defaults to 1e-7.	
	xlab, ylab, main passed to plot.default.		
txt.leg, col.leg, lty.leg			
		character vectors of length 2 for the legend, only used if classic = TRUE.	

## Author(s)

Peter Filzmoser, Valentin Todorov and Martin Maechler

#### See Also

covPlot which calls tolEllipsePlot() when desired. ellipsoidhull and predict.ellipsoid from package cluster.

# **Examples**

```
data(hbk)
hbk.x <- data.matrix(hbk[, 1:3])
mcd <- covMcd(hbk.x)  # compute mcd in advance
## must be a 2-dimensional data set: take the first two columns :
tolEllipsePlot(hbk.x[,1:2])
## an "impressive" example:
data(telef)
tolEllipsePlot(telef, classic=TRUE)</pre>
```

toxicity

Toxicity of Carboxylic Acids Data

## **Description**

The aim of the experiment was to predict the toxicity of carboxylic acids on the basis of several molecular descriptors.

# Usage

```
data(toxicity, package="robustbase")
```

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#### **Format**

A data frame with 38 observations on the following 10 variables which are attributes for carboxylic acids:

```
toxicity aquatic toxicity, defined as \log(IGC_{50}^{-1}); typically the "response". logKow logKow, the partition coefficient pKa pKa: the dissociation constant ELUMO Energy of the lowest unoccupied molecular orbital
```

ELUMO Energy of the lowest unoccupied molecular orbital

Ecarb Electrotopological state of the carboxylic group

Emet Electrotopological state of the methyl group

RM Molar refractivity

IR Refraction index

Ts Surface tension

P Polarizability

## Source

The website accompanying the MMY-book: https://www.wiley.com/legacy/wileychi/robust\_statistics/

## References

Maguna, F.P., Núñez, M.B., Okulik, N.B. and Castro, E.A. (2003) Improved QSAR analysis of the toxicity of aliphatic carboxylic acids; *Russian Journal of General Chemistry* **73**, 1792–1798.

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tukeyPsi1	Tukey's Bi-square Score (Psi) and "Chi" (Rho) Functions and Deriva- tives
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## **Description**

```
These are deprecated, replaced by Mchi(*, psi="tukey"), Mpsi(*, psi="tukey")
```

tukeyPsi1() computes Tukey's bi-square score (psi) function, its first derivative or it's integral/"principal function". This is scaled such that  $\psi'(0) = 1$ , i.e.,  $\psi(x) \approx x$  around 0.

tukeyChi() computes Tukey's bi-square loss function, chi(x) and its first two derivatives. Note that in the general context of M-estimators, these loss functions are called  $\rho(rho)$ -functions.

## Usage

```
tukeyPsi1(x, cc, deriv = 0)
tukeyChi (x, cc, deriv = 0)
```

## **Arguments**

x numeric vector. 
cc tuning constant 
deriv integer in  $\{-1,0,1,2\}$  specifying the order of the derivative; the default, deriv

= 0 computes the psi-, or chi- ("rho"-)function.

#### Value

a numeric vector of the same length as x.

#### Note

tukeyPsi1(x, d) and tukeyChi(x, d+1) are just re-scaled versions of each other (for d in -1:1), i.e.,

$$\chi^{(\nu)}(x,c) = (6/c^2)\psi^{(\nu-1)}(x,c),$$

for  $\nu = 0, 1, 2$ .

We use the name 'tukeyPsi1', because tukeyPsi is reserved for a future "Psi Function" class object, see psiFunc.

#### Author(s)

Matias Salibian-Barrera, Martin Maechler and Andreas Ruckstuhl

## See Also

lmrob and Mpsi; further anova.lmrob which needs the deriv = -1.

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#### **Examples**

```
op <- par(mfrow = c(3,1), oma = c(0,0, 2, 0),
          mgp = c(1.5, 0.6, 0), mar = .1 + c(3,4,3,2))
x \leftarrow seq(-2.5, 2.5, length = 201)
cc <- 1.55 # as set by default in lmrob.control()</pre>
plot. <- function(...) { plot(...); abline(h=0,v=0, col="gray", lty=3)}</pre>
plot.(x, tukeyChi(x, cc), type = "l", col = 2)
plot.(x, tukeyChi(x, cc, deriv = 1), type = "1", col = 2)
plot.(x, tukeyChi(x, cc, deriv = 2), type = "1", col = 2)
mtext(sprintf("tukeyChi(x, c = %g, deriv), deriv = 0,1,2", cc),
      outer = TRUE, font = par("font.main"), cex = par("cex.main"))
par(op)
op <- par(mfrow = c(3,1), oma = c(0,0, 2, 0),
          mgp = c(1.5, 0.6, 0), mar = .1 + c(3,4,1,1))
x <- seq(-5, 5, length = 201)
cc <- 4.69 # as set by default in lmrob.control()</pre>
plot. <- function(...) { plot(..., asp = 1); abline(h=0,v=0, col="gray", lty=3)}
plot.(x, tukeyPsi1(x, cc), type = "l", col = 2)
abline(0:1, lty = 3, col = "light blue")
plot.(x, tukeyPsi1(x, cc, deriv = -1), type = "1", col = 2)
plot.(x, tukeyPsi1(x, cc, deriv = 1), type = "1", col = 2); abline(h=1,lty=3)
mtext(sprintf("tukeyPsi1(x, c = %g, deriv), deriv = 0, -1, 1", cc),
      outer = TRUE, font = par("font.main"), cex = par("cex.main"))
par(op)
```

vaso

Vaso Constriction Skin Data Set

#### **Description**

Finney's data on vaso constriction in the skin of the digits.

#### Usage

```
data(vaso, package="robustbase")
```

#### **Format**

A data frame with 39 observations on the following 3 variables.

Volume Inhaled volume of air

Rate Rate of inhalation

Y vector of 0 or 1 values.

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#### **Details**

The data taken from Finney (1947) were obtained in a carefully controlled study in human physiology where a reflex "vaso constriction" may occur in the skin of the digits after taking a single deep breath. The response y is the occurence (y = 1) or non-occurence (y = 0) of vaso constriction in the skin of the digits of a subject after he or she inhaled a certain volume of air at a certain rate. The responses of three subjects are available. The first contributed 9 responses, the second contributed 8 responses, and the third contributed 22 responses.

Although the data represent repeated measurements, an analysis that assumes independent observations may be applied, as claimed by Pregibon (1981).

#### Source

Finney, D.J. (1947) The estimation from individual records of the relationship between dose and quantal response. *Biometrika* **34**, 320–334

#### References

Atkinson, A.C. and Riani, M. (2000) *Robust Diagnostic Regression Analysis*, First Edition. New York: Springer, Table A.23.

Fahrmeir, L. and Tutz, G. (2001) *Multivariate Statistical Modelling Based on Generalized Linear Models*, Springer, Table 4.2.

Kuensch, H.R., Stefanski, A. and Carrol, R.J. (1989) Conditionally unbiased bounded influence estimation in general regression models, with applications to generalized linear models, *JASA* **84**, 460–466.

Pregibon, D. (1981) Logistic regression diagnostics, Annals of Statistics 9, 705–724.

#### **Examples**

```
data(vaso)
str(vaso)
pairs(vaso)

glmV <- glm(Y ~ log(Volume) + log(Rate), family=binomial, data=vaso)
summary(glmV)
## --> example(glmrob) showing classical & robust GLM
```

wagnerGrowth

Wagner's Hannover Employment Growth Data

#### **Description**

Wagner (1994) investigates the rate of employment growth (y) as function of percentage of people engaged in **p**roducation **a**ctivities (PA) and **h**igher services (HS) and of the **g**rowth of these percentages (GPA, GHS) during three time periods in 21 geographical regions of the greater Hannover area.

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#### Usage

```
data(wagnerGrowth, package="robustbase")
```

#### **Format**

A data frame with  $21 \times 3 = 63$  observations (one per Region x Period) on the following 7 variables.

Region a factor with 21 levels, denoting the corresponding region in Hannover (conceptually a "block factor").

PA numeric: percent of people involved in production activities.

```
GPA growth of PA.HS a numeric vectorGHS a numeric vector
```

y a numeric vector

Period a factor with levels 1:3, denoting the time period, 1 = 1979-1982, 2 = 1983-1988, 3 = 1989-1992.

#### Source

Hubert, M. and Rousseeuw, P. J. (1997). Robust regression with both continuous and binary regressors, *Journal of Statistical Planning and Inference* **57**, 153–163.

## References

Wagner J. (1994). Regionale Beschäftigungsdynamik und höherwertige Produktionsdienste: Ergebnisse für den Grossraum Hannover (1979-1992). *Raumforschung und Raumordnung* **52**, 146–150.

## **Examples**

weights.lmrob

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Extract Robustness and Model Weights

# Description

weights() extracts robustness weights or fitting (or prior) weights from a 1mrob or g1mrob object.

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'lmrob'
weights(object, type = c("prior", "robustness"), ...)
```

# **Arguments**

object	an object of class "lmrob" or "glmrob", typically the result of a call to lmrob, or glmrob, respectively.
type	the type of weights to be returned. Either "prior" (default), or "robustness".
	not used currently.

## **Details**

The "prior weights" correspond to the weights specified using the "weights" argument when calling 1mrob. The "robustness weights" are the weights assigned by the M-estimator of regression,  $\psi(r_i/S)/(r_i/S)$ . The robust coefficient estimate then numericarlly corresponds to a weighted least squares fit using the product of both types of weights as weights.

## Value

Weights extracted from the object object.

# Author(s)

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# See Also

lmrob, glmrob and weights

Vood wood

wgt.himedian

Weighted Hi-Median

# Description

Compute the weighted Hi-Median of x.

# Usage

```
wgt.himedian(x, weights = rep(1, n))
```

## **Arguments**

x numeric vector

weights numeric vector of weights; of the same length as x.

#### Note

this is rather a by-product of the code used in Sn and Qn. We currently plan to replace it with more general weighted quantiles.

#### See Also

median; also wtd.quantile from package Hmisc.

# **Examples**

wood

Modified Data on Wood Specific Gravity

# Description

The original data are from Draper and Smith (1966) and were used to determine the influence of anatomical factors on wood specific gravity, with five explanatory variables and an intercept. These data were contaminated by replacing a few observations with outliers.

# Usage

```
data(wood, package="robustbase")
```

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#### **Format**

A data frame with 20 observations on the following 6 variables.

```
x1, x2, x3, x4, x5 explanatory "anatomical" wood variables.
```

y wood specific gravity, the target variable.

#### **Source**

```
Draper and Smith (1966, p.227)
```

Peter J. Rousseeuw and Annick M. Leroy (1987) *Robust Regression and Outlier Detection* Wiley, p.243, table 8.

## **Examples**

```
data(wood)
plot(wood)
summary( lm.wood <- lm(y ~ ., data = wood))
summary(rlm.wood <- MASS::rlm(y ~ ., data = wood))
summary(lts.wood <- ltsReg(y ~ ., data = wood))
wood.x <- as.matrix(wood)[,1:5]
c_wood <- covMcd(wood.x)
c_wood</pre>
```

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Extreme Data examples

## **Description**

x30o50, called "XX" in the thesis, has been a running case for which mc() had failed to converge. A numeric vector of 50 values, 30 of which are very close to zero, specifically, their absolute values are less than 1.5e-15.

The remaining 20 values (11 negative, 9 positive) have absolute values between 0.0022 and 1.66.

#### Usage

```
data(x30o50, package="robustbase")
```

#### Format

A summary is

```
Min. 1st Qu. Median Mean 3rd Qu. Max. -1.66006 0.00000 0.00000 -0.04155 0.00000 1.29768
```

notably the 1st to 3rd quartiles are all very close to zero.

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#### **Details**

a good robust method will treat the 60% "almost zero" values as "good" data and all other as outliers.

This is somewhat counter intuitive to typical human perception where the 30 almost-zero numbers would be considered as inliers and the remaining 20 as "good" data.

The original mc() algorithm and also the amendments up to 2022 (**robustbase** versions before 0.95) would fail to converge unless (in newer versions) eps1 was increased, e.g., only by a factor of 10, to eps1 = 1e-13.

#### References

Lukas Graz (2021); unpublished BSc thesis, see mc.

#### **Examples**

```
data(x30o50)
## have 4 duplicated values :
table(dX <- duplicated(x30o50))
     x30o50[dX] # 0 2.77e-17 4.16e-17 2.08e-16
sort(x30o50[dX]) * 2^56 # 0 2 3 15
## and they are c(0,2,3,15)*2^-56
table(sml \leftarrow abs(x30050) < 1e-11)# 20 30
summary(x30050[sml]) # -1.082e-15 ... 1.499e-15; mean = 9.2e-19 ~~ 0
summary(x30o50[!sml])
      Min. 1st Qu. Median
                              Mean 3rd Qu.
## -1.6601 -0.4689 -0.0550 -0.1039 0.3986 1.2977
op <- par(mfrow=c(3,1), mgp=c(1.5, .6, 0), mar = .3+c(2,3:1))
(Fn. \leftarrow ecdf(x30o50)) # \leftarrow only 46 knots (as have 4 duplications)
plot(Fn.) ## and zoom in (*drastically*) to around x=0 :
for(f in c(1e-13, 1.5e-15)) {
 plot(Fn., xval=f*seq(-1,1, length.out = 1001), ylim=c(0,1), main="[zoomed in]")
 if(f == 1e-13) rect(-1e-15,0, +1e-15, 1, col="thistle", border=1)
 plot(Fn., add=TRUE)
}
par(op)
mcOld <- function(x, ..., doScale=TRUE) mc(x, doScale=doScale, c.huberize=Inf, ...)</pre>
try( mcOld(x30o50) ) # Error: .. not 'converged' in 100 iteration
mcOld(x30o50, eps1 = 1e-12) # -0.152
(mcX < - mc(x30050)) # -7.10849e-13
stopifnot(exprs = {
   all.equal(-7.10848988e-13, mcX, tol = 1e-9)
   all.equal(mcX, mc(1e30\timesx30o50), tol = 4e-4) # not so close
})
table(sml <- abs(x30050) < 1e-8)# 20 30
range(x30o50[sml])
x0050 <- x30050; x0050[sml] <- 0
(mcX0 < - mc(x0050))
stopifnot(exprs = {
```

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```
all.equal(-0.378445401788, mcX0, tol=1e-12)
   all.equal(-0.099275805349, mc(x30o50[!sml]) -> mcL, tol=2e-11)
   all.equal(mcL, mcOld(x30o50[!sml]))
})
## -- some instability also wrt c.huberize:
mcHubc <- function(dat, ...)
   function(cc) vapply(cc, function(c) mc(dat, c.huberize = c, ...), -1.)
mcH50 <- mcHubc(x30o50)
head(cHs <- c(sort(outer(c(1, 2, 5), 10^(2:15))), Inf), 9)
mcXc <- mcH50(cHs)
plot( mcXc ~ cHs, type="b", log="x", xlab=quote(c[huberize]))
plot((-mcXc) ~ cHs, type="b", log="xy", xlab=quote(c[huberize]))
## but for "regular" outlier skew data, there's no such dependency:
mcXcu <- mcHubc(cushny)(cHs)
stopifnot( abs(mcXcu - mcXcu[1]) < 1e-15)</pre>
```

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