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cd	Change directory	

### **Description**

The function takes a path and changes the current working directory to the path. If the directory specified in the path does not currently exist, it will be created.

# Usage

```
cd(base, pre, num)
```

### **Arguments**

base a character string with the base path to the directory. This is required.

pre an optional character string with the prefix to add to the base path. Non character

strings will be coerced to character class.

num an optional character string, prefixed by pre. Non character strings will be co-

erced to character class.

#### Details

The function has been designed to be platform independent, although it has had limited testing. Path creation is done using file.path, the existence of the directory is checked using file.exists and the directory created with dir.create. Only the first argument, is required. The other optional arguments are handy when one wants to create many similar directories with a common base.

## Value

NULL, changes the current working directory

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```
## Not run:
# an example just using the base
cd("~/testdir")

# an example using the optional arguments
base <- "~/testdir"
pre <- "test_"

cd(base, pre, 1)
cd(base, pre, 2)</pre>
```

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```
## End(Not run)
```

coef.mplus.model

Return coefficients for an mplus.model object

# Description

This is a method for returning the coefficients of an mplus.model object. It works directly on an object stored from readModels such as: object <- readModels("/path/to/model/model.out").

Method that calls coef.mplus.model. See further documentation there.

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'mplus.model'
coef(object, type = c("un", "std", "stdy",
   "stdyx"), params = c("regression", "loading", "undirected",
   "expectation", "variability", "new"), ..., raw = FALSE)

## S3 method for class 'mplusObject'
coef(object, ...)
```

### **Arguments**

object	An object of class mplusObject
type	A character vector indicating the type of coefficients to return. One of "un", "std", "stdy", or "stdyx".
params	A character vector indicating what type of parameters to extract. Any combination of "regression", "loading", "undirected", "expectation", "variability", and "new". A single one can be passed or multiple. By default, all are used and all parameters are returned.
	Additional arguments to pass on (not currently used)
raw	A logical defaulting to FALSE indicating whether to parse and return coefficients based on the type (regression, etc.) and relabel using an arrow notation, or to return the raw coefficients in a named vector.

#### Value

Either a data frame of class 'mplus.model.coefs', or in the case of multiple group models, a list of class 'mplus.model.coefs', where each element of the list is a data frame of class 'mplus.model.coefs', or a named vector of coefficients, if raw=TRUE.

# Author(s)

Joshua F. Wiley <jwiley.psych@gmail.com>

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### See Also

#### readModels

Other Mplus-Formatting: confint.mplus.model, extract, print.MplusRstructure, summary.mplusObject

### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# simple example of a model using builtin data
# demonstrates use
test <- mplusObject(</pre>
 TITLE = "test the MplusAutomation Package;",
 MODEL = "
   mpg ON wt hp;
   wt WITH hp;",
 OUTPUT = "STANDARDIZED;",
 usevariables = c("mpg", "wt", "hp"),
 rdata = mtcars)
res <- mplusModeler(test, "mtcars.dat", modelout = "model1.inp", run = 1L)
# example of the coef method on an mplud.model object
# note that res$results holds the results of readModels()
coef(res$results)
coef(res$results, type = "std")
coef(res$results, type = "stdy")
coef(res$results, type = "stdyx")
# there is also a method for mplusObject class
coef(res)
# remove files
unlink("mtcars.dat")
unlink("model1.inp")
unlink("model1.out")
unlink("Mplus Run Models.log")
## End(Not run)
```

compareModels

Compare the output of two Mplus models

### **Description**

The compareModels function compares the output of two Mplus files and prints similarities and differences in the model summary statistics and parameter estimates. Options are provided for filtering out fixed parameters and nonsignificant parameters. When requested, compareModels will compute the chi-square difference test for nested models (does not apply to MLMV, WLSM, and WLSMV estimators, where DIFFTEST in Mplus is needed). Model outputs to be compared can be full summaries and parameters (generated by readModels), summary statistics only (extractModelSummaries), or parameters only (extractModelParameters).

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### Usage

```
compareModels(m1, m2, show = "all", equalityMargin = c(param = 1e-04,
   pvalue = 1e-04), compare = "unstandardized", sort = "none",
   showFixed = FALSE, showNS = TRUE, diffTest = FALSE)
```

#### Arguments

m1	The first Mplus model to be compared. Generated by readModels, ${\tt extractModelSummaries},$ or ${\tt extractModelParameters}.$
m2	The second Mplus model to be compared.
show	What aspects of the models should be compared. Options are "all", "summaries", "equal", "diff", "pdiff", and "unique". See below for details.
equalityMargin	Defines the discrepancy between models that is considered equal. Different margins can be specified for p-value equality versus parameter equality. Defaults to .0001 for both.
compare	Which parameter estimates should be compared. Options are "unstandardized", "stdyx.standardized" "stdyx.standardized", and "std.standardized".
sort	How to sort the output of parameter comparisons. Options are "none", "type", "alphabetical", and "maxDiff". See below for details.
showFixed	Whether to display fixed parameters in the output (identified where the est/se = 999.000, per Mplus convention). Default to FALSE.
showNS	Whether to display non-significant parameter estimates. Can be TRUE or FALSE, or a numeric value (e.g., .10) that defines what p-value is filtered as non-significant.
diffTest	Whether to compute a chi-square difference test between the models. Assumes that the models are nested. Not available for MLMV, WLSMV, and ULSMV

#### **Details**

The show parameter can be one or more of the following, which can be passed as a vector, such as c("equal", "pdiff").

estimators. Use DIFFTEST in Mplus instead.

```
show ''all'' Display all available model comparison. Equivalent to c("summaries", "equal", "diff", "pdiff", "unique").
```

**<sup>&</sup>quot;summaries"** Print a comparison of model summary statistics. Compares the following summary statistics (where available): c("Title", "Observations", "Estimator", "Parameters", "LL", "AIC", "BIC", "ChiSqM\_Value", "ChiSqM\_DF", "CFI", "TLI", "RMSEA", "SRMR", "WRMR")

<sup>&</sup>quot;allsummaries" Prints a comparison of all summary statistics available in each model. May generate a lot of output.

<sup>&</sup>quot;equal" Print parameter estimates that are equal between models (i.e., <= equalityMargin["param"]).

<sup>&</sup>quot;diff" Print parameter estimates that are different between models (i.e., > equalityMargin["param"]).

<sup>&</sup>quot;pdiff" Print parameter estimates where the p-values differ between models (i.e., > equalityMargin["pvalue"]).

<sup>&</sup>quot;unique" Print parameter estimates that are unique to each model.

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The sort parameter determines the order in which parameter estimates are displayed. The following options are available:

**sort "none"** No sorting is performed, so parameters are output in the order presented in Mplus. (Default)

"type" Sort parameters by their role in the model. This groups output by regression coefficient (ON), factor loadings (BY), covariances (WITH), and so on. Within each type, output is alphabetical.

"alphabetical" Sort parameters in alphabetical order.

"maxDiff" Sort parameter output by the largest differences between models (high to low).

#### Value

No value is returned by this function. It is used to print model differences to the R console.

# Author(s)

Michael Hallquist

# **Examples**

```
# make me!!!
```

confint.mplus.model

Return confidence intervals for an mplus.model object

#### **Description**

This is a method for returning the confidence of an mplus.model object. It works directly on an object stored from readModels such as: object <- readModels("/path/to/model/model.out").

Method that calls confint.mplus.model. See further documentation there.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'mplus.model'
confint(object, parm, level = 0.95,
   type = c("un", "std", "stdy", "stdyx"), params = c("regression",
   "loading", "undirected", "expectation", "variability", "new"), ...)
## S3 method for class 'mplusObject'
confint(object, ...)
```

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# **Arguments**

object	An object of class mplusObject
parm	Included as all confint() methods must include it. Not used currently for Mplus.
level	A numeric vector indicating the level of confidence interval to extract. Options are .95, .90, or .99 as those are all Mplus provides.
type	A character vector indicating the type of confidence intervals to return. One of "un", "std", "stdy", or "stdyx".
params	A character vector indicating what type of parameters to extract. Any combination of "regression", "loading", "undirected", "expectation", "variability", and "new". A single one can be passed or multiple. By default, all are used and all parameters are returned.
	Additional arguments to pass on (not currently used)

#### Value

A data frame of class 'mplus.model.cis', or in the case of multiple group models, a list of class 'mplus.model.cis', where each element of the list is a data frame of class 'mplus.model.cis'.

### Author(s)

Joshua F. Wiley <jwiley.psych@gmail.com>

# See Also

### readModels

Other Mplus-Formatting: coef.mplus.model, extract, print.MplusRstructure, summary.mplusObject

```
## Not run:
# simple example of a model using builtin data
# demonstrates use
test <- mplusObject(</pre>
 TITLE = "test the MplusAutomation Package;",
 MODEL = "
   mpg ON wt hp;
   wt WITH hp;",
 OUTPUT = "STANDARDIZED; CINTERVAL;",
 usevariables = c("mpg", "wt", "hp"),
 rdata = mtcars)
res <- mplusModeler(test, "mtcars.dat", modelout = "model1.inp", run = 1L)</pre>
# example of the confint method on an mplus.model object
# note that res$results holds the results of readModels()
confint(res$results)
confint(res$results, type = "std")
confint(res$results, type = "stdy")
```

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```
confint(res$results, type = "stdyx", level = .99)
# there is also a method for mplusObject class
confint(res)
screenreg(res, cis = TRUE, single.row = TRUE)
# remove files
unlink("mtcars.dat")
unlink("model1.inp")
unlink("model1.out")
unlink("Mplus Run Models.log")
## End(Not run)
```

createMixtures

Create syntax for a batch of mixture models

## **Description**

Dynamically creates syntax for a batch of mixture models, with intelligent defaults. This function is a wrapper around mplusObject, and additional arguments can be passed to this function using . . . . In all arguments to mplusObject, a double space ("") is replaced with a newline character. This can be used to obtain nicely formatted Mplus syntax. In the arguments model\_class\_specific and SAVEDATA, the character string "{C}" is substituted with the correct class number. The character string "{filename\_stem}" is substituted with the filename stem, for example, to name savedata in line with the input files.

# Usage

```
createMixtures(classes = 1L, filename_stem = NULL,
  model_overall = NULL, model_class_specific = NULL, rdata = NULL,
  usevariables = NULL, OUTPUT = "TECH11 TECH14;",
  SAVEDATA = "FILE IS {filename_stem}_{C}.dat; SAVE = cprobabilities;",
  ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

classes

A vector of integers, indicating which class solutions to generate. Defaults to 1L. E.g., classes = 1:6, classes = c(1:4, 6:8).

filename\_stem

Character. A stem for the automatically generated filenames of the syntax and data files.

model\_overall Character. Mplus syntax for the overall model (across classes).
model\_class\_specific

Character vector. Mplus syntax for the class-specific model(s) of one or more categorical latent variables. Each element of model\_class\_specific is used as the class-specific syntax of a different categorical latent variable. This allows one to easily specify latent transition analyses (see second example). The character string "{C}" is substituted with the correct class number, for example to set unique parameter labels for each class, or to specify equality constraints.

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Data.frame. An R dataset to be used for the model.

Usevariables Character vector, specifying the names of variables in the rdata object which should be included in the Mplus data file and model.

OUTPUT Character. Syntax for Mplus' OUTPUT option. Highly recommended when determining the appropriate number of latent classes. TECH11 is required to obtain the VLMR-test; TECH14 is required for the BLR-test.

SAVEDATA Character. Syntax for Mplus' savedata option. Highly recommended when conducting mixture models. The default option will often be adequate.

Additional arguments, passed to mplusObject, such as syntax for other Mplus options.

#### Value

None. Function is used for its side effects (generating syntax).

### Author(s)

Caspar J. van Lissa

#### See Also

mplusObject, mplusModeler

```
## Not run:
createMixtures(classes = 1:3, filename_stem = "iris", rdata = iris)
## End(Not run)
## Not run:
data <- read.table("http://statmodel.com/usersguide/chap8/ex8.13.dat")[,c(1:10)]</pre>
names(data) <- c("u11", "u12", "u13", "u14", "u15", "u21", "u22", "u23", "u24", "u25")
createMixtures(
classes = 2,
filename_stem = "dating"
model_overall = "c2 ON c1;",
model_class_specific = c(
"[u11$1] (a{C}); [u12$1] (b{C}); [u13$1] (c{C}); [u14$1] (d{C}); [u15$1] (e{C});",
"[u21$1] (a{C}); [u22$1] (b{C}); [u23$1] (c{C}); [u24$1] (d{C}); [u25$1] (e{C});"
),
rdata = data,
ANALYSIS = "PROCESSORS IS 2; LRTSTARTS (0 0 40 20); PARAMETERIZATION = PROBABILITY;",
VARIABLE = "CATEGORICAL = u11-u15 u21-u25;"
## End(Not run)
```

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createModels

Create Mplus Input Files from Template

# **Description**

The createModels function processes a single Mplus template file and creates a group of related model input files. Definitions and examples for the template language are provided in the MplusAutomation vignette and are not duplicated here at the moment. See this documentation: vignette("Vignette", package="MplusAutomation")

### Usage

```
createModels(templatefile)
```

## **Arguments**

templatefile

The filename (absolute or relative path) of an Mplus template file to be processed. Example "C:/MplusTemplate.txt"

#### Value

No value is returned by this function. It is solely used to process an Mplus template file.

# Author(s)

Michael Hallquist

### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
    createModels("L2 Multimodel Template No iter.txt")
## End(Not run)
```

createSyntax

Create the Mplus input text for an mplusObject

# **Description**

This function takes an object of class mplusObject and creates the Mplus input text corresponding to it, including data link and variable names.

# Usage

```
createSyntax(object, filename, check = TRUE, add = FALSE,
  imputed = FALSE)
```

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# Arguments

object An object of class mplusObject

filename The name of the data file as a character vector check A logical indicating whether or not to run part.

A logical indicating whether or not to run parseMplus on the created input file.

Checks for errors like lines that are too long, or for missing semi-colons and

gives notes.

add A logical passed on to parseMplus whether to add semi colons to line ends.

Defaults to FALSE.

imputed A logical whether the data are multiply imputed. Defaults to FALSE.

### Value

A character string containing all the text for the Mplus input file.

#### Author(s)

Joshua F. Wiley <jwiley.psych@gmail.com>

#### See Also

prepareMplusData, mplusModeler

### **Examples**

```
# example mplusObject
example1 <- mplusObject(MODEL = "mpg ON wt;",
    usevariables = c("mpg", "hp"), rdata = mtcars)

# create the Mplus input text
cat(createSyntax(example1, "example1.dat"), file=stdout(), fill=TRUE)

# update the object, then create input text
cat(createSyntax(update(example1,
    TITLE = ~ "This is my title;",
    MODEL = ~ . + "\nmpg ON hp;",
    usevariables = c("mpg", "hp", "wt")), "example1.dat"),
    file=stdout(),
    fill=TRUE)

rm(example1)</pre>
```

detectVariables

Automatically detect variables from an Mplus model object

# **Description**

This is a function to automatically detect the variables used in an Mplus model object.

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### Usage

```
detectVariables(object)
```

### **Arguments**

object

An Mplus model object from mplusObject.#'

# Value

A vector of variables from the R dataset to use.

# Author(s)

Joshua F. Wiley <jwiley.psych@gmail.com>

#### See Also

```
mplusModeler, mplusObject
```

# **Examples**

```
example1 <- mplusObject(MODEL = "mpg ON wt;",
    rdata = mtcars, autov = FALSE)
example1$usevariables
MplusAutomation:::detectVariables(example1)

example2 <- mplusObject(MODEL = "mpg ON wt;",
    rdata = mtcars, autov = TRUE)
example2$usevariables
example3 <- update(example2,
    MODEL = ~ . + "mpg ON qsec; wt WITH qsec;",
    autov = TRUE)
example3$usevariables
rm(example1, example2, example3)</pre>
```

extract

Extract function to make Mplus output work with the texreg package

# **Description**

This is a method for extracting output in a format suitable for the **texreg** package. Uses coef for most the work.

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### Usage

```
extract.mplus.model(model, summaries = "none", cis = FALSE,
    escape.latex = FALSE, ...)

extract.mplusObject(model, summaries = "none", cis = FALSE, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'mplus.model'
extract(model, summaries = "none", cis = FALSE,
    escape.latex = FALSE, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'mplusObject'
extract(model, summaries = "none", cis = FALSE,
    ...)
```

### **Arguments**

model An Mplus model object. This typically comes either from readModels directly,

or indirectly via mplusModeler. The results will have different classes, but

extract methods are defined for both.

summaries A character vector which summaries to include. Defaults to "none".

cis A logical whether to extract confidence intervals.

escape.latex A logical value whether to escape dollar signs in coefficient names for LaTeX.

Defaults to FALSE.

... Additional arguments passed to coef.mplus.model.

### Value

A texreg object, or for multiple group models, a list of texreg objects.

### Author(s)

Joshua F. Wiley <jwiley.psych@gmail.com>

#### See Also

```
readModels
```

```
Other\ Mplus-Formatting: \verb|coef.mplus.model|, confint.mplus.model|, print.MplusRstructure|, summary.mplusObject|
```

```
## Not run:
# simple example of a model using builtin data
# demonstrates use
test <- mplusObject(
   TITLE = "test the MplusAutomation Package;",
   MODEL = "
        mpg ON wt hp;</pre>
```

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```
wt WITH hp;",
 OUTPUT = "STANDARDIZED;",
 usevariables = c("mpg", "wt", "hp"),
 rdata = mtcars)
res <- mplusModeler(test, "mtcars.dat", modelout = "model1.inp", run = 1L)</pre>
extract(res$results)
# there is also a method for mplusObject class
extract(res)
# load the texreg package
# to use pretty printing via screenreg
# uncomment to run these examples
# library(texreg)
# screenreg(res)
# screenreg(res, type = 'stdyx')
# screenreg(res, type = 'un', params = 'regression',
   single.row=TRUE)
# screenreg(res, type = 'un', params = 'regression', summaries = 'CFI',
   single.row=TRUE)
# remove files
unlink("mtcars.dat")
unlink("model1.inp")
unlink("model1.out")
unlink("Mplus Run Models.log")
## End(Not run)
```

extractModelParameters

Extract model parameters from MODEL RESULTS section.

# **Description**

Extracts the model parameters from the MODEL RESULTS section of one or more Mplus output files. If a particular output file has more than one results section (unstandardized, stdyx, stdy, and/or std), a list will be returned. If the target is a directory, all .out files therein will be parsed and a single list will be returned, where the list elements are named by the output file name. Returned parameters often include the parameter estimate, std. err, param/s.e., and two-tailed p-value.

### Usage

```
extractModelParameters(target = getwd(), recursive = FALSE, filefilter,
    dropDimensions = FALSE, resultType)
```

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#### **Arguments**

target the directory containing Mplus output files (.out) to parse OR the single out-

put file to be parsed. May be a full path, relative path, or a filename within the working directory. Defaults to the current working directory. Example:

"C:/Users/Michael/Mplus Runs"

recursive optional. If TRUE, parse all models nested in subdirectories within target. De-

faults to FALSE.

filefilter a Perl regular expression (PCRE-compatible) specifying particular output files to

be parsed within directory. See regex or http://www.pcre.org/pcre.txt

for details about regular expression syntax.

dropDimensions Relevant only for multi-file parsing. If TRUE, then if only one output section

(usually unstandardized) is present for all files in the parsed list, then eliminate the second-level list (which contains elements for each output section). The result is that the elements of the returned list are data.frame objects with the

relevant parameters.

resultType N.B.: this parameter is deprecated and will be removed in a future version. The

new default is to extract all results that are present and return a list (see below for details). resultType specified the results section to extract. If raw, the unstandardized estimates will be returned. "stdyx", "stdy", and "std" are the other options, which extract different standardized solutions. See the Mplus User's Guide for additional details about the differences in these standardizations.

#### Value

If target is a single file, a list containing unstandardized and standardized results will be returned. If all standardized solutions are available, the list element will be named: unstandardized, stdyx.standardized, stdy.standardized, and std.standardized. If confidence intervals are output using OUTPUT:CINTERVAL, then a list element named ci.unstandardized will be included. Each of these list elements is a data.frame containing relevant model parameters.

If target is a directory, a list will be returned, where each element contains the results for a single file, and the top-level elements are named after the corresponding output file name. Each element within this list is itself a list, with elements as in the single file case above.

The core data. frame for each MODEL RESULTS section typically has the following structure:

paramHeader The header that begins a given parameter set. Example: "FACTOR1 BY"

param The particular parameter being measured (within paramHeader). Example: "ITEM1"

est Parameter estimate value.
se Standard error of the estimate

est\_se Quotient of est/se, representing z-test/t-test in large samples

pval Two-tailed p-value for the est\_se quotient.

In the case of output from Bayesian estimation (ESTIMATOR=BAYES), the data. frame will contain a different set of variables, including some of the above, as well as

posterior\_sd Posterior standard deviation of the estimate.

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lower\_2.5ci Lower 2.5 percentile of the estimate.

upper\_2.5ci Upper 2.5 percentile (aka 97.5 percentile) of the estimate.

Also note that the pval column for Bayesian output represents a one-tailed estimate.

In the case of output from a Monte Carlo study (MONTECARLO: and MODEL POPULATION:), the data. frame will contain a different set of variables, including some of the above, as well as

population Population parameter value.

average Average parameter estimate across replications.

population\_sd Standard deviation of parameter value in population across replications. Average standard error of estimated parameter value across replications.

mse Mean squared error.

cover\_95 Proportion of replications whose 95% confidence interval for the parameter in-

cludes the population value.

pct\_sig\_coef Proportion of replications for which the two-tailed significance test of the pa-

rameter is significant (p < .05).

In the case of confidence interval output (OUTPUT:CINTERVAL), the list element ci.unstandardized will contain a different set of variables, including some of the above, as well as

low.5	Lower 0.5% CI estimate.
low2.5	Lower 2.5% CI estimate.
low5	Lower 5% CI estimate.
est	Parameter estimate value.
up5	Upper 5% (i.e., 95%) CI estimate.
up2.5	Upper 2.5% (i.e., 97.5%) CI estimate.
up.5	Upper 0.5% (i.e., 99.5%) CI estimate.

If the model contains multiple latent classes, an additional variable, LatentClass, will be included, specifying the latent class number. Also, the Categorical Latent Variables section will be included as LatentClass "Categorical.Latent.Variables."

If the model contains multiple groups, Group will be included.

If the model contains two-level output (between/within), BetweenWithin will be included.

#### Author(s)

Michael Hallquist

#### See Also

```
extractModelSummaries
```

```
## Not run:
ex3.14 <- extractModelParameters(
"C:/Program Files/Mplus/Mplus Examples/User's Guide Examples/ex3.14.out")
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

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extractModelSummaries Extract summary statistics from a single output file or from a group of Mplus models within a directory

### **Description**

Parses a group of Mplus model output files (.out extension) for model fit statistics. At this time, the details extracted are fixed and include: Filename, InputInstructions, Title, Estimator, LL, BIC, aBIC, AIC, AICC The infrastructure is in place to allow for user-specified selection of summary statistics in future versions.

### Usage

```
extractModelSummaries(target = getwd(), recursive = FALSE, filefilter)
```

### **Arguments**

target the directory containing Mplus output files (.out) to parse OR the single out-

put file to be parsed. Defaults to the current working directory. Example:

"C:/Users/Michael/Mplus Runs"

recursive optional. If TRUE, parse all models nested in subdirectories within directory.

Defaults to FALSE.

filefilter a Perl regular expression (PCRE-compatible) specifying particular output files to

be parsed within directory. See regex or <a href="http://www.pcre.org/pcre.txt">http://www.pcre.org/pcre.txt</a>

for details about regular expression syntax.

### Value

Returns a data. frame containing model fit statistics for all output files within directory. The data. frame contains some of the following variables (depends on model type):

Title Title for the model, specified by the TITLE: command

Filename of the output file

Estimator used for the model (e.g., ML, MLR, WLSMV, etc.)

LL Log-likelihood of the model
BIC Bayesian Information Criterion

aBIC Sample-Size-Adjusted BIC (Sclove, 1987)

AIC Akaike's Information Criterion

AICC Corrected AIC, based on Sugiura (1978) and recommended by Burnham & An-

derson (2002)

DIC Deviance Information Criterion. Available in ESTIMATOR=BAYES output.

Parameters Number of parameters estimated by the model

pD Estimated number of parameters in Bayesian output

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Observations The number of observations for the model (does not suppport multiple-groups

analysis at this time)

CFI Confirmatory Fit Index

TLI Tucker-Lewis Index

RMSEA\_Estimate Point estimate of root mean squared error of approximation

RMSEA\_90CI\_LB Lower bound of the 90% Confidence Interval around the RMSEA estimate.

RMSEA\_90CI\_UB Upper bound of the 90% Confidence Interval around the RMSEA estimate.

RMSEA\_plT05 Probability that the RMSEA estimate falls below .05, indicating good fit.

ChiSqM\_Value Model chi-squared value

ChiSqM\_DF Model chi-squared degrees of freedom

ChiSqM\_PValue Model chi-squared p value

ChiSqM\_ScalingCorrection

**H0 Scaling Correction Factor** 

ObsRepChiSqDiff\_95CI\_LB

Lower bound of 95% confidence interval for the difference between observed and replicated chi-square values

ObsRepChiSqDiff\_95CI\_UB

Upper bound of 95% confidence interval for the difference between observed and replicated chi-square values

PostPred\_PValue

Posterior predictive p-value

PriorPostPred\_PValue

Prior Posterior Predictive P-Value

BLRT\_RequestedDraws

Number of requested bootstrap draws for TECH14.

BLRT\_KM1LL Log-likelihood of the K-1 model (one less class) for the Bootstrapped Likeli-

hood Ratio Test (TECH14).

BLRT\_2xLLDiff Two times the log-likelihood difference of the models with K and K-1 classes

(TECH14).

BLRT\_ParamDiff Difference in the number of parameters for models with K and K-1 classes

(TECH14).

BLRT\_PValue P-value of the Bootstrapped Likelihood Ratio Test (TECH14) testing whether

the K class model is significantly better than K-1

BLRT\_SuccessfulDraws

The number of successful bootstrapped samples used in the Bootstrapped Like-

lihood Ratio Test

SRMR Standardized root mean square residual

SRMR. Between For TYPE=TWOLEVEL output, standardized root mean square residual for be-

tween level

SRMR. Within For TYPE=TWOLEVEL output, standardized root mean square residual for

within level

WRMR Weighted root mean square residual

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ChiSqBaseline\_Value

Baseline (unstructured) chi-squared value

ChiSqBaseline\_DF

Baseline (unstructured) chi-squared degrees of freedom

ChiSqBaseline\_PValue

Baseline (unstructured) chi-squared p value

NumFactors For TYPE=EFA output, the number of factors

T11\_KM1Starts TECH11: Number of initial stage random starts for k-1 model
T11\_KM1Final TECH11: Number of final stage optimizations for k-1 model

T11\_KM1LL TECH11: Log-likelihood of the K-1 model used for the Vuong-Lo-Mendell-

Rubin LRT

T11\_VLMR\_2xLLDiff

TECH11: 2 \* Log-likelihood Difference of K-class vs. K-1-class model for the

Vuong-Lo-Mendell-Rubin LRT

T11\_VLMR\_ParamDiff

TECH11: Difference in number of parameters between K-class and K-1-class

model for the Vuong-Lo-Mendell-Rubin LRT

T11\_VLMR\_Mean TECH11: Vuong-Lo-Mendell-Rubin LRT mean

T11\_VLMR\_SD TECH11: Vuong-Lo-Mendell-Rubin LRT standard deviation

T11\_VLMR\_PValue

TECH11: Vuong-Lo-Mendell-Rubin LRT p-value

T11\_LMR\_Value TECH11: Lo-Mendell-Rubin Adjusted LRT value

T11\_LMR\_PValue TECH11: Lo-Mendell-Rubin Adjusted LRT p-value

# Author(s)

Michael Hallquist

### See Also

```
regex, runModels, readModels
```

```
## Not run:
   allExamples <- extractModelSummaries(
       "C:/Program Files/Mplus/Mplus Examples/User's Guide Examples")
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

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#### **Description**

Extracts the model modification indices from the MODEL MODIFICATION INDICES section of one or more Mplus output files. If the target is a directory, all .out files therein will be parsed and a single list will be returned, where the list elements are named by the output file name. Returned parameters typically include the pairwise relationships between variables to be freed, the change in model chi-square (M.I.), and the expected parameter change (E.P.C.).

# Usage

```
extractModIndices(target = getwd(), recursive = FALSE, filefilter)
```

#### **Arguments**

target	the directory containing Mplus output files (.out) to parse OR the single out-
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put file to be parsed. May be a full path, relative path, or a filename within the working directory. Defaults to the current working directory. Example:

"C:/Users/Michael/Mplus Runs"

recursive optional. If TRUE, parse all models nested in subdirectories within target. De-

faults to FALSE.

filefilter a Perl regular expression (PCRE-compatible) specifying particular output files to

be parsed within directory. See regex or http://www.pcre.org/pcre.txt

for details about regular expression syntax.

#### Value

If target is a single file, a data frame containing modification results for the target output file will be returned. If target is a directory, a list will be returned, where each element contains a data frame of the modification indices for a single file, and the top-level elements are named after the corresponding output file name. The basic data frame containing the MODEL MODIFICATION INDICES section of outfile. Variables include

modV1	The first variable in the pair to be freed according to the M.I.
operator	The suggested relationship between modV1 and modV2 (e.g., WITH for freeing the covariance between modV1 and modV2)
modV2	The first variable in the pair to be freed according to the M.I.
MI	The decrease in model chi-square if the specified relationship is freely estimated
EPC	The expected parameter estimate between modV1 and modV2 if freed.
Std_EPC	The EPC value standardized using the variances of the continuous latent variables.
StdYX_EPC	The EPC value standardized using the variances of the continuous latent vari-

ables as well as the variances of the background and/or outcome variables.

#### Author(s)

Michael Hallquist

### See Also

readModels, extractModelSummaries, extractModelParameters

### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
ex3.14 <- extractModIndices(
"C:/Program Files/Mplus/Mplus Examples/User's Guide Examples/ex3.14.out")
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

getSavedata\_Bparams

Load the draws from the Bayesian model posterior distribution (SAVE-DATA BPARAMETERS) command into an R data.frame

### **Description**

This function reads a the BPARAMETERS output file from the Mplus SAVEDATA BPARAMETERS command and returns an R data. frame object.

# Usage

```
getSavedata_Bparams(outfile, discardBurnin = TRUE)
```

# **Arguments**

outfile Required. The name of the Mplus output file to read. Can be an absolute or

relative path. If outfile is a relative path or just the filename, then it is assumed

that the file resides in the working directory getwd().

discardBurnin Optional. Whether to discard the burn-in phase of each MCMC chain (i.e., the

first half).

### Value

A list containing the draws from the MCMC chains for a Bayesian model that uses the SAVE-DATA BPARAMETERS command. Each list element corresponds to a single MCMC chain, as specified by the ANALYSIS: CHAINS syntax in Mplus. If discardBurnin is FALSE, then a superordinate list is provided that divides output in terms of burn-in versus valid draw halves of the MCMC chains. For documentation of how Mplus implements chain convergence checks and MCMC draws, see here: http://www.statmodel.com/download/Bayes3.pdf.

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### Note

Note that the outfile parameter should refer to the Mplus output file (.out extension), not the actual dataset generated by SAVEDATA. This function reads information about the dataset from the .out file and loads the dataset accordingly.

### Author(s)

Michael Hallquist, Florian Boeing-Messing

#### References

```
http://www.statmodel.com/download/Bayes3.pdf
```

#### See Also

```
getSavedata_Fileinfo, getSavedata_Data
```

# **Examples**

```
## Not run:
    fileInfo <- getSavedata_Data("C:/Program Files/Mplus/Test Output.out")
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

getSavedata\_Data

Load an analysis dataset from the SAVEDATA command into an R data.frame

# **Description**

This function reads an analysis dataset generated by the Mplus SAVEDATA command and returns an R data.frame object.

# Usage

```
getSavedata_Data(outfile)
```

### **Arguments**

outfile

Required. The name of the Mplus output file to read. Can be an absolute or relative path. If outfile is a relative path or just the filename, then it is assumed that the file resides in the working directory getwd().

# Value

A data. frame containing the analysis dataset generated by the SAVEDATA command.

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#### Note

Note that the outfile parameter should refer to the Mplus output file (.out extension), not the actual dataset generated by SAVEDATA. This function reads information about the dataset from the .out file and loads the dataset accordingly.

#### Author(s)

Michael Hallquist

#### See Also

```
getSavedata_Fileinfo
```

### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
    savedat <- getSavedata_Data("C:/Program Files/Mplus/Test Output.out")
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

getSavedata\_Fileinfo

Read Variable Names, Formats, and Widths from data generated by the SAVEDATA Command

### **Description**

This function reads the SAVEDATA INFORMATION section from an Mplus output file that used the SAVEDATA command, and it returns a list with the filename, variable names, variable formats, and variable widths of the SAVEDATA file. If present, the function also parses information about the Bayesian Parameters (BPARAMETERS) file.

### Usage

```
getSavedata_Fileinfo(outfile)
```

#### **Arguments**

outfile

required. The name of the Mplus output file to read. Can be an absolute or relative path. If outfile is a relative path or just the filename, then it is assumed that the file resides in the working directory getwd().

### Value

Returns a list of SAVEDATA file information that includes:

fileName The name of the file containing the analysis dataset created by the Mplus SAVE-

DATA command.

fileVarNames A character vector containing the names of variables in the dataset.

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fileVarFormats A character vector containing the Fortran-style formats of variables in the dataset.

fileVarWidths A numeric vector containing the widths of variables in the dataset (which is

stored in fixed-width format).

bayesFile The name of the BPARAMETERS file containing draws from the posterior dis-

tribution created by the Mplus SAVEDATA BPARAMETERS command.

bayesVarNames A character vector containing the names of variables in the BPARAMETERS

dataset.

tech3File A character vector of the tech 3 output.

tech4File A character vector of the tech 4 output.

### Author(s)

Michael Hallquist

#### See Also

```
getSavedata_Data
```

### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
    fileInfo <- getSavedata_Fileinfo("C:/Program Files/Mplus/Test Output.out")
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

HTMLSummaryTable

Create an HTML file containing a summary table of Mplus model statistics

# **Description**

Creates an HTML file containing a summary table of model fit statistics extracted using the extractModelSummaries function. By default, the following summary statistics are included: Title, LL, Parameters, AIC, AICC, BIC, RMSEA\_Es but these are customizable using the keepCols and dropCols parameters.

# Usage

```
HTMLSummaryTable(modelList, filename = file.path(getwd(),
   "Model Comparison.html"), keepCols, dropCols, sortBy, display = FALSE)
```

### **Arguments**

modelList	A list of models (as a data.frame) returned from the extractModelSummaries function.
filename	The name of the HTML file to be created. Can be an absolute or relative path. If filename is a relative path or just the filename, then it is assumed that the file resides in the working directory getwd(). Example: "Mplus Summary.html"
keepCols	A vector of character strings indicating which columns/variables to display in the summary. Only columns included in this list will be displayed (all others excluded). By default, keepCols is: c("Title", "LL", "Parameters", "AIC", "AICC", "BIC", "RMSE Example: c("Title", "LL", "AIC", "CFI")
dropCols	A vector of character strings indicating which columns/variables to omit from the summary. Any column not included in this list will be displayed. By default, dropCols is NULL. Example: c("InputInstructions", "TLI")
sortBy	optional. Field name (as character string) by which to sort the table. Typically an information criterion (e.g., "AIC" or "BIC") is used to sort the table. Defaults to "AICC".
display	optional. This parameter specifies whether to display the table in a web browser upon creation (TRUE or FALSE).

### Value

No value is returned by this function. It is solely used to create an HTML file containing summary statistics.

# Note

You must choose between keepCols and dropCols because it is not sensible to use these together to include and exclude columns. The function will error if you include both parameters.

# Author(s)

Michael Hallquist

# See Also

 ${\tt extractModelSummaries, showSummaryTable, LatexSummaryTable}$ 

# **Examples**

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# Description

Creates a LaTex-formatted summary table of model fit statistics extracted using the extractModelSummaries function. The table syntax is returned by the function, which is useful for embedding LaTex tables using Sweave. By default, the following summary statistics are included: Title, LL, Parameters, AIC, AICC, BIC, RMSI but these are customizable using the keepCols and dropCols parameters.

# Usage

```
LatexSummaryTable(modelList, keepCols, dropCols, sortBy, label = NULL,
  caption = NULL)
```

# **Arguments**

modelList	A list of models (as a data.frame) returned from the extractModelSummaries function.
keepCols	A vector of character strings indicating which columns/variables to display in the summary. Only columns included in this list will be displayed (all others excluded). By default, keepCols is: c("Title", "LL", "Parameters", "AIC", "AIC", "BIC", "RMSE Example: c("Title", "LL", "AIC", "CFI")
dropCols	A vector of character strings indicating which columns/variables to omit from the summary. Any column not included in this list will be displayed. By default, dropCols is NULL. Example: c("InputInstructions", "TLI")
sortBy	optional. Field name (as character string) by which to sort the table. Typically an information criterion (e.g., "AIC" or "BIC") is used to sort the table. Defaults to "AICC"
label	optional. A character string specifying the label for the LaTex table, which can be used for referencing the table.
caption	optional. A character string specifying the caption for the LaTex table.

# Value

A LaTex-formatted table summarizing the modelList is returned (created by xtable).

#### Note

You must choose between keepCols and dropCols because it is not sensible to use these together to include and exclude columns. The function will error if you include both parameters.

# Author(s)

Michael Hallquist

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# See Also

 ${\tt extractModelSummaries}, {\tt HTMLSummaryTable}, {\tt showSummaryTable}, {\tt Sweave}$ 

# **Examples**

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Latent Class Analysis Demonstration

# **Description**

A list containing the Mplus Data, Output Files, and GH5 Files for a demonstration of using Mplus Automation for latent class analysis. Generated by the vignette on latent class analysis.

# Usage

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# **Format**

A list containing 11 elements.

**Data** 2 Class LCA data simulated using Mplus

**CFA** Mplus output file for CFA

LCA2 Mplus output file for 2 class LCA

LCA3 Mplus output file for 3 class LCA

LCA4 Mplus output file for 4 class LCA

LCA5 Mplus output file for 5 class LCA

CFAGH5 GH5 file for CFA

LCA2GH5 GH5 file for 2 class LCA

LCA3GH5 GH5 file for 3 class LCA

LCA4GH5 GH5 file for 4 class LCA

LCA5GH5 GH5 file for 5 class LCA

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long2LGMM	Long data to wide latent growth mixture model	

# Description

This function streamlines the process of converting long data into a format that Mplus can use for latent growth mixture models in wide form. It makes use of continuous time scores, and these time scores must be supplied as variables in the R dataset. For the conversion to wide form, it is assumed that although assessments may have happened in continuous time, a discrete number of assessments (likely ismilar for all participants) were collected.

# Usage

```
long2LGMM(data, idvar, assessmentvar, dv, timevars, misstrick = TRUE,
  k = 1L, title = "Trajectory Model", base = "trajmodel_",
  run = FALSE, processors = 1L, starts = "500 100", newdata,
  cov = c("un", "independent", "intercept", "zero"), model)
```

### **Arguments**

guments	
data	A data frame in long format (i.e., multiple rows per ID).
idvar	A character string of the variable name in the dataset that is the ID variable.
assessmentvar	A character string of the variable name in the dataset that indicates the particular assessment point for each timepoint.
dv	A character string of the dependent variable name.
timevars	A character vector of the time variables. Can be a single variable or more than one. By allowing more than one variable, it is easy to include linear; linear and quadratic; it is also possible to calculate splines in R and pass these. The variable names should be 7 characters or fewer, each.
misstrick	A logical value whether to set values of the DV where a time variable is missing to missing as well. Defaults to TRUE.
k	An integer indicating the number of distinct classes to test. Currently must be greater than 0 and less than 10.
title	A character string giving a title for the model
base	A character string providing a base name for model outputs, that is combined with the number of classes.
run	A logical value whether or not to run the models or only create the data and input files, but not run them.
processors	An integer value indicating the number of processors to use.
starts	A character string passed to Mplus providing the number of random starts and iterations
newdata	A data frame of new values to use for generating predicted trajectories by class.
cov	A character string indicating the random covariance structure to use
model	An optional argument, can pass an existing model, the output from mplusModeler().

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### **Details**

One valuable feature of this function is that it makes it possible to feed any continuous time scores to Mplus for mixture modelling. For example, continuous linear time is straightforward, but so to are quadratic time models or piecewise models. Using facilities in R, spline models are also comparatively easy to specify.

```
## Not run:
## Simulate Some Data from 3 classes
library(MASS)
set.seed(1234)
allcoef <- rbind(</pre>
  cbind(1, mvrnorm(n = 200,
                    mu = c(0, 2, 0),
                    Sigma = diag(c(.2, .1, .01)),
                    empirical = TRUE)),
  cbind(2, mvrnorm(n = 200,
                    mu = c(-3.35, 2, 2),
                    Sigma = diag(c(.2, .1, .1)),
                    empirical = TRUE)),
  cbind(3, mvrnorm(n = 200,
                    mu = c(3.35, 2, -2),
                    Sigma = diag(c(.2, .1, .1)),
                    empirical = TRUE)))
allcoef <- as.data.frame(allcoef)</pre>
names(allcoef) <- c("Class", "I", "L", "Q")</pre>
allcoef$ID <- 1:nrow(allcoef)</pre>
d <- do.call(rbind, lapply(1:nrow(allcoef), function(i) {</pre>
  out <- data.frame(</pre>
    ID = allcoef$ID[i],
    Class = allcoef$Class[i],
    Assess = 1:11,
    x = sort(runif(n = 11, min = -2, max = 2)))
  out$y <- rnorm(11,
    mean = allcoef$I[i] + allcoef$L[i] * out$x + allcoef$Q[i] * out$x^2,
    sd = .1)
  return(out)
}))
## create splines
library(splines)
time\_splines <- ns(d$x, df = 3, Boundary.knots = quantile(d$x, probs = c(.02, .98)))
d$t1 <- time_splines[, 1]</pre>
d$t2 <- time_splines[, 2]</pre>
d$t3 <- time_splines[, 3]
dxq <- dx^2
## create new data to be used for predictions
nd <- data.frame(ID = 1,</pre>
                  x = seq(from = -2, to = 2, by = .1))
nd.splines <- with(attributes(time_splines),</pre>
```

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```
ns(nd$x, df = degree, knots = knots,
                      Boundary.knots = Boundary.knots))
nd$t1 <- nd.splines[, 1]</pre>
nd$t2 <- nd.splines[, 2]</pre>
nd$t3 <- nd.splines[, 3]
nd$xq <- nd$x^2
## create a tuning grid of models to try
## all possible combinations are created of different time trends
## different covariance structures of the random effects
## and different number of classes
tuneGrid <- expand.grid(</pre>
  dv = "y",
  timevars = list(c("t1", "t2", "t3"), "x", c("x", "xq")),
  starts = "2 1",
  cov = c("independent", "zero"),
  k = c(1L, 3L),
  processors = 1L, run = TRUE,
  misstrick = TRUE, stringsAsFactors = FALSE)
tuneGrid$title <- paste0(</pre>
  c("linear", "quad", "spline")[sapply(tuneGrid$timevars, length)],
 sapply(tuneGrid$cov, function(x) if(nchar(x)==4) substr(x, 1, 4) else substr(x, 1, 3)),
  tuneGrid$k)
tuneGrid$base <- paste0(</pre>
  c("linear", "quad", "spline")[sapply(tuneGrid$timevars, length)],
 sapply(tuneGrid$cov, function(x) if(nchar(x)==4) substr(x, 1, 4) else substr(x, 1, 3)))
## example using long2LGMM to fit one model at a time
mres <- long2LGMM(</pre>
        data = d,
        idvar = "ID",
        assessmentvar = "Assess",
        dv = tuneGrid$dv[1],
        timevars = tuneGrid$timevars[[1]],
        misstrick = tuneGrid$misstrick[1],
        k = tuneGrid$k[1],
        title = paste0(tuneGrid$title[1], tuneGrid$k[1]),
        base = tuneGrid$base[1],
        run = tuneGrid$run[1],
        processors = tuneGrid$processors[1],
        starts = tuneGrid$starts[1],
        newdata = nd,
        cov = tuneGrid$cov[1])
rm(mres)
## End(Not run)
```

lookupTech1Parameter Lookup the matrix element for a give parameter number

# Description

The lookupTech1Parameter function identifies the position in the Mplus model matrices corresponding to a given parameter defined in the TECHNICAL 1 PARAMETER SPECIFICATION OUTPUT. The goal of this function is to aid in identifying problematic parameters often printed in the warnings and errors section of Mplus output.

# Usage

```
lookupTech1Parameter(tech1Output, paramNumber)
```

### **Arguments**

tech10utput The object corresponding to the TECH1 parameter specification from readMod-

els.

paramNumber The parameter number to lookup

# Value

A data.frame containing the row(s) and column(s) of TECH1 parameter specification matching the requested paramNumber.

### Author(s)

Michael Hallquist

### See Also

readModels

```
## Not run:
   models <- readModels("test1.out")
   param <- lookupTech1Parameter(models$tech1, 16)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

mixtureSummaryTable Create a summary table of Mplus mixture models

# **Description**

Creates a summary table of model fit statistics and relevant diagnostic information for a list of mixture models. Default statistics reported are in line with published guidelines (see Jung & Wickrama, 2008; Nylund et al., 2007): c("Title", "Classes", "Warnings", "AIC", "BIC", "aBIC", "Entropy", "T11\_VLMR\_PVaThe table is customizable using the keepCols parameter, which is passed through to Summary-Table.

# Usage

```
mixtureSummaryTable(modelList, keepCols = c("Title", "Classes",
   "Warnings", "AIC", "BIC", "aBIC", "Entropy", "T11_VLMR_PValue",
   "T11_LMR_PValue", "BLRT_PValue", "min_N", "max_N", "min_prob",
   "max_prob"))
```

# **Arguments**

modelList A list of models returned from the extractModelSummaries function.

keepCols A vector of character strings indicating which columns/variables to display in

the summary. Only columns included in this list will be displayed (all others ex-

cluded). By default, keepCols is: c("Title", "Classes", "Warnings", "AIC", "BIC", "aBIC", "Englished the state of the stat

#### Value

An object of class data.frame.

### Note

This function is partially a wrapper around SummaryTable, with enhancements for summarizing mixture models.

# Author(s)

Caspar J. van Lissa

### See Also

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### **Examples**

mplus.traceplot

Plot the samples for each MCMC chain as a function of iterations

### **Description**

Displays a traceplot of the MCMC draws from the poster distribution of each parameter estimate for a Bayesian Mplus model. This function requires that 1) PLOT: TYPE=PLOT2; be included in the Mplus input file, 2) a gh5 file be present corresponding to the Mplus output file (and containing a bayesian\_data section), and 3) that the rhdf5 package be installed to allow the gh5 file to be imported.

### Usage

```
mplus.traceplot(mplus.model, rows = 4, cols = 4,
    parameters_only = TRUE)
```

# **Arguments**

mplus.model An Mplus model extracted by the readModels function.

rows Number of rows to display per plot.

cols Optional. Number of columns to display per plot.

parameters\_only

Optional. If TRUE, only the unstandardized parameter estimates from the MCMC draws will be displayed (as opposed to standardized estimates, r-square estimates, etc.). The unstandardized estimates all begin with "Parameter" in the

Mplus gh5 output.

#### **Details**

A multi-panel plot is drawn to the screen and the user is prompted to display the next plot if more than rows x columns estimates are in the model.

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#### Value

No value is returned by this function. Called for the side effect of displaying an MCMC chains traceplot.

#### Note

Trace and density plots can also be obtained using the coda package and the bparameters element of the mplus.model object. This requires that the posterior draws be saved using SAVEDATA: BPARAMETERS syntax. See example below.

# Author(s)

Joseph Glass, Michael Hallquist

#### See Also

```
plot.mcmc
```

#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
    myModel <- readModels("BayesModel_WithGH5MCMC.out")
    mplus.traceplot(myModel, rows=2, cols=3)

#alternative using the coda package
    library(coda)
    plot(myModel$bparameters$valid_draw)

## End(Not run)</pre>
```

MplusAutomation

Automating Mplus Model Estimation and Interpretation

### **Description**

The MplusAutomation package leverages the flexibility of the R language to automate latent variable model estimation and interpretation using 'Mplus', a powerful latent variable modeling program developed by Muthen and Muthen (http://www.statmodel.com). Specifically, MplusAutomation provides routines for creating related groups of models, running batches of models, and extracting and tabulating model parameters and fit statistics.

#### **Details**

The MplusAutomation package has four primary purposes:

- 1. To automatically run groups/batches of models.
- 2. To provide routines to extract model fit statistics, parameter estimates, and raw data from 'Mplus' output files.

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- 3. To facilitate comparisons among models
- 4. To provide a template language that allows for the creation of related input files.

The core routine for running batches of models is runModels, with an easy-to-use GUI wrapper, runModels\_Interactive.

The core routine for extracting information from 'Mplus' outputs is readModels, which returns a list containing all output sections that the package can extract.

To extract summaries, parameters, modification indices, SAVEDATA output, and all other sections that the package can understand, use the <code>readModels</code> function. This is the recommended way to extract 'Mplus' output with this package. If the target argument to <code>readModels</code> is a single .out file, an <code>mplus.model</code> (that is also a <code>list</code>) will be returned containing all output sections that the package can extract. If target is a directory, a list of <code>mplus.model</code> objects will be returned, named according to the output filenames.

Note: extractModelSummaries is deprecated and readModels should be preferred. To extract model summary statistics from one or more output files, see extractModelSummaries, which returns a data.frame of fit statistics for models located within a directory. Model fit results can be summarized in tabular form (for comparing among models) using showSummaryTable (displays table in separate window), HTMLSummaryTable (creates HTML file containing summary table), or LatexSummaryTable (returns a LaTex-formatted table of summary statistics).

Deprecated: To extract raw data created by the SAVEDATA command (e.g., class membership probabilities or factor scores), see getSavedata\_Data.

Deprecated: To extract unstandardized or standardized parameter estimates from a single output file, see extractModelParameters.

Detailed model fit and parameter comparisons between two models can be obtained using compareModels.

To create a group of related models from a single template, see createModels. Please read the MplusAutomation vignette provided along with the package (and on the CRAN website) in order to understand the template language: vignette("Vignette", package="MplusAutomation").

In addition to the major functions above, a function for converting an R data.frame for use with 'Mplus' is provided: prepareMplusData. This converts the data.frame to a tab-delimited file and provides an 'Mplus' syntax stub for variable names.

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## References

Mplus software. Muthen and Muthen. http://www.statmodel.com

## See Also

See runModels for an example running a model.

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Check whether Mplus can be found

## **Description**

This is a simple utility to check whether Mplus can be found. Returns 0 if Mplus command can be found by the system. If silent = FALSE, prints a message to the user to help suggest what to do.

## Usage

```
mplusAvailable(silent = TRUE)
```

# Arguments

silent

A logical whether to print a message or not. Defaults to TRUE for silent operation.

## Value

The status of finding Mplus. Per unix conventions, status 0 indicates Mplus was found (0 problems) and status 1 indicates that Mplus was not found.

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```
mplusAvailable(silent = TRUE)
mplusAvailable(silent = FALSE)
```

## Description

This is a convenience wrapper to automate many of the usual steps required to run an Mplus model. It relies in part on functions from the MplusAutomation package.

## Usage

```
mplusModeler(object, dataout, modelout, run = 0L, check = FALSE,
  varwarnings = TRUE, Mplus_command = "Mplus",
  writeData = c("ifmissing", "always", "never"), hashfilename = TRUE,
  ...)
```

## **Arguments**

object	An object of class mplusObject

dataout the name of the file to output the data to for Mplus. If missing, defaults to

modelout changing .inp to .dat.

modelout the name of the output file for the model. This is the file all the syntax is written

to, which becomes the Mplus input file. It should end in .inp. If missing, defaults

to dataout changing the extension to .inp.

run an integer indicating how many models should be run. Defaults to zero. If zero,

the data and model input files are all created, but the model is not run. This can be useful for seeing how the function works and what setup is done. If one, a basic model is run. If greater than one, the model is bootstrapped with run

replications as well as the basic model.

check logical whether the body of the Mplus syntax should be checked for missing

semicolons using the parseMplus function. Defaults to FALSE.

varwarnings A logical whether warnings about variable length should be left, the default, or

removed from the output file.

Mplus\_command optional. N.B.: No need to pass this parameter for most users (has intelligent

defaults). Allows the user to specify the name/path of the Mplus executable to be used for running models. This covers situations where Mplus is not in the system's path, or where one wants to test different versions of the Mplus

program.

writeData A character vector, one of 'ifmissing', 'always', 'never' indicating whether the

data files (\*.dat) should be written to disk. This is passed on to prepareMplusData. Note that previously, mplusModeler always (re)wrote the data to disk. However, now the default is to write the data to disk only if it is missing (i.e., 'ifmissing').

See details for further information.

hashfilename A logical whether or not to add a hash of the raw data to the data file name.

Defaults to TRUE in mplusModeler. Note that this behavior is a change from previous versions and differs from prepareMplusData which maintains the old

behavior by default of FALSE.

... additional arguments passed to the prepareMplusData function.

#### **Details**

Combined with functions from the MplusAutomation package, this function is designed to make it easy to fit Mplus models from R and to ease many of the usual frustrations with Mplus. For example, Mplus has very specific formats it accepts data in, but also very little data management facilities. Using R data management is easy. This function is designed to make using data from R in Mplus models easy. It is also common to want to fit many different models that are slight variants. This can be tedius in Mplus, but using R you can create one basic set of input, store it in a vector, and then just modify that (e.g., using regular expressions) and pass it to Mplus. You can even use loops or the \*apply constructs to fit the same sort of model with little variants.

The writeData argument is new and can be used to reduce overhead from repeatedly writing the same data from R to the disk. When using the 'always' option, mplusModeler behaves as before, always writing data from R to the disk. This remains the default for the prepareMplusData function to avoid confusion or breaking old code. However, for mplusModeler, the default has been set to 'ifmissing'. In this case, R generates an md5 hash of the data prior to writing it out to the disk. The md5 hash is based on: (1) the dimensions of the dataset, (2) the variable names, (3) the class of every variable, and (4) the raw data from the first and last rows. This combination ensures that under most all circumstances, if the data changes, the hash will change. The hash is appended to the specified data file name (which is controlled by the logical hashfilename argument). Next R checks in the directory where the data would normally be written. If a data file exists in that directory that matches the hash generated from the data, R will use that existing data file instead of writing out the data again. A final option is 'never'. If this option is used, R will not write the data out even if no file matching the hash is found.

#### Value

An Mplus model object, with results. If run = 1, returns an invisible list of results from the run of the Mplus model (see readModels from the MplusAutomation package). If run = 0, the function returns a list with two elements, 'model' and 'boot' that are both NULL. if run >= 1, returns a list with two elements, 'model' and 'boot' containing the regular Mplus model output and the boot object, respectively. In all cases, the Mplus data file and input files are created.

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## See Also

runModels and readModels

```
## Not run:
# minimal example of a model using builtin data, allowing R
# to automatically guess the correct variables to use
test <- mplusObject(MODEL = "mpg ON wt hp;
   wt WITH hp;", rdata = mtcars)</pre>
```

```
# estimate the model in Mplus and read results back into R
 res <- mplusModeler(test, modelout = "model1.inp", run = 1L)</pre>
 # when forcing writeData = "always" data gets overwritten (with a warning)
 resb <- mplusModeler(test, modelout = "model1.inp", run = 1L,</pre>
                      writeData = "always")
 # using writeData = "ifmissing", the default, no data re-written
 resc <- mplusModeler(test, modelout = "model1.inp", run = 1L)</pre>
 # using writeData = "ifmissing", the default, data ARE written
 # if data changes
 test <- mplusObject(MODEL = "mpg ON wt hp;</pre>
  wt WITH hp;", rdata = mtcars[-10, ])
 resd <- mplusModeler(test, modelout = "model1.inp", run = 1L)</pre>
 # show summary
 summary(resd)
 # show coefficients
 coef(resd)
 # what if you wanted confidence intervals
 # and standardized values?
 # first update to tell Mplus you want them, re-run and print
 test <- update(test, OUTPUT = ~ "CINTERVAL; STDYX;")</pre>
 resd <- mplusModeler(test, modelout = "model1.inp", run = 1L)</pre>
coef(resd)
confint(resd)
# now standardized
coef(resd, type = "stdyx")
confint(resd, type = "stdyx")
# put together in one data frame if desired
merge(
 coef(resd, type = "stdyx"),
 confint(resd, type = "stdyx"),
 by = "Label")
 # remove files
 unlink(resc$results$input$data$file)
 unlink(resd$results$input$data$file)
unlink("model1.inp")
unlink("model1.out")
# simple example of a model using builtin data
# demonstrates use with a few more sections
test2 <- mplusObject(</pre>
 TITLE = "test the MplusAutomation Package and mplusModeler wrapper;",
 MODEL = "
    mpg ON wt hp;
```

```
wt WITH hp;",
 usevariables = c("mpg", "wt", "hp"),
 rdata = mtcars)
res2 <- mplusModeler(test2, modelout = "model2.inp", run = 1L)</pre>
# remove files
unlink(res2$results$input$data$file)
unlink("model2.inp")
unlink("model2.out")
# similar example using a robust estimator for standard errors
# and showing how an existing model can be easily updated and reused
test3 <- update(test2, ANALYSIS = ~ "ESTIMATOR = MLR;")</pre>
res3 <- mplusModeler(test3, modelout = "model3.inp", run = 1L)</pre>
unlink(res3$results$input$data$file)
unlink("model3.inp")
unlink("model3.out")
# now use the built in bootstrapping methods
# note that these work, even when Mplus will not bootstrap
# also note how categorical variables and weights are declared
# in particular, the usevariables for Mplus must be specified
# because mroe variables are included in the data than are in the
# model. Note the R usevariables includes all variables for both
# model and weights. The same is true for clustering.
test4 <- mplusObject(</pre>
  TITLE = "test bootstrapping;",
  VARIABLE = "
    CATEGORICAL = cyl;
    WEIGHT = wt;
    USEVARIABLES = cyl mpg;",
  ANALYSIS = "ESTIMATOR = MLR;",
  MODEL = "
    cyl ON mpg;",
  usevariables = c("mpg", "wt", "cyl"),
  rdata = mtcars)
res4 <- mplusModeler(test4, "mtcars.dat", modelout = "model4.inp", run = 10L,</pre>
  hashfilename = FALSE)
# see the results
res4$results$boot
# remove files
unlink("mtcars.dat")
unlink("model4.inp")
unlink("model4.out")
# Monte Carlo Simulation Example
montecarlo <- mplusObject(</pre>
TITLE = "Monte Carlo Example;",
MONTECARLO = "
```

```
NAMES ARE i1-i5;
 NOBSERVATIONS = 100;
 NREPS = 100;
 SEED = 1234;",
MODELPOPULATION = "
 f BY i1-i5*1;
 f@1;
 i1-i5*1;",
 ANALYSIS = "
 ESTIMATOR = BAYES;
 PROC = 2;
 fbiter = 100;",
 MODEL = "
 f BY i1-i5*.8 (l1-l5);
 f@1;
 i1-i5*1;",
MODELPRIORS = "
  11-15 ~ N(.5 .1);",
OUTPUT = "TECH9;")
fitMonteCarlo <- mplusModeler(montecarlo,</pre>
 modelout = "montecarlo.inp",
 run = 1L,
 writeData = "always",
 hashfilename = FALSE)
unlink("montecarlo.inp")
unlink("montecarlo.out")
# Example including ID variable and extracting factor scores
dat <- mtcars
dat$UID <- 1:nrow(mtcars)</pre>
testIDs <- mplusObject(</pre>
 TITLE = "test the mplusModeler wrapper with IDs;",
 VARIABLE = "IDVARIABLE = UID;",
 MODEL = "
   F BY mpg wt hp;",
 SAVEDATA = "
   FILE IS testid_fscores.dat;
   SAVE IS fscores;
   FORMAT IS free;",
 usevariables = c("UID", "mpg", "wt", "hp"),
 rdata = dat)
 resIDs <- mplusModeler(testIDs, modelout = "testid.inp", run = 1L)</pre>
# view the saved data from Mplus, including factor scores
# the indicator variables, and the ID variable we specified
head(resIDs$results$savedata)
# merge the factor scores with the rest of the original data
```

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```
# merge together by the ID column
dat <- merge(dat, resIDs$results$savedata[, c("F", "UID")],
    by = "UID")

# correlate merged factor scores against some other new variable
with(dat, cor(F, qsec))

# remove files
unlink(resIDs$results$input$data$file)
unlink("testid.inp")
unlink("testid.out")
unlink("testid_fscores.dat")
unlink("Mplus Run Models.log")

## End(Not run)</pre>
```

mplusObject

Create an Mplus model object

## Description

This is a function to create an Mplus model object in R. The object holds all the sections of an Mplus input file, plus some extra R ones. Once created, the model can be run using other functions such as mplusModeler or updated using methods defined for the update function.

## Usage

```
mplusObject(TITLE = NULL, DATA = NULL, VARIABLE = NULL,
   DEFINE = NULL, MONTECARLO = NULL, MODELPOPULATION = NULL,
   MODELMISSING = NULL, ANALYSIS = NULL, MODEL = NULL,
   MODELINDIRECT = NULL, MODELCONSTRAINT = NULL, MODELTEST = NULL,
   MODELPRIORS = NULL, OUTPUT = NULL, SAVEDATA = NULL, PLOT = NULL,
   usevariables = NULL, rdata = NULL, autov = TRUE, imputed = FALSE)
```

## **Arguments**

TITLE A character string of the title for Mplus.

DATA A charater string of the data section for Mplus (note, do not define the filename

as this is generated automatically)

VARIABLE A character string of the variable section for Mplus (note, do not define the

variable names from the dataset as this is generated automatically)

DEFINE A character string of the define section for Mplus (optional)

MONTECARLO A character string of the montecarlo section for Mplus (optional). If used, autov

is defaults to FALSE instead of the usual default, TRUE, but may still be overwrit-

ten, if desired.

MODELPOPULATION

A character string of the MODEL POPULATION section for Mplus (optional).

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A character string of the MODEL MISSING section for Mplus (optional). MODELMISSING

**ANALYSIS** A character string of the analysis section for Mplus (optional)

MODEL A character string of the model section for Mplus (optional, although typically

you want to define a model)

A character string of the MODEL INDIRECT section for Mplus (optional). MODELINDIRECT

MODELCONSTRAINT

A character string of the MODEL CONSTRAINT section for Mplus (optional).

**MODELTEST** A character string of the MODEL TEST section for Mplus (optional). **MODELPRIORS** A character string of the MODEL PRIORS section for Mplus (optional).

A character string of the output section for Mplus (optional) OUTPUT SAVEDATA A character string of the savedata section for Mplus (optional)

**PLOT** A character string of the plot section for Mplus (optional)

usevariables A character vector of the variables from the R dataset to use in the model.

An R dataset to be used for the model. rdata

autov A logical (defaults to TRUE) argument indicating whether R should attempt to

guess the correct variables to use from the R dataset, if usevariables is left

NULL.

imputed A logical whether the data are multiply imputed (a list). Defaults to FALSE.

#### **Details**

Mplus model objects allow a base model to be defined, and then flexibly update the data, change the precise model, etc. If a section does not vary between models, you can leave it the same. For example, suppose you are fitting a number of models, but in all cases, wish to use maximum likelihood estimator, "ANALYSIS: ESTIMATOR = ML;" and would like standardized output, "OUTPUT: STDYX;". Rather than retype those in every model, they can be defined in one Mplus model object, and then that can simply be updated with different models, leaving the analysis and output sections untouched. This also means that if a reviewer comes back and asks for all analyses to be re-run say using the robust maximum likelihood estimator, all you have to do is change it in the model object once, and re run all your code.

#### Value

A list of class mplusObject with elements

TITLE The title in Mplus (if defined)

DATA The data section in Mplus (if defined) VARIABLE The variable section in Mplus (if defined) DEFINE The define section in Mplus (if defined) **MONTECARLO** 

The montecarlo section in Mplus (if defined)

MODELPOPULATION

The modelpopulation section in Mplus (if defined)

MODELMISSING The modelmissing section in Mplus (if defined) mplusObject 45

ANALYSIS The analysis section in Mplus (if defined)

MODEL The model section in Mplus (if defined)

MODELINDIRECT The modelindirect section in Mplus (if defined)

MODELCONSTRAINT

The modelconstraint section in Mplus (if defined)

MODELTEST The modeltest section in Mplus (if defined)

MODELPRIORS The modelpriors section in Mplus (if defined)

OUTPUT The output section in Mplus (if defined)

SAVEDATA The savedata section in Mplus (if defined)

PLOT The plot section in Mplus (if defined)

results NULL by default, but can be later updated to include the results from the model

run.

usevariables A character vector of the variables from the R data set to be used.

rdata The R data set to use for the model.

imputed A logical whether the data are multiply imputed.

autov A logical whether the data should have the usevariables detected automatically

or not

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## See Also

mplusModeler

```
example1 <- mplusObject(MODEL = "mpg ON wt;",
 usevariables = c("mpg", "hp"), rdata = mtcars)
str(example1)
rm(example1)
# R figures out the variables automagically, with a message
example2 <- mplusObject(MODEL = "mpg ON wt;",
 rdata = mtcars, autov = TRUE)
str(example2)
rm(example2)
# R can also try to figure out a list of variables when
# variable names are hyphenated first-last variable, all variables
# between the first and last one will be included
example3 <- mplusObject(MODEL = "mpg ON wt-vs;",</pre>
 rdata = mtcars, autov = TRUE)
str(example3)
rm(example3)
```

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```
# R warns if the first 8 characters of a (used) variable name are not unique
# as they will be indistinguishable in the Mplus output
example4 <- mplusObject(MODEL = "basename_01 ON basename_02;",
    rdata = data.frame(basename_01 = 1:5, basename_02 = 5:1),
    autov = TRUE)
rm(example4)</pre>
```

mplusRcov

Create Mplus code for various residual covariance structures.

# Description

This function makes it easy to write the Mplus syntax for various residual covariance structure.

## Usage

```
mplusRcov(x, type = c("homogenous", "heterogenous", "cs", "toeplitz",
    "ar", "un"), r = "rho", e = "e", collapse = FALSE)
```

## **Arguments**

х	input character vector of variable names, ordered by time
type	A character string indicating the type of residual covariance structure to be used. Defaults to 'homogenous'. Current options include 'homogenous', 'heterogenous', 'cs' for compound symmetric, 'toeplitz' for banded toeplitz, 'ar' for autoregressive, and 'un' for unstructured.
r	a character vector of the base label to name covariance parameters. Defaults to 'rho'.
е	a character vector of the error variance of the variable. Used to create constraints on the covariance parameters. Defaults to 'e'.
collapse	whether to collapse the covariance code using 'PWITH'. Note that at the time of writing, Mplus does not allow more than 80 characters per row. Defaults to FALSE.

## **Details**

The **homogenous** residual covariance structure estimates one parameter: the residual variance,  $\sigma_e^2$ . The residual variance is assumed to be identical for all variables and all covariances are assumed to be zero. The structure is represented in this table.

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The **heterogenous** residual covariance structure estimates  $\mathbf{n}$  parameters, where  $\mathbf{n}$  is the number of variables. A unique residual variance is estimated for every variable. All covariances are assumed to be zero. The structure is represented in this table.

The **compound symmetric** residual covariance structure estimates two parameters: one for the residual variance,  $\sigma_e^2$ , and one for the covariance. The residual variance is assumed to be identical for all variables and all covariances are assumed to be identical. The structure is represented in this table.

The **toeplitz** residual covariance structure estimates **n** parameters, one for every band of the matrix. The residual variance,  $\sigma_e^2$ , is assumed to be identical for all variables. The covariances one step removed are all assumed identical. Likewise for all further bands. The structure is represented in this table.

The **autoregressive** residual covariance structure has two parameters: the residual variance,  $\sigma_e^2$  and the correlation between adjacent time points,  $\rho$ . The variances are constrained to be equal for all time points. A single correlation parameter is estimated. The  $\rho$  is the correlation between adjacent time points such as 1 and 2 or 2 and 3. More distant relationships are assumed to have smaller correlations, decreasing exponentially. Thus between 1 and 3, the estimate is  $\rho^2$ . The structure is represented in this table.

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$$\rho^2$$
  $\rho$   $\sigma_e^2$  ...  
tn  $\rho^{n-1}$   $\rho^{n-2}$   $\rho^{n-3}$  ...  $\sigma_e^2$ 

Because structural equation models generally model covariance structures, the autoregressive residual structure must be parameterized in terms of covariances. This is done in two parts. First, the function returns syntax to estimate all the pairwise covariances, labelling the parameters  $\rho$ ,  $\rho^2$ , etc. so that they are constrained to be equal. Next, it returns the syntax for the necessary model constraints to constrain the different covariances, to decrease exponentially in their correlations. This is done via:

$$\rho^2 = (\frac{\rho}{\sigma_e^2})^2 \sigma_e^2$$

and likewise for all later time points.

The **unstructured** residual covariance structure estimates  $\frac{n(n+1)}{2}$  parameters. It is unstructured in that every variance and covariance is freely estimated with no constraints. However, in most cases, this results in an overparameterized model and is unestimable. The structure is represented in this table.

#### Value

A named character vector of class 'MplusRstructure' with four elements:

all A character string collapsing all other sections.

Variances A character string containing all of the variances.

Covariances A character string containing all of the covariances, properly labelled to allow

constraints and the autoregressive residual covariance structure.

Constraints A character string containing the 'MODEL CONSTRAINT' section and code

needed to parameterize the residual covariance structure as autoregressive.

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```
# all five structures collapsing
mplusRcov(letters[1:4], "homogenous", "rho", "e", TRUE)
mplusRcov(letters[1:4], "heterogenous", "rho", "e", TRUE)
mplusRcov(letters[1:4], "cs", "rho", "e", TRUE)
```

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```
mplusRcov(letters[1:4], "toeplitz", "rho", "e", TRUE)
mplusRcov(letters[1:4], "ar", "rho", "e", TRUE)
mplusRcov(letters[1:4], "un", "rho", "e", TRUE)

# all five structures without collapsing
# useful for long names or many variables
# where a line may cross 80 characters
mplusRcov(letters[1:4], "homogenous", "rho", "e", FALSE)
mplusRcov(letters[1:4], "heterogenous", "rho", "e", FALSE)
mplusRcov(letters[1:4], "cs", "rho", "e", FALSE)
mplusRcov(letters[1:4], "toeplitz", "rho", "e", FALSE)
mplusRcov(letters[1:4], "ar", "rho", "e", FALSE)
mplusRcov(letters[1:4], "un", "rho", "e", FALSE)
```

paramExtract

Extract parameters from a data frame of Mplus estimates

## **Description**

This is a simple convenience function designed to facilitate looking at specific parameter types by easily return a subset of a data frame with those types only. It is designed to follow up the results returned from the readModels function.

#### **Usage**

```
paramExtract(x, params = c("regression", "loading", "undirected",
    "expectation", "variability", "new"))
```

## **Arguments**

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A data frame (specifically the type returned by readModels) containing parameters. Should be specific such as unstandardized and the data frame must have a column called 'paramHeader'.

params

A character string indicating the types of parameters to be returned. Options currently include 'regression', 'loading', 'undirected', 'expectation', 'variability', and 'new' for new/additional parameters. Regressions include regression of one variable ON another. 'loading' include indicator variables (which are assumed caused by the underlying latent variable) and variables in latent growth models (BY or |). Undirected paths currently only include covariances, indicated by the WITH syntax in Mplus. Expectation paths are the unconditional or conditional expectations of variables. In other words those parameters related to the first moments. For independent variables, these are the means, E(X) and the conditional means or intercepts,  $E(X|f(\theta))$  where  $f(\theta)$  is the model, some function of the parameters,  $\theta$ . Finally 'variability' refers to both variances and residual variances, corresponding to the second moments. As with the expectations, variances are unconditional for variables that are not predicted or conditioned on any other variable in the model whereas residual variances are conditional on the model. Note that R uses fuzzy matching so that each of these can be called via shorthand, 'r', 'l', 'u', 'e', and 'v'.

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## Value

A subset data frame with the parameters of interest.

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#### See Also

readModels

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
 test <- mplusObject(</pre>
   TITLE = "test the MplusAutomation Package and my Wrapper;",
   MODEL = "
      mpg ON wt hp;
      wt WITH hp;",
   usevariables = c("mpg", "wt", "hp"),
    rdata = mtcars)
 res <- mplusModeler(test, "mtcars.dat", modelout = "model1.inp", run = 1L)</pre>
 \# store just the unstandardized parameters in 'd'
 d <- res$results$parameters$unstandardized</pre>
 # extract just regression parameters
 paramExtract(d, "regression")
 # extract other types of parameters using shorthand
 paramExtract(d, "u")
 paramExtract(d, "e")
 paramExtract(d, "v")
## End(Not run)
```

 ${\tt parseCatOutput}$ 

Parse Categorical Output

## **Description**

Helper function for parsing output with variables and categories.

# Usage

```
parseCatOutput(text)
```

## **Arguments**

text

The output to parse.

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## Value

The parsed output

#### Author(s)

Michael Hallquist

## **Examples**

```
Example:
```

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## SOP2A

Category 1	0.254	631.000
Category 2	0.425	1056.000
Category 3	0.174	432.000
Category 4	0.147	365.000

Or Item Categories in IRT Parameterization

# Item Categories

U1

Category	1	0.000	0.000	0.000	1.000
Category		-0.247	0.045	-5.534	0.000
Category		0.699	0.052	13.325	0.000
Category		-0.743	0.057	-12.938	0.000
Category		0.291	0.052	5.551	0.000
category	J	0.231	0.002	0.001	0.000

parseMplus

Check Mplus code for missing semicolons or too long lines.

# Description

The function parses a character string containing Mplus code and checks that every non blank line ends in either a colon or a semicolon. In addition, it checks that every line is less than 90 characters, because Mplus ignores everything after 90 characters on a line which can be a source of enigmatic errors.

## Usage

```
parseMplus(x, add = FALSE)
```

## **Arguments**

x a character string containing Mplus code.

add logical indicating whether or not to add semicolons to lines that do not have

them. Defaults to FALSE.

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## **Details**

The function is fairly basic at the moment. It works by simply removing blank space (spaces, tabs, etc.) and then if a line does not terminate in a colon or semicolon, it returns a note and the line number. Optionally, it can add semicolons to any lines missing them and return the input with added semicolons. To check for lines that are too long, all trailing (but not before) white space is removed, and then the number of characters is checked.

## Value

a character vector containing the input text and optionally added semicolons.

## Author(s)

Joshua F. Wiley <jwiley.psych@gmail.com>

## See Also

mplusModeler

## **Examples**

```
# sample input
test <- "
MODEL:
    mpg ON wt hp;
    wt WITH hp
"
# check and return
cat(parseMplus(test), file=stdout(), fill=TRUE)
# add missing semicolons and return
cat(parseMplus(test, TRUE), file=stdout(), fill=TRUE)
test <- "
MODEL:
    mpg cyl disp hp drat wt qsec vs am gear PWITH cyl disp hp drat wt qsec vs am gear carb;
"
cat(parseMplus(test), file=stdout())</pre>
```

plot.mplusObject

Plot coefficients for an mplusObject

## **Description**

This is a method for plotting the coefficients of an mplusObject.

# Usage

```
## $3 method for class 'mplusObject'
plot(x, y, type = c("stdyx", "un", "std", "stdy"),
...)
```

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# Arguments

X	An object of class mplusObject
У	Not currently used
type	A character vector indicating the type of coefficients to return. One of "un", "std", "stdy", or "stdyx". Defaults to "stdyx".
	Additional arguments to pass on (not currently used)

# Value

Nothing. Called for its side effect of plotting the coefficients.

## Author(s)

Joshua F. Wiley <jwiley.psych@gmail.com>

```
## Not run:
# simple example of a model using builtin data
# demonstrates use
test <- mplusObject(</pre>
  TITLE = "test the MplusAutomation Package;",
  MODEL = "
    mpg ON wt hp;
    wt WITH hp;",
  OUTPUT = "STANDARDIZED;",
  usevariables = c("mpg", "wt", "hp"),
  rdata = mtcars)
res <- mplusModeler(test, "mtcars.dat", modelout = "model1.inp", run = 1L)</pre>
# example of the coef method
plot(res)
# remove files
unlink("mtcars.dat")
unlink("model1.inp")
unlink("model1.out")
unlink("Mplus Run Models.log")
## End(Not run)
```

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## **Description**

Creates a density plot for a single object of class 'mplus.model', or a faceted plot of density plots for an object of class 'mplus.model.list'. For each variable, a Total density plot will be shown, along with separate density plots for each latent class, where cases are weighted by the posterior probability of being assigned to that class.

## Usage

```
plotMixtureDensities(modelList, variables = NULL, bw = FALSE,
  conditional = FALSE, alpha = 0.2, facet_labels = NULL)
```

## **Arguments**

conditional

modelList A list object of Mplus models, or a single Mplus model

wariables Which variables to plot. If NULL, plots all variables that are present in all Mplus models.

by Logical. Whether to make a black and white plot (for print) or a color plot. Defaults to FALSE, because these density plots are hard to read in black and white.

Logical. Whether to show a conditional density plot (surface area is divided amongst the latent classes), or a classic density plot (surface area of the total

density plot is equal to one, and is subdivided amongst the classes).

alpha Numeric (0-1). Only used when bw and conditional are FALSE. Sets the transparency of geom\_density, so that classes with a small number of cases remain

visible.

facet\_labels Named character vector, the names of which should correspond to the facet la-

bels one wishes to rename, and the values of which provide new names for these facets. For example, to rename variables, in the example with the 'iris' data below, one could specify: facet\_labels = c("Pet\_leng" = "Petal length").

## Value

An object of class 'ggplot'.

#### Note

This function returns warnings, indicating that sum(weights) != 1. These can be ignored. The sum of the "Total" density per variable per model is equal to 1, and the sum of all of the posterior probabilities is equal to 1. This results in a normal density plot for the "Total", which is subdivided by the latent classes, in proportion to the posterior probabilities of participants being assigned to those clases.

## Author(s)

Caspar J. van Lissa

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## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
createMixtures(classes = 1:3, filename_stem = "iris", rdata = iris)
runModels(filefilter = "iris")
results <- readModels(filefilter = "iris")</pre>
plotMixtureDensities(results)
## End(Not run)
## Not run:
plotMixtureDensities(results, variables = "PETAL_LE")
## End(Not run)
## Not run:
plotMixtureDensities(results, bw = TRUE)
## End(Not run)
## Not run:
plotMixtureDensities(results, bw = FALSE, conditional = TRUE)
## End(Not run)
## Not run:
plotMixtureDensities(results[[2]], variables = "PETAL_LE")
## End(Not run)
```

plotMixtures

Create latent profile plots

## **Description**

Creates a profile plot for a single object of class 'mplus.model', or a faceted plot of profile plots for an object of class 'mplus.model.list'.

## Usage

```
plotMixtures(modelList, variables = NULL,
  coefficients = c("unstandardized", "stdyx.standardized",
  "stdy.standardized", "stdy.standardized"), parameter = c("Means",
  "Intercepts"), ci = 0.95, bw = FALSE, rawdata = FALSE,
  alpha_range = c(0, 0.1))
```

## **Arguments**

modelList	A list of Mplus mixture models, or a single mixture model
variables	A character vectors with the names of the variables (included in the Mplus output) to be plotted.
coefficients	Which type of coefficients to plot on the y-axis; default is 'unstandardized'. Options include: c('stdyx.standardized', 'stdy.standardized', 'std.standardized')

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parameter Which parameter to plot (from Mplus parameter estimate headings included in

the output). Defaults to c('Means', 'Intercepts').

ci What confidence interval should the errorbars span? Defaults to a 95% confi-

dence interval. Set to NULL to remove errorbars.

bw Logical. Should the plot be black and white (for print), or color?

rawdata Should raw data be plotted in the background? Setting this to TRUE might result

in long plotting times. Requires including the Mplus syntax 'SAVEDATA: FILE

IS "filename"; SAVE = cprobabilities' in the Mplus input.

alpha\_range The minimum and maximum values of alpha (transparancy) for the raw data.

Minimum should be 0; lower maximum values of alpha can help reduce over-

plotting.

## Value

An object of class 'ggplot'.

## Author(s)

Caspar J. van Lissa

```
## Not run:
createMixtures(classes = 1:4, filename_stem = "cars",
               model_overall = "wt ON drat;",
               model_class_specific = "wt; qsec;",
               rdata = mtcars,
               usevariables = c("wt", "qsec", "drat"),
               OUTPUT = "standardized")
runModels(replaceOutfile = "modifiedDate")
cars_results <- readModels(filefilter = "cars")</pre>
plotMixtures(cars_results, rawdata = TRUE)
## End(Not run)
## Not run:
plotMixtures(cars_results, variables = "wt")
## End(Not run)
## Not run:
plotMixtures(cars_results, coefficients = "stdyx.standardized")
## End(Not run)
```

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Create tab-delimited file and Mplus input syntax from R data.frame

## **Description**

The prepareMplusData function converts an R data.frame (or a list of data frames), into a tabdelimited file (without header) to be used in an Mplus input file. The corresponding Mplus syntax, including the data file definition and variable names, is printed to the console or optionally to an input file.

# Usage

```
prepareMplusData(df, filename, keepCols, dropCols, inpfile = FALSE,
  interactive = TRUE, overwrite = TRUE, imputed = FALSE,
  writeData = c("always", "ifmissing", "never"), hashfilename = FALSE)
```

## **Arguments**

df	The R data.frame to be prepared for Mplus
filename	The path and filename for the tab-delimited data file for use with Mplus. Example: "C:/Mplusdata/data1.dat"
keepCols	A character vector specifying the variable names within df to be output to filename or a numeric vector of the column indices to be output or a logical vector corresponding to the same.
dropCols	A character vector specifying the variable names within df to be omitted from the data output to filename or a numeric vector of the column indices not to be output or a logical vector corresponding to the same.
inpfile	Logical value whether the Mplus syntax should be written to the console or to an input file. Defaults to FALSE. If TRUE, the file name will be the same as filename with the extension changed to .inp. Alternately, this can be a character string giving the file name to write the Mplus syntax to.
interactive	Logical value indicating whether file names should be selected interactively. If filename is missing and interative=TRUE, then a dialogue box will pop up to select a file or a console prompt if in a non interactive context. Defaults to TRUE.
overwrite	Logical value indicating whether data and input (if present) files should be overwritten. Defaults to TRUE to be consistent with prior behavior. If FALSE and the file to write the data to already exists, it will throw an error.
imputed	A logical whether data are multiply imputed. Defaults to FALSE. If TRUE, the data should be a list, where each element of the list is a multiply imputed dataset.
writeData	A character vector, one of 'always', 'ifmissing', 'never' indicating whether the data files (*.dat) should be written to disk. Defaults to 'always' for consistency with previous behavior. See details for further information.
hashfilename	A logical whether or not to add a hash of the raw data to the data file name. Defaults to FALSE for consistency with previous behavior where this feature was not available

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#### **Details**

The writeData argument is new and can be used to reduce overhead from repeatedly writing the same data from R to the disk. When using the 'always' option, prepareMplusData behaves as before, always writing data from R to the disk. When 'ifmissing', R generates an md5 hash of the data prior to writing it out to the disk. The md5 hash is based on: (1) the dimensions of the dataset, (2) the variable names, (3) the class of every variable, and (4) the raw data from the first and last rows. This combination ensures that under most all circumstances, if the data changes, the hash will change. The hash is appended to the specified data file name (which is controlled by the logical hashfilename argument). Next R checks in the directory where the data would normally be written. If a data file exists in that directory that matches the hash generated from the data, R will use that existing data file instead of writing out the data again. A final option is 'never'. If this option is used, R will not write the data out even if no file matching the hash is found.

## Value

Invisibly returns a character vector of the Mplus input syntax. Primarily called for its side effect of creating Mplus data files and optionally input files.

#### Author(s)

Michael Hallquist

```
## Not run:
library(foreign)
study5 <- read.spss("reanalysis-study-5-mt-fall-08.sav", to.data.frame=TRUE)
ASData5 <- subset(study5, select=c("ppnum", paste("as", 1:33, sep="")))
prepareMplusData(ASData5, "study5.dat")
# basic example
test01 <- prepareMplusData(mtcars, "test01.dat")</pre>
# see that syntax was stored
# example when there is a factor and logical
tmpd <- mtcars
tmpd$cyl <- factor(tmpd$cyl)</pre>
tmpd$am <- as.logical(tmpd$am)</pre>
prepareMplusData(tmpd, "test_type.dat")
rm(tmpd)
# by default, if re-run, data is re-written, with a note
test01b <- prepareMplusData(mtcars, "test01.dat")</pre>
```

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```
# if we turn on hashing in the filename the first time,
# we can avoid overwriting notes the second time
test01c <- prepareMplusData(mtcars, "test01c.dat", hashfilename=TRUE)</pre>
# now that the filename was hashed in test01c, future calls do not re-write data
# as long as the hash matches
test01d <- prepareMplusData(mtcars, "test01c.dat",</pre>
  writeData = "ifmissing", hashfilename=TRUE)
# now that the filename was hashed in test01c, future calls do not re-write data
# as long as the hash matches
test01db <- prepareMplusData(mtcars, "test01d.dat",</pre>
  writeData = "ifmissing", hashfilename=TRUE)
# however, if the data change, then the file is re-written
test01e <- prepareMplusData(iris, "test01c.dat",</pre>
  writeData = "ifmissing", hashfilename=TRUE)
# tests for keeping and dropping variables
prepareMplusData(mtcars, "test02.dat", keepCols = c("mpg", "hp"))
prepareMplusData(mtcars, "test03.dat", keepCols = c(1, 2))
prepareMplusData(mtcars, "test04.dat",
  keepCols = c(TRUE, FALSE, FALSE, TRUE, FALSE,
  FALSE, FALSE, FALSE, FALSE, FALSE))
prepareMplusData(mtcars, "test05.dat", dropCols = c("mpg", "hp"))
prepareMplusData(mtcars, "test06.dat", dropCols = c(1, 2))
prepareMplusData(mtcars, "test07.dat",
  dropCols = c(TRUE, FALSE, FALSE, TRUE, FALSE,
  FALSE, FALSE, FALSE, FALSE, FALSE))
# interactive (test08.dat)
prepareMplusData(mtcars, interactive=TRUE)
# write syntax to input file, not stdout
prepareMplusData(mtcars, "test09.dat", inpfile=TRUE)
# write syntax to alternate input file, not stdout
prepareMplusData(mtcars, "test10.dat", inpfile="test10alt.inp")
# should be error, no file
prepareMplusData(mtcars, interactive=FALSE)
# new warnings if it is going to overwrite files
# (the default to be consistent with prior behavior)
prepareMplusData(mtcars, "test10.dat")
# new warnings if it is going to overwrite files
# (the default to be consistent with prior behavior)
prepareMplusData(mtcars, "test11.dat", inpfile="test10alt.inp")
# new errors if files exist and overwrite=FALSE
```

```
prepareMplusData(mtcars, "test10.dat",
 inpfile="test10alt.inp", overwrite=FALSE)
# can write multiply imputed data too
# here are three "imputed" datasets
idat <- list(</pre>
 data.frame(mpg = mtcarsmpg, hp = c(100, mtcarsp[-1]),
 data.frame(mpg = mtcarsmpg, hp = c(110, mtcarshp[-1])),
 data.frame(mpg = mtcarsmpg, hp = c(120, mtcarsp[-1]))
# if we turn on hashing in the filename the first time,
# we can avoid overwriting notes the second time
testimp1 <- prepareMplusData(idat, "testi1.dat",</pre>
 writeData = "ifmissing", hashfilename=TRUE,
 imputed = TRUE)
# now that the filename was hashed, future calls do not re-write data
# as long as all the hashes match
testimp2 <- prepareMplusData(idat, "testi2.dat",</pre>
 writeData = "ifmissing", hashfilename=TRUE,
 imputed = TRUE)
# in fact, the number of imputations can decrease
# and they still will not be re-written
testimp3 <- prepareMplusData(idat[-3], "testi3.dat",</pre>
 writeData = "ifmissing", hashfilename=TRUE,
 imputed = TRUE)
# however, if the data changes, then all are re-written
# note that it warns for the two files that already exist
# as these two are overwritten
idat2 <- list(
 data.frame(mpg = mtcarsmpg, hp = c(100, mtcarsp[-1]),
 data.frame(mpg = mtcarsmpg, hp = c(109, mtcarsp[-1]),
 data.frame(mpg = mtcarsmpg, hp = c(120, mtcarshp[-1])))
testimp4 <- prepareMplusData(idat2, "testi4.dat",</pre>
 writeData = "ifmissing", hashfilename=TRUE,
 imputed = TRUE)
## End(Not run)
```

print.MplusRstructure Print an Mplus Residual Structure object

## **Description**

This is a method for printing an Mplus Residual Structure object.

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## Usage

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

## Arguments

x An object of class MplusRstructure

... Additional arguments to pass on (not currently used)

#### Value

NULL Called for its side effect of printing the object to the console

## Author(s)

Joshua F. Wiley <jwiley.psych@gmail.com>

#### See Also

Other Mplus-Formatting: coef.mplus.model, confint.mplus.model, extract, summary.mplusObject

## **Examples**

```
# default 'show' uses printing
mplusRcov(c("a", "b", "c"), type = "ar")
# also if calling print explicitly
print(mplusRcov(c("a", "b", "c"), type = "ar"))
# to see all aspects of the raw/original object
str(mplusRcov(c("a", "b", "c"), type = "ar"))
```

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Read Parameters, Summary Statistics, and Savedata from Mplus Output

## **Description**

Extracts information from one or more Mplus output files, including fit statistics and parameters. Its is to parse all (supported) aspects of Mplus output and to combine these into a list object, with one element per output file identified.

## Usage

```
readModels(target = getwd(), recursive = FALSE, filefilter,
  what = "all", quiet = FALSE)
```

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## Arguments

target the directory containing Mplus output files (.out) to parse OR the single out-

put file to be parsed. May be a full path, relative path, or a filename within the working directory. Defaults to the current working directory. Example:

"C:/Users/Michael/Mplus Runs"

recursive optional. If TRUE, parse all models nested in subdirectories within target. De-

faults to FALSE.

filefilter a Perl regular expression (PCRE-compatible) specifying particular output files to

be parsed within directory. See regex or http://www.pcre.org/pcre.txt

for details about regular expression syntax.

what a character vector denoting what aspects of Mplus output to extract. Defaults

to "all", which will extract all supported output sections. See details for addi-

tional information.

quiet whether to suppress printing to the screen the file currently being processed.

Defaults to FALSE.

#### **Details**

The what parameter defaults to "all", which extracts all supported output. If you would like to extract a reduced set of output sections (especially to speed up the function when reading many files), specify the sections as a character vector from the following options:

c("input", "warn\_err", "data\_summary", "sampstat", "covariance\_coverage", "summaries", "parameters", "class\_counts", "indirect", "mod\_indices", "residuals", "savedata", "bparameters", "tech1", "tech3", "tech4", "tech7", "tech8", "tech9", "tech12", "fac\_score\_stats", "lcCondMeans", "gh5")

## Value

A list with one mplus.model per file. Each mplus.model object is composed of elements containing major output sections, as detailed below. If target is a single file, then the top-level elements will be a single mplus.model object, not a list of files. Specific elements are:

input Mplus input syntax parsed into a list by major section

warnings Syntax and estimation warnings as a list errors Syntax and estimation errors as a list

data\_summary Output of SUMMARY OF DATA section, including cluster sizes and ICCs

sampstat Sample statistics provided by OUTPUT: SAMPSTAT, if specified

covariance\_coverage

Covariance coverage matrix for checking missingness patterns

summaries Summary statistics from extractModelSummaries, having structure as speci-

fied by that function

parameters Model parameters from extractModelParameters, having structure as speci-

fied by that function

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indirect	Output of MODEL INDIRECT if available in output. Contains \$overall and \$specific data.frames for each indirect effect section	
mod_indices	Model modification indices from extractModIndices, having structure as specified by that function	
residuals	a list containing relevant information from OUTPUT: RESIDUALS	
savedata_info	File information about SAVEDATA files related to this output	
savedata	$SAVEDATA \ file \ as \ an \ R \ data.frame, \ as \ described \ in \ \mathtt{getSavedata\_Data}$	
bparameters	an mcmc.list object containing the draws from the MCMC chains for a Bayesian model that uses the SAVEDATA: BPARAMETERS command	
tech1	a list containing parameter specification and starting values from OUTPUT: TECH1	
tech3	a list containing parameter covariance and correlation matrices from OUTPUT: TECH3	
tech4	a list containing means, covariances, and correlations for latent variables from OUTPUT: TECH4	
tech7	a list containing sample statistics for each latent class from OUTPUT: TECH7	
tech8	a list containing optimization history of the model. Currently only supports potential scale reduction in BAYES. OUTPUT: TECH8	
tech9	a list containing warnings/errors from replication runs for MONTECARLO analyses from OUTPUT: TECH9	
tech12	a list containing observed versus estimated sample statistics for TYPE=MIXTURE analyses from OUTPUT: TECH12	
fac_score_stats		
	factor score mean, correlation, and covariance structure from SAMPLE STATIS- TICS FOR ESTIMATED FACTOR SCORES section	
lcCondMeans	conditional latent class means and pairwise comparisons, obtained using auxiliary(e) syntax in latent class models	
gh5	a list containing data from the gh5 (graphics) file corresponding to this output. (Requires rhdf5 package)	

# Author(s)

Michael Hallquist

```
## Not run:
   allOutput <- readModels(
        "C:/Program Files/Mplus/Mplus Examples/User's Guide Examples", recursive=TRUE)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

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# Description

This function runs a group of Mplus models (.inp files) located within a single directory or nested within subdirectories.

# Usage

```
runModels(target = getwd(), recursive = FALSE, filefilter = NULL,
    showOutput = FALSE, replaceOutfile = "always",
    logFile = "Mplus Run Models.log", Mplus_command = "Mplus",
    killOnFail = TRUE, local_tmpdir = FALSE)
```

# **Arguments**

target	the directory containing Mplus input files (.inp) to run OR the single .inp file to be run. May be a full path, relative path, or a filename within the working directory. Defaults to the current working directory. Example: "C:/Users/Michael/Mplus Runs"
recursive	optional. If TRUE, run all models nested in subdirectories within directory. Defaults to FALSE. Not relevant if target is a single file.
filefilter	a Perl regular expression (PCRE-compatible) specifying particular input files to be run within directory. See regex or <a href="http://www.pcre.org/pcre.txt">http://www.pcre.org/pcre.txt</a> for details about regular expression syntax. Not relevant if target is a single file.
showOutput	optional. If TRUE, show estimation output (TECH8) in the R console. Note that if run within Rgui, output will display within R, but if run via Rterm, a separate window will appear during estimation.
replaceOutfile	optional. Currently supports three settings: "always", which runs all models, regardless of whether an output file for the model exists; "never", which does not run any model that has an existing output file; and "modifiedDate", which only runs a model if the modified date for the input file is more recent than the output file modified date (implying there have been updates to the model).
logFile	optional. If non-null, specifies a file (and optionally, directory) that records the settings passed into the function and the models run (or skipped) during the run.
Mplus_command	optional. N.B.: No need to pass this parameter for most users (has intelligent defaults). Allows the user to specify the name/path of the Mplus executable to be used for running models. This covers situations where Mplus is not in the system's path, or where one wants to test different versions of the Mplus program.
killOnFail	optional. Windows only for now. If TRUE, kill all processes named mplus.exe when runModels does not terminate normally. Defaults to TRUE.

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optional. Linux/Mac for now. If TRUE, set the TMPDIR environment variable to the location of the .inp file prior to execution. This is useful in Monte Carlo studies where many instances of Mplus may run in parallel and we wish to avoid collisions in temporary files among processes.

#### Value

None. Function is used for its side effects (running models).

#### Author(s)

Michael Hallquist

#### See Also

```
runModels_Interactive
```

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
    runModels("C:/Users/Michael/Mplus Runs", recursive=TRUE, showOutput=TRUE,
    replaceOutfile="modifiedDate", logFile="MH_RunLog.txt",
        Mplus_command="C:\\Users\\Michael\\Mplus Install\\Mplus51.exe")
## End(Not run)
```

runModels\_Interactive Run Mplus Models Using Graphical Interface

## **Description**

This function is provides a graphical user interface to the runModels function. It uses Tcl/Tk to display a window in which the user can specify parameters for runModels, including the directory for runs, recursing through subdirectories, displaying output on the console, and replacing existing outfiles.

## Usage

```
runModels_Interactive(directory = getwd(), recursive = "0",
   showOutput = "1", replaceOutfile = "1", checkDate = "0",
   logFile = "1")
```

## **Arguments**

directory optional. The starting directory that will display in the dialog window. Defaults

to the current working directory.

recursive optional. Whether the recursive checkbox should be checked when the window

opens. "0" for FALSE, "1" for TRUE.

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showOutput optional. Whether the show output checkbox should be checked when the win-

dow opens. "0" for FALSE, "1" for TRUE.

replaceOutfile optional. Whether the replace outfile checkbox should be checked when the

window opens. "0" for FALSE, "1" for TRUE.

checkDate optional. Whether the check modified date checkbox should be checked when

the window opens. "0" for FALSE, "1" for TRUE.

logFile optional. Whether the log file checkbox should be checked when the window

opens. "0" for FALSE, "1" for TRUE.

## **Details**

This function exists as a GUI wrapper for runModels and does not provide any distinct functionality.

#### Value

None. Function is used to display user interface for running models.

#### Author(s)

Michael Hallquist

#### See Also

runModels

## **Examples**

# interactive, none

separateHyphens

Separate Hyphenated Variable Strings

## Description

This code is a simplified form of expandCmd from the **lavaan** package. It separates hyphenated variable strings into a list of vectors, while ignoring hyphens that may be used in numbers.

## Usage

separateHyphens(cmd)

## **Arguments**

cmd A character string

#### **Details**

Note that this is an internal function only.

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## Value

The character string if no hyphens, or a list of vectors if there are hyphens.

#### Author(s)

Michael Hallquist revised by Joshua Wiley

## **Examples**

```
MplusAutomation:::separateHyphens("x1x4")
MplusAutomation:::separateHyphens("x1-x4")
MplusAutomation:::separateHyphens("x1-x4; x1*-1; v1-v3;")
```

showSummaryTable

Display summary table of Mplus model statistics in separate window

# Description

Displays a summary table of model fit statistics extracted using the extractModelSummaries function. This function relies on the showData function from the relimp package, which displays data in a Tk-based window. By default, the following summary statistics are included: Title, LL, Parameters, AIC, AICC, BIC, RMSEA\_Estimate, but these are customizable using the keepCols and dropCols parameters.

# Usage

```
showSummaryTable(modelList, keepCols, dropCols, sortBy,
font = "Courier 9")
```

to "AICC".

## **Arguments**

modelList	A list of models (as a data.frame) returned from the extractModelSummaries function.
keepCols	A vector of character strings indicating which columns/variables to display in the summary. Only columns included in this list will be displayed (all others excluded). By default, keepCols is: c("Title", "LL", "Parameters", "AIC", "AIC", "BIC", "RMSE Example: c("Title", "LL", "AIC", "CFI")
dropCols	A vector of character strings indicating which columns/variables to omit from the summary. Any column not included in this list will be displayed. By default, dropCols is NULL. Example: c("InputInstructions", "TLI")
sortBy	Optional. Field name (as character string) by which to sort the table. Typically an information criterion (e.g., "AIC" or "BIC") is used to sort the table. Defaults

font Optional. The font to be used to display the summary table. Defaults to Courier 9.

## Value

No value is returned by this function. It is solely used to display the summary table in a separate window.

#### Note

You must choose between keepCols and dropCols because it is not sensible to use these together to include and exclude columns. The function will error if you include both parameters.

#### Author(s)

Michael Hallquist

#### See Also

```
extractModelSummaries HTMLSummaryTable LatexSummaryTable
```

## **Examples**

```
# make me!!!
```

summary.mplusObject

Summarize an mplusObject

# Description

This is a method for summarizing an mplusObject.

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'mplusObject'
summary(object, verbose = FALSE, ...)
```

# **Arguments**

object An object of class mplusObject

verbose Logical whether to print verbose output. Defaults to FALSE.

. . . Additional arguments to pass on (not currently used)

## Value

NULL Called for its side effect of printing a model summary to the console

## Author(s)

Joshua F. Wiley <jwiley.psych@gmail.com>

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## See Also

Other Mplus-Formatting: coef.mplus.model, confint.mplus.model, extract, print.MplusRstructure

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# simple example of a model using builtin data
# demonstrates use
test <- mplusObject(</pre>
 TITLE = "test the MplusAutomation Package;",
 MODEL = "
   mpg ON wt hp;
   wt WITH hp;",
 usevariables = c("mpg", "wt", "hp"),
 rdata = mtcars)
res <- mplusModeler(test, "mtcars.dat", modelout = "model1.inp", run = 1L)</pre>
# example of the summary method
summary(res)
# example of verbose output
summary(res, verbose=TRUE)
# remove files
unlink("mtcars.dat")
unlink("model1.inp")
unlink("model1.out")
unlink("Mplus Run Models.log")
## End(Not run)
```

SummaryTable

Create a summary table of Mplus model statistics

## **Description**

Creates output (optionally sent to a file) containing a summary table of model fit statistics extracted using the extractModelSummaries function. By default, the following summary statistics are included: Title, LL, Parameters, AIC, AICC, BIC, RMSEA\_Estimate, but these are customizable using the keepCols and dropCols parameters.

# Usage

```
SummaryTable(modelList, type = c("screen", "popup", "html", "latex",
   "markdown", "none"), filename = "", keepCols, dropCols, sortBy,
   caption = "", display = FALSE, ..., include.rownames = FALSE)
```

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#### **Arguments**

modelList A list of models returned from the extractModelSummaries function.

type A character vector indicating the type of output format to be generated. One of:

"none", "screen", "popup", "html", "latex", or "markdown". Screen results in a

simple summary table being sent to the R console.

filename The name of the file to be created. Can be an absolute or relative path. If

filename is a relative path or just the filename, then it is assumed that the file resides in the working directory getwd(). Example: "Mplus Summary.html". By default, no filename is given, which results in the output being sent to the console. Note that currently, filename only has an effect for "html" and "latex".

keepCols A vector of character strings indicating which columns/variables to display in

the summary. Only columns included in this list will be displayed (all others ex-

cluded). By default, keepCols is: c("Title", "LL", "Parameters", "AIC", "AICC", "BIC", "RMSE

Example: c("Title", "LL", "AIC", "CFI")

dropCols A vector of character strings indicating which columns/variables to omit from

the summary. Any column not included in this list will be displayed. By default,

dropCols is NULL. Example: c("InputInstructions", "TLI")

sortBy optional. Field name (as character string) by which to sort the table. Typically

an information criterion (e.g., "AIC" or "BIC") is used to sort the table. Defaults

to "AICC".

caption A character string, the caption to be given to the table. Currently only applies to

types "html", "latex", and "markdown".

display optional logical (defaults to FALSE). This parameter specifies whether to display

the table upon creation (TRUE or FALSE).

include.rownames

optional logical whether to include rownames or not.

... additional arguments passed on to specific formatting types.

## Value

Invisibly returns the summary table, which can be used if the printing options available are not sufficient.

#### Note

You must choose between keepCols and dropCols because it is not sensible to use these together to include and exclude columns. The function will error if you include both parameters.

#### Author(s)

Joshua F. Wiley based on code by Michael Hallquist

#### See Also

extractModelSummaries

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
m1 <- mplusObject(TITLE = "Reduced",</pre>
 MODEL = "mpg ON wt;", rdata = mtcars)
m1.fit <- mplusModeler(m1, "mtcars.dat", run = 1L)</pre>
m2 <- mplusObject(TITLE = "Full",</pre>
 MODEL = "mpg ON wt hp qsec;", rdata = mtcars)
 m2.fit <- mplusModeler(m2, "mtcars.dat", run = 1L)</pre>
 SummaryTable(list(m1.fit, m2.fit))
 SummaryTable(list(m1.fit, m2.fit), type = "popup")
 SummaryTable(list(m1.fit, m2.fit), type = "markdown",
  keepCols = c("Title", "Parameters", "LL", "AIC", "CFI", "SRMR"),
  caption = "Table of Model Fit Statistics",
  split.tables = 200)
 # remove files
 unlink("mtcars.dat")
 unlink("mtcars.inp")
 unlink("mtcars.out")
 unlink("Mplus Run Models.log")
## End(Not run)
```

testBParamCompoundConstraint

Test inequality-constrained hypothesis for two or more parameters based on iterations of MCMC chains

## **Description**

Tests an inequality-constrained hypothesis (van de Schoot, Hoijtink, Hallquist, & Boelen, in press) based on draws from the posterior distribution of the model parameters, which provides information about the proportion of the distribution that is in agreement with a given hypothesis. This function is used for more complex hypotheses about three or more parameters, whereas testBParamConstraint tests a simple two-parameter hypothesis.

## Usage

```
testBParamCompoundConstraint(bparams, test)
```

## **Arguments**

bparams	An object containing draws from the posterior distribution (class mplus.model
	or mplus.bparameters). Obtained by SAVEDATA:BPARAMETERS in Mplus
	and getSavedata_Bparams or readModels in MplusAutomation.
test	The R code defining the parameter test of three or more parameters. Example:

The R code defining the parameter test of three or more parameters. Example: "(STAITOT.ON.CG > STAITOT.ON.UCG) & (BDIM.ON.CG > BDIM.ON.UCG)".

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#### **Details**

This function accepts a bparameters object containing iterations of the MCMC chains (rows) for each model parameter (columns) and prints out the number and proportion of draws that are consistent with the requested hypothesis test.

The test argument is evaluated directly as R code, with the bparams object attached so that variable names are available directly in the environment. Because the goal is to evaluate the test for each draw from the posterior distribution, remember to use vector-based logic operators, not boolean operators. That is, stick to & or | for joining tests of parameters, rather than && or | | since the latter will return a single TRUE/FALSE, which is irrelevant.

An example test in R logic would be "(STAITOT.ON.CG > STAITOT.ON.UCG) & (BDIM.ON.CG > BDIM.ON.UCG)".

#### Value

No value is returned by this function. Instead, two summary tables are printed to the screen containing the number and proportion of draws consistent with the hypothesis.

## Author(s)

Michael Hallquist

#### See Also

testBParamConstraint

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
    #using bparameters directly
    btest <- getSavedata_Bparams("model vb1_simpel_b.out")
    testBParametersCompoundConstraint(btest,
    "(STDYX_STAITOT.ON.CG > STDYX_STAITOT.ON.UCG) & (STDYX_BDIM.ON.CG > STDYX_BDIM.ON.UCG)")

#or using readModels
    btest <- readModels("model vb1_simpel_b.out")
    testBParametersCompoundConstraint(btest,
    "(STDYX_STAITOT.ON.CG > STDYX_STAITOT.ON.UCG) & (STDYX_BDIM.ON.CG > STDYX_BDIM.ON.UCG)")

## End(Not run)
```

testBParamConstraint Test inequality-constrained hypothesis for two parameters based on iterations of MCMC chains

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## **Description**

Tests a simple inequality-constrained hypothesis (van de Schoot, Hoijtink, Hallquist, & Boelen, in press) based on draws from the posterior distribution of the model parameters, which provides information about the proportion of the distribution that is in agreement with a given hypothesis. This function is used for simple hypothesis for two parameters, whereas testBParamCompoundConstraint gives full access to multiple parameters and R's logic syntax. This function accepts a bparameters object containing iterations of the MCMC chains (rows) for each model parameter (columns) and prints out the number and proportion of draws that are consistent with the requested hypothesis test. The coef1, operator, and coef2 arguments are appended in sequence, so that the hypothesis test is constructed from left-to-right. e.g., testBParamConstraint(bparamsDF, "MGM.TRT1", ">", "MGM.EX2").

#### Usage

```
testBParamConstraint(bparams, coef1, operator, coef2)
```

#### **Arguments**

bparams An object containing draws from the posterior distribution (class mplus.model

or mplus.bparameters). Obtained by SAVEDATA:BPARAMETERS in Mplus

and getSavedata\_Bparams or readModels in MplusAutomation.

coef1 The name of the first parameter to be compared. Example: "MGM.TRT1"

operator A logical operator to compare the two parameters. Should be one of >=, >, <, or <=.

Example: ">="

coef2 The name of the first parameter to be compared. Example: "MGM.EX2"

#### Value

No value is returned by this function. Instead, two summary tables are printed to the screen containing the number and proportion of draws consistent with the hypothesis.

#### Author(s)

Michael Hallquist

## See Also

testBParamCompoundConstraint

```
## Not run:
    #using bparameters directly
    btest <- getSavedata_Bparams("model vb1_simpel_b.out"))
    testBParametersConstraint(btest, "STDYX_STAITOT.ON.CG", ">", "STDYX_STAITOT.ON.UCG")

#or using readModels
    btest <- readModels("model vb1_simpel_b.out"))
    testBParametersConstraint(btest, "STDYX_STAITOT.ON.CG", ">", "STDYX_STAITOT.ON.UCG")

## End(Not run)
```

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trainLGMM

Train a variety of latent growth mixture model

## **Description**

This function iterates through a grid of values to train LGMMs, optionally using a local or remote cluster.

## Usage

```
trainLGMM(data, idvar, assessmentvar, newdata = FALSE, tuneGrid, cl,
  ncores = 1L)
```

# Arguments

data A data frame or data table in long format (i.e., multiple rows per ID). A character string of the variable name in the dataset that is the ID variable. idvar A character string of the variable name in the dataset that indicates the particular assessmentvar assessment point for each timepoint. A data frame of new values to use for generating predicted trajectories by class newdata or FALSE if no predictions to be made (the default). tuneGrid A dataframe or list. It should have names for the needed arguments for long2LGMM(). Optional. An existing cluster to be used to estimate models. Can be a local or cl remote cluster. In either case it needs Mplus AUtomation and Mplus available. If a cluster is not passed to cl, specify the number of cores to use to create a ncores local cluster. Must be an integer. Defaults to 1L.

```
## Not run:
## This example is not run by default because even with very limitted number of
## random starts and iterations, it takes quite a few minutes
setwd(tempdir())
## Simulate Some Data from 3 classes
library(MASS)
set.seed(1234)
allcoef <- rbind(</pre>
 cbind(1, mvrnorm(n = 200,
                   mu = c(0, 2, 0),
                   Sigma = diag(c(.2, .1, .01)),
                   empirical = TRUE)),
 cbind(2, mvrnorm(n = 200,
                   mu = c(-3.35, 2, 2),
                   Sigma = diag(c(.2, .1, .1)),
                   empirical = TRUE)),
 cbind(3, mvrnorm(n = 200,
```

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```
mu = c(3.35, 2, -2),
                    Sigma = diag(c(.2, .1, .1)),
                    empirical = TRUE)))
allcoef <- as.data.frame(allcoef)</pre>
\mbox{names(allcoef)} <- \mbox{c("Class", "I", "L", "Q")}
allcoef$ID <- 1:nrow(allcoef)</pre>
d <- do.call(rbind, lapply(1:nrow(allcoef), function(i) {</pre>
  out <- data.frame(</pre>
    ID = allcoef$ID[i],
    Class = allcoef$Class[i],
    Assess = 1:11,
    x = sort(runif(n = 11, min = -2, max = 2)))
  outy <- rnorm(11,
    mean = allcoef$I[i] + allcoef$L[i] * out$x + allcoef$Q[i] * out$x^2,
    sd = .1)
  return(out)
}))
## create splines
library(splines)
time_splines <- ns(dx, df = 3, Boundary.knots = quantile(dx, probs = c(.02, .98)))
d$t1 <- time_splines[, 1]</pre>
d$t2 <- time_splines[, 2]</pre>
d$t3 <- time_splines[, 3]</pre>
dxq <- dx^2
## create new data to be used for predictions
nd <- data.frame(ID = 1,</pre>
                  x = seq(from = -2, to = 2, by = .1))
nd.splines <- with(attributes(time_splines),</pre>
                    ns(nd$x, df = degree, knots = knots,
                       Boundary.knots = Boundary.knots))
nd$t1 <- nd.splines[, 1]
nd$t2 <- nd.splines[, 2]
nd$t3 <- nd.splines[, 3]</pre>
nd$xq <- nd$x^2
## create a tuning grid of models to try
## all possible combinations are created of different time trends
## different covariance structures of the random effects
## and different number of classes
tuneGrid <- expand.grid(</pre>
  dv = "y",
  timevars = list(c("t1", "t2", "t3"), "x", c("x", "xq")),
  starts = "2 1",
  cov = c("independent", "zero"),
  k = c(1L, 3L),
  processors = 1L, run = TRUE,
  misstrick = TRUE, stringsAsFactors = FALSE)
tuneGrid$title <- paste0(</pre>
  c("linear", "quad", "spline") [sapply(tuneGrid\$timevars, length)],\\
  sapply(tuneGrid$cov, function(x) if(nchar(x)==4) substr(x, 1, 4) else substr(x, 1, 3)),
```

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```
"_",
  tuneGrid$k)
tuneGrid$base <- paste0(</pre>
  c("linear", "quad", "spline")[sapply(tuneGrid$timevars, length)],
 sapply(tuneGrid$cov, function(x) if(nchar(x)==4) substr(x, 1, 4) else substr(x, 1, 3)))
## example using long2LGMM to fit one model at a time
mres <- long2LGMM(</pre>
        data = d,
        idvar = "ID",
        assessmentvar = "Assess",
        dv = tuneGrid$dv[1],
        timevars = tuneGrid$timevars[[1]],
        misstrick = tuneGrid$misstrick[1],
        k = tuneGrid$k[1],
        title = paste0(tuneGrid$title[1], tuneGrid$k[1]),
        base = tuneGrid$base[1],
        run = tuneGrid$run[1],
        processors = tuneGrid$processors[1],
        starts = tuneGrid$starts[1],
        newdata = nd,
        cov = tuneGrid$cov[1])
## Example using trainLGMM to fit a whole set of models
## can be distributed across a local or remote cluster
## Defaults to creating a local cluster, but can also pass an
## existing cluster
AllRes <- trainLGMM(
  data = d,
  idvar = "ID",
  assessmentvar = "Assess",
  newdata = nd,
  tuneGrid = tuneGrid,
  ncores = 2L)
tuneGridRes <- as.data.frame(</pre>
  cbind(tuneGrid,
        do.call(rbind, lapply(AllRes, function(x) {
          if (is.null(x$Model$results$summaries)) {
            NA
          } else {
            out <- x$Model$results$summaries</pre>
            ## deal with missing summary information for k = 1
            if (is.null(out$Entropy)) {
              out$Entropy <- 1
            }
            if (is.null(out$NCategoricalLatentVars)) {
              out$NCategoricalLatentVars <- 0</pre>
            out[, sort(names(out)), drop = FALSE]
```

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```
}))))
tuneGridRes$Type <- gsub("([a-z]+)_.*$", "\\1", tuneGridRes$title)</pre>
tuneGridRes$MinClass <- sapply(AllRes, function(x) {</pre>
 n <- x$Model$results$class_counts$mostLikely$count</pre>
 if(is.null(n)) {
    length(unique(d$ID))
 } else {
   min(n, na.rm = TRUE)
})
## when trying many models, some may not converge
## subset to omit any missing AICC and look only at those with some
## minimum number of participants per class,
## for demonstration only arbitrarily set at 30
subset(tuneGridRes, !is.na(AICC) & MinClass >= 30,
       select = c(title, aBIC, AICC, Entropy, MinClass, LL))
## reshape data into long form which can make a very nice plot using ggplot2
tuneGridResL <- reshape(</pre>
 subset(tuneGridRes, select = c(Type, cov, k, Parameters, aBIC, AICC, AIC, BIC, Entropy)),
 varying = c("Parameters", "aBIC", "AICC", "AIC", "BIC", "Entropy"),
 v.names = "value",
 times = c("Parameters", "aBIC", "AICC", "AIC", "BIC", "Entropy"),
 timevar = "variable",
 idvar = c("Type", "cov", "k"),
 direction = "long")
tuneGridResL$cov <- factor(tuneGridResL$cov, levels = c("zero", "independent"))</pre>
## uncomment to run
## library(ggplot2)
## ggplot(tuneGridResL, aes(k, value, colour = Type, shape = Type)) +
    geom_point() +
    facet_grid(variable~cov, scales = "free")
##
## nice plot of the average trajectories in each class
## these are possible as trainLGMM exports predicted values for the
## new data fed in
## uncomment to run
## ggplot(AllRes[[which(tuneGridRes$title=="quad_ind_3")]]$predictions, aes(x)) +
    geom\_line(aes(y = y_1), colour = "black", size = 2) +
##
     geom\_line(aes(y = y_2), colour = "red", size = 2) +
    geom_line(aes(y = y_3), colour = "blue", size = 2)
## End(Not run)
```

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## **Description**

This is a method for updating an Mplus model object. It takes an Mplus model object as the first argument, and then optionally any sections to update. There are two ways to update a section using a formula interface. ~ "new stuff" will replace a given section with the new text. Alternately, you can add additional text using ~ + "additional stuff". Combined these let you replace or add to a section.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'mplusObject'
update(object, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

```
object An object of class mplusObject
... Additional arguments to pass on
```

#### Value

An (updated) Mplus model object

#### Author(s)

Joshua F. Wiley <jwiley.psych@gmail.com>

```
example1 <- mplusObject(MODEL = "mpg ON wt;",
    usevariables = c("mpg", "hp"), rdata = mtcars)
x <- ~ "ESTIMATOR = ML;"
str(update(example1, rdata = iris))
str(update(example1, ANALYSIS = x))
str(update(example1, MODEL = ~ "wt ON hp;"))
str(update(example1, MODEL = ~ . + "wt ON hp;"))
str(update(example1, ANALYSIS = x, MODEL = ~ . + "wt ON hp;"))
# test to make sure . in Mplus code does not cause problems
str(update(example1, ANALYSIS = x, MODEL = ~ . + "wt ON hp*.5;"))
rm(example1, x)</pre>
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