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piecewiseSEM-package *Piecewise Structural Equation Modeling*

Description

Fitting and evaluation of piecewise structural equation models, complete with goodness-of-fit tests, estimates of (standardized) path coefficients, and evaluation of individual model fits (e.g., through R-squared values). Compared with traditional variance-covariance based SEM, piecewise SEM allows for fitting of models to different distributions through GLM and/or hierarchical/nested random structures through (G)LMER. Supported model classes include: `lm`, `glm`, `gls`, `pgls`, `sarlm`, `lme`, `glmmPQL`, `lmerMod`, `merMod`

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The primary functions in the package are `psem` which unites structural equations in a single model. `summary.psem` can be used on an object of class `psem` to provide various summary statistics for evaluation and interpretation.

Author(s)

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AIC.psem

Generalized function for SEM AIC(c) score

Description

Generalized function for SEM AIC(c) score

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'psem'
AIC(object, ..., aicc = FALSE)
```

Arguments

object	a psem object
...	additional arguments to AIC
aicc	whether correction for small sample size should be applied. Default is FALSE

 anova.psem

ANOVA and chi-squared difference test for model comparison

Description

Compute analysis of variance table for one or more structural equation models.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'psem'
anova(object, ..., digits = 3, anovafun = "Anova")
```

Arguments

object	a psem object
...	additional objects of the same type
digits	number of digits to round results. Default is 3
anovafun	The function used for ANOVA. Defaults to Anova

Details

Additional models will be tested against the first model using a Chi-squared difference test.

Value

an F, LRT, or other table for a single model, or a list of comparisons between multiple models

Author(s)

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See Also

[Anova](#)

Examples

```
data(keeley)

mod1 <- psem(
  lm(rich ~ cover, data = keeley),
  lm(cover ~ firesev, data = keeley),
  lm(firesev ~ age, data = keeley),
  data = keeley
)

# get type II Anova
anova(mod1)

# conduct LRT
mod2 <- psem(
  lm(rich ~ cover, data = keeley),
  lm(cover ~ firesev, data = keeley),
  age ~ 1,
  data = keeley
)

anova(mod1, mod2)
```

as.psem

Convert list to psem object

Description

Convert list to psem object

Usage

```
as.psem(object, Class = "psem")
```

Arguments

object	any R object
Class	the name of the class to which object should be coerced

basisSet	<i>Derivation of the basis set</i>
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Description

Acquires the set of independence claims—or the 'basis set'—for use in evaluating the goodness-of-fit for piecewise structural equation models.

Usage

```
basisSet(modellist, direction = NULL)
```

Arguments

modellist	A list of structural equations
direction	a vector of claims defining the specific directionality of any independence claim(s)

Details

This function returns a list of independence claims. Each claim is a vector of the predictor of interest, followed by the response, and, if present, any conditioning variables.

Relationships among exogenous variables are omitted from the basis set because the directionality is unclear—e.g., does temperature cause latitude or does latitude cause temperature?—and the assumptions of the variables are not specified in the list of structural equations, so evaluating the relationship becomes challenging without further input from the user. This creates a circular scenario whereby the user specifies relationships among exogenous variables, raising the issue of whether they should be included as directed paths if they can be assigned directional relationships.

Paths can be omitted from the basis set by specifying them as correlated errors using %~~% or by assigning a directionality using the argument `direction`, e.g. `direction = c("X <- Y")`. This can be done if post hoc examination of the d-sep tests reveals nonsensical independence claims (e.g., arthropod abundance predicting photosynthetically-active radiation) that the user may wish to exclude from evaluation.

Value

A list of independence claims.

Author(s)

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References

Shipley, Bill. "A new inferential test for path models based on directed acyclic graphs." *Structural Equation Modeling* 7.2 (2000): 206-218.

See Also[dSep](#)

BIC.psem	<i>Generalized function for SEM BIC score</i>
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Description

Generalized function for SEM BIC score

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'psem'  
BIC(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object	a psem object
...	additional arguments to BIC

cbind_fill	<i>Bind data.frames of differing dimensions</i>
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Description

From: <https://stackoverflow.com/a/31678079>

Usage

```
cbind_fill(...)
```

Arguments

...	data.frames to be bound, separated by commas @keywords internal
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cerror	<i>Correlated errors</i>
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Description

Calculates partial correlations and partial significance tests.

Usage

```
cerror(formula., modellist, data = NULL)
```

Arguments

formula.	A formula specifying the two correlated variables using %~~%.
modellist	A list of structural equations.
data	A data.frame containing the data used in the list of equations.

Details

If the variables are exogenous, then the correlated error is the raw bivariate correlation.

If the variables are endogenous, then the correlated error is the partial correlation, accounting for the influence of any predictors.

The significance of the correlated error is conducted using `cor.test` if the variables are exogenous. Otherwise, a t-statistic is constructed and compared to a t-distribution with $N - k - 2$ degrees of freedom (where N is the total number of replicates, and k is the total number of variables informing the relationship) to derive a P-value.

Value

Returns a data.frame containing the (partial) correlation and associated significance test.

Author(s)

Jon Lefcheck <lefcheckj@si.edu>

See Also

[%~~%](#)

Examples

```
# Generate example data
dat <- data.frame(x1 = runif(50),
  x2 = runif(50), y1 = runif(50),
  y2 = runif(50))

# Create list of structural equations
```

```

sem <- psem(
  lm(y1 ~ x1 + x2, dat),
  lm(y2 ~ y1 + x1, dat)
)

# Look at correlated error between x1 and x2
# (exogenous)
cerror(x1 %~~% x2, sem, dat)

# Same as cor.test
with(dat, cor.test(x1, x2))

# Look at correlated error between x1 and y1
# (endogenous)
cerror(y1 %~~% x1, sem, dat)

# Not the same as cor.test
# (accounts for influence of x1 and x2 on y1)
with(dat, cor.test(y1, x1))

# Specify in psem
sem <- update(sem, x1 %~~% y1)

coefs(sem)

```

coefs

Extract path coefficients

Description

Extracts (standardized) path coefficients from a psem object.

Usage

```

coefs(
  modellist,
  standardize = "scale",
  standardize.type = "latent.linear",
  test.statistic = "F",
  test.type = "II",
  intercepts = FALSE
)

```

Arguments

`modellist` A list of structural equations, or a model.

`standardize` The type of standardization: none, scale, range. Default is scale.

<code>standardize.type</code>	The type of standardized for non-Gaussian responses: <code>latent.linear</code> , <code>Menard.OE</code> . Default is <code>latent.linear</code> .
<code>test.statistic</code>	the type of test statistic generated by Anova
<code>test.type</code>	the type of test for significance of categorical variables from Anova. Default is type "II".
<code>intercepts</code>	Whether intercepts should be included in the coefficients table. Default is FALSE.

Details

P-values for models constructed using `lme4` are obtained using the Kenward-Roger approximation of the denominator degrees of freedom as implemented in the `Anova` function.

Different forms of standardization can be implemented using the `standardize` argument:

- `none` No standardized coefficients are reported.
- `scale` Raw coefficients are scaled by the ratio of the standard deviation of `x` divided by the standard deviation of `y`. See below for cases pertaining to GLM.
- `range` Raw coefficients are scaled by a pre-selected range of `x` divided by a preselected range of `y`. The default argument is `range` which takes the two extremes of the data, otherwise the user must supply must a named `list` where the names are the variables to be standardized, and each entry contains a vector of length `== 2` to the ranges to be used in standardization.

For binary response models (i.e., binomial responses), standardized coefficients are obtained in one of two ways:

- `latent.linear` Referred to in Grace et al. (in review) as the standard form of the latent-theoretic (LT) approach. In this method, there is assumed to be a continuous latent propensity, y^* , that underlies the observed binary responses. The standard deviation of y^* is computed as the square-root of the variance of the predictions (on the linear or 'link' scale) plus the distribution-specific assumed variance (for logit links: $\pi^2/3$, for probit links: 1).
- `Menard.OE` Referred to in Grace et al. (in review) as the standard form of the observed-empirical (OE) approach. In this method, error variance is based on the differences between predicted scores and the observed binary data. The standard deviation used for standardization is computed as the square-root of the variance of the predictions (on the linear scale) plus the correlation between the observed and predicted (on the original or 'response' scale) values of `y`.

For categorical predictors: significance is determined using ANOVA (or analysis of deviance). Because `n-1` coefficients are reported for `n` levels, the output instead reports model-estimated means in the `Estimate` column. This is done so all `n` paths in the corresponding path diagram have assignable values.

The means are generated using function `emmeans` in the `emmeans` package. Pairwise contrasts are further conducted among all levels using the default correction for multiple testing. The results of those comparisons are given in the significance codes (e.g., "a", "b", "ab") as reported in the `emmeans::cld` function.

Value

Returns a `data.frame` of coefficients, their standard errors, degrees of freedom, and significance tests.

Author(s)

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References

Grace, J.B., Johnson, D.A., Lefcheck, J.S., and Byrnes, J.E. "Standardized Coefficients in Regression and Structural Models with Binary Outcomes." *Ecosphere* 9(6): e02283.

See Also

[Anova](#), [emmeans](#), [CLD](#)

Examples

```
mod <- psem(  
  lm(rich ~ cover, data = keeley),  
  lm(cover ~ firesev, data = keeley),  
  lm(firesev ~ age, data = keeley),  
  data = keeley  
)  
  
coefs(mod)
```

dSep

Tests of directed separation

Description

Evaluation of conditional independence claims to be used in determining the goodness-of-fit for piecewise structural equation models.

Usage

```
dSep(  
  modellist,  
  basis.set = NULL,  
  direction = NULL,  
  conserve = FALSE,  
  conditioning = FALSE,  
  .progressBar = TRUE  
)
```

Arguments

<code>modellist</code>	A list of structural equations created using <code>psem</code> .
<code>basis.set</code>	An optional list of independence claims.
<code>direction</code>	A vector of claims defining the specific directionality of independence claims; for use in special cases (see Details).
<code>conserve</code>	Whether the most conservative P-value should be returned; for use in special cases (see Details). Default is FALSE.
<code>conditioning</code>	Whether the conditioning variables should be shown in the summary table. Default is FALSE.
<code>.progressBar</code>	An optional progress bar. Default is TRUE.

Details

In cases involving non-normally distributed responses in the independence claims that are modeled using generalized linear models, the significance of the independence claim is not reversible (e.g., the P-value of $Y \sim X$ is not the same as $X \sim Y$). This is due to the transformation of the response via the link function. In extreme cases, this can bias the goodness-of-fit tests. `summary.psem` will issue a warning when this case is present and provide guidance for solutions.

One solution is to specify the directionality of the relationship using the `direction` argument, e.g. `direction = c("X <- Y")`. Another is to run both tests ($Y \sim X$, $X \sim Y$) and return the most conservative (i.e., lowest) P-value, which can be toggled using the `conserve = TRUE` argument.

Value

Returns a `data.frame` of independence claims and their significance values.

Author(s)

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References

Shipley, Bill. "A new inferential test for path models based on directed acyclic graphs." *Structural Equation Modeling* 7.2 (2000): 206-218.

See Also

[basisSet](#)

evaluateClasses	<i>Evaluate model classes and stop if unsupported model class</i>
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Description

Evaluate model classes and stop if unsupported model class

Usage

```
evaluateClasses(modellist)
```

Arguments

modellist	a list of structural equations or a model object
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fisherC	<i>Summarize tests of directed separation using Fisher's C statistic</i>
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Description

Summarize tests of directed separation using Fisher's C statistic

Usage

```
fisherC(
  dTable,
  add.claims = NULL,
  basis.set = NULL,
  direction = NULL,
  conserve = FALSE,
  conditional = FALSE,
  .progressBar = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

dTable	a data.frame containing tests of directed separation from dSep
add.claims	an optional vector of additional independence claims (i.e., P-values) to be added to the basis set
basis.set	An optional list of independence claims.
direction	a vector of claims defining the specific directionality of any independence claim(s)
conserve	whether the most conservative P-value should be returned. Default is FALSE
conditional	whether the conditioning variables should be shown in the table. Default is FALSE
.progressBar	an optional progress bar. Default is FALSE

Value

a vector corresponding to the C statistic, d.f., and P-value

getDAG	<i>Generate adjacency matrix from list of structural equations</i>
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Description

Generate adjacency matrix from list of structural equations

Usage

```
getDAG(modellist)
```

Arguments

modellist A list of structural equations

infCrit	<i>Information criterion values for SEM</i>
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Description

Information criterion values for SEM

Usage

```
infCrit(  
  modellist,  
  Cstat,  
  add.claims = NULL,  
  basis.set = NULL,  
  direction = NULL,  
  conserve = FALSE,  
  conditional = FALSE,  
  .progressBar = FALSE  
)
```

Arguments

<code>modellist</code>	a list of structural equations
<code>Cstat</code>	Fisher's C statistic obtained from <code>fisherC</code>
<code>add.claims</code>	an optional vector of additional independence claims (P-values) to be added to the basis set
<code>basis.set</code>	An optional list of independence claims.
<code>direction</code>	a vector of claims defining the specific directionality of any independence claim(s)
<code>conserve</code>	whether the most conservative P-value should be returned (See Details) Default is FALSE
<code>conditional</code>	whether the conditioning variables should be shown in the table. Default is FALSE
<code>.progressBar</code>	an optional progress bar. Default is FALSE

Value

a vector of AIC, AICc, BIC, d.f., and sample size

keeley

Data set from Grace & Keeley (2006)

Description

Data set from Grace & Keeley (2006)

Usage

keeley

Format

A `data.frame` with 90 observations of 8 variables.

distance Distance to coast
elev Elevation from sea level
abiotic Abiotic favorability
age Age of stand before fire
hetero Plot heterogeneity
firesev Severity of fire
cover Cover of plants
rich Plant species richness

meadows	<i>Data set from Grace & Jutila (1999)</i>
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Description

Data set from Grace & Jutila (1999)

Usage

```
meadows
```

Format

A data.frame with 354 observations of 4 variables.

grazed Whether meadows were exposed to grazing: 0 = no, 1 = yes

mass Plant biomass in g m⁻²

elev Elevation of the plot above mean sea level

rich Plant species richness per m²

multigroup	<i>Multigroup Analysis for Piecewise SEM</i>
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Description

Multigroup Analysis for Piecewise SEM

Usage

```
multigroup(
  modellist,
  group,
  standardize = "scale",
  standardize.type = "latent.linear",
  test.type = "III"
)
```

Arguments

<code>modellist</code>	a list of structural equations
<code>group</code>	the name of the grouping variable in quotes
<code>standardize</code>	The type of standardization: none, scale, range. Default is scale.
<code>standardize.type</code>	The type of standardized for non-Gaussian responses: latent.linear, Menard.OE. Default is latent.linear.
<code>test.type</code>	what kind of ANOVA should be reported. Default is type III

Author(s)

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Examples

```
data(meadows)

jutila <- psem(
  lm(rich ~ elev + mass, data = meadows),
  lm(mass ~ elev, data = meadows)
)

jutila.multigroup <- multigroup(jutila, group = "grazed")

jutila.multigroup
```

partialResid

Computing partial effects

Description

Extracts partial residuals from a model or psem object for a given x and y.

Usage

```
partialResid(formula., modellist, data = NULL)
```

Arguments

formula.	A formula where the lhs is the response and the rhs is the predictor whose partial effect is desired.
modellist	A list of structural equations.
data	A data.frame used to fit the equations.

Details

This function computes the partial residuals of $y \sim x + Z$ in a two-step procedure to remove the variation explained by Z: (1) remove x from the equation and model $y \sim Z$, and (2) replace y with x and model $x \sim Z$.

Value

Returns a data.frame of residuals of $y \sim Z$ called yresids, of $x \sim Z$ called xresids.

Author(s)

Jon Lefcheck <lefcheckj@si.edu>

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

```
# Generate data
dat <- data.frame(y = rnorm(100), x1 = rnorm(100), x2 = rnorm(100))

# Build model
model <- lm(y ~ x1 + x2, dat)

# Compute partial residuals of y ~ x1
yresid <- resid(lm(y ~ x2, dat))

xresid <- resid(lm(x1 ~ x2, dat))

plot(yresid, xresid)

# Use partialResid
presid <- partialResid(y ~ x1, model)

plot(presid) # identical plot!
```

`plot.psem`*Plotting of Piecewise Structural Equation Models*

Description

plot.psem uses [DiagrammeR] to generate path diagrams of 'piecewiseSEM' fits within R.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'psem'
plot(
  x,
  return = FALSE,
  node_attrs = data.frame(shape = "rectangle", color = "black", fillcolor = "white"),
  edge_attrs = data.frame(style = "solid", color = "black"),
  ns_dashed = T,
  alpha = 0.05,
  show = "std",
  digits = 3,
  add_edge_label_spaces = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

x	a [psem()] object
return	whether to return the output from [DiagrammeR::create_graph()] for modification and later plotting
node_attrs	List of node attributes to override defaults of rectangular nodes with black outline and white fill. See [here](http://visualizers.co/diagrammer/articles/node-edge-data-frames.html) and [here](http://visualizers.co/diagrammer/articles/graphviz-mermaid.html) for a more complete rundown of options.
edge_attrs	List of edge attributes to override defaults of solid black arrows. See [here](http://visualizers.co/diagrammer/articles/node-edge-data-frames.html) and [here](http://visualizers.co/diagrammer/articles/graphviz-mermaid.html) for a more complete rundown of options.
ns_dashed	If TRUE, paths that are not different from 0 will be dashed rather than solid, unless the whole is overridden in 'edge_attrs'
alpha	The alpha level for assessing whether a path is different from 0
show	What types of path coefficients are shown? Default "std" is standardized coefficients. For unstandardized, use "unstd"
digits	How many significant digits should be shown?
add_edge_label_spaces	Should spaces be added on either side of edge labels? Default is 'TRUE' as otherwise paths too often overlap edges.
...	Other arguments to [DiagrammeR::render_graph()]

Value

Returns an object of class [DiagrammeR::dgr_graph]

Author(s)

Jarrett Byrnes <jarrett.byrnes@umb.edu>

Examples

```
data(keeley)

mod <- psem(
  lm(rich ~ cover, data=keeley),
  lm(cover ~ firesev, data=keeley),
  lm(firesev ~ age, data=keeley),
  data = keeley
)

plot(mod)

### More customized plot

plot(mod, node_attrs = list(
  shape = "rectangle", color = "black",
```

```
fillcolor = "orange", x = 3, y=1:4))
```

print.anova.psem *Print anova*

Description

Print anova

Usage

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

Arguments

x an object of class anova.psem
... further arguments passed to or from other methods

print.basisSet *Print basis set*

Description

Print basis set

Usage

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

Arguments

x a basis set
... further arguments passed to or from other methods

print.multigroup.psem *Print multigroup*

Description

Print multigroup

Usage

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

Arguments

x	an object to print
...	additional arguments to print

print.psem *Print psem*

Description

Print psem

Usage

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

Arguments

x	an object of class psem
...	further arguments passed to or from other methods

```
print.summary.psem      Print summary
```

Description

Print summary

Usage

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

Arguments

x an object of class summary.psem
 ... further arguments passed to or from other methods

```
psem                    Fitting piecewise structural equation models
```

Description

psem is used to unite a list of structural equations into a single structural equation model.

Usage

```
psem(...)
```

Arguments

... A list of structural equations

Details

psem takes a list of structural equations, which can be model objects of classes: lm, glm, gls, pgl, sarlm, lme, glmmPQL, lme

It also takes objects of class formula, formula.cerror, corresponding to additional variables to be included in the tests of directed separation ($X \sim 1$) or correlated errors ($X1 \sim\sim X2$).

The function optionally accepts data objects of classes: matrix, data.frame, SpatialPointsDataFrame, comparative.data or these are derived internally from the structural equations.

Value

Returns an object of class psem

Author(s)

Jon Lefcheck <lefcheckj@si.edu>

See Also

[summary.psem, %~~%](#)

Examples

```
mod <- psem(  
  lm(rich ~ cover, data = keeley),  
  lm(cover ~ firesev, data = keeley),  
  lm(firesev ~ age, data = keeley),  
  data = keeley  
)  
  
summary(mod)
```

residuals.psem

Residual values from fit models

Description

Residual values from fit models

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'psem'  
residuals(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object a [psem](#) object
... additional arguments to residuals

Value

a data.frame of residuals for endogenous variables as columns

rsquared	<i>R-squared for linear regression</i>
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Description

Returns (pseudo)-R² values for all linear, generalized linear, and generalized linear mixed effects models.

Usage

```
rsquared(modelList, method = NULL)
```

Arguments

<code>modelList</code>	a regression, or a list of structural equations.
<code>method</code>	The method used to compute the R ² value (See Details)

Details

For mixed models, marginal R² considers only the variance by the fixed effects, and the conditional R² by both the fixed and random effects.

For GLMs (`glm`), supported methods include:

- `mcfadden` 1 - ratio of likelihoods of full vs. null models
- `coxsnell` McFadden's R² but raised to 2/N. Upper limit is < 1
- `nagelkerke` Adjusts Cox-Snell R² so that upper limit = 1. The DEFAULT method

For GLMERs fit to Poisson, Gamma, and negative binomial distributions (`glmer`, `glmmPQL`, `glmer.nb`), supported methods include

- `delta` Approximates the observation variance based on second-order Taylor series expansion. Can be used with many families and link functions
- `lognormal` Observation variance is the variance of the log-normal distribution
- `trigamma` Provides most accurate estimate of the observation variance but is limited to only the log link. The DEFAULT method

For GLMERs fit to the binomial distribution (`glmer`, `glmmPQL`), supported methods include:

- `theoretical` Assumes observation variance is $\pi^2/3$
- `delta` Approximates the observation variance as above. The DEFAULT method

Value

Returns a `data.frame` with the response, its family and link, the method used to estimate R², and the R² value itself. Mixed models also return marginal and conditional R² values.

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Examples

```
## Not run:
# Create data
dat <- data.frame(
  ynorm = rnorm(100),
  ypois = rpois(100, 100),
  x1 = rnorm(100),
  random = letters[1:5]
)

# Get R2 for linear model
rsquared(lm(ynorm ~ x1, dat))

# Get R2 for generalized linear model
rsquared(glm(ypois ~ x1, "poisson", dat))

rsquared(glm(ypois ~ x1, "poisson", dat), method = "mcfadden") # McFadden R2

# Get R2 for generalized least-squares model
rsquared(gls(ynorm ~ x1, dat))

# Get R2 for linear mixed effects model (nlme)
rsquared(nlme::lme(ynorm ~ x1, random = ~ 1 | random, dat))

# Get R2 for linear mixed effects model (lme4)
rsquared(lme4::lmer(ynorm ~ x1 + (1 | random), dat))

# Get R2 for generalized linear mixed effects model (lme4)
rsquared(lme4::glmer(ypois ~ x1 + (1 | random), family = poisson, dat))

rsquared(lme4::glmer(ypois ~ x1 + (1 | random), family = poisson, dat), method = "delta")

# Get R2 for generalized linear mixed effects model (glmmPQL)
rsquared(MASS::glmmPQL(ypois ~ x1, random = ~ 1 | random, family = poisson, dat))

## End(Not run)
```

shipley	<i>Data set from Shipley (2006)</i>
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Description

Data set from Shipley (2006)

Usage

shipley

Format

A data.frame with 1900 observations of 9 variables.

site Site of observation

tree Individual tree of observation

lat Latitude

year Year of observation

Date Julian date of first bud burst

DD Cumulative degree days until first bud burst

Growth Increase in stem diameter

Survival Proportional survival

Live Alive (1) or dead (0)

summary.psem	<i>Summarizing piecewise structural equation models</i>
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Description

Returns information necessary to interpret piecewise structural equation models, including tests of directed separation, path coefficients, information criterion values, and R-squared values of individual models.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'psem'
summary(
  object,
  ...,
  basis.set = NULL,
  direction = NULL,
  conserve = FALSE,
```

```

conditioning = FALSE,
add.claims = NULL,
standardize = "scale",
standardize.type = "latent.linear",
test.statistic = "F",
test.type = "II",
intercepts = FALSE,
.progressBar = TRUE
)

```

Arguments

<code>object</code>	a list of structural equations
<code>...</code>	additional arguments to <code>summary</code>
<code>basis.set</code>	an optional basis set
<code>direction</code>	a vector of claims defining the specific directionality of any independence claim(s)
<code>conserve</code>	whether the most conservative P-value should be returned (See Details) Default is FALSE
<code>conditioning</code>	whether all conditioning variables should be shown in the table Default is FALSE
<code>add.claims</code>	an optional vector of additional independence claims (P-values) to be added to the basis set
<code>standardize</code>	whether standardized path coefficients should be reported Default is "scale"
<code>standardize.type</code>	the type of standardized for non-Gaussian responses: <code>latent.linear</code> (default), <code>Mendard.OE</code>
<code>test.statistic</code>	the type of test statistic generated by Anova
<code>test.type</code>	the type of test ("II" or "III") for significance of categorical variables (from <code>car::Anova</code>)
<code>intercepts</code>	whether intercepts should be included in the coefficient table Default is FALSE
<code>.progressBar</code>	an optional progress bar. Default is TRUE

Details

The forthcoming argument `groups` splits the analysis based on an optional grouping factor, conducts separate d-sep tests, and reports goodness-of-fit and path coefficients for each submodel. The procedure is approximately similar to a multigroup analysis in traditional variance-covariance SEM. Coming in version 2.1.

In cases involving non-normally distributed responses in the independence claims that are modeled using generalized linear models, the significance of the independence claim is not reversible (e.g., the P-value of $Y \sim X$ is not the same as $X \sim Y$). This is due to the transformation of the response via the link function. In extreme cases, this can bias the goodness-of-fit tests. `summary.psem` will issue a warning when this case is present and provide guidance for solutions. One solution is to specify the directionality of the relationship using the `direction` argument, e.g. `direction = c("X <-Y")`. Another is to run both tests ($Y \sim X$, $X \sim Y$) and return the most conservative (i.e., lowest) P-value, which can be toggled using the `conserve = TRUE` argument.

In some cases, additional claims that were excluded from the basis set can be added back in using the argument `add.claims`. These could be, for instance, independence claims among exogenous variables. See Details in [basisSet](#).

Standardized path coefficients are scaled by standard deviations.

Value

The function `summary.psem` returns a list of summary statistics:

<code>dTable</code>	A summary table of the tests of directed separation, from dSep .
<code>CStat</code>	Fisher's C statistic, degrees of freedom, and significance value based on a Chi-square test.
<code>IC</code>	Information criterion (Akaike, Bayesian, corrected Akaike) as well as degrees of freedom and sample size.
<code>coefficients</code>	A summary table of the path coefficients, from <code>link{coefs}</code> .
<code>R2</code>	(Pseudo)-R2 values, from rsquared .

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See Also

The model fitting function [psem](#).

update.psem

Update psem model object with additional values.

Description

Update psem model object with additional values.

Usage

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

Arguments

object	a psem object
...	additional arguments to update

%~~%

*Correlated error operator***Description**

Specifies correlated errors among predictors

Usage

```
e1 %~~% e2
```

Arguments

e1	one variable to be correlated
e2	the other variable to be correlated

Details

For use in psem to identify correlated sets of variables.

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See Also

[cerror](#)

Examples

```
# Generate example data
dat <- data.frame(x1 = runif(50),
  x2 = runif(50), y1 = runif(50),
  y2 = runif(50))

# Create list of structural equations
sem <- psem(
  lm(y1 ~ x1 + x2, dat),
  lm(y2 ~ y1 + x1, dat)
)

# Look at correlated error between x1 and x2
# (exogenous)
```

```
cerror(x1 %~~% x2, sem, dat)

# Same as cor.test
with(dat, cor.test(x1, x2))

# Look at correlatde error between x1 and y1
# (endogenous)
cerror(y1 %~~% x1, sem, dat)

# Not the same as cor.test
# (accounts for influence of x1 and x2 on y1)
with(dat, cor.test(y1, x1))

# Specify in psem
sem <- update(sem, x1 %~~% y1)

coefs(sem)
```

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