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`LMest-package` *Overview of the Package LMest*

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## Description

The package `LMest` is a framework for specifying and fitting Latent (or Hidden) Markov (LM) models for the analysis of longitudinal continuous and categorical data. Covariates are also included in the model specification through suitable parameterizations.

## Details

Different LM models are estimated using specific functions that require data in long format. Responses are mainly categorical; functions for continuous responses are identified by `Cont`. For continuous responses, a (multivariate) Gaussian distribution conditional on the latent process is assumed. The functions are as follows:

`lmest` Function to estimate LM models for categorical responses generating the following classes:

- `LMbasic-class` for the basic LM model without covariates.
- `LMmanifest-class` for the LM model with covariates in the measurement submodel.
- `LMlatent-class` for the LM model with covariates in the latent model.

`lmestCont` Function to estimate LM models for continuous outcomes generating the following classes:

- `LMbasiccont-class` for the basic LM model for continuous responses without covariates.
- `LMlatentcont-class` for the LM model for continuous responses with covariates in the latent model.

`lmestMixed` Function to estimate Mixed LM models for categorical responses with discrete random effects in the latent model generating the following class:

- `LMmixed-class` for the mixed LM model.

`lmestMc` Function to estimate Markov Chain models for categorical responses generating the following classes:

- `MCbasic-class` for the Markov Chain (MC) model without covariates.
- `MCcov-class` for the MC model with covariates.

Maximum likelihood estimation of model parameters is performed through the Expectation-Maximization algorithm, which is implemented by relying on Fortran routines.

Model selection is provided by `lmest` and `lmestCont` functions. In addition, function `lmestSearch` allows us to deal with both model selection and multimodality of the likelihood function. Two main criteria are provided to select the number of latent states: the Akaike Information Criterion and the Bayesian Information Criterion.

Prediction of the latent states is performed using the function `lmestDecoding`, which implements local and global decoding (the Viterbi algorithm) based on the output of the `lmest`, `lmestCont`, and `lmestMixed` functions.

The package allows us to deal with missing responses, including drop-out and non-monotonic missingness, under the missing-at-random assumption.

Standard errors for the parameter estimates are obtained by the function `se` through exact computation of the information matrix or by reliable numerical approximations of this matrix.

The `print` method shows some convergence information, and the `summary` method shows the estimation results.

The package also provides some real and simulated data sets that are listed using the function `data(package = "LMest")`.

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Bartolucci, F., Farcomeni, A. and Pennoni, F. (2013). *Latent Markov Models for Longitudinal Data*, Chapman and Hall/CRC press.

## See Also

`lmest`, `lmestCont`, `lmestMc`, `lmestMixed`, `LMmixed-class`, `LMbasic-class`,`LMbasiccont-class`, `LMlatent-class`,`LMlatentcont-class`, `LMmanifest-class`

bootstrap *Parametric bootstrap*

## Description

Function that performs parametric bootstrap resampling to compute standard errors for the parameter estimates.

## Usage

```
bootstrap(est, ...)
## S3 method for class 'LMbasic'
bootstrap(est,  B = 100, seed = NULL, ...)
## S3 method for class 'LMbasiccont'
bootstrap(est, B=100, seed = NULL, ...)
## S3 method for class 'LMlatent'
bootstrap(est, B = 100, seed = NULL, ...)
## S3 method for class 'LMlatentcont'
bootstrap(est, B = 100, seed = NULL, ...)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| est | an object obtained from a call to lmest and lmestCont |
| B | number of bootstrap samples |
| seed | an integer specifying the state of the random number generator |
| ... | further arguments |

## Value

Average of bootstrap estimates and standard errors for the model parameters in est object.

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## Examples

```
## Not run:

# LM model for categorical responses with covariates on the latent model

data("data_SRHS_long")
SRHS <- data_SRHS_long[1:2400,]

# Categories rescaled to vary from 0 (“poor”) to 4 (“excellent”)

SRHS$srhs <- 5 - SRHS$srhs
```

```
out1 <- lmest(responsesFormula = srhs ~ NULL,
              index = c("id","t"),
              data = SRHS,
              k = 3,
              tol = 1e-8,
              start = 1,
              modBasic = 1,
              out_se = TRUE,
              seed = 123)

boot1 <- bootstrap(out1)

out2 <- lmest(responsesFormula = srhs ~ NULL,
              latentFormula =  ~
              I(gender - 1) +
              I( 0 + (race == 2) + (race == 3)) +
              I(0 + (education == 4)) +
              I(0 + (education == 5)) +
              I(age - 50) + I((age-50)^2/100),
              index = c("id","t"),
              data = SRHS,
              k = 2,
              paramLatent = "multilogit",
              start = 0)

boot2 <- bootstrap(out2)

# LM model for continuous responses without covariates

data(data_long_cont)

out3 <- lmestCont(responsesFormula = Y1 + Y2 + Y3 ~ NULL,
                  index = c("id", "time"),
                  data = data_long_cont,
                  k =3,
                  modBasic=1,
                  tol=10^-5)

boot3 <- bootstrap(out3)

# LM model for continous responses with covariates

out4 <- lmestCont(responsesFormula = Y1 + Y2 + Y3 ~ NULL,
                  latentFormula = ~ X1 + X2,
                  index = c("id", "time"),
                  data = data_long_cont,
                  k = 3,
                  output=TRUE)

boot4 <- bootstrap(out4)

## End(Not run)
```

`bootstrap_lm_basic` *Parametric bootstrap for the basic LM model*

## Description

Function that performs bootstrap parametric resampling to compute standard errors for the parameter estimates.

**The function is no longer maintained. Please look at `bootstrap` function**.

## Usage

```
bootstrap_lm_basic(piv, Pi, Psi, n, B = 100, start = 0, mod = 0, tol = 10^-6)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| `piv` | initial probability vector |
| `Pi` | probability transition matrices (k x k x TT) |
| `Psi` | matrix of conditional response probabilities (mb x k x r) |
| `n` | sample size |
| `B` | number of bootstrap samples |
| `start` | type of starting values (0 = deterministic, 1 = random) |
| `mod` | model on the transition probabilities (0 for time-heter., 1 for time-homog., from 2 to (TT-1) partial homog. of that order) |
| `tol` | tolerance level for convergence |

## Value

| | |
|---|---|
| `mPsi` | average of bootstrap estimates of the conditional response probabilities |
| `mpiv` | average of bootstrap estimates of the initial probability vector |
| `mPi` | average of bootstrap estimates of the transition probability matrices |
| `sePsi` | standard errors for the conditional response probabilities |
| `sepiv` | standard errors for the initial probability vector |
| `sePi` | standard errors for the transition probability matrices |

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## Examples

```
## Not run:
# Example of drug consumption data
# load data
data(data_drug)
data_drug <- as.matrix(data_drug)
S <- data_drug[,1:5]-1
yv <- data_drug[,6]
n <- sum(yv)
# fit of the Basic LM model
k <- 3
out1 <- est_lm_basic(S, yv, k, mod = 1, out_se = TRUE)
out2 <- bootstrap_lm_basic(out1$piv, out1$Pi, out1$Psi, n, mod = 1, B = 1000)

## End(Not run)
```

---

# bootstrap_lm_basic_cont

*Parametric bootstrap for the basic LM model for continuous outcomes*

---

## Description

Function that performs bootstrap parametric resampling to compute standard errors for the parameter estimates.

**The function is no longer maintained. Please look at `bootstrap` function**.

## Usage

```
bootstrap_lm_basic_cont(piv, Pi, Mu, Si, n, B = 100, start = 0, mod = 0, tol = 10^-6)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| `piv` | initial probability vector |
| `Pi` | probability transition matrices (k x k x TT) |
| `Mu` | matrix of conditional means for the response variables (r x k) |
| `Si` | var-cov matrix common to all states (r x r) |
| `n` | sample size |
| `B` | number of bootstrap samples |
| `start` | type of starting values (0 = deterministic, 1 = random) |
| `mod` | model on the transition probabilities (0 for time-heter., 1 for time-homog., from 2 to (TT-1) partial homog. of that order) |
| `tol` | tolerance level for convergence |

## Value

| | |
|---|---|
| mMu | average of bootstrap estimates of the conditional means of the response variables |
| mSi | average of bootstrap estimates of the var-cov matrix |
| mpiv | average of bootstrap estimates of the initial probability vector |
| mPi | average of bootstrap estimates of the transition probability matrices |
| seMu | standard errors for the conditional means of the response variables |
| seSi | standard errors for the var-cov matrix |
| sepiv | standard errors for the initial probability vector |
| sePi | standard errors for the transition probability matrices |

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## Examples

```
## Not run:
# Example based on multivariate longitudinal continuous data

data(data_long_cont)
res <- long2matrices(data_long_cont$id, X = cbind(data_long_cont$X1, data_long_cont$X2),
      Y = cbind(data_long_cont$Y1, data_long_cont$Y2,data_long_cont$Y3))
Y <- res$YY
n <- dim(Y)[1]

# fit of the Basic LM model for continuous outcomes
k <- 3
out1 <- est_lm_basic_cont(Y, k, mod = 1)
out2 <- bootstrap_lm_basic_cont(out1$piv, out1$Pi, out1$Mu, out1$Si, n, mod = 1, B = 1000)

## End(Not run)
```

---

# bootstrap_lm_cov_latent

*Parametric bootstrap for LM models with individual covariates in the latent model*

---

## Description

Function that performs bootstrap parametric resampling to compute standard errors for the parameter estimates.

**The function is no longer maintained. Please look at bootstrap function.**

## Usage

```
bootstrap_lm_cov_latent(X1, X2, param = "multilogit", Psi, Be, Ga, B = 100,
                        fort = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| X1 | matrix of covariates affecting the initial probabilities (n x nc1) |
| X2 | array of covariates affecting the transition probabilities (n x TT-1 x nc2) |
| param | type of parametrization for the transition probabilities ("multilogit" = standard multinomial logit for every row of the transition matrix, "difflogit" = multinomial logit based on the difference between two sets of parameters) |
| Psi | array of conditional response probabilities (mb x k x r) |
| Be | parameters affecting the logit for the initial probabilities |
| Ga | parametes affecting the logit for the transition probabilities |
| B | number of bootstrap samples |
| fort | to use fortran routine when possible (FALSE for not use fortran) |

## Value

| | |
|---|---|
| mPsi | average of bootstrap estimates of the conditional response probabilities |
| mBe | average of bootstrap estimates of the parameters affecting the logit for the initial probabilities |
| mGa | average of bootstrap estimates of the parameters affecting the logit for the transition probabilities |
| sePsi | standard errors for the conditional response probabilities |
| seBe | standard errors for the parameters in Be |
| seGa | standard errors for the parameters in Ga |

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## Examples

```
## Not run:
# Example based on self-rated health status (SRHS) data
# load SRHS data
data(data_SRHS_long)
dataSRHS <- data_SRHS_long

TT <- 8
head(dataSRHS)
res <- long2matrices(dataSRHS$id, X = cbind(dataSRHS$gender-1,
dataSRHS$race == 2 | dataSRHS$race == 3, dataSRHS$education == 4,
dataSRHS$education == 5, dataSRHS$age-50, (dataSRHS$age-50)^2/100),
Y = dataSRHS$srhs)
```

```
# matrix of responses (with ordered categories from 0 to 4)
S <- 5-res$YY

# matrix of covariates (for the first and the following occasions)
# colums are: gender,race,educational level (2 columns),age,age^2)
X1 <- res$XX[,1,]
X2 <- res$XX[,2:TT,]

# estimate the model
out1 <- est_lm_cov_latent(S, X1, X2, k = 2, output = TRUE, out_se = TRUE)

out2 <- bootstrap_lm_cov_latent(X1, X2, Psi = out1$Psi, Be = out1$Be, Ga = out1$Ga, B = 1000)

## End(Not run)
```

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`bootstrap_lm_cov_latent_cont` *Parametric bootstrap for LM models for continuous outcomes with individual covariates in the latent model*

---

## Description

Function that performs bootstrap parametric resampling to compute standard errors for the parameter estimates.

**The function is no longer maintained. Please look at `bootstrap` function**.

## Usage

```
bootstrap_lm_cov_latent_cont(X1, X2, param = "multilogit", Mu, Si, Be, Ga, B = 100)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| `X1` | matrix of covariates affecting the initial probabilities (n x nc1) |
| `X2` | array of covariates affecting the transition probabilities (n x TT-1 x nc2) |
| `param` | type of parametrization for the transition probabilities ("multilogit" = standard multinomial logit for every row of the transition matrix, "difflogit" = multinomial logit based on the difference between two sets of parameters) |
| `Mu` | matrix of conditional means for the response variables (r x k) |
| `Si` | var-cov matrix common to all states (r x r) |
| `Be` | parameters affecting the logit for the initial probabilities |
| `Ga` | parametes affecting the logit for the transition probabilities |
| `B` | number of bootstrap samples |

## Value

| | |
|---|---|
| mMu | average of bootstrap estimates of the conditional means for the response variables |
| mSi | average of bootstrap estimates of the var-cov matrix |
| mBe | average of bootstrap estimates of the parameters affecting the logit for the initial probabilities |
| mGa | average of bootstrap estimates of the parameters affecting the logit for the transition probabilities |
| seMu | standard errors for the conditional means |
| seSi | standard errors for the var-cov matrix |
| seBe | standard errors for the parameters in Be |
| seGa | standard errors for the parameters in Ga |

## Author(s)

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## Examples

```
## Not run:
# Example based on multivariate longitudinal continuous data

data(data_long_cont)
TT <- 5
res <- long2matrices(data_long_cont$id, X = cbind(data_long_cont$X1, data_long_cont$X2),
                     Y = cbind(data_long_cont$Y1, data_long_cont$Y2,data_long_cont$Y3))
Y <- res$YY
X1 <- res$XX[,1,]
X2 <- res$XX[,2:TT,]

# estimate the model
est <- est_lm_cov_latent_cont(Y, X1, X2, k = 3, output = TRUE)
out <- bootstrap_lm_cov_latent_cont(X1, X2, Mu = est$Mu, Si = est$Si,
                                    Be = est$Be, Ga = est$Ga, B = 1000)


## End(Not run)
```

---

# data_criminal_sim *Criminal dataset*

---

## Description

Simulated dataset about crimes committed by a cohort of subjects.

## Usage

```
data(data_criminal_sim)
```

## Format

A data frame with 60000 observations on the following 13 variables.

`id` subject id

`sex` gender of the subject

`time` occasion of observation

`y1` crime of type 1 (violence against the person)

`y2` crime of type 2 (sexual offences)

`y3` crime of type 3 (burglary)

`y4` crime of type 4 (robbery)

`y5` crime of type 5 (theft and handling stolen goods)

`y6` crime of type 6 (fraud and forgery)

`y7` crime of type 7 (criminal demage)

`y8` crime of type 8 (drug offences)

`y9` crime of type 9 (motoring offences)

`y10` crime of type 10 (other offences)

## References

Bartolucci, F., Pennoni, F. and Francis, B. (2007), A latent Markov model for detecting patterns of criminal activity, *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, series A*, **170**, pp. 115-132.

## Examples

```
data(data_criminal_sim)
```

---

# data_drug *Dataset about marijuana consumption*

---

## Description

Longitudinal dataset derived from the National Youth Survey about marijuana consumption measured by ordinal variables with 3 categories with increasing levels of consumption (1 "never in the past year", 2 "no more than once in a month in the past year", 3 "more than once a month in the past year").

## Usage

```
data(data_drug)
```

## Format

A data frame with 51 observations on the following 6 variables.

`V1` reported drug use at the 1st occasion

`V2` reported drug use at the 2nd occasion

`V3` reported drug use at the 3rd occasion

`V4` reported drug use at the 4th occasion

`V5` reported drug use at the 5th occasion

`V6` frequency of the response configuration

## Source

Elliot, D. S., Huizinga, D. and Menard, S. (1989) *Multiple Problem Youth: Delinquency, Substance Use, and Mental Health Problems.* New York: Springer.

## References

Bartolucci, F. (2006) Likelihood inference for a class of latent Markov models under linear hypotheses on the transition probabilities. *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, series B*, **68**, 155-178.

## Examples

```
data(data_drug)
```

---

# data_employment_sim *Employment dataset*

---

## Description

Simulated dataset related to a survey on the employment status of a cohort of graduates.

## Usage

```
data(data_employment_sim)
```

## Format

A data frame with 585 observations on the following variables:

`id` subject id.

`time` occasion of observation.

`emp` 0 if unemployed, 1 if employed.

`area` 1 if graduated in the South area, 2 if graduated in the North area.

`grade` 1 if grade at graduation is low, 2 if it is medium, 3 if it is high.

`edu` 1 if parents hold a university degree, 0 if not.

## References

Pennoni, F., Pandolfi, S. and Bartolucci, F. (2025). LMest: An R Package for Estimating Generalized Latent Markov Models, *The R Journal*, **16**(4) 74-101.

## Examples

```
data(data_employment_sim)
```

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# data_heart_sim *Health dataset*

---

## Description

Simulated longitudinal dataset coming from a medical study to assess the health state progression of patients after a certain treatment.

## Usage

```
data(data_heart_sim)
```

## Format

A data frame referred to 125 units observed at 6 time occasions on the following variables:

`id` subject id

`time` occasion of observation

`sap` systolic arterial pressure in mmHg

`dap` diastolic arterial pressure in mmHg

`hr` heart rate in bpm

`fluid` fluid administration in ml/kg/h

`gender` 1 for male, 2 for female patients

`age` age in years

## References

Pennoni, F., Pandolfi, S. and Bartolucci, F. (2025). LMest: An R Package for Estimating Generalized Latent Markov Models, *The R Journal*, **16**(4) 74-101.

## Examples

```
data(data_heart_sim)
```

## data_long_cont *Multivariate Longitudinal Continuous (Gaussian) Data*

### Description

Simulated multivariate longitudinal continuous dataset assuming that there are 500 subjects in the study whose data are collected at 5 equally-spaced time points.

### Usage

```
data(data_long_cont)
```

### Format

A data frame with 2500 observations on the following 7 variables.

`id` subject id.

`time` occasion of observation.

`Y1` a numeric vector for the first longitudinal response.

`Y2` a numeric vector for the second longitudinal response.

`Y3` a numeric vector for the third longitudinal response.

`X1` a numeric vector for the first covariate.

`X2` a numeric vector for the second covariate.

### Examples

```
data(data_long_cont)
```

## data_market_sim *Marketing dataset*

### Description

Simulated dataset related to customers of four different brands along with the prices of each transaction.

### Usage

```
data(data_market_sim)
```

## Format

A data frame with 200 observations on the following variables:

`id` subject id.

`time` occasion of observation.

`brand` 0 if the customer has purchased the product from brand A, 1 if brand B, 2 if brand C, 3 if brand D.

`price` 0 if the price of the transaction is in the range [0.1, 10], 1 if it is in (10, 30], 2 if it is in (30, 60], 3 if it is in (60, 100], 4 if it is in (100, 500] (in thousands of Euros).

`age` age of the customer in years

`income` income declared by the customer at the time of the first purchase (in thousands of Euros).

## References

Pennoni, F., Pandolfi and S. Bartolucci, F. (2025). LMest: An R Package for Estimating Generalized Latent Markov Models, *The R Journal*, **16**(4) 74-101.

## Examples

```
data(data_market_sim)
```

---

# data_SRHS_long *Self-reported health status dataset*

---

## Description

Dataset about self-reported health status derived from the Health and Retirement Study conducted by the University of Michigan.

## Usage

```
data(data_SRHS_long)
```

## Format

A data frame with 56592 observations on the following 6 variables.

`t` occasion of observation

`id` subject id

`gender` sex of the subject coded as 1 for "male", 2 for "female"

`race` race coded as 1 for "white", 2 for "black", 3 for "others"

`education` educational level coded as 1 for "high school", 2 for "general educational diploma", 3 for "high school graduate", 4 for "some college", 5 for "college and above"

`age` age at the different time occasions

`srhs` self-reported health status at the different time occasions coded as 1 for "excellent", 2 for "very good", 3 for "good", 4 for "fair", 5 for "poor"

## References

Bartolucci, F., Bacci, S. and Pennoni, F. (2014) Longitudinal analysis of the self-reported health status by mixture latent autoregressive models, *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society - series C*, **63**, pp. 267-288

## Examples

```
data(data_SRHS_long)
```

---

`decoding` *Perform local and global decoding*

---

## Description

Function that performs local and global decoding (Viterbi) from the output of `est_lm_basic`, `est_lm_cov_latent`, `est_lm_cov_manifest`, and `est_lm_mixed`.

**The function is no longer maintained. Please look at `lmestDecoding` function**

## Usage

```
decoding(est, Y, X1 = NULL, X2 = NULL, fort = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| `est` | output from `est_lm_basic`, `est_lm_cov_latent`, `est_lm_cov_manifest`, or `est_lm_mixed` |
| `Y` | single vector or matrix of responses |
| `X1` | matrix of covariates on the initial probabilities (`est_lm_cov_latent`) or on the responses (`est_lm_cov_manifest`) |
| `X2` | array of covariates on the transition probabilites |
| `fort` | to use Fortran routines |

## Value

| | |
|---|---|
| `Ul` | matrix of local decoded states corresponding to each row of Y |
| `Ug` | matrix of global decoded states corresponding to each row of Y |

## Author(s)

Francesco Bartolucci, Silvia Pandolfi, University of Perugia (IT), http://www.stat.unipg.it/bartolucci

## References

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## Examples

```
## Not run:
# example for the output from est_lm_basic

data(data_drug)
data_drug <- as.matrix(data_drug)
S <- data_drug[,1:5]-1
yv <- data_drug[,6]
n <- sum(yv)

# fit the Basic LM model

k <- 3
est <- est_lm_basic(S, yv, k, mod = 1)

# decoding for a single sequence

out1 <- decoding(est, S[1,])

# decoding for all sequences

out2 <- decoding(est, S)


# example for the output from est_lm_cov_latent with difflogit parametrization
data(data_SRHS_long)
dataSRHS <- data_SRHS_long[1:1600,]

TT <- 8
head(dataSRHS)
res <- long2matrices(dataSRHS$id, X = cbind(dataSRHS$gender-1,
dataSRHS$race == 2 | dataSRHS$race == 3, dataSRHS$education == 4,
dataSRHS$education == 5, dataSRHS$age-50,(dataSRHS$age-50)^2/100),
Y= dataSRHS$srhs)

# matrix of responses (with ordered categories from 0 to 4)
S <- 5-res$YY

# matrix of covariates (for the first and the following occasions)
# colums are: gender,race,educational level (2 columns),age,age^2)
X1 <- res$XX[,1,]
X2 <- res$XX[,2:TT,]

# estimate the model
```

```
est <- est_lm_cov_latent(S, X1, X2, k = 2, output = TRUE, param = "difflogit")
# decoding for a single sequence
out1 <- decoding(est, S[1,,], X1[1,], X2[1,,])
# decoding for all sequences
out2 <- decoding(est, S, X1, X2)

## End(Not run)
```

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`design_matrices` *Build design matrices for* `mc_multinom`

---

## Description

Function that builds the contrast and design matrices required by `mc_multinom` to parameterize, through multinomial logits, the initial and the transition probabilities of a Markov chain model.

## Usage

```
design_matrices(k, nc, baseline, model_int, model_cov)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| `k` | Number of response categories (or observed states) in the Markov chain, coded as `1, ..., k`. Note that the structures `"dist1"`, `"dist2"`, `"dist3"`, `"two"` and `"diff"` (see `model_int`) rely on the distance or on the direction between categories, and are therefore meaningful only when the categories are ordered; the remaining structures do not require any ordering |
| `nc` | Number of covariates affecting the transition probabilities, excluding the intercept. Set `nc = 0` when no transition covariates are included |
| `baseline` | Character string specifying the reference category in the multinomial logit parameterization. With `"initial"`, category (1) is the reference category for both initial and transition probabilities. With `"central"`, category (1) remains the reference category for the initial probabilities, whereas the current state is the reference category for each row of the transition matrix |
| `model_int` | Character string specifying the constraint structure for the intercepts of the transition logits. Possible values are:<br>`"all"` unconstrained transition-specific intercepts, one for each of the $k(k-1)$ transitions<br>`"const"` one common intercept for all transitions<br>`"dist1"` one parameter for each signed distance $v-u$ between the destination category $v$ and the origin category $u$ ($2(k-1)$ parameters)<br>`"dist2"` one parameter for each absolute distance $\|v-u\|$, shared by the two directions ($k-1$ parameters)<br>`"dist3"` as `"dist2"`, but the parameter enters with a positive sign for upward transitions and with a negative sign for downward ones ($k-1$ parameters)<br>`"two"` separate parameters for upward and downward transitions |

"symm" one parameter for each pair of categories, shared by the two directions ($k(k-1)/2$ parameters)

"rsymm" as "symm", but the parameter enters with opposite signs in the two directions

"diff" effects expressed as differences between destination- and origin-specific parameters, with the parameter of the first category set to zero ($k-1$ parameters)

model_cov Character string specifying the constraint structure for the regression coefficients of the transition covariates. The admissible values and their interpretation are the same as for model_int. This argument is used only when nc > 0

## Value

G Contrast matrix used to parameterize the initial probabilities in the mc_multinom function

Z Design matrix mapping the reduced parameter vector to the transition-logit parameters under the selected intercept and covariate constraints

GG Array of contrast matrices used to parameterize the transition probabilities for each origin state

Z1 Design matrix defining the constraint structure for the intercepts of the transition logits

Z2 Design matrix defining the constraint structure for the covariate effects on the transition logits. This component is returned only when nc > 0

## Author(s)

Francesco Bartolucci, Silvia Pandolfi, University of Perugia (IT), Luca Brusa and Fulvia Pennoni, University of Milano-Bicocca (IT)

## References

Bartolucci, F., Pandolfi, S., and Pennoni, F. (2026). Parsimonious parametrizations of transition matrices of Markov chain and hidden Markov models, *Annals of Operations Research*, 363, 233–266.

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# draw *Draw simulated sample from a Generalized Latent Markov Model*

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## Description

Draw a sample for LMest objects of classes: LMbasic, LMbasiccont, LMlatent, LMlatentcont, and LMmixed

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'LMbasic'
draw(est, n = NULL, TT = NULL, format = c("long","matrices"), seed = NULL, ...)
## S3 method for class 'LMlatent'
draw(est, n = NULL, TT = NULL, data, index, format = c("long", "matrices"),
                        fort = TRUE, seed = NULL, ...)
## S3 method for class 'LMbasiccont'
draw(est, n = NULL, TT = NULL, format = c("long","matrices"), seed = NULL, ...)
## S3 method for class 'LMlatentcont'
draw(est, n = NULL , TT = NULL, data, index, format = c("long", "matrices"),
                           fort = TRUE, seed = NULL, ...)
## S3 method for class 'LMmixed'
draw(est, n = NULL, TT = NULL, format = c("long", "matrices"), seed = NULL, ...)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| est | object of class LMbasic (LMbasic-class), LMlatent (LMlatent-class), class LMbasiccont (LMbasiccont-class), LMlatentcont (LMlatentcont-class), or LMmixed (LMmixed-class) |
| n | sample size |
| format | character string indicating the format of final responses matrix |
| seed | an integer value with the random number generator state |
| data | a data frame in long format, with rows corresponding to observations and columns corresponding to covariates, a column corresponding to time occasions and a column containing the unit identifier when est is of class LMlatent or LMlatentcont |
| index | a character vector with two elements indicating the name of the "id" column as first element and the "time" column as second element when est is of class LMlatent or LMlatentcont |
| fort | to use fortran routine when possible (FALSE for not use fortran) when est is of class LMlatent or LMlatentcont |
| TT | number of time occasions when est is of class LMmixed |
| ... | further arguments |

## Value

| | |
|---|---|
| Y | matrix of response configurations unit by unit when est is of class LMbasic or LMmixed; array of continuous outcomes (n x TT x r) when est is of class LMbasiccont or LMlatentcont |
| S | matrix of distinct response configurations when est is of class LMbasic or LMmixed |
| yv | corresponding vector of frequencies when est is of class LMbasic or LMmixed |
| piv | vector of initial probabilities of the latent Markov chain when est is of class LMbasic |
| Pi | set of transition probabilities matrices (k x k x TT) when est is of class LMbasic |
| Psi | array of conditional response probabilities (mb x k x r)when est is of class LMbasic |

| | |
|---|---|
| n | sample size |
| TT | number of time occasions |
| est | object of class LMbasic, LMlatent, LMbasiccont, LMlatentcont, or LMmixed |
| U | matrix containing the sequence of latent states (n x TT) when est is of class LMlatent or LMlatentcont |
| Be | parameters affecting the logit for the initial probabilities when est is of class LMlatent or LMlatentcont |
| Ga | parameters affecting the logit for the transition probabilitieswhen est is of class LMlatent or LMlatentcont |
| data | a data frame in long format, with rows corresponding to observations and columns corresponding to variables, a column corresponding to time occasions and a column containing the unit identifier when est is of class LMlatent or LMlatentcont |
| Mu | array of conditional means for the response variables (r x k) when est is of class LMlatentcont |
| Si | var-cov matrix common to all states (r x r) when est is of class LMlatentcont |
| latentFormula | a symbolic description of the model to be fitted. A detailed description is given in lmestCont |

## Author(s)

Francesco Bartolucci, Silvia Pandolfi, Fulvia Pennoni

## Examples

```
## Not run:
# draw a sample for 1000 units and only one response variable when est is of class LMbasic
n <- 1000
TT <- 6
k <- 2
r <- 1 #number of response variables
mb <- 3 #maximum number of response categories

piv <- c(0.7,0.3)
Pi <- matrix(c(0.9,0.1,0.1,0.9), k, k)
Pi <- array(Pi, c(k, k, TT))
Pi[,,1] <- 0
Psi <- matrix(c(0.7,0.2,0.1,0.5,0.4,0.1), mb, k)
Psi <- array(Psi, c(mb, k, r))
est = list(piv=piv, Pi=Pi, Psi=Psi, n=n, TT=TT)
class(est) = "LMbasic"

out <- draw(est)


data("data_SRHS_long")
SRHS <- data_SRHS_long[1:2400,]

SRHS$srhs <- 5 - SRHS$srhs
```

```
est <- lmest(responsesFormula = srhs ~ NULL,
             index = c("id","t"),
             data = SRHS,
             k = 3)

out1 <- draw(est = est, format = "matrices", seed = 4321, n = 100)

# draw a sample for 7074 units and only one response variable when est is of class LMlatent
data(data_SRHS_long)

data_SRHS_long$srhs <- 5 - data_SRHS_long$srhs
n <- length(unique(data_SRHS_long$id))
TT <- max(data_SRHS_long$t)

est  <- lmest(responsesFormula = srhs ~ NULL,
              latentFormula =  ~
              I(gender - 1) +
              I( 0 + (race == 2) + (race == 3)) +
              I(0 + (education == 4)) +
              I(0 + (education == 5)) +
              I(age - 50) + I((age-50)^2/100),
              index = c("id","t"),
              data = data_SRHS_long,
              k = 2,
              paramLatent = "multilogit",
              start = 0)

out <- draw(est = est, data = data_SRHS_long, index = c("id","t"),
            format = "matrices",seed = 4321)

est1 = list(Psi = est$Psi, Be = est$Be, Ga = est$Ga,
            paramLatent = "multilogit",n=n,TT=TT)

attributes(est1)$latentFormula = ~
              I(gender - 1) +
              I( 0 + (race == 2) + (race == 3)) +
              I(0 + (education == 4)) +
              I(0 + (education == 5)) +
              I(age - 50) + I((age-50)^2/100)
class(est1) = "LMlatent"

out1 <- draw(est = est1, data = data_SRHS_long, index = c("id","t"),
                    format = "matrices",
                    seed = 4321)

# draw a sample for 1000 units and 3 response variable when est is of class LMbasiccont
n <- 1000
TT <- 5
k <- 2
r <- 3 #number of response variables

piv <- c(0.7,0.3)
```

```
Pi <- matrix(c(0.9,0.1,0.1,0.9), k, k)
Pi <- array(Pi, c(k, k, TT))
Pi[,,1] <- 0
Mu <- matrix(c(-2,-2,0,0,2,2), r, k)
Si <- diag(r)
est = list(piv=piv,Pi=Pi,Mu=Mu,Si=Si,n=n,TT=TT)
class(est) = "LMbasiccont"

out <- draw(est)

data(data_long_cont)

est <- lmestCont(responsesFormula = Y1 + Y2 + Y3 ~ NULL,
                 index = c("id", "time"),
                 data = data_long_cont,
                 k = 3,
                 modBasic = 1,
                 tol = 10^-5)

out2 <- draw(est = est, n = 100, format = "long", seed = 4321)

# draw a sample for 1000 units and 3 response variable when est is of class LMlatentcont
data(data_long_cont)

est <- lmestCont(responsesFormula = Y1 + Y2 + Y3~ NULL,
                 latentFormula = ~ X1 + X2,
                 index = c("id", "time"),
                 data = data_long_cont,
                 k = 3)
out <- draw(est = est, data = data_long_cont, index = c("id", "time"), format = "matrices",
            seed = 4321)

est1 <- list(Mu = est$Mu,Si = est$Si,Be = est$Be,Ga = est$Ga,paramLatent="multilogit",n=est$n,
             TT=est$TT)
attributes(est1)$latentFormula = ~ X1 + X2
class(est1) = "LMlatentcont"
out1 <- draw(est = est1, data = data_long_cont,
                         index = c("id", "time"),
                         fort=TRUE, seed = 4321, format = "matrices")

## End(Not run)

# draw a sample for 1000 units and only one response variable and 5 time occasions
# when est if of class LMmixed
k1 <- 2
k2 <- 3
la <- rep(1/k1, k1)
Piv <- matrix(1/k2, k2, k1)
Pi <- array(0, c(k2, k2, k1))
Pi[,,1] <- diag(k2)
Pi[,,2] <- 1/k2
Psi <- cbind(c(0.6,0.3,0.1), c(0.1,0.3,0.6), c(0.3,0.6,0.1))
est <- list(la=la, Piv=Piv, Pi=Pi, Psi=Psi, n=1000,TT=5)
```

```
class(est) = "LMmixed"

out <- draw(est = est)

## Not run:
# Example based on criminal data when est if of class LMmixed
data(data_criminal_sim)
data_criminal_sim = data.frame(data_criminal_sim)

# Estimate mixed LM model for females
responsesFormula <- lmestFormula(data = data_criminal_sim,
                                 response = "y")$responsesFormula
est <- lmestMixed(responsesFormula = responsesFormula,
                  index = c("id","time"),
                  k1 = 2,
                  k2 = 2,
                  data = data_criminal_sim[data_criminal_sim$sex == 2,])

out <- draw(est = est, n = 100, TT = 6, seed = 4321)

## End(Not run)
```

---

`draw_lm_basic` *Draw samples from the basic LM model*

---

## Description

Function that draws samples from the basic LM model with specific parameters.

**The function is no longer maintained. Please look at `draw.LMbasic` function**.

## Usage

```
draw_lm_basic(piv, Pi, Psi, n)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| `piv` | vector of initial probabilities of the latent Markov chain |
| `Pi` | set of transition probabilities matrices (k x k x TT) |
| `Psi` | array of conditional response probabitlies (mb x k x r) |
| `n` | sample size |

## Value

| | |
|---|---|
| `Y` | matrix of response configurations unit by unit |
| `S` | matrix of distinct response configurations |
| `yv` | corresponding vector of frequencies |

### Author(s)

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### Examples

```
## Not run:
# draw a sample for 1000 units and only one response variable
n <- 1000
TT <- 6
k <- 2
r <- 1 #number of response variables
mb <- 3 #maximum number of response categories

piv <- c(0.7, 0.3)
Pi <- matrix(c(0.9,0.1,0.1,0.9), k, k)
Pi <- array(Pi, c(k, k, TT))
Pi[,,1] <- 0
Psi <- matrix(c(0.7,0.2,0.1,0.5,0.4,0.1), mb, k)
Psi <- array(Psi, c(mb, k, r))
out <- draw_lm_basic(piv, Pi, Psi, n = 1000)

## End(Not run)
```

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## draw_lm_basic_cont *Draw samples from the basic LM model for continuous outcomes*

---

### Description

Function that draws samples from the basic LM model for continuous outcomes with specific parameters.

**The function is no longer maintained. Please look at `draw.LMbasiccont` function**.

### Usage

```
draw_lm_basic_cont(piv, Pi, Mu, Si, n)
```

### Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| piv | vector of initial probabilities of the latent Markov chain |
| Pi | set of transition probabilities matrices (k x k x TT) |
| Mu | matrix of conditional means for the response variables (r x k) |
| Si | var-cov matrix common to all states (r x r) |
| n | sample size |

### Value

| | |
|---|---|
| Y | array of continuous outcomes (n x TT x r) |

## Author(s)

Francesco Bartolucci, Silvia Pandolfi, University of Perugia (IT), http://www.stat.unipg.it/bartolucci

## Examples

```
## Not run:

# draw a sample for 1000 units and 3 response variable
n <- 1000
TT <- 5
k <- 2
r <- 3 #number of response variables

piv <- c(0.7,0.3)
Pi <- matrix(c(0.9,0.1,0.1,0.9), k, k)
Pi <- array(Pi, c(k, k, TT))
Pi[,,1] <- 0
Mu <- matrix(c(-2,-2,0,0,2,2), r, k)
Si <- diag(r)
out <- draw_lm_basic_cont(piv, Pi, Mu, Si, n)

## End(Not run)
```

---

`draw_lm_cov_latent` *Draw samples from LM model with covariaates in the latent model*

---

## Description

Function that draws samples from the LM model with individual covariates with specific parameters.

**The function is no longer maintained. Please look at `draw.LMlatent` function**.

## Usage

```
draw_lm_cov_latent(X1, X2, param = "multilogit", Psi, Be, Ga, fort = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| `X1` | desing matrix for the covariates on the initial probabilities (n x nc1) |
| `X2` | desing matrix for the covariates on the transition probabilities (n x TT-1 x nc2) |
| `param` | type of parametrization for the transition probabilities ("multilogit" = standard multinomial logit for every row of the transition matrix, "difflogit" = multinomial logit based on the difference between two sets of parameters) |
| `Psi` | array of conditional response probabilities (mb x k x r) |
| `Be` | parameters affecting the logit for the initial probabilities |
| `Ga` | parametes affecting the logit for the transition probabilities |
| `fort` | to use fortran routine when possible (FALSE for not use fortran) |

## Value

| | |
|---|---|
| Y | matrix of response configurations unit by unit (n x TT x r) |
| U | matrix containing the sequence of latent states (n x TT) |

## Author(s)

Francesco Bartolucci, Silvia Pandolfi, University of Perugia (IT), http://www.stat.unipg.it/bartolucci

## Examples

```
## Not run:

# draw a sample for 1000 units, 10 response variable and 2 covariates
n <- 1000
TT <- 5
k <- 2
nc <- 2 #number of covariates
r <- 10 #number of response variables
mb <- 2 #maximum number of response categories
fort <- TRUE


Psi <- matrix(c(0.9,0.1,0.1,0.9), mb, k)
Psi <- array(Psi, c(mb, k, r))
Ga <- matrix(c(-log(0.9/0.1),0.5,1), (nc+1)*(k-1), k)
Be <- array(c(0,0.5,1), (nc+1)*(k-1))
#Simulate covariates
X1 <- matrix(0, n, nc)
for(j in 1:nc) X1[,j] <- rnorm(n)
X2 <- array(0,c(n, TT-1, nc))
for (t in 1:(TT-1)) for(j in 1:nc){
 if(t==1){
  X2[,t,j] <- 0.5*X1[,j] + rnorm(n)
 }else{
  X2[,t,j] <- 0.5 *X2[,t-1,j] + rnorm(n)
 }
}

out <- draw_lm_cov_latent(X1, X2, Psi = Psi, Be = Be, Ga = Ga, fort = fort)

## End(Not run)
```

---

`draw_lm_cov_latent_cont` *Draw samples from LM model for continuous outcomes with covariaates in the latent model*

---

## Description

Function that draws samples from the LM model for continuous outcomes with individual covariates with specific parameters.

**The function is no longer maintained. Please look at `draw.LMlatentcont` function**.

## Usage

```
draw_lm_cov_latent_cont(X1, X2, param = "multilogit", Mu, Si, Be, Ga, fort = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| `X1` | desing matrix for the covariates on the initial probabilities (n x nc1) |
| `X2` | desing matrix for the covariates on the transition probabilities (n x TT-1 x nc2) |
| `param` | type of parametrization for the transition probabilities ("multilogit" = standard multinomial logit for every row of the transition matrix, "difflogit" = multinomial logit based on the difference between two sets of parameters) |
| `Mu` | array of conditional means for the response variables (r x k) |
| `Si` | var-cov matrix common to all states (r x r) |
| `Be` | parameters affecting the logit for the initial probabilities |
| `Ga` | parametes affecting the logit for the transition probabilities |
| `fort` | to use fortran routine when possible (FALSE for not use fortran) |

## Value

| | |
|---|---|
| `Y` | array of continuous outcomes (n x TT x r) |
| `U` | matrix containing the sequence of latent states (n x TT) |

## Author(s)

Francesco Bartolucci, Silvia Pandolfi, University of Perugia (IT), http://www.stat.unipg.it/bartolucci

## Examples

```
## Not run:
# draw a sample for 1000 units, 10 response variable and 2 covariates
n <- 1000
TT <- 5
k <- 2
nc <- 2 #number of covariates
r <- 3 #number of response variables
fort <- TRUE

Mu <- matrix(c(-2,-2,0,0,2,2), r, k)
Si <- diag(r)
Ga <- matrix(c(-log(0.9/0.1),0.5,1), (nc+1)*(k-1), k)
Be <- array(c(0,0.5,1), (nc+1)*(k-1))
```

```
#Simulate covariates
X1 <- matrix(0, n, nc)
for(j in 1:nc) X1[,j] <- rnorm(n)
X2 <- array(0, c(n,TT-1,nc))
for (t in 1:(TT-1)) for(j in 1:nc){
 if(t==1){
  X2[,t,j] <- 0.5*X1[,j] + rnorm(n)
 }else{
  X2[,t,j] <- 0.5*X2[,t-1,j] + rnorm(n)
 }
}

out <- draw_lm_cov_latent_cont(X1, X2, param = "multilogit", Mu, Si, Be, Ga, fort = fort)

## End(Not run)
```

---

`draw_lm_mixed` *Draws samples from the mixed LM model*

---

## Description

Function that draws samples from the mixed LM model with specific parameters.

**The function is no longer maintained. Please look at `draw.LMmixed` function**.

## Usage

```
draw_lm_mixed(la, Piv, Pi, Psi, n, TT)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| `la` | vector of mass probabilities for the first latent variable |
| `Piv` | matrix of initial probabilities of the latent Markov chain (k2 x k1) |
| `Pi` | set of transition matrices (k2 x k2 x k1) |
| `Psi` | array of conditional response probabitlies (mb x k2 x r) |
| `n` | sample size |
| `TT` | number of time occasions |

## Value

| | |
|---|---|
| `Y` | matrix of response configurations unit by unit |
| `S` | matrix of distinct response configurations |
| `yv` | corresponding vector of frequencies |

## Author(s)

Francesco Bartolucci, Silvia Pandolfi, University of Perugia (IT), http://www.stat.unipg.it/bartolucci

## Examples

```
## Not run:
# draw a sample for 1000 units and only one response variable and 5 time occasions
k1 <- 2
k2 <- 3
la <- rep(1/k1,k1)
Piv <- matrix(1/k2,k2,k1)
Pi <- array(0,c(k2,k2,k1))
Pi[,,1] <- diag(k2)
Pi[,,2] <- 1/k2
Psi <- cbind(c(0.6,0.3,0.1),c(0.1,0.3,0.6),c(0.3,0.6,0.1))
out <- draw_lm_mixed(la,Piv,Pi,Psi,n=1000,TT=5)

## End(Not run)
```

---

`est_lm_basic` *Estimate basic LM model*

---

## Description

Main function for estimating the basic LM model.

**The function is no longer maintained. Please look at `lmest` function**.

## Usage

```
est_lm_basic(S, yv, k, start = 0, mod = 0, tol = 10^-8, maxit = 1000,
                   out_se = FALSE, piv = NULL, Pi = NULL, Psi = NULL)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| `S` | array of available configurations (n x TT x r) with categories starting from 0 (use NA for missing responses) |
| `yv` | vector of frequencies of the available configurations |
| `k` | number of latent states |
| `start` | type of starting values (0 = deterministic, 1 = random, 2 = initial values in input) |
| `mod` | model on the transition probabilities (0 for time-heter., 1 for time-homog., from 2 to (TT-1) partial homog. of that order) |
| `tol` | tolerance level for convergence |
| `maxit` | maximum number of iterations of the algorithm |
| `out_se` | to compute the information matrix and standard errors |
| `piv` | initial value of the initial probability vector (if start=2) |
| `Pi` | initial value of the transition probability matrices (k x k x TT) (if start=2) |
| `Psi` | initial value of the conditional response probabilities (mb x k x r) (if start=2) |

## Value

| | |
|---|---|
| lk | maximum log-likelihood |
| piv | estimate of initial probability vector |
| Pi | estimate of transition probability matrices |
| Psi | estimate of conditional response probabilities |
| np | number of free parameters |
| aic | value of AIC for model selection |
| bic | value of BIC for model selection |
| lkv | log-likelihood trace at every step |
| V | array containing the posterior distribution of the latent states for each response configuration and time occasion |
| sepiv | standard errors for the initial probabilities |
| sePi | standard errors for the transition probabilities |
| sePsi | standard errors for the conditional response probabilities |
| call | command used to call the function |

## Author(s)

Francesco Bartolucci, Silvia Pandolfi, University of Perugia (IT), http://www.stat.unipg.it/bartolucci

## References

Bartolucci, F., Farcomeni, A. and Pennoni, F. (2013) *Latent Markov Models for Longitudinal Data*, Chapman and Hall/CRC press.

## Examples

```
## Not run:
# Example of drug consumption data

# load data
data(data_drug)
data_drug <- as.matrix(data_drug)
S <- data_drug[,1:5]-1
yv <- data_drug[,6]

# fit of the Basic LM model
k <- 3
out <- est_lm_basic(S, yv, k, mod = 1)
summary(out)

# Example based on criminal data

# load criminal data
data(data_criminal_sim)
out <- long2wide(data_criminal_sim, "id" , "time" , "sex",
```

```
c("y1","y2","y3","y4","y5","y6","y7","y8","y9","y10"),aggr = T, full = 999)
XX <- out$XX
YY <- out$YY
freq <- out$freq

# fit basic LM model with increasing number of states to select the most suitable
Res0 <- vector("list", 7)
for(k in 1:7){
    Res0[[k]] <- est_lm_basic(YY, freq, k, mod = 1, tol = 10^-4)
    save(list <- ls(), file = "example_criminal_temp.RData")
}
out1 <- Res0[[6]]

## End(Not run)
```

---

`est_lm_basic_cont` *Estimate basic LM model for continuous outcomes*

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## Description

Main function for estimating the basic LM model for continuous outcomes.

**The function is no longer maintained. Please look at `lmestCont` function**.

## Usage

```
est_lm_basic_cont(Y, k, start = 0, mod = 0, tol = 10^-8, maxit = 1000,
                  out_se = FALSE, piv = NULL, Pi = NULL, Mu = NULL, Si = NULL)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| `Y` | array of continuous outcomes (n x TT x r) |
| `k` | number of latent states |
| `start` | type of starting values (0 = deterministic, 1 = random, 2 = initial values in input) |
| `mod` | model on the transition probabilities (0 for time-heter., 1 for time-homog., from 2 to (TT-1) partial homog. of that order) |
| `tol` | tolerance level for convergence |
| `maxit` | maximum number of iterations of the algorithm |
| `out_se` | to compute the information matrix and standard errors |
| `piv` | initial value of the initial probability vector (if start=2) |
| `Pi` | initial value of the transition probability matrices (k x k x TT) (if start=2) |
| `Mu` | initial value of the conditional means (r x k) (if start=2) |
| `Si` | initial value of the var-cov matrix common to all states (r x r) (if start=2) |

## Value

| | |
|---|---|
| lk | maximum log-likelihood |
| piv | estimate of initial probability vector |
| Pi | estimate of transition probability matrices |
| Mu | estimate of conditional means of the response variables |
| Si | estimate of var-cov matrix common to all states |
| np | number of free parameters |
| aic | value of AIC for model selection |
| bic | value of BIC for model selection |
| lkv | log-likelihood trace at every step |
| V | array containing the posterior distribution of the latent states for each units and time occasion |
| call | command used to call the function |

## Author(s)

Francesco Bartolucci, Silvia Pandolfi, University of Perugia (IT), http://www.stat.unipg.it/bartolucci

## References

Pennoni, F., Pandolfi, S. Bartolucci, F. (2025). LMest: An R Package for Estimating Generalized Latent Markov Models, *The R Journal*, **16**(4) 74-101.

Bartolucci, F., Farcomeni, A. and Pennoni, F. (2013) *Latent Markov Models for Longitudinal Data*, Chapman and Hall/CRC, Boca Raton.

## Examples

```
## Not run:
# Example based on multivariate longitudinal continuous data


data(data_long_cont)
res <- long2matrices(data_long_cont$id,X=cbind(data_long_cont$X1,data_long_cont$X2),
      Y=cbind(data_long_cont$Y1, data_long_cont$Y2, data_long_cont$Y3))
Y <- res$YY

# fit of the Basic LM model for continuous outcomes
k <- 3
out <- est_lm_basic_cont(Y, k, mod = 1, tol = 10^-5)
summary(out)

## End(Not run)
```

`est_LM_cat_multinom` *Estimation of Constrained Hidden Markov Models*

## Description

Function that estimates a hidden Markov model to a univariate categorical longitudinal response. The observed response is generated by an unobserved first-order Markov chain with k latent states. Conditional on the latent state, responses are independent over time. Covariates may affect both the initial latent-state probabilities and the transition probabilities, and linear equality constraints may be imposed separately on transition intercepts and covariate effects.

## Usage

```
est_LM_cat_multinom(resp_name, formula, k, data, reltol = 10^-10,
                    rand.start = FALSE,
                    nstart = 1, baseline = c("initial", "central"),
                    model_int = c("all", "const", "dist1", "dist2",
                                  "dist3", "two", "symm", "rsymm", "diff"),
                    model_cov = c("all", "const", "dist1", "dist2", "dist3",
                                  "two", "symm", "rsymm", "diff"),
                    formula_init = NULL,
                    par.init = list(la = NULL, psi = NULL, Pr = NULL),
                    output = FALSE, fort = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| `resp_name` | Character string giving the name of the observed response variable in `data`. The response must be numeric and coded with consecutive integer categories `1, ..., c`, where `c` is the number of response categories, with no missing categories. |
| `formula` | A one-sided formula specifying the covariates in the transition model, for example `~ gender + race + education + age_c`. An intercept should be included. If `formula_init` is `NULL`, the same covariates are used for the initial latent-state probabilities. |
| `k` | Positive integer giving the number of latent states. A one-state model is allowed; in that case only the response probabilities and fit criteria are estimated, and the arguments `formula`, `formula_init`, `baseline`, `model_int` and `model_cov` have no effect. |
| `data` | Data frame in long format. The first column is used as the subject identifier and the second as the measurement occasion, irrespective of their names. Subject identifiers must be consecutive integers, records must be ordered by subject and occasion, and occasions for each subject must be consecutive and start at 1. Individual trajectories may have different lengths. Rows with missing values in the response or model variables should be removed before fitting. |

`reltol` Positive numeric value giving the relative log-likelihood tolerance used to stop the EM algorithm. Iteration stops when the relative increment in log-likelihood is no greater than `reltol`.

`rand.start` Logical value controlling initialization when `nstart = 1`. If `FALSE`, the initial latent allocation is obtained by k-means clustering of the response. If `TRUE`, a random latent allocation is used. Components supplied in `par.init` override the corresponding internally generated starting values.

`nstart` Positive integer giving the number of fits from different starting values. If greater than 1, the first fit uses the k-means initialization and the remaining fits use random initial allocations; the fit with the largest log-likelihood is returned.

`baseline` Character string specifying the reference category in the multinomial logit parameterization for the transition probabilities. With `"initial"`, the transition towards the first state is used as the reference category for each row of the transition matrix. With `"central"`, the self-transition is used as the reference category for each row of the transition matrix.

`model_int` Character string specifying the equality-constraint structure for the transition-logit intercepts. Available choices are `"all"`, `"const"`, `"dist1"`, `"dist2"`, `"dist3"`, `"two"`, `"symm"`, `"rsymm"`, and `"diff"`. See Details and design_matrices.

`model_cov` Character string specifying the equality-constraint structure for the transition-logit regression coefficients. The available choices are the same as for `model_int`. See Details and design_matrices.

`formula_init` Optional one-sided formula specifying the covariates for the initial latent-state probabilities. Only measurements at occasion 1 are used. If `NULL`, `formula` is also used for this submodel. Use `~ 1` for an intercept-only initial-probability model.

`par.init` Named list of optional starting values. Component `la` contains the coefficients for the initial-probability logits; `psi` contains the reduced parameter vector for the constrained transition logits; and `Pr` is a `k` by `c` matrix of conditional response probabilities. Any component may be left `NULL` to use an internally generated starting value.

`output` Logical value. If `TRUE`, the fitted subject-specific initial probabilities `Piv` and transition probabilities `PI` are returned in addition to the main estimation results.

`fort` Logical value selecting the numerical implementation. If `TRUE`, the compiled Fortran routines are used and must be available and loaded. If `FALSE`, the corresponding R routines are used.

## Details

Let $U$ denote the latent state for subject $i$ at occasion $t$. The measurement model is $P(Y = y \mid U = u)$, represented by the returned matrix `Pr`. The arguments `model_int` and `model_cov` apply the same family of constraint structures to different parameter blocks: `model_int` acts on the transition intercepts, whereas `model_cov` acts componentwise on the transition covariate coefficients. The two structures can be selected independently. With `baseline = "central"`, let $a_{uv}$ denote a transition parameter from origin state $u$ to destination state $v$, with $v \neq u$. The available structures are:

`"all"` No equality constraints: every transition has its own parameter.

`"const"` A common parameter is used for all off-diagonal transitions. For `model_cov`, each covariate therefore has one common effect across all transitions.

`"dist1"` Parameters are grouped by signed displacement $v-u$. Transitions with the same direction and the same size of movement share a parameter.

`"dist2"` Parameters are grouped by absolute displacement $|v-u|$; movements of the same size share a parameter in both directions.

`"dist3"` Parameters depend on $|v-u|$, with opposite signs for upward and downward movements of the same size.

`"two"` Two parameters are used: one for transitions with $v > u$ and one for transitions with $v < u$, irrespective of movement size.

`"symm"` Opposite transitions share a parameter, so that $a_{uv} = a_{vu}$.

`"rsymm"` Opposite transitions have parameters with reversed signs, so that $a_{uv} = -a_{vu}$.

`"diff"` Transition parameters are differences between destination- and origin-state parameters, $a_{uv} = a_v - a_u$, with the state-1 parameter fixed at zero for identifiability.

The distance-based structures `"dist1"`, `"dist2"`, `"dist3"`, and `"two"` are intended for substantively ordered latent states. In particular, `model_cov = "all"` is the unconstrained transition-covariate model, `model_cov = "dist1"` pools effects by signed displacement, and `model_cov = "const"` imposes one effect per covariate across all transitions. The argument `model_int` operates analogously on the transition intercepts.

When `nstart > 1`, the returned object is the solution with the largest log-likelihood and component `lkv` records the log-likelihood obtained in each fit.

## Value

An object of class `"LM_cat_multinom"` containing:

`Pr` A `k` by `c` matrix of estimated conditional response probabilities, with latent states in rows and observed categories in columns.

`lk` The maximized observed-data log-likelihood.

`np` The number of free model parameters.

`aic` The Akaike information criterion.

`bic` The Bayesian information criterion, using the number of subjects as the sample size.

`call` The matched call used to fit the model.

For `k > 1`, the object also contains:

`la` Estimated regression coefficients for the initial latent-state probabilities.

`psi` Estimated reduced parameter vector for the constrained transition logits.

`eta` Expanded transition-logit parameter vector obtained by applying the design matrix constraints to `psi`.

`W` Array of posterior latent-state probabilities produced by the final E-step, with dimensions `n` by `k` by `TT`, where `n` is the number of subjects.

`CL` Matrix of modal posterior latent-state classifications by subject and occasion, with dimensions `n` by `TT`.

If `output = TRUE` and `k > 1`, it additionally contains:

`Piv` Matrix of subject-specific fitted initial probabilities, with dimensions `n` by `k`.

`PI` Array of subject- and occasion-specific fitted transition probabilities, with dimensions `k` by `k` by `n` by `TT`, where `TT` is the maximum number of occasions.

If `nstart > 1`, component `lkv` contains the log-likelihood from each attempted start.

## Author(s)

Francesco Bartolucci and Silvia Pandolfi, University of Perugia (Italy); Luca Brusa and Fulvia Pennoni, University of Milano-Bicocca (Italy).

## References

Bartolucci, F., Pandolfi, S., and Pennoni, F. (2026). Parsimonious parametrizations of transition matrices of Markov chain and hidden Markov models. *Annals of Operations Research*, **363**, 233–266.

## See Also

`design_matrices`

## Examples

```
## Not run:

# Load and prepare data

data("data_SRHS_long")
srhs <- data_SRHS_long[,c(2,1,3:7)]

# 1 = poor, ..., 5 = excellent
srhs$srhs1 <- 6L - as.integer(srhs$srhs)
srhs$gender <- factor(srhs$gender)
srhs$race <- factor(srhs$race)
srhs$education <- factor(srhs$education)
srhs$age_c <- srhs$age - mean(srhs$age)
srhs$id <- as.integer(factor(srhs$id))
srhs <- srhs[order(srhs$id, srhs$t), ]

# Reduce the sample size for fast example
set.seed(123)

all_ids <- unique(srhs$id)
n_example <- min(1000L, length(all_ids))
example_ids <- sample(all_ids, size = n_example, replace = FALSE)
srhs_example <- srhs[srhs$id %in% example_ids,,drop = FALSE]

# Consecutive identifiers required by the estimation function
srhs_example$id <- match(srhs_example$id, example_ids)
srhs_example <- srhs_example[order(srhs_example$id, srhs_example$t), ]
```

```
# Estimate a HM-ALL-COV: benchmark without constraints on covariate effects

hm_all <- est_LM_cat_multinom("srhs1", ~ gender + race + education + age_c,
                              k = 3, data = srhs_example, baseline = "central",
                              model_cov = "all", model_int = "all",
                              output = TRUE, fort = TRUE)
print(hm_all)
summary(hm_all)

# Model with a common covariate effect across transitions
hm_const <- est_LM_cat_multinom("srhs1", ~ gender + race + education + age_c,
                                k = 3, data = srhs_example, baseline = "central",
                                model_cov = "const", model_int = "all",
                                output = TRUE, fort = TRUE)
print(hm_const)
summary(hm_const)

## End(Not run)
```

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`est_lm_cov_latent` *Estimate LM model with covariates in the latent model*

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## Description

Main function for estimating the LM model with covariates in the latent model.

**The function is no longer maintained. Please look at `lmest` function**.

## Usage

```
est_lm_cov_latent(S, X1=NULL, X2=NULL, yv = rep(1,nrow(S)), k, start = 0, tol = 10^-8,
                  maxit = 1000, param = "multilogit", Psi, Be, Ga, fort = TRUE,
                  output = FALSE, out_se = FALSE, fixPsi = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| `S` | array of available configurations (n x TT x r) with categories starting from 0 (use NA for missing responses) |
| `X1` | matrix of covariates affecting the initial probabilities (n x nc1) |
| `X2` | array of covariates affecting the transition probabilities (n x TT-1 x nc2) |
| `yv` | vector of frequencies of the available configurations |
| `k` | number of latent states |
| `start` | type of starting values (0 = deterministic, 1 = random, 2 = initial values in input) |
| `tol` | tolerance level for checking convergence of the algorithm |
| `maxit` | maximum number of iterations of the algorithm |

| | |
|---|---|
| param | type of parametrization for the transition probabilities ("multilogit" = standard multinomial logit for every row of the transition matrix, "difflogit" = multinomial logit based on the difference between two sets of parameters) |
| Psi | initial value of the array of the conditional response probabilities (mb x k x r) |
| Be | initial value of the parameters affecting the logit for the initial probabilities (if start=2) |
| Ga | initial value of the parameters affecting the logit for the transition probabilities (if start=2) |
| fort | to use fortran routine when possible (FALSE for not use fortran) |
| output | to return additional output (V,PI,Piv,Ul) |
| out_se | to compute the information matrix and standard errors |
| fixPsi | TRUE if Psi is given in input and is not updated anymore |

## Value

| | |
|---|---|
| lk | maximum log-likelihood |
| Be | estimated array of the parameters affecting the logit for the initial probabilities |
| Ga | estimated array of the parameters affecting the logit for the transition probabilities |
| Piv | estimate of initial probability matrix |
| PI | estimate of transition probability matrices |
| Psi | estimate of conditional response probabilities |
| np | number of free parameters |
| aic | value of AIC for model selection |
| bic | value of BIC for model selection |
| lkv | log-likelihood trace at every step |
| V | array containing the posterior distribution of the latent states for each response configuration and time occasion |
| Ul | matrix containing the predicted sequence of latent states by the local decoding method |
| sePsi | standard errors for the conditional response matrix |
| seBe | standard errors for Be |
| seGa | standard errors for Ga |
| call | command used to call the function |

## Author(s)

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## References

Bartolucci, F., Farcomeni, A. and Pennoni, F. (2013) *Latent Markov Models for Longitudinal Data*, Chapman and Hall/CRC press.

## Examples

```
## Not run:
# Example based on self-rated health status (SRHS) data
# load SRHS data
data(data_SRHS_long)
dataSRHS = data_SRHS_long

TT <- 8
head(dataSRHS)
res <- long2matrices(dataSRHS$id, X = cbind(dataSRHS$gender-1,
dataSRHS$race == 2 | dataSRHS$race == 3, dataSRHS$education == 4,
dataSRHS$education == 5, dataSRHS$age-50, (dataSRHS$age-50)^2/100),
Y = dataSRHS$srhs)

# matrix of responses (with ordered categories from 0 to 4)
S <- 5-res$YY
n <- dim(S)[1]

# matrix of covariates (for the first and the following occasions)
# colums are: gender,race,educational level (2 columns),age,age^2)
X1 <- res$XX[,1,]
X2 <- res$XX[,2:TT,]

# estimate the model
est2f <- est_lm_cov_latent(S, X1, X2, k = 2, output = TRUE, out_se = TRUE)
summary(est2f)

# average transition probability matrix
PI <- round(apply(est2f$PI[,,,2:TT], c(1,2), mean), 4)

# Transition probability matrix for white females with high educational level
ind1 <- X1[,1] == 1 & X1[,2] == 0 & X1[,4] == 1)
PI1 <- round(apply(est2f$PI[,,ind1,2:TT], c(1,2), mean), 4)

# Transition probability matrix for non-white male, low educational level
ind2 <- (X1[,1] == 0 & X1[,2] == 1 & X1[,3] == 0 & X1[,4] == 0)
PI2 <- round(apply(est2f$PI[,,ind2,2:TT], c(1,2), mean), 4)

## End(Not run)
```

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# est_lm_cov_latent_cont

*Estimate LM model for continuous outcomes with covariates in the latent model*

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## Description

Main function for estimating the LM model for continuous outcomes with covariates in the latent model.

**The function is no longer maintained. Please look at `lmestCont` function**.

## Usage

```
est_lm_cov_latent_cont(Y, X1 = NULL, X2 = NULL, yv = rep(1,nrow(Y)), k, start = 0,
                       tol = 10^-8, maxit = 1000, param = "multilogit",
                       Mu = NULL, Si = NULL, Be = NULL, Ga = NULL,
                       output = FALSE, out_se = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| Y | array of continuous outcomes (n x TT x r) |
| X1 | matrix of covariates affecting the initial probabilities (n x nc1) |
| X2 | array of covariates affecting the transition probabilities (n x TT-1 x nc2) |
| yv | vector of frequencies of the available configurations |
| k | number of latent states |
| start | type of starting values (0 = deterministic, 1 = random, 2 = initial values in input) |
| tol | tolerance level for checking convergence of the algorithm |
| maxit | maximum number of iterations of the algorithm |
| param | type of parametrization for the transition probabilities ("multilogit" = standard multinomial logit for every row of the transition matrix, "difflogit" = multinomial logit based on the difference between two sets of parameters) |
| Mu | initial value of the conditional means (r x k) (if start=2) |
| Si | initial value of the var-cov matrix common to all states (r x r) (if start=2) |
| Be | intial value of the parameters affecting the logit for the initial probabilities (if start=2) |
| Ga | intial value of the parametes affecting the logit for the transition probabilities (if start=2) |
| output | to return additional output (V,PI,Piv,Ul) |
| out_se | to compute the information matrix and standard errors |

## Value

| | |
|---|---|
| lk | maximum log-likelihood |
| Be | estimated array of the parameters affecting the logit for the initial probabilities |
| Ga | estimated array of the parameters affecting the logit for the transition probabilities |
| Mu | estimate of conditional means of the response variables |
| Si | estimate of var-cov matrix common to all states |
| np | number of free parameters |
| aic | value of AIC for model selection |
| bic | value of BIC for model selection |
| lkv | log-likelihood trace at every step |
| Piv | estimate of initial probability matrix |

| | |
|---|---|
| PI | estimate of transition probability matrices |
| Ul | matrix containing the predicted sequence of latent states by the local decoding method |
| call | command used to call the function |

## Author(s)

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## References

Pennoni, F., Pandolfi, S. Bartolucci, F. (2025). LMest: An R Package for Estimating Generalized Latent Markov Models, *The R Journal*, **16**(4) 74-101.

Bartolucci, F., Farcomeni, A. and Pennoni, F. (2013) *Latent Markov Models for Longitudinal Data*, Chapman and Hall/CRC press.

## Examples

```
## Not run:
# Example based on multivariate longitudinal continuous data

data(data_long_cont)
TT <- 5
res <- long2matrices(data_long_cont$id, X = cbind(data_long_cont$X1, data_long_cont$X2),
      Y = cbind(data_long_cont$Y1, data_long_cont$Y2, data_long_cont$Y3))
Y <- res$YY
X1 <- res$XX[,1,]
X2 <- res$XX[,2:TT,]

# estimate the model
est <- est_lm_cov_latent_cont(Y, X1, X2, k = 3, output = TRUE)
summary(est)

# average transition probability matrix
PI <- round(apply(est$PI[,,,2:TT], c(1,2), mean), 4)
PI

## End(Not run)
```

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# est_lm_cov_manifest *Estimate LM model with covariates in the measurement model*

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## Description

Main function for estimating LM model with covariates in the measurement model based on a global logit parameterization.

**The function is no longer maintained. Please look at `lmest` function**.

## Usage

```
est_lm_cov_manifest(S, X, yv = rep(1,nrow(S)), k, q = NULL, mod = c("LM", "FM"),
                    tol = 10^-8, maxit = 1000, start = 0, mu = NULL, al = NULL,
                    be = NULL, si = NULL, rho = NULL, la = NULL, PI = NULL,
                    output = FALSE, out_se = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| S | array of available configurations (n x TT) with categories starting from 0 |
| X | array (n x TT x nc) of covariates with eventually includes lagged response (nc = number of covariates) |
| yv | vector of frequencies of the available configurations |
| k | number of latent states |
| q | number of support points for the AR(1) process |
| mod | model ("LM" = Latent Markov with stationary transition, "FM" = finite mixture) |
| tol | tolerance for the convergence (optional) and tolerance of conditional probability if tol>1 then return |
| maxit | maximum number of iterations of the algorithm |
| start | type of starting values (0 = deterministic, 1 = random, 2 = initial values in input) |
| mu | starting value for mu (optional) |
| al | starting value for al (optional) |
| be | starting value for be (optional) |
| si | starting value for si when mod="FM" (optional) |
| rho | starting value for rho when mod="FM" (optional) |
| la | starting value for la (optional) |
| PI | starting value for PI (optional) |
| output | to return additional output (PRED0, PRED1) |
| out_se | TRUE for computing information matrix and standard errors |

## Value

| | |
|---|---|
| mu | vector of cutpoints |
| al | support points for the latent states |
| be | estimate of the vector of regression parameters |
| si | sigma of the AR(1) process (mod = "FM") |
| rho | parameter vector for AR(1) process (mod = "FM") |
| la | vector of initial probabilities |
| PI | transition matrix |
| lk | maximum log-likelihood |
| np | number of parameters |

| | |
|---|---|
| aic | value of AIC index |
| bic | value of BIC index |
| PRED0 | prediction of latent state |
| PRED1 | prediction of the overall latent effect |
| sebe | standard errors for the regression parameters be |
| selrho | standard errors for logit type transformation of rho |
| J1 | information matrix |
| call | command used to call the function |

## Author(s)

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## References

Pennoni, F., Pandolfi, S. Bartolucci, F. (2025). LMest: An R Package for Estimating Generalized Latent Markov Models, *The R Journal*, **16**(4) 74-101.

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Bartolucci, F., Bacci, S. and Pennoni, F. (2014) Longitudinal analysis of the self-reported health status by mixture latent autoregressive models, *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society - series C*, **63**, pp. 267-288

## Examples

```
## Not run:
# Example based on self-rated health status (SRHS) data

# load SRHS data
data(data_SRHS_long)
dataSRHS <- data_SRHS_long
head(dataSRHS)

res <- long2matrices(dataSRHS$id, X = cbind(dataSRHS$gender-1,
 dataSRHS$race == 2 | dataSRHS$race == 3, dataSRHS$education == 4,
dataSRHS$education == 5, dataSRHS$age-50, (dataSRHS$age-50)^2/100),
Y = dataSRHS$srhs)

X <- res$XX
S <- 5-res$YY

# *** fit stationary LM model
res0 <- vector("list", 10)
tol <- 10^-6;
for(k in 1:10){
  res0[[k]] <- est_lm_cov_manifest(S, X, k, 1, mod = "LM", tol)
}
tmp_file <- tempfile("example_SRHS_", fileext = ".RData")
```

```
save(res0, file = tmp_file)

# *** fit the mixture latent auto-regressive model
tol <- 0.005
res <- vector("list",4)
k <- 1
q <- 51
res[[k]] <- est_lm_cov_manifest(S, X, k, q, mod = "FM", tol, output = TRUE)
for(k in 2:4) res[[k]] <- est_lm_cov_manifest(S, X, k, q = 61, mod = "FM", tol, output = TRUE)

## End(Not run)
```

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`est_lm_mixed` *Estimate mixed LM model*

---

## Description

Main function for estimating the mixed LM model with discrete random effect in the latent model.

**The function is no longer maintained. Please look at `lmestMixed` function**

## Usage

```
est_lm_mixed(S, yv = rep(1,nrow(S)), k1, k2, start = 0, tol = 10^-8, maxit = 1000,
                     out_se = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| `S` | array of available response configurations (n x TT x r) with categories starting from 0 |
| `yv` | vector of frequencies of the available configurations |
| `k1` | number of latent classes |
| `k2` | number of latent states |
| `start` | type of starting values (0 = deterministic, 1 = random) |
| `tol` | tolerance level for convergence |
| `maxit` | maximum number of iterations of the algorithm |
| `out_se` | to compute standard errors |

## Value

| | |
|---|---|
| `la` | estimate of the mass probability vector (distribution of the random effects) |
| `Piv` | estimate of initial probabilities |
| `Pi` | estimate of transition probability matrices |
| `Psi` | estimate of conditional response probabilities |
| `lk` | maximum log-likelihood |

| | |
|---|---|
| W | posterior probabilities of the random effect |
| np | number of free parameters |
| bic | value of BIC for model selection |
| call | command used to call the function |

## Author(s)

Francesco Bartolucci, Silvia Pandolfi - University of Perugia (IT)

## References

Bartolucci, F., Farcomeni, A. and Pennoni, F. (2013) *Latent Markov Models for Longitudinal Data*, Chapman and Hall/CRC press.

## Examples

```
## Not run:
# Example based of criminal data

# load data
data(data_criminal_sim)
out <- long2wide(data_criminal_sim, "id", "time", "sex",
  c("y1","y2","y3","y4","y5","y6","y7","y8","y9","y10"), aggr = T, full = 999)

XX <- out$XX
YY <- out$YY
freq <- out$freq
n1 <- sum(freq[XX[,1] == 1])
n2 <- sum(freq[XX[,1] == 2])
n <- sum(freq)

# fit mixed LM model only for females
YY <- YY[XX[,1] == 2,,]
freq <- freq[XX[,1] == 2]
k1 <- 2
k2 <- 2
res <- est_lm_mixed(YY, freq, k1, k2, tol = 10^-8)
summary(res)

## End(Not run)
```

---

# est_mc_basic *Estimate basic Markov chain (MC) model*

---

## Description

Main function for estimating the basic MC model.

**The function is no longer maintained. Please look at `lmestMc` function.**

## Usage

```
est_mc_basic(S, yv, mod = 0, tol = 10^-8, maxit = 1000, out_se = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| S | matrix (n x TT) of available configurations of the response variable with categories starting from 0 |
| yv | vector of frequencies of the available configurations |
| mod | model on the transition probabilities (0 for time-heter., 1 for time-homog., from 2 to (TT-1) partial homog. of that order) |
| tol | tolerance level for convergence |
| maxit | maximum number of iterations of the algorithm |
| out_se | to compute the information matrix and standard errors |

## Value

| | |
|---|---|
| lk | maximum log-likelihood |
| piv | estimate of initial probability vector |
| Pi | estimate of transition probability matrices |
| np | number of free parameters |
| aic | value of AIC for model selection |
| bic | value of BIC for model selection |
| Fy | estimated marginal distribution of the response variable for each time occasion |
| sepiv | standard errors for the initial probabilities |
| sePi | standard errors for the transition probabilities |
| call | command used to call the function |

## Author(s)

Francesco Bartolucci, Silvia Pandolfi, University of Perugia (IT), http://www.stat.unipg.it/bartolucci

## References

Bartolucci, F., Farcomeni, A. and Pennoni, F. (2013) *Latent Markov Models for Longitudinal Data*, Chapman and Hall/CRC press.

## Examples

```
# Example of drug consumption data

# load data
data(data_drug)
data_drug <- as.matrix(data_drug)
S <- data_drug[,1:5]-1
yv <- data_drug[,6]
```

```
# fit of the Basic MC model
out <- est_mc_basic(S, yv, mod = 1, out_se = TRUE)
summary(out)
```

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`est_mc_cov` *Estimate Markov chain (MC) model with covariates*

---

## Description

Main function for estimating the MC model with covariates.

**The function is no longer maintained. Please look at `lmestMc` function**.

## Usage

```
est_mc_cov(S, X1 = NULL, X2 = NULL, yv = rep(1,nrow(S)), start = 0, tol = 10^-8,
    maxit = 1000, out_se = FALSE, output = FALSE, fort = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| `S` | matrix of available configurations of the response variable (n x TT) with categories starting from 0 |
| `X1` | matrix of covariates affecting the initial probabilities (n x nc1) |
| `X2` | array of covariates affecting the transition probabilities (n x TT-1 x nc2) |
| `yv` | vector of frequencies of the available configurations |
| `start` | type of starting values (0 = deterministic, 1 = random) |
| `tol` | tolerance level for checking convergence of the algorithm |
| `maxit` | maximum number of iterations of the algorithm |
| `out_se` | to compute the information matrix and standard errors |
| `output` | to return additional output (PI,Piv) |
| `fort` | to use fortran routine when possible (FALSE for not use fortran) |

## Value

| | |
|---|---|
| `lk` | maximum log-likelihood |
| `Be` | estimated array of the parameters affecting the logit for the initial probabilities |
| `Ga` | estimated array of the parameters affecting the logit for the transition probabilities |
| `np` | number of free parameters |
| `aic` | value of AIC for model selection |
| `bic` | value of BIC for model selection |
| `seBe` | standard errors for Be |

| | |
|---|---|
| seGa | standard errors for Ga |
| Piv | estimate of initial probability matrix |
| PI | estimate of transition probability matrices |
| call | command used to call the function |

## Author(s)

Francesco Bartolucci, Silvia Pandolfi, University of Perugia, http://www.stat.unipg.it/bartolucci

## References

Bartolucci, F., Farcomeni, A. and Pennoni, F. (2013) *Latent Markov Models for Longitudinal Data*, Chapman and Hall/CRC press.

## Examples

```
## Not run:

# Example based on criminal data

# load criminal data
data(data_criminal_sim)

#We consider the response variable referring of crime of type 5

out <- long2wide(data_criminal_sim, "id", "time", "sex",
"y5", aggr = T, full = 999)
XX <- out$XX-1
YY <- out$YY
freq <- out$freq
TT <- 6

X1 <- as.matrix(XX[,1])
X2 <- as.matrix(XX[,2:TT])
# estimate the model
res <- est_mc_cov(S = YY, yv = freq, X1 = X1, X2 = X2, output = TRUE)
summary(res)

# Initial probability for female
Piv0 <- round(colMeans(res$Piv[X1 == 0,]), 4)

# Initial probability for male
Piv1 <- round(colMeans(res$Piv[X1 == 1,]), 4)


## End(Not run)
```

LMbasic-class *Class* 'LMbasic'

## Description

An S3 class object created by lmest function for basic Latent Markov (LM) model.

## Value

| | |
|---|---|
| lk | maximum log-likelihood at convergence of the EM algorithm |
| piv | estimate of initial probability vector |
| Pi | estimate of transition probability matrices (k x k x TT) |
| Psi | estimate of conditional response probabilities (mb x k x r) |
| np | number of free parameters |
| k | number of latent states |
| aic | value of the Akaike Information Criterion for model selection |
| bic | value of the Bayesian Information Criterion for model selection |
| lkv | log-likelihood trace at every step |
| n | sample size (sum of the weights when weights are provided) |
| TT | number of time occasions |
| modBasic | model on the transition probabilities: default 0 for time-heterogeneous transition matrices, 1 for time-homogeneous transition matrices, 2 for partial time homogeneity based on two transition matrices one from 2 to (TT-1) and the other for TT. |
| sepiv | standard errors for the initial probabilities |
| sePi | standard errors for the transition probabilities |
| sePsi | standard errors for the conditional response probabilities |
| Lk | vector containing the values of the log-likelihood of the LM model with each k (latent states) |
| Bic | vector containing the values of the BIC for each k |
| Aic | vector containing the values of the AIC for each k |
| V | array containing the estimated posterior probabilities of the latent states for each response configuration and time occasion |
| Ul | matrix containing the predicted sequence of latent states by the local decoding method |
| S | array containing the available response configurations |
| yv | vector of frequencies of the available configurations |
| Pmarg | matrix containing the marginal distribution of the latent states |
| ns | number of distinct response configurations |
| call | command used to call the function |
| data | data.frame given in input |

## Author(s)

Francesco Bartolucci, Silvia Pandolfi, Fulvia Pennoni, Alessio Farcomeni, Alessio Serafini

## See Also

lmest

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LMbasiccont-class *Class* 'LMbasiccont'

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## Description

An S3 class object created by lmestCont function for the latent Markov (LM) model for continuous responses in long format.

## Value

| | |
|---|---|
| lk | maximum log-likelihood |
| piv | estimate of initial probability vector |
| Pi | estimate of transition probability matrices (k x k x TT) |
| Mu | estimate of conditional means of the response variables (r x k) |
| Si | estimate of var-cov matrix common to all states (r x r) |
| np | number of free parameters |
| k | optimal number of latent states |
| aic | value of the Akaike Information Criterion for model selection |
| bic | value of the Bayesian Information Criterion for model selection |
| lkv | log-likelihood trace at every step |
| n | number of observations in the data |
| TT | number of time occasions |
| modBasic | model on the transition probabilities: default 0 for time-heterogeneous transition matrices, 1 for time-homogeneous transition matrices, 2 for partial time homogeneity based on two transition matrices one from 2 to (TT-1) and the other for TT |
| sepiv | standard errors for the initial probabilities |
| sePi | standard errors for the transition probabilities |
| seMu | standard errors for the conditional means |
| seSi | standard errors for the var-cov matrix |
| sc | score vector |
| J | information matrix |
| Lk | vector containing the values of the log-likelihood of the LM model with each k (latent states) |

| | |
|---|---|
| Bic | vector containing the values of the BIC of the LM model with each k (latent states) |
| Aic | vector containing the values of the AIC of the LM model with each k (latent states) |
| V | array containing the posterior distribution of the latent states for each units and time occasion |
| Ul | matrix containing the predicted sequence of latent states by the local decoding method |
| Pmarg | matrix containing the marginal distribution of the latent states |
| call | command used to call the function |
| data | data frame given in input |

## Author(s)

Francesco Bartolucci, Silvia Pandolfi, Fulvia Pennoni, Alessio Farcomeni, Alessio Serafini

## See Also

lmestCont

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# lmest *Estimate Latent Markov models for categorical responses*

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## Description

Main function for estimating Latent Markov (LM) models for categorical responses.

## Usage

```
lmest(responsesFormula = NULL, latentFormula = NULL,
      data, index, k = 1:4, start = 0,
      modSel = c("BIC", "AIC"), modBasic = 0,
      modManifest = c("LM", "FM"),
      paramLatent = c("multilogit", "difflogit"),
      weights = NULL, tol = 10^-8, maxit = 1000,
      out_se = FALSE, q = NULL, output = FALSE,
      parInit = list(piv = NULL, Pi = NULL, Psi = NULL,
                     Be = NULL, Ga = NULL, mu = NULL,
                     al = NULL, be = NULL, si = NULL,
                     rho = NULL, la = NULL, PI = NULL,
                     fixPsi = FALSE),
      fort = TRUE, seed = NULL, ntry = 0)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| responsesFormula | a symbolic description of the model to fit. A detailed description is given in the 'Details' section |
| latentFormula | a symbolic description of the model to fit. A detailed description is given in the 'Details' section |
| data | a data.frame in long format |
| index | a character vector with two elements, the first indicating the name of the unit identifier, and the second the time occasions |
| k | an integer vector specifying the number of latent states (default: 1:4) |
| start | type of starting values (0 = deterministic, 1 = random, 2 = initial values in input) |
| modSel | a string indicating the model selection criteria: "BIC" for Bayesian Information Criterion and "AIC" for Akaike Information Criterion |
| modBasic | model on the transition probabilities (0 for time-heterogeneity, 1 for time-homogeneity, from 2 to (TT-1) partial time-homogeneity of a certain order) |
| modManifest | model for manifest distribution when covariates are included in the measurement model ("LM" = Latent Markov with stationary transition, "FM" = finite mixture model where a mixture of AR(1) processes is estimated with common variance and specific correlation coefficients). |
| paramLatent | type of parametrization for the transition probabilities ("multilogit" = standard multinomial logit for every row of the transition matrix, "difflogit" = multinomial logit based on the difference between two sets of parameters) |
| weights | an optional vector of weights for the available responses |
| tol | tolerance level for convergence |
| maxit | maximum number of iterations of the algorithm |
| out_se | to compute the information matrix and standard errors |
| q | number of support points for the AR(1) process (if modManifest ="FM") |
| output | to return additional output: Posterior probabilities V, decoded states Ul, response configurations S, vector of frequencies yv, marginal probabilities Pmarg for the basic LM model and for the LM with covariates on the latent model (LMbasic-class and LMlatent-class) and V, PRED1, S, yv, Pmarg for the LM model with covariates in the measurement model (LMmanifest-class) |
| parInit | list of initial model parameters when "start = 2". For the list of parameters look at LMbasic-class, LMlatent-class and LMmanifest-class |
| fort | to use fortran routines when possible |
| seed | an integer value with the random number generator state |
| ntry | to set the number of random initializations |

## Details

lmest is a general function for estimating LM models for categorical responses. The function requires data in long format and two additional columns indicating the unit identifier and the time occasions.

Covariates are allowed to affect manifest distribution (measurement model) or the initial and transition probabilities (latent model). Two different formulas are employed to specify the different LM models, `responsesFormula` and `latentFormula`:

- `responsesFormula` is used to specify the measurement model:
  - `responsesFormula = y1 + y2 ~ NULL`
    the LM model without covariates and two responses (`y1` and `y2`) is specified;
  - `responsesFormula = NULL`
    all the columns in the data except the `"id"` and `"time"` columns are used as responses to estimate the LM model without covariates;
  - `responsesFormula = y1 ~ x1 + x2`
    the univariate LM model with response (`y1`) and two covariates (`x1` and `x2`) in the measurement model is specified;
- `latentFormula` is used to specify the LM model with covariates in the latent model:
  - `responsesFormula = y1 + y2 ~ NULL`
    `latentFormula = ~ x1 + x2 | x3 + x4`
    the LM model with two responses (`y1` and `y2`) and two covariates affecting the initial probabilities (`x1` and `x2`) and other two affecting the transition probabilities (`x3` and `x4`) is specified;
  - `responsesFormula = y1 + y2 ~ NULL`
    `latentFormula = ~ 1 | x1 + x2`
    (or `latentFormula = ~ NULL | x1 + x2`)
    the covariates affect only the transition probabilities and an intercept is specified for the initial probabilities;
  - `responsesFormula = y1 + y2 ~ NULL`
    `latentFormula = ~ x1 + x2`
    the LM model with two covariates (`x1` and `x2`) affecting both the initial and transition probabilities is specified;
  - `responsesFormula = y1 + y2 ~ NULL`
    `latentFormula = ~ NULL | NULL`
    (or `latentFormula = ~ 1 | 1`)
    the LM model with only an intercept on the initial and transition probabilities is specified.

The function also allows us to deal with missing responses, including drop-out and non-monotonic missingness, under the missing-at-random assumption. Missing values for the covariates are not allowed.

The LM model with individual covariates in the measurement model is estimated only for complete univariate responses. In such a case, two possible formulations are allowed: modManifest="LM" is used to estimate the model illustrated in Bartolucci et al. (2017), where the latent process is of first order with initial probabilities equal to those of the stationary distribution of the chain; modManifest="FM" is used to estimate a model relying on the assumption that the distribution of the latent process is a mixture of AR(1) processes with common variance and specific correlation coefficients. This model is illustrated in Bartolucci et al. (2014).

For continuous outcomes see the function `lmestCont`.

## Value

Returns an object of class 'LMbasic' for the model without covariates (see LMbasic-class), or an object of class 'LMmanifest' for the model with covariates on the manifest model (see LMmanifest-class), or an object of class 'LMlatent' for the model with covariates on the latent model (see LMlatent-class).

## Author(s)

Francesco Bartolucci, Silvia Pandolfi, Fulvia Pennoni, Alessio Farcomeni, Alessio Serafini

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Bartolucci, F., Farcomeni, A., and Pennoni, F. (2013) *Latent Markov Models for Longitudinal Data*, Chapman and Hall/CRC press.

## Examples

```
### Basic LM model

data("data_SRHS_long")
SRHS <- data_SRHS_long[1:2400,]

# Categories rescaled to vary from 0 ("poor") to 4 ("excellent")

SRHS$srhs <- 5 - SRHS$srhs

out <- lmest(responsesFormula = srhs ~ NULL,
             index = c("id","t"),
             data = SRHS,
             k = 3,
             start = 1,
             modBasic = 1,
             seed = 123)
out
summary(out)




## Not run:

## Basic LM model with model selection using BIC
```

```
out1 <- lmest(responsesFormula = srhs ~ NULL,
              index = c("id","t"),
              data = SRHS,
              k = 1:5,
              tol = 1e-8,
              modBasic = 1,
              seed = 123, ntry = 2)
out1
out1$Bic

# Basic LM model with model selection using AIC

out2 <- lmest(responsesFormula = srhs ~ NULL,
              index = c("id","t"),
              data = SRHS,
              k = 1:5,
              tol = 1e-8,
              modBasic = 1,
              modSel = "AIC",
              seed = 123, ntry = 2)
out2
out2$Aic

# Criminal data

data(data_criminal_sim)
data_criminal_sim = data.frame(data_criminal_sim)

responsesFormula <- lmestFormula(data = data_criminal_sim,response = "y")$responsesFormula


out3 <- lmest(responsesFormula = responsesFormula,
              index = c("id","time"),
              data =data_criminal_sim,
              k = 1:7,
              modBasic = 1,
              tol = 10^-4)
out3

# Example of drug consumption data

data("data_drug")
long <- data_drug[,-6]-1
long <- data.frame(id = 1:nrow(long),long)
long <- reshape(long,direction = "long",
                idvar = "id",
                varying = list(2:ncol(long)))

out4 <- lmest(index = c("id","time"),
              k = 3,
              data = long,
              weights = data_drug[,6],
              modBasic = 1)
```

```
out4
summary(out4)

### LM model with covariates in the latent model
# Covariates: gender, race, educational level (2 columns), age and age^2

out5 <- lmest(responsesFormula = srhs ~ NULL,
              latentFormula =  ~
              I(gender - 1) +
              I( 0 + (race == 2) + (race == 3)) +
              I(0 + (education == 4)) +
              I(0 + (education == 5)) +
              I(age - 50) + I((age-50)^2/100),
              index = c("id","t"),
              data = SRHS,
              k = 2,
              paramLatent = "multilogit",
              start = 0)

out5
summary(out5)

### LM model with the above covariates in the measurement model (stationary model)

out6 <- lmest(responsesFormula = srhs ~ -1 +
              I(gender - 1) +
              I( 0 + (race == 2) + (race == 3)) +
              I(0 + (education == 4)) +
              I(0 + (education == 5)) + I(age - 50) +
              I((age-50)^2/100),
              index = c("id","t"),
              data = SRHS,
              k = 2,
              modManifest = "LM",
              out_se = TRUE,
              tol = 1e-8,
              start = 1,
              seed = 123)
out6
summary(out6)

#### LM model with covariates in the measurement model (mixture latent auto-regressive model)

out7 <- lmest(responsesFormula = srhs ~ -1 +
              I(gender - 1) +
              I( 0 + (race == 2) + (race == 3)) +
              I(0 + (education == 4)) +
              I(0 + (education == 5)) + I(age - 50) +
              I((age-50)^2/100),
              index = c("id","t"),
              data = SRHS,
              k = 2,
```

```
              modManifest = "FM", q = 61,
              out_se = TRUE,
              tol = 1e-8)
out7
summary(out7)

## End(Not run)
```

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`lmestCont` *Estimate Latent Markov models for continuous responses*

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## Description

Main function for estimating Latent Markov (LM) models for continuous outcomes under the assumption of (multivariate) Gaussian distribution of the response variables given the latent process.

## Usage

```
lmestCont(responsesFormula = NULL, latentFormula = NULL,
          data, index, k = 1:4, start = 0,
          modSel = c("BIC", "AIC"), modBasic = 0,
          paramLatent = c("multilogit", "difflogit"),
          weights = NULL, tol = 10^-10,
          maxit = 5000, out_se = FALSE, output = FALSE,
          parInit = list(piv = NULL, Pi = NULL,
                         Mu = NULL, Si = NULL,
                         Be = NULL, Ga = NULL),
           fort = TRUE, seed = NULL, ntry = 0, miss.imp = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| `responsesFormula` | a symbolic description of the model to be fitted. A detailed description is given in the 'Details' section |
| `latentFormula` | a symbolic description of the model to be fitted. A detailed description is given in the 'Details' section |
| `data` | a `data.frame` in long format |
| `index` | a character vector with two elements, the first indicating the name of the unit identifier, and the second the time occasions |
| `k` | an integer vector specifying the number of latent states (default: `1:4`) |
| `start` | type of starting values (0 = deterministic, 1 = random, 2 = initial values in input) |
| `modSel` | a string indicating the model selection criteria: "BIC" for Bayesian Information Criterion and "AIC" for Akaike Information Criterion |
| `modBasic` | model on the transition probabilities (0 for time-heter., 1 for time-homog., from 2 to (TT-1) partial homog. of that order) |

| | |
|---|---|
| paramLatent | type of parametrization for the transition probabilities ("multilogit" = standard multinomial logit for every row of the transition matrix, "difflogit" = multinomial logit based on the difference between two sets of parameters) |
| weights | vector of weights |
| tol | tolerance level for convergence |
| maxit | maximum number of iterations of the algorithm |
| out_se | to compute the information matrix and standard errors (By default is set to FALSE) |
| output | to return additional output (V, Ul, Pmarg) (LMbasiccont-class,LMlatentcont-class,LMmanifestcont- |
| parInit | list of initial model parameters when "start = 2". For the list of parameters look at LMbasiccont-class, LMlatentcont-class, and LMmanifestcont-class |
| fort | to use fortran routines when possible (By default is set to TRUE) |
| seed | an integer value with the random number generator state |
| ntry | to set the number of random initializations |
| miss.imp | how to deal with missing values (TRUE for imputation through the imp.mix function, FALSE for missing at random assumption) |

## Details

The function lmestCont is a general function for estimating LM models for continuous responses. The function requires data in long format and two additional columns indicating the unit identifier and the time occasions.

Covariates are allowed on the initial and transition probabilities (latent model) and in the measurement model. Two different formulas are employed to specify the different LM models, responsesFormula and latentFormula:

- responsesFormula is used to specify the measurament model:
  - responsesFormula = y1 + y2 ~ NULL
    the LM model without covariates and two responses (y1 and y2) is specified.
  - responsesFormula = NULL
    all the columns in the data except the "id" and "time" columns are used as responses to estimate the LM model without covariates;
  - responsesFormula = y1 + y2 ~ x1 + x2
    the LM model with two responses (y1 and y2) and two covariates in the measurement model is specified;
- latentFormula is used to specify the LM model with covariates in the latent model:
  - responsesFormula = y1 + y2 ~ NULL
    latentFormula = ~ x1 + x2 | x3 + x4
    the LM model with two responses (y1 and y2) and two covariates affecting the initial probabilities (x1 and x2) and other two affecting the transition probabilities (x3 and x4) is specified;
  - responsesFormula = y1 + y2 ~ NULL
    latentFormula = ~ 1 | x1 + x2
    (or latentFormula = ~ NULL | x1 + x2)
    the covariates affect only the transition probabilities and an intercept is specified for the intial probabilities;

- `responsesFormula = y1 + y2 ~ NULL`
  `latentFormula = ~ x1 + x2`
  the LM model with two covariates (`x1` and `x2`) affecting both the initial and transition probabilities is specified;
- `responsesFormula = y1 + y2 ~ NULL`
  `latentFormula = ~ NULL | NULL`
  (or `latentFormula = ~ 1 | 1`)
  the LM model with only an intercept on the initial and transition probabilities is specified.

The function also allows us to deal with missing responses using the `mix` package (Schafer, 2024) for imputing the missing values. Missing values for the covariates are not allowed.

For categorical outcomes see the function `lmest`.

## Value

Returns an object of class `'LMbasiccont'` for the model without covariates (see `LMbasiccont-class`), an object of class `'LMlatentcont'` for the model with covariates on the latent model (see `LMlatentcont-class`), or an object of class `'LMmanifestcont'` for the model with covariates on the measurement model (see `LMmanifestcont-class`)).

## Author(s)

Francesco Bartolucci, Silvia Pandolfi, Fulvia Pennoni

## References

Pennoni, F., Pandolfi, S. and Bartolucci, F. (2025). LMest: An R Package for Estimating Generalized Latent Markov Models, *The R Journal*, **16**(4) 74-101.

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Bartolucci, F., Farcomeni, A. and Pennoni, F. (2013) *Latent Markov Models for Longitudinal Data*, Chapman and Hall/CRC press.

## See Also

`lmestFormula`

## Examples

```
## Not run:

data(data_long_cont)

# Basic LM model

out <- lmestCont(responsesFormula = Y1 + Y2 + Y3 ~ NULL,
                 index = c("id", "time"),
                 data = data_long_cont,
                 k = 3,
                 modBasic = 1,
```

```
                tol = 10^-5)

out
summary(out)

# Basic LM model with model selection using BIC

out1 <- lmestCont(responsesFormula = Y1 + Y2 + Y3 ~ NULL,
                  index = c("id", "time"),
                  data = data_long_cont,
                  k = 1:5,
                  ntry = 2,
                  modBasic = 1,
                  tol = 10^-5)

out1
out1$Bic

# Basic LM model with model selection using AIC

out2 <- lmestCont(responsesFormula = Y1 + Y2 + Y3 ~ NULL,
                  index = c("id", "time"),
                  data = data_long_cont,
                  k = 1:5,
                  modBasic = 1,
                  ntry = 2,
                  modSel = "AIC",
                  tol = 10^-5)
out2
out2$Aic


# LM model with covariates in the measurement model

out3 <- lmestCont(responsesFormula = Y1 + Y2 + Y3 ~ X1 + X2,
                  index = c("id", "time"),
                  data = data_long_cont,
                  k = 3,
                  output = TRUE)

out3
summary(out3)

# LM model with covariates in the latent model

out4 <- lmestCont(responsesFormula = Y1 + Y2 + Y3 ~ NULL,
                  latentFormula = ~ X1 + X2,
                  index = c("id", "time"),
                  data = data_long_cont,
                  k = 3,
                  output = TRUE)

out4
```

```
summary(out4)

# LM model with two covariates affecting the initial probabilities and one
# affecting the transition probabilities

out5 <- lmestCont(responsesFormula = Y1 + Y2 + Y3 ~ NULL,
                  latentFormula = ~ X1 + X2 | X1,
                  index = c("id", "time"),
                  data = data_long_cont,
                  k = 3,
                  output = TRUE)

out5
summary(out5)


## End(Not run)
```

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`lmestData` *Data for* `LMest` *functions*

---

## Description

An object of class `lmestData` containing data in long format, some necessary information on the data structure and objects for the estimation functions.

## Usage

```
lmestData(data, id = NULL, time = NULL,
          idAsFactor = TRUE, timeAsFactor = TRUE,
          responsesFormula = NULL, latentFormula = NULL,
          na.rm = FALSE, check.names = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| `data` | a matrix or data frame in long format of observation |
| `id` | a numeric vector or a string indicating the column with the unit identifier. If NULL, the first column is considered |
| `time` | a numeric vector or a string indicating the column with the time occasions. If NULL, the second column is considered, and if the `id` is not NULL, the function will automatically add the column with the time occasions |
| `idAsFactor` | a logical value indicating whether or not the column with the ids is converted to a factor. (By default is set to TRUE) |
| `timeAsFactor` | a logical value indicating whether or not the column with the time occasions is converted in a factor. (By default is set to TRUE) |
| `responsesFormula` | A detailed description is given in `lmest`, `lmestCont` |

| | |
|---|---|
| latentFormula | A detailed description is given in lmest,lmestCont |
| na.rm | a logical value indicating whether or not the observation with at least a missing value is removed (By default is set to FALSE) |
| check.names | a logical value indicating whether or not the names of the variables are syntactically valid, and adjusted if necessary. (By default is set to FALSE) |

## Value

An object of class 'lmestData' with the following objects:

| | |
|---|---|
| data | a data.frame object to use in the estimation functions |
| id | a integer vector with the unit identifier |
| time | a integer vector with the time occasions |
| n | the number of observation |
| TT | an integer value indicating number of time occasions |
| d | an interger value indicating the number of variables (columns except id and time) |
| Y | the response variables |
| Xmanifest | the variables affecting the measurement model if specified in responsesFormula |
| Xinitial | the variables affecting the initial probabilities of the latent model if specified in latentFormula |
| Xtrans | the variables affecting the transition probabilities of the latent model if specified in latentFormula |

## Author(s)

Francesco Bartolucci, Silvia Pandolfi, Fulvia Pennoni, Alessio Farcomeni, Alessio Serafini

## Examples

```
data(data_long_cont)
str(data_long_cont)

## Data with continous resposes

dt <- lmestData(data = data_long_cont, id = "id",time="time")
str(dt)

## Summary of each variable and for each time

summary(dt)

## Summary of each variable

summary(dt, type = "cross")

## Summary of each variable by time
```

```
summary(dt, type = "year")

plot(dt)
plot(dt, typePlot = "sh")

######################

## Not run:

data("data_criminal_sim")

dt1 <- lmestData(data = data_criminal_sim, id = "id", time = "time")
str(dt1)

summary(dt1, varType = rep("d",ncol(dt1$Y)))

dt2 <- lmestData(data = data_criminal_sim, id = "id", time = "time",
                 responsesFormula = y1 + y2 ~ y3, latentFormula = ~ y7 + y8 | y9 + y10)
str(dt2)

## Summary for responses, covariates on the manifest distribution,
## covariates on intial and transition probabilities

summary(dt2, dataSummary = "responses",varType = rep("d",ncol(dt2$Y)))
summary(dt2, dataSummary = "manifest",varType = rep("d",ncol(dt2$Xmanifest)))
summary(dt2, dataSummary = "initial",varType = rep("d",ncol(dt2$Xinitial)))
summary(dt2, dataSummary = "transition",varType = rep("d",ncol(dt2$Xtrans)))


## End(Not run)
```

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`lmestDecoding` *Perform local and global decoding*

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## Description

Function that performs local and global decoding (Viterbi algorithm) from the output of `lmest`, `lmestCont`, and `lmestMixed`.

## Usage

```
lmestDecoding(est, sequence = NULL, fort = TRUE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'LMbasic'
lmestDecoding(est, sequence = NULL,fort = TRUE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'LMmanifest'
lmestDecoding(est, sequence = NULL, fort = TRUE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'LMlatent'
lmestDecoding(est, sequence = NULL, fort = TRUE,...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'LMbasiccont'
lmestDecoding(est, sequence = NULL, fort = TRUE,...)
## S3 method for class 'LMmixed'
lmestDecoding(est, sequence = NULL, fort = TRUE,...)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| est | an object obtained from a call to lmest, lmestCont, and lmestMixed |
| sequence | an integer vector indicating the units for the decoding. If NULL the whole observations are considered. (By default is set to NULL) |
| fort | to use fortran routines when possible |
| ... | further arguments |

## Value

| | |
|---|---|
| Ul | matrix of local decoded states corresponding to each row of Y |
| Ug | matrix of global decoded states corresponding to each row of Y |

## Author(s)

Francesco Bartolucci, Silvia Pandolfi, Fulvia Pennoni, Alessio Farcomeni, Alessio Serafini

## References

Viterbi A. (1967) Error Bounds for Convolutional Codes and an Asymptotically Optimum Decoding Algorithm. *IEEE Transactions on Information Theory*, **13**, 260-269.

Juan B., Rabiner L. (1991) Hidden Markov Models for Speech Recognition. *Technometrics*, **33**, 251-272.

## Examples

```
# Decoding for basic LM model

data("data_drug")
long <- data_drug[,-6]-1
long <- data.frame(id = 1:nrow(long),long)
long <- reshape(long,direction = "long",
                idvar = "id",
                varying = list(2:ncol(long)))

est <- lmest(index = c("id","time"),
             k = 3,
             data = long,
             weights = data_drug[,6],
             modBasic = 1)

# Decoding for a single sequence

out1 <- lmestDecoding(est, sequence = 1)
```

```
out2 <- lmestDecoding(est, sequence = 1:4)

# Decoding for all sequences

out3 <- lmestDecoding(est)

## Not run:
# Decoding for LM model  with covariates on the initial and transition probabilities

data("data_SRHS_long")

SRHS <- data_SRHS_long[1:2400,]

# Categories rescaled to vary from 0 (“poor”) to 4 (“excellent”)

SRHS$srhs <- 5 - SRHS$srhs

est2 <- lmest(responsesFormula = srhs ~ NULL,
              latentFormula =  ~
              I(gender - 1) +
              I( 0 + (race == 2) + (race == 3)) +
              I(0 + (education == 4)) +
              I(0 + (education == 5)) +
              I(age - 50) + I((age-50)^2/100),
              index = c("id","t"),
              data = SRHS,
              k = 2,
              paramLatent = "difflogit",
              output = TRUE)

# Decoding for a single sequence

out3 <- lmestDecoding(est2, sequence = 1)

# Decoding for the first three sequences

out4 <- lmestDecoding(est2, sequence = 1:3)

# Decoding for all sequences

out5 <- lmestDecoding(est2)

## End(Not run)
```

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`lmestFormula` *Formulas for* `LMest` *functions*

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## Description

Bulding formulas for `lmest`, `lmestCont`, `lmestMixed`, and `lmestMc`.

## Usage

```
lmestFormula(data,
             response, manifest = NULL,
             LatentInitial = NULL, LatentTransition = NULL,
             AddInterceptManifest = FALSE,
             AddInterceptInitial = TRUE,
             AddInterceptTransition = TRUE, responseStart = TRUE,
             manifestStart = TRUE, LatentInitialStart = TRUE,
             LatentTransitionStart = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| `data` | a data.frame or a matrix of data |
| `response` | a numeric or character vector indicating the column indices or the names for the response variables |
| `manifest` | a numeric or character vector indicating the column indices or the names for the covariates affecting the measurement model |
| `LatentInitial` | a numeric or character vector indicating the column indices or the names for the covariates affecting the initial probabilities |
| `LatentTransition` | a numeric or character vector indicating the column indices or the names for the covariates affecting the transition probabilities |
| `AddInterceptManifest` | a logical value indicating whether the intercept is added to the covariates affecting the measurement model |
| `AddInterceptInitial` | a logical value indicating whether the intercept is added to covariates affecting the initial probabilities |
| `AddInterceptTransition` | a logical value indicating whether the intercept is added to covariates affecting the transition probabilities |
| `responseStart` | a logical value indicating whether the response variables names start with `response` argument |
| `manifestStart` | a logical value indicating whether the covariates names start with `manifest` argument |
| `LatentInitialStart` | a logical value indicating whether the covariates names start with `LatentInitial` argument |
| `LatentTransitionStart` | a logical value indicating whether the covariates names start with `LatentTransition` argument |

## Details

Generates formulas for `responsesFormula` and `latentFormula` to use in `lmest`, `lmestCont`, `lmestMixed`, and `lmestMc`.

## Value

Returns a list with `responsesFormula` and `latentFormula` objects.

## Author(s)

Francesco Bartolucci, Silvia Pandolfi, Fulvia Pennoni, Alessio Farcomeni, Alessio Serafini

## Examples

```
data(data_SRHS_long)
names(data_SRHS_long)

# Formula with response srhs and covariates for both initail and transition:
# gender,race,educational,age.

## LM model with covariates on the latent model
# and with intercepts on the initial and transition probabilities

fm <- lmestFormula(data = data_SRHS_long,
                   response = "srhs",
                   LatentInitial = 3:6, LatentTransition = 3:6)
fm

## LM model with covariates on the latent model
# and without intercepts on the initial and transition probabilities

fm <- lmestFormula(data = data_SRHS_long,
                   response = "srhs",
                   LatentInitial = 3:6, LatentTransition = 3:6,
                   AddInterceptInitial = FALSE,AddInterceptTransition = FALSE)
fm

######

data(data_criminal_sim)
str(data_criminal_sim)

# Formula with only the responses from y1 to y10

fm <- lmestFormula(data = data_criminal_sim,response = "y")$responsesFormula
fm

# Formula with only the responses from y1 to y10 and intercept for manifest

fm <- lmestFormula(data = data_criminal_sim,
                   response = "y",AddInterceptManifest = TRUE)$responsesFormula
fm


## LM model for continous responses

data(data_long_cont)
```

```
names(data_long_cont)

# Formula with response Y1, Y2, no covariate for manifest,
# X1 covariates for initail and X2 covariate for transition

fm <- lmestFormula(data = data_long_cont,
                   response = c("Y"),
                   LatentInitial = "X",
                   LatentTransition = "X2")
fm

## Wrong model specification since two variable start with X.
# Check the starts arguments.

# For the right model:

fm <- lmestFormula(data = data_long_cont,
                   response = c("Y"),
                   LatentInitial = "X1",LatentTransition = "X2")
fm

## or

fm <- lmestFormula(data = data_long_cont,
                   response = c("Y"),
                   LatentInitial = 6,LatentTransition = "X2",
                   LatentInitialStart = FALSE)
fm

## Not run:

data(data_criminal_sim)
data_criminal_sim <- data.frame(data_criminal_sim)

# Mixed LM model for females

responsesFormula <- lmestFormula(data = data_criminal_sim,
                                 response = "y")$responsesFormula

out <- lmest(responsesFormula = responsesFormula,
             index = c("id","time"),
             data = data_criminal_sim,
             k = 2)

## End(Not run)
```

---

`lmestMc` *Estimate Markov Chain models*

---

## Description

Main function for estimating Markov Chain (MC) models for categorical responses with or without covariates.

## Usage

```
lmestMc(responsesFormula = NULL,
        data, index, start = 0,
        modBasic = NULL, weights = NULL,
        tol = 10^-8, maxit = 1000,
        out_se = FALSE, output = FALSE, fort = TRUE, seed = NULL)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| responsesFormula | a symbolic description of the model to fit. A detailed description is given in the 'Details' section |
| data | a data.frame in long format |
| index | a character vector with two elements, the first indicating the name of the unit identifier, and the second the time occasions |
| start | type of starting values (0 = deterministic, 1 = random, 2 = initial values in input) |
| modBasic | model on the transition probabilities (0 for time-heter., 1 for time-homog., from 2 to (TT-1) partial homog. of that order) |
| weights | an optional vector of weights for the available responses |
| tol | tolerance level for convergence |
| maxit | maximum number of iterations of the algorithm |
| out_se | to compute the information matrix and standard errors (FALSE is the default option) |
| output | to return additional output (transition matrix PI, initial probabilities Piv) (MCcov-class) |
| fort | to use fortran routines when possible (By default is set to TRUE) |
| seed | An integer value with the random number generator state. |

## Details

The function lmestMc estimates the basic MC model and the univariate MC model with covariates for categorical responses. The function requires data in long format and two additional columns indicating the unit identifier and the time occasions.

responsesFormula is used to specify the basic MC models and the model with covariates:

- responsesFormula = y1 ~ NULL
  the MC model without covariates and one response (y1) is specified;
- responsesFormula = NULL
  all the columns in the data except the "id" and "time" columns are used to estimate MC without covariates;

- `responsesFormula = y1 ~ x1 + x2 | x3 + x4`
  the MC model with one response (`y1`), two covariates affecting the initial probabilities (`x1` and `x2`) and other two different covariates affecting the transition probabilities (`x3` and `x4`) is specified;
- `responsesFormula = y1 ~ x1 + x2`
  the MC model with one response (`y1`) and two covariates (`x1` and `x2`) affecting both the initial and transition probabilities is specified.

Missing responses are not allowed.

## Value

Returns an object of class `'MCbasic'` for the basic model without covariates (see `MCbasic-class`), or an object of class `'MCcov'` for the model with covariates (see `MCcov-class`).

## Author(s)

Francesco Bartolucci, Silvia Pandolfi, Fulvia Pennoni, Alessio Farcomeni, Alessio Serafini

## References

Pennoni, F., Pandolfi, S. and Bartolucci, F. (2025). LMest: An R Package for Estimating Generalized Latent Markov Models, *The R Journal*, **16**(4) 74-101.

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Bartolucci, F., Farcomeni, A. and Pennoni, F. (2013). *Latent Markov Models for Longitudinal Data*, Chapman and Hall/CRC press.

## Examples

```
## Not run:
# Basic Markov Chain  model

data("RLMSlong")

# Categories  rescaled from 0 “absolutely unsatisfied” to  4 “absolutely satisfied”

RLMSlong$value <- 5 - RLMSlong$value

out <- lmestMc(responsesFormula = value ~ NULL,
               index = c("id","time"),
               modBasic = 1,
               data = RLMSlong)

out
summary(out)



# Example of drug consumption data
```

```
data("data_drug")
long <- data_drug[,-6]
long <- data.frame(id = 1:nrow(long),long)
long <- reshape(long,direction = "long",
                idvar = "id",
                varying = list(2:ncol(long)))

out1 <- lmestMc(index = c("id","time"), data = long,
                weights = data_drug[,6], modBasic = 1, out_se = TRUE)

out1

### MC model with covariates
### Covariates: gender, race, educational level (2 columns), age and age^2

data("data_SRHS_long")
SRHS <- data_SRHS_long[1:2400,]

# Categories of the responses rescaled from 1 “poor” to 5 “excellent”

SRHS$srhs <- 5 - SRHS$srhs


out2 <- lmestMc(responsesFormula = srhs ~
                I( 0 + (race==2) + (race == 3)) +
                I(0 + (education == 4)) +
                I(0 + (education == 5)) +
                I(age - 50) +
                I((age-50)^2/100),
                index = c("id","t"),
                data = SRHS)
out2
summary(out2)

# Criminal data

data(data_criminal_sim)
data_criminal_sim = data.frame(data_criminal_sim)

out3 <- lmestMc(responsesFormula = y5~sex,
                index = c("id","time"),
                data = data_criminal_sim,
                output = TRUE)

out3


## End(Not run)
```

---

`lmestMixed` *Estimate mixed Latent Markov models*

---

## Description

Main function for estimating the mixed latent Markov (LM) models for categorical responses with discrete random effects in the latent model.

## Usage

```
lmestMixed(responsesFormula = NULL,
           data, index, k1, k2, start = 0,
           weights = NULL, tol = 10^-8, maxit = 1000,
           out_se = FALSE, seed = NULL)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| responsesFormula | a symbolic description of the model to fit. A detailed description is given in the 'Details' section |
| data | a data.frame in long format |
| index | a character vector with two elements, the first indicating the name of the unit identifier, and the second the time occasions |
| k1 | number of latent classes |
| k2 | number of latent states |
| start | type of starting values (0 = deterministic, 1 = random, 2 = initial values in input) |
| weights | an optional vector of weights for the available responses |
| tol | tolerance level for convergence |
| maxit | maximum number of iterations of the algorithm |
| out_se | to compute the information matrix and standard errors (FALSE is the default option) |
| seed | an integer value with the random number generator state |

## Details

The function lmestMixed estimates the mixed LM for categorical data. The function requires data in long format and two additional columns indicating the unit identifier and the time occasions.

responsesFormula is used to specify the responses of the mixed LM model:

- responsesFormula = y1 + y2 ~ NULL
  the mixed LM model with two categorical responses (y1 and y2) is specified;
- responsesFormula = NULL
  all the columns in the data except the "id" and "time" columns are used as responses to estimate the mixed LM.

Missing responses are not allowed.

## Value

Returns an object of class 'LMmixed' (see LMmixed-class).

## Author(s)

Francesco Bartolucci, Silvia Pandolfi, Fulvia Pennoni, Alessio Farcomeni, Alessio Serafini

## References

Bartolucci F., Pandolfi S., Pennoni F. (2017) LMest: An R Package for Latent Markov Models for Longitudinal Categorical Data, *Journal of Statistical Software*, **81**(4), 1-38.

Bartolucci, F., Farcomeni, A. and Pennoni, F. (2013) *Latent Markov Models for Longitudinal Data*, Chapman and Hall/CRC press.

## Examples

```
## Not run:

# Example based on criminal data

data(data_criminal_sim)
data_criminal_sim <- data.frame(data_criminal_sim)

# Estimate mixed LM model for females

responsesFormula <- lmestFormula(data = data_criminal_sim,
                                 response = "y")$responsesFormula

# fit mixed LM model only for females
out <- lmestMixed(responsesFormula = responsesFormula,
                  index = c("id","time"),
                  k1 = 2,
                  k2 = 2,
                  data = data_criminal_sim[data_criminal_sim$sex == 2,])
out
summary(out)

## End(Not run)
```

---

`lmestSearch` *Search for the global maximum of the log-likelihood*

---

## Description

Function that searches for the global maximum of the log-likelihood of different models and selects the optimal number of states.

## Usage

```
lmestSearch(responsesFormula = NULL, latentFormula = NULL,
            data, index, k,
            version = c("categorical", "continuous"),
            weights = NULL, nrep = 2, tol1 = 10^-5,
            tol2 = 10^-10, out_se = FALSE, miss.imp = FALSE, seed = NULL, ...)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| responsesFormula | a symbolic description of the model to fit. A detailed description is given in the 'Details' section of lmest |
| latentFormula | a symbolic description of the model to fit. A detailed description is given in the 'Details' section of lmest |
| data | a data.frame in long format |
| index | a character vector with two elements, the first indicating the name of the unit identifier, and the second the time occasions |
| k | a vector of integer values for the number of latent states |
| weights | an optional vector of weights for the available responses |
| version | type of responses for the LM model: "categorical" and "continuous" |
| nrep | number of repetitions of each random initialization |
| tol1 | tolerance level for checking convergence of the algorithm in the random initializations |
| tol2 | tolerance level for checking convergence of the algorithm in the last deterministic initialization |
| out_se | to compute the information matrix and standard errors (FALSE is the default option) |
| miss.imp | Only for continuous responses: how to deal with missing values (TRUE for imputation through the imp.mix function, FALSE for missing at random assumption) |
| seed | an integer value with the random number generator |
| ... | additional arguments to be passed to functions lmest or lmestCont |

## Details

The function combines deterministic and random initializations strategy to reach the global maximum of the model log-likelihood. It uses one deterministic initialization (start=0) and a number of random initializations (start=1) proportional to the number of latent states. The tolerance level is set equal to 10^-5. Starting from the best solution obtained in this way, a final run is performed (start=2) with a default tolerance level equal to 10^-10.

Missing responses are allowed according to the model to be estimated.

## Value

Returns an object of class 'LMsearch' with the following components:

| | |
|---|---|
| out.single | Output of every LM model estimated for each number of latent states given in input |
| Aic | Values the Akaike Information Criterion for each number of latent states given in input |
| Bic | Values of the Bayesian Information Criterion for each number of latent states given in input |
| lkv | Values of log-likelihood for each number of latent states given in input. |

## Author(s)

Francesco Bartolucci, Silvia Pandolfi, Fulvia Pennoni, Alessio Farcomeni, Alessio Serafini

## References

Pennoni, F., Pandolfi, S. and Bartolucci, F. (2025). LMest: An R Package for Estimating Generalized Latent Markov Models, *The R Journal*, **16**(4) 74-101.

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Bartolucci, F., Farcomeni, A. and Pennoni, F. (2013) *Latent Markov Models for Longitudinal Data*, Chapman and Hall/CRC press.

## Examples

```
### Example with data on drug use in wide format

data("data_drug")
long <- data_drug[,-6]

# add labels referred to the identifier

long <- data.frame(id = 1:nrow(long),long)

# reshape data from the wide to the long format

long <- reshape(long,direction = "long",
                idvar = "id",
                varying = list(2:ncol(long)))

out <- lmestSearch(data = long,
                   index = c("id","time"),
                   version = "categorical",
                   k = 1:3,
                   weights = data_drug[,6],
                   modBasic = 1,
                   seed = 123)
```

```
out
summary(out$out.single[[3]])

## Not run:

### Example with data on self rated health

# LM model with covariates in the measurement model

data("data_SRHS_long")
SRHS <- data_SRHS_long[1:1000,]

# Categories rescaled to vary from 1 (“poor”) to 5 (“excellent”)

SRHS$srhs <- 5 - SRHS$srhs

out1 <- lmestSearch(data = SRHS,
                    index = c("id","t"),
              version = "categorical",
             responsesFormula = srhs ~ -1 +
             I(gender - 1) +
             I( 0 + (race == 2) + (race == 3)) +
             I(0 + (education == 4)) +
             I(0 + (education == 5)) + I(age - 50) +
             I((age-50)^2/100),
                   k = 1:2,
                   out_se = TRUE,
                   seed = 123)
summary(out1)
summary(out1$out.single[[2]])

## End(Not run)
```

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LMlatent-class *Class* 'LMlatent'

---

## Description

An S3 class object created by lmest for Latent Markov (LM) model with covariates in the latent model.

## Value

| | |
|---|---|
| lk | maximum log-likelihood |
| Be | estimated array of the parameters affecting the logit for the initial probabilities |
| Ga | estimated array of the parameters affecting the logit for the transition probabilities |
| Piv | estimate of initial probability matrix. The first state is used as reference category when param = "multilogit" |

| | |
|---|---|
| PI | estimate of transition probability matrices. State u is used as reference category when paramLatent = "multilogit" |
| Psi | estimate of conditional response probabilities (mb x k x r) |
| np | number of free parameters |
| k | optimal number of latent states |
| aic | value of the Akaike Information Criterion for model selection |
| bic | value of the Bayesian Information Criterion for model selection |
| lkv | log-likelihood trace at every step of the EM algorithm |
| n | number of observations in the data |
| TT | number of time occasions |
| paramLatent | type of parametrization for the transition probabilities ("multilogit" = standard multinomial logit for every row of the transition matrix, "difflogit" = multinomial logit based on the difference between two sets of parameters) |
| sePsi | standard errors for the conditional response matrix |
| seBe | standard errors for Be |
| seGa | standard errors for Ga |
| Lk | vector containing the values of the log-likelihood of the LM model with each k (latent states) |
| Bic | vector containing the values of the BIC for each k |
| Aic | vector containing the values of the AIC for each k |
| V | array containing the posterior distribution of the latent states for each response configuration and time occasion |
| Ul | matrix containing the predicted sequence of latent states by the local decoding method |
| S | array containing the available response configurations |
| yv | vector of frequencies of the available configurations |
| Pmarg | matrix containing the marginal distribution of the latent states |
| call | command used to call the function |
| data | Data frame given in input |

## Author(s)

Francesco Bartolucci, Silvia Pandolfi, Fulvia Pennoni, Alessio Farcomeni, Alessio Serafini

## See Also

lmest

LMlatentcont-class *Class* 'LMlatentcont'

## Description

An S3 class object created by lmestCont for the Latent Markov (LM) model for continuous responses in long format with covariates in the latent model.

## Value

| | |
|---|---|
| lk | maximum log-likelihood |
| Be | estimated array of the parameters affecting the logit for the initial probabilities |
| Ga | estimated array of the parameters affecting the logit for the transition probabilities |
| Mu | estimate of conditional means of the response variables |
| Si | estimate of var-cov matrix common to all states |
| np | number of free parameters |
| k | optimal number of latent states |
| aic | value of the Akaike Information Criterion for model selection |
| bic | value of the Bayesian Information Criterion for model selection |
| lkv | log-likelihood trace at every step |
| n | number of observations in the data |
| TT | number of time occasions |
| paramLatent | type of parametrization for the transition probabilities ("multilogit" = standard multinomial logit for every row of the transition matrix, "difflogit" = multinomial logit based on the difference between two sets of parameters) |
| seMu | standard errors for the conditional means |
| seSi | standard errors for the var-cov matrix |
| seBe | standard errors for Be |
| seGa | standard errors for Ga |
| sc | score vector |
| J | information matrix |
| PI | estimate of transition probability matrices |
| Piv | estimate of initial probability matrix |
| Lk | vector containing the values of the log-likelihood of the LM model with each k (latent states) |
| Bic | vector containing the values of the BIC of the LM model with each k (latent states) |
| Aic | vector containing the values of the AIC of the LM model with each k (latent states) |

| | |
|---|---|
| V | array containing the posterior distribution of the latent states for each units and time occasion |
| Ul | matrix containing the predicted sequence of latent states by the local decoding method |
| Pmarg | matrix containing the marginal distribution of the latent states |
| call | command used to call the function |
| data | data frame given in input |

## Author(s)

Francesco Bartolucci, Silvia Pandolfi, Fulvia Pennoni, Alessio Farcomeni, Alessio Serafini

## See Also

lmestCont

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# LMmanifest-class *Class* 'LMmanifest'

---

## Description

An S3 class object created by lmest for Latent Markov (LM) model with covariates in the measurement model.

## Value

| | |
|---|---|
| mu | vector of cut-points |
| al | support points for the latent states |
| be | estimate of the vector of regression parameters |
| si | sigma of the AR(1) process (mod = "FM") |
| rho | parameter vector for AR(1) process (mod = "FM") |
| la | vector of initial probabilities |
| PI | transition matrix |
| lk | maximum log-likelihood |
| np | number of parameters |
| k | optimal number of latent states |
| aic | value of the Akaike Information Criterion |
| bic | value of Bayesian Information Criterion |
| n | number of observations in the data |
| TT | number of time occasions |

| | |
|---|---|
| modManifest | for LM model with covariates on the manifest model: "LM" = Latent Markov with stationary transition, "FM" = finite mixture model where a mixture of AR(1) processes is estimated with common variance and specific correlation coefficients |
| sebe | standard errors for the regression parameters be |
| selrho | standard errors for logit type transformation of rho |
| J1 | information matrix |
| V | array containing the posterior distribution of the latent states for each units and time occasion |
| PRED1 | prediction of the overall latent effect |
| S | array containing the available response configurations |
| yv | vector of frequencies of the available configurations |
| Pmarg | matrix containing the marginal distribution of the latent states |
| Lk | vector containing the values of the log-likelihood of the LM model with each k (latent states) |
| Bic | vector containing the values of the BIC for each k |
| Aic | vector containing the values of the AIC for each k |
| call | command used to call the function |
| data | data frame given in input |

## Author(s)

Francesco Bartolucci, Silvia Pandolfi, Fulvia Pennoni, Alessio Farcomeni, Alessio Serafini

## See Also

lmest

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# LMmanifestcont-class *Class* 'LMmanifestcont'

---

## Description

An S3 class object created by lmestCont for Latent Markov (LM) model for continuous responses in long format with covariates in the measurement model.

## Value

| | |
|---|---|
| Al | support points for the latent states |
| Be | estimate of the vector of regression parameters |
| Si | estimate of var-cov matrix common to all states |
| piv | vector of initial probabilities |

| | |
|---|---|
| Pi | transition matrix |
| lk | maximum log-likelihood |
| np | number of parameters |
| k | optimal number of latent states |
| aic | value of the Akaike Information Criterion |
| bic | value of Bayesian Information Criterion |
| n | number of observations in the data |
| TT | number of time occasions |
| modBasic | model on the transition probabilities (0 for time-heter., 1 for time-homog., from 2 to (TT-1) partial homog. of that order) |
| lkv | log-likelihood trace at every step |
| seAl | standard errors for the support points Al |
| seBe | standard errors regression parameters Be |
| sepiv | standard errors for the initial probabilities |
| sePi | standard errors for the transition probabilities |
| seSi | standard errors for the var-cov matrix |
| Lk | vector containing the values of the log-likelihood of the LM model for each k (latent states) |
| Np | vector containing the number of parameters for each k (latent states) |
| Bic | vector containing the values of the BIC for each k |
| Aic | vector containing the values of the AIC for each k |
| J | information matrix |
| sc | score vector |
| V | array containing the posterior distribution of the latent states for each units and time occasion |
| Ul | matrix containing the predicted sequence of latent states by the local decoding method |
| Pmarg | matrix containing the marginal distribution of the latent states |
| call | command used to call the function |
| data | data frame given in input |

## Author(s)

Francesco Bartolucci, Silvia Pandolfi, Fulvia Pennoni

## See Also

lmestCont

LMmixed-class *Class* 'LMmixed'

## Description

An S3 class object created by lmestMixed for the mixed latent Markov (LM) models for categorical data in long format.

## Value

| | |
|---|---|
| la | estimate of the mass probability vector (distribution of the random effects) |
| Piv | estimate of initial probabilities |
| Pi | estimate of transition probability matrices |
| Psi | estimate of conditional response probabilities |
| lk | maximum log-likelihood |
| W | posterior probabilities of the random effect |
| np | number of free parameters |
| k1 | number of support points (latent classes) of the latent variable defining the unobserved clusters |
| k2 | number of support points (latent states) of the latent variable defining the first-order Markov process |
| bic | value of the Akaike Information Criterion for model selection |
| aic | value of the Akaike Information Criterion for model selection |
| n | number of observations in the data |
| TT | number of time occasions |
| sela | standard errors for la |
| sePiv | estimate of initial probability matrix |
| sePi | standard errors for the transition probabilities |
| sePsi | standard errors for the conditional response matrix |
| call | command used to call the function |
| data | the input data |

## Author(s)

Francesco Bartolucci, Silvia Pandolfi, Fulvia Pennoni, Alessio Farcomeni, Alessio Serafini

## See Also

lmestMixed

`long2matrices` *From data in the long format to data in array format*

## Description

Function that transforms data in the long format to data in array format.

## Usage

```
long2matrices(id, time = NULL, X = NULL, Y)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| `id` | vector of subjects id |
| `time` | vector of time occasions |
| `X` | matrix of covariates in long format |
| `Y` | matrix of responses in long format |

## Value

| | |
|---|---|
| `XX` | array of covariates (n x TT x nc) |
| `YY` | array of responses (n x TT x r) |

## Author(s)

Francesco Bartolucci, Silvia Pandolfi, University of Perugia (IT), http://www.stat.unipg.it/bartolucci

## Examples

```
# Example based on SRHS data

# load SRHS data
data(data_SRHS_long)
dataSRHS <- data_SRHS_long[1:1600,]
head(dataSRHS)
X <- cbind(dataSRHS$gender-1, dataSRHS$race == 2 | dataSRHS$race == 3,
dataSRHS$education == 4,dataSRHS$education == 5, dataSRHS$age-50,
(dataSRHS$age-50)^2/100)
Y <- dataSRHS$srhs
res <- long2matrices(dataSRHS$id, X = X, Y = Y)
```

long2wide *From data in the long format to data in the wide format*

## Description

Function that transforms data in the long format to data in the wide format.

## Usage

```
long2wide(data, nameid, namet, colx, coly, aggr = T, full = 999)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| data | matrix of data |
| nameid | name of the id column |
| namet | name of the t column |
| colx | vector of the names of the columns of the covariates |
| coly | vector of the names of the columns of the responses |
| aggr | if wide aggregated format is required |
| full | number to use for missing data |

## Value

| | |
|---|---|
| listid | list of id for every unit |
| listt | list of the time occasions |
| data_wide | data in wide format |
| XX | array of the covariates |
| YY | array of the responses |
| freq | vector of the corresponding frequencies |

## Author(s)

Francesco Bartolucci, Silvia Pandolfi, University of Perugia (IT), http://www.stat.unipg.it/bartolucci

## Examples

```
# Example based on criminal data
# load criminal data
data(data_criminal_sim)
# consider only the first 1000 records to shorten time
out <- long2wide(data_criminal_sim[1:1000,], "id", "time", "sex",
 c("y1","y2","y3","y4","y5","y6","y7","y8","y9","y10"), aggr = TRUE, full = 999)
```

matrices2long *From data in array format to data in long format*

## Description

Function to convert data with array format in data with long format.

## Usage

```
matrices2long(Y, X1 = NULL, X2 = NULL)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| Y | array of responses (n x TT x r) |
| X1 | array of covariates (n x TT x nc1) |
| X2 | array of covariates (n x TT x nc2) |

## Details

Y, X1 and X2 must have the same number of observations.

## Value

Returns a data.frame with data in long format. The first column indicates the name of the unit identifier, and the second column indicates the time occasions.

## Author(s)

Francesco Bartolucci, Silvia Pandolfi, Fulvia Pennoni, Alessio Farcomeni, Alessio Serafini

## Examples

```
### Example with data on self rated health

data(data_SRHS_long)
SRHS <- data_SRHS_long[1:1600,]

# Covariates

X <- cbind(SRHS$gender-1,
           SRHS$race == 2 | SRHS$race == 3,
           SRHS$education == 4,
           SRHS$education == 5,
           SRHS$age-50,
           (SRHS$age-50)^2/100)

# Responses

Y <- SRHS$srhs
```

```
res <- long2matrices(SRHS$id, X = X, Y = Y)

long <- matrices2long(Y = res$YY, X1 = res$XX)
```

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mc_multinom *Estimate MC model with constraints*

---

## Description

Function that estimates Markov chain model with suitable constraints on the transition matrix.

## Usage

```
mc_multinom(formula, data, baseline = c("initial", "central"),
            model_int = c("all", "const", "dist1", "dist2", "dist3", "two",
                          "symm", "rsymm", "diff"),
            model_cov = c("all", "const", "dist1", "dist2", "dist3", "two",
                          "symm", "rsymm", "diff"),
            formula_init = NULL, reltol = 10^-10, output = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| formula | A model formula specifying the response variable and the covariates affecting the transition probabilities. The response variable must be numeric, coded consecutively from 1 to k, where k is the number of observed states. See the 'Details' section for the specification of the covariates |
| data | A balanced data frame in long format. The first two required variables are id, identifying subjects, and t, identifying time occasions. Subject identifiers must be consecutive integers from 1 to the number of subjects; for each subject the time occasions must be the consecutive integers from 1 to the number of occasions available for that subject, which must be at least two; the rows must be ordered by subject and, within each subject, by time occasion. Missing values are not allowed in the variables entering formula and formula_init |
| baseline | Character string specifying the reference category in the multinomial logit parameterization for the transition probabilities. With "initial", the transition towards the first state is used as the reference category for each row of the transition matrix. With "central", the self-transition is used as the reference category for each row of the transition matrix. |
| model_int | Character string specifying the constraint structure for the intercepts of the transition logits. See design_matrices for the available options and their interpretation. |

| | |
|---|---|
| model_cov | Character string specifying the constraint structure for the regression coefficients associated with the transition covariates. See design_matrices for the available options and their interpretation |
| formula_init | Optional formula specifying the covariates affecting the initial probabilities. If NULL, the covariates specified in formula are also used for the initial probabilities |
| reltol | Positive numeric value specifying the relative convergence tolerance used in the Newton–Raphson iterations for the initial and transition components of the log-likelihood |
| output | Logical value. If TRUE, subject-specific initial and transition probability arrays are returned in addition to the parameter estimates |

## Details

The covariates are included in the model through model.matrix, so that factors are automatically coded by means of dummy variables and transformations of the covariates may be specified directly in the formula, as in I(age - 50) or I((age - 50)^2/100). The model always includes an intercept and only one response variable is allowed. Covariates affecting the initial probabilities are specified through the separate argument formula_init; when this is NULL, the covariates in formula are used for both the initial and the transition probabilities, whereas formula_init = y ~ 1 gives initial probabilities that do not depend on covariates.

## Value

An object of class "mc_multinom" containing the following components:

| | |
|---|---|
| la | Estimated regression coefficients for the initial probabilities |
| psi | Estimated reduced vector of regression coefficients for the constrained transition logits |
| eta | Expanded vector of transition-logit parameters obtained by applying the design-matrix constraints to psi |
| lk | Total log-likelihood, equal to the sum of the initial-probability and transition-probability log-likelihoods |
| lk1 | Log-likelihood contribution of the initial probabilities |
| lk2 | Log-likelihood contribution of the transition probabilities |
| np | Number of free model parameters |
| aic | Akaike Information Criterion |
| bic | Bayesian Information Criterion |
| sela | Standard errors of the estimated coefficients la |
| sepsi | Standard errors of the estimated coefficients psi |
| call | Matched call used to fit the model |
| Piv | Matrix of subject-specific initial probabilities, with dimensions n x k. Returned only when output = TRUE |
| PI | Array of subject-specific transition probabilities, with dimensions k x k x n x TT, where TT is the maximum number of time occasions. Returned only when output = TRUE |

## Author(s)

Francesco Bartolucci and Silvia Pandolfi, University of Perugia (IT), Luca Brusa and Fulvia Pennoni, University of Milano-Bicocca (IT)

## References

Bartolucci, F., Pandolfi, S., and Pennoni, F. (2026). Parsimonious parametrizations of transition matrices of Markov chain and hidden Markov models, *Annals of Operations Research*, 363, 233–266.

## Examples

```
## Not run:
data("data_SRHS_long")
srhs <- data_SRHS_long

# Covariates
srhs$gender <- factor(
  srhs$gender,
  levels = c(1, 2),
  labels = c("male", "female")
)

srhs$race <- factor(
  srhs$race,
  levels = c(1, 2, 3),
  labels = c("white", "black", "others")
)

srhs$education <- factor(
  srhs$education,
  levels = 1:5,
  labels = c(
    "high school",
    "general educational diploma",
    "high school graduate",
    "some college",
    "college and above"
  )
)

srhs$age_c <- srhs$age - mean(srhs$age)

# 1 = poor, ..., 5 = excellent

srhs$srhs1 <- 6L - as.integer(srhs$srhs)

# Consecutive numeric identifiers and ordering by subject and time

srhs$id <- as.integer(factor(srhs$id))
srhs <- srhs[order(srhs$id, srhs$t), ]

# Select a small reproducible balanced sample for a fast example
```

```
set.seed(2026)

n_example <- 2000L
example_ids <- sample(unique(srhs$id), n_example)

srhs_example <- srhs[srhs$id %in% example_ids, , drop = FALSE]

srhs_example$id <- match(srhs_example$id, example_ids)
srhs_example <- srhs_example[order(srhs_example$id, srhs_example$t), ]


# Example 1: gender and age affect both initial and transition probabilities

mod_cov <- mc_multinom(
  srhs1 ~ gender + age_c,
  data = srhs_example,
  baseline = "central",
  model_int = "dist1",
  model_cov = "dist1",
  output = TRUE)

print(mod_cov)
summary(mod_cov)


# Average initial and transition probabilities

colMeans(mod_cov$Piv)
round(apply(mod_cov$PI[, , , 2:max(srhs_example$t)], c(1, 2), mean),3)

# Example 2: covariates affect transitions only

mod_trans <- mc_multinom(
  srhs1 ~ gender + age_c,
  data = srhs_example,
  baseline = "central",
  model_int = "dist1",
  model_cov = "dist1",
  formula_init = srhs1 ~ 1)

print(mod_trans)
summary(mod_trans)

## End(Not run)
```

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MCbasic-class *Class* 'MCbasic'

---

## Description

An S3 class object created by lmestMc function for the Markov chain (MC) model without covariates.

## Value

| | |
|---|---|
| lk | maximum log-likelihood |
| piv | estimate of initial probability vector |
| Pi | estimate of transition probability matrices |
| np | number of free parameters |
| aic | value of the Akaike Information Criterion for model selection |
| bic | value of the Bayesian Information Criterion for model selection |
| Fy | estimated marginal distribution of the response variable ats each time occasion |
| n | number of observations in the data |
| TT | number of time occasions |
| modBasic | model on the transition probabilities: default 0 for time-heterogeneous transition matrices, 1 for time-homogeneous transition matrices, 2 for partial time homogeneity based on two transition matrices one from 2 to (TT-1) and the other for TT |
| sepiv | standard errors for the initial probabilities |
| sePi | standard errors for the transition probabilities |
| call | command used to call the function |
| data | data frame given in input |

## Author(s)

Francesco Bartolucci, Silvia Pandolfi, Fulvia Pennoni, Alessio Farcomeni, Alessio Serafini

## See Also

lmestMc

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# MCcov-class *Class* 'MCcov'

---

## Description

An S3 class object created by lmestMc function for Markov chain (MC) model for categorical responses in long format with covariates.

## Value

| | |
|---|---|
| lk | maximum log-likelihood |
| Be | estimated array of the parameters affecting the logit for the initial probabilities |
| Ga | estimated array of the parameters affecting the logit for the transition probabilities |
| np | number of free parameters |
| aic | value of the Akaike Information Criterion (AIC) for model selection |
| bic | value of the Bayesian Information Criterion (BIC) for model selection |
| n | number of observations in the data |
| TT | number of time occasions |
| seBe | standard errors for Be |
| seGa | standard errors for Ga |
| Piv | estimate of initial probability matrix |
| PI | estimate of transition probability matrices |
| call | command used to call the function |
| data | data frame given in input |

## Author(s)

Francesco Bartolucci, Silvia Pandolfi, Fulvia Pennoni, Alessio Farcomeni, Alessio Serafini

## See Also

lmestMc

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# NLSYlong *National Longitudinal Survey of Youth data*

---

## Description

Longitudinal dataset in long format deriving from the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth with information about 581 individuals followed from 1990 to 1994.

## Usage

```
data(NLSYlong)
```

## Format

A data frame with 1743 observations on the following 12 variables.

`momage` mother's age at birth.

`gender` 0 if male, 1 if female.

`childage` child's age at first interview.

`hispanic` 1 if child is Hispanic, 0 if not.

`black` 1 if child is black, 0 if not.

`momwork` 1 if mother works, 0 if not.

`married` 1 if parents are married, 0 if not.

`time` occasion of observation.

`anti` a measure of antisocial behavior measured on a scale from 0 to 6.

`self` a measure of self-esteem measured on a scale from 6 to 24.

`pov` a time varying variable assuming value 1 if family is in poverty, 0 if not.

`id` subject id.

## Source

https://www.nlsinfo.org/content/cohorts/nlsy79

## References

The wide format of this dataset is downloadable from the package 'panelr'.

## Examples

```
data(NLSYlong)
```

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# plot *Plots for Generalized Latent Markov Models*

---

## Description

Plots for outputs of LMest objects: `LMbasic`, `LMbasiccont`, `LMlatent`, `LMlatentcont`, and `LMsearch`

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'LMbasic'
plot(x,
                        what = c("modSel", "CondProb", "transitions","marginal"),
                             verbose=interactive(),...)
## S3 method for class 'LMlatent'
plot(x,
                        what = c("modSel", "CondProb", "transitions","marginal"),
```

```
                              verbose=interactive(),...)
## S3 method for class 'LMbasiccont'
plot(x,
                          what = c("modSel", "density", "transitions","marginal"),
                                 components,verbose=interactive(),...)
## S3 method for class 'LMlatentcont'
plot(x,
                          what = c("modSel", "density", "transitions","marginal"),
                                  components, verbose=interactive(),...)
## S3 method for class 'LMsearch'
plot(x,...)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| x | an object of class LMbasic, LMlatent, LMbasiccont, LMlatentcont or LMsearch |
| what | a string indicating the type of plot. A detailed description is provided in the 'Details' section. |
| components | An integer or a vector of integers specifying the components (latent states) to be selected for the "density" plot. |
| verbose | A logical controlling if a text progress bar is displayed during the fitting procedure. By default is TRUE if the session is interactive, and FALSE otherwise. |
| ... | Unused argument. |

## Details

The type of plots are the following:

| | |
|---|---|
| "modSel" | plot of values of the Bayesian Information Criterion and of the Akaike Information Criterion for model selection |
| "CondProb" | plot of the estimated conditional response probabilities |
| "density" | plot of the overall estimated density for continuous responses, with weights given by the estimated marginal distribution of the latent variable. For multivariate continuous responses a contour plot is provided. If the argument components is specified, the density plot for the selected components results |
| "transitions" | path diagram of the estimated transition probabilities |
| "marginal" | plot of the estimated marginal distribution of the latent variable |

If argument what is not specified, a menu of choices is proposed in an interactive session.

## Author(s)

Francesco Bartolucci, Silvia Pandolfi, Fulvia Pennoni, Alessio Farcomeni, Alessio Serafini

## Examples

```
## Not run:
### Plot of basic LM model

data("data_SRHS_long")
SRHS <- data_SRHS_long[1:2400,]

# Categories rescaled to vary from 0 (“poor”) to 4 (“excellent”)

SRHS$srhs <- 5 - SRHS$srhs

out <- lmest(responsesFormula = srhs ~ NULL,
             index = c("id","t"),
             data = SRHS,
             k = 1:3,
             start = 1,
             modBasic = 1,
             seed = 123)
out
summary(out)
plot(out)

### Plot of basic LM model for continuous responses

data(data_long_cont)

out1 <- lmestCont(responsesFormula = Y1 + Y2 + Y3 ~ NULL,
                  index = c("id", "time"),
                  data = data_long_cont,
                  k = 1:5,
                  modBasic=1,
                  tol=10^-5)

plot(out1,what="modSel")

plot(out1,what="density")
plot(out1,what="density",components=c(1,3))


## End(Not run)
```

---

`print` *Print the output*

---

## Description

Given the output, it is written in a readable form

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'LMbasic'
print(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'LMbasiccont'
print(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'LMlatent'
print(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'LMlatentcont'
print(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'LMmanifest'
print(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'LMmixed'
print(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'MCbasic'
print(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'MCcov'
print(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'LMsearch'
print(x, modSel = "BIC",...)
## S3 method for class 'mc_multinom'
print(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'LM_cat_multinom'
print(x, ...)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| x | output from lmest,lmestCont,lmestMixed, lmestMc, and mc_multinom |
| modSel | a string indicating the model selection criteria: "BIC" (default) for Bayesian Information Criterion and "AIC" for Akaike Information Criterion |
| ... | further arguments passed to or from other methods |

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# PSIDlong *Dataset about income dynamics*

---

## Description

Longitudinal dataset deriving from the Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID) from 1987 to 1993.

## Usage

```
data(PSIDlong)
```

## Format

A data frame with 1446 observations on the following variables.

`id` subject id.

**time** occasion of observation.

`Y1Fertility` indicating whether a woman had given birth to a child in a certain year 1 for "yes", 0 for "no".

`Y2Employment` indicating whether she was employed 1 for "yes", 0 for "no".

`X1Race` dummy variable equal to 1 for a "black" woman, 0 for "other".

`X2Age` age in 1986, rescaled by its maximum value.

`X3Age2` squared age.

`X4Education` number of years of schooling.

`X5Child1_2` number of children in the family aged between 1 and 2 years, referred to the previous year.

`X6Child3_5` number of children in the family aged between 3 and 5 years, referred to the previous year.

`X7Child6_13` number of children in the family aged between 6 and 13 years, referred to the previous year.

`X8Child14` number of children in the family aged over 14 years, referred to the previous year.

`X9Income` income of the husband (in dollars, referred to the previous year, divided by 1,000.

## Source

https://psidonline.isr.umich.edu

## References

This dataset is downloadable through the package 'psidR'.

## Examples

```
data(PSIDlong)
```

---

# RLMSdat *Dataset about job satisfaction*

---

## Description

Longitudinal dataset deriving from the Russia Longitudinal Monitoring Survey (RLMS) about job satisfaction measured by an ordinal variable at seven different occasions with five categories, 1 for "absolutely satisfied", 2 for "mostly satisfied", 3 for "neutral", 4 for "not very satisfied", and 5 for "absolutely unsatisfied".

## Usage

```
data(RLMSdat)
```

## Format

A data frame with 1718 observations on the following 7 variables.

`IKSJQ` reported job satisfaction at the 1st occasion

`IKSJR` reported job satisfaction at the 2nd occasion

`IKSJS` reported job satisfaction at the 3rd occasion

`IKSJT` reported job satisfaction at the 4th occasion

`IKSJU` reported job satisfaction at the 5th occasion

`IKSJV` reported job satisfaction at the 6th occasion

`IKSJW` reported job satisfaction at the 7th occasion

## Source

http://www.cpc.unc.edu/projects/rlms-hse, https://www.hse.ru/org/hse/rlms

## References

Russia Longitudinal Monitoring survey, RLMS-HSE, conducted by Higher School of Economics and ZAO "Demoscope" together with Carolina Population Center, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the Institute of Sociology RAS

## Examples

```
data(RLMSdat)
```

---

# RLMSlong *Dataset about job satisfaction*

---

## Description

Longitudinal dataset in long format deriving from the Russia Longitudinal Monitoring Survey (RLMS, from Round XVII to Round XXIII, collected from 2008 to 2014) about job satisfaction measured by an ordinal variable at seven different occasions with five categories, 1 for "absolutely satisfied", 2 for "mostly satisfied", 3 for "neutral", 4 for "not very satisfied", and 5 for "absolutely unsatisfied".

## Usage

```
data(RLMSlong)
```

## Format

A data frame with 1718 observations on the following 7 variables.

`time` occasion of observation.

`id` subject id.

`rlms` see RLMSdat.

`value` reported job satisfaction at different time occasions coded as 1 for "absolutely satisfied", 2 for "mostly satisfied", 3 for "neutral", 4 for "not very satisfied", 5 for "absolutely unsatisfied".

## Source

https://rlms-hse.cpc.unc.edu, https://www.hse.ru/org/hse/rlms

## References

Russia Longitudinal Monitoring survey, RLMS-HSE, conducted by Higher School of Economics and ZAO "Demoscope" together with Carolina Population Center, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the Institute of Sociology RAS

## Examples

```
data(RLMSlong)
```

---

# se *Standard errors*

---

## Description

Function to compute standard errors for the parameter estimates.

## Usage

```
se(est, ...)
## S3 method for class 'LMbasic'
se(est, ...)
## S3 method for class 'LMbasiccont'
se(est, ...)
## S3 method for class 'LMlatent'
se(est, ...)
## S3 method for class 'LMlatentcont'
se(est, ...)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| `est` | an object obtained from a call to lmest and lmestCont |
| `...` | further arguments |

## Value

Standard errors for estimates in `est` object.

## Author(s)

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## Examples

```
## Not run:

# LM model for categorical responses without covariates

data("data_SRHS_long")
SRHS <- data_SRHS_long[1:2400,]

# Categories rescaled to vary from 0 ("poor") to 4 ("excellent")

SRHS$srhs <- 5 - SRHS$srhs

out <- lmest(responsesFormula = srhs ~ NULL,
             index = c("id","t"),
             data = SRHS,
             k = 3,
             modBasic = 1,
             out_se = FALSE)

out.se <- se(out)

out1 <- lmest(responsesFormula = srhs ~ NULL,
              index = c("id","t"),
              data = SRHS,
              k = 3,
              modBasic = 1,
              out_se = TRUE)

out1.se <- se(out1)

# LM model for categorical responses with covariates on the latent model

out2 <- lmest(responsesFormula = srhs ~ NULL,
              latentFormula =  ~
              I(gender - 1) +
              I( 0 + (race == 2) + (race == 3)) +
              I(0 + (education == 4)) +
              I(0 + (education == 5)) +
              I(age - 50) + I((age-50)^2/100),
              index = c("id","t"),
              data = SRHS,
              k = 2,
              paramLatent = "multilogit",
              start = 0)
```

```
out2.se <- se(out2)

# LM model for continous responses without covariates

data(data_long_cont)

out3 <- lmestCont(responsesFormula = Y1 + Y2 + Y3 ~ NULL,
                  index = c("id", "time"),
                  data = data_long_cont,
                  k =3,
                  modBasic = 1,
                  tol = 10^-5)

out3.se <- se(out3)

# LM model for continous responses with covariates

out4 <- lmestCont(responsesFormula = Y1 + Y2 + Y3  ~ NULL,
                  latentFormula = ~ X1 + X2 | X1 + X2,
                  index = c("id", "time"),
                  data = data_long_cont,
                  k = 3,
                  output = TRUE)

out4.se <- se(out4)

## End(Not run)
```

---

`search.model.LM` *Search for the global maximum of the log-likelihood*

---

## Description

Function that searches for the global maximum of the log-likelihood of different models given a vector of possible number of states to try for.

**The function is no longer maintained. Please look at `lmestSearch` function**.

## Usage

```
search.model.LM(version = c("basic","latent","manifest","basic.cont", "latent.cont"),
                kv, ..., nrep = 2, tol1 = 10^-5, tol2 = 10^-10,out_se = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| `version` | model to be estimated ("basic" = basic LM model (est_lm_basic function); "latent" = LM model with covariates in the distribution of the latent process (est_lm_cov_latent function); "manifest" = LM model with covariates in the measurement model |

| | |
|---|---|
| | (est_lm_cov_maifest function),"basic.cont" = basic LM model for continuous outcomes (est_lm_basic_cont function); "latent.cont" = LM model for continuous outcomes with covariates in the distribution of the latent process (est_lm_cov_latent_cont function)) |
| kv | vector of possible number of latent states |
| ... | additional arguments to be passed based on the model to be estimated (see details) |
| nrep | number of repetitions of each random initialization |
| tol1 | tolerance level for checking convergence of the algorithm in the random initializations |
| tol2 | tolerance level for checking convergence of the algorithm in the last deterministic initialization |
| out_se | TRUE for computing information matrix and standard errors |

## Details

The function combines deterministic and random initializations strategy to reach the global maximum of the model log-likelihood. It uses one deterministic initialization (start=0) and a number of random initializations (start=1) proportional to the number of latent states. The tolerance level is set equal to 10^-5. Starting from the best solution obtained in this way, a final run is performed (start=2) with a default tolerance level equal to 10^-10.

Arguments in ... depend on the model to be estimated. They match the arguments to be passed to functions `est_lm_basic`, `est_lm_cov_latent`, `est_lm_cov_manifest`, `est_lm_basic_cont`, or `est_lm_cov_latent_cont`.

## Value

| | |
|---|---|
| out.single | output of each single model (as from `est_lm_basic`, `est_lm_cov_latent` or `est_lm_cov_manifest`) for each k in kv |
| aicv | value of AIC index for each k in kv |
| bicv | value of BIC index for each k in kv |
| lkv | value of log-likelihood for each k in kv |

## Author(s)

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## Examples

```
## Not run:

# example for est_lm_basic
data(data_drug)
data_drug <- as.matrix(data_drug)
S <- data_drug[,1:5]-1
yv <- data_drug[,6]
n <- sum(yv)
```

```
# Search Basic LM model

res <- search.model.LM("basic", kv = 1:4, S, yv, mod = 1)
summary(res)


## End(Not run)
```

---

summary *Summary of LM fits*

---

## Description

Summary methods

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'LMbasic'
summary(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'LMbasiccont'
summary(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'LMlatent'
summary(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'LMlatentcont'
summary(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'LMmanifest'
summary(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'LMmixed'
summary(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'MCbasic'
summary(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'MCcov'
summary(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'LMsearch'
summary(object,...)
## S3 method for class 'mc_multinom'
summary(object,...)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| object | output from lmest,lmestCont,lmestMixed, mc_multinom, and lmestMc |
| ... | further arguments passed to or from other methods |

## Author(s)

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summary.lmestData *Summary and plot of* lmestData

## Description

Methods for lmestData object providing basic descriptive statistics (summary) and plots.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'lmestData'
summary(object, type = c("all","cross", "year"),
       dataSummary = c("all", "responses", "manifest", "initial", "transition"),
        varType = rep("c", x$d), digits = getOption("digits"),
        maxsum = 10, maxobs = 20, ...)
## S3 method for class 'lmestData'
plot(x, typePlot = c("s", "sh"),
     dataPlots = c("all", "responses", "manifest", "initial", "transition"),
        ...)
## S3 method for class 'lmestData'
print(x, ...)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| object | an object of class lmestData |
| x | an object of class lmestData |
| type | type of summary to print. all prints a summary for each varaible, and a summary for each variables by time. cross prints a summary for each variable. year prints a summary for each variable by time. The summary is adapted according to varType (By default is set to all) |
| dataSummary | a string indicating whether summary is returned: all for the entire data, responses for the responses, manifest for covariates on the manifest distribution, initial for the covariate affecting the initial probabilities, and transition for the covariates affecting the transition probabilities. (By default is set to all) |
| varType | a string vector of lengh equal to the number of variables, "c" for continuous and "d" for discrete, indicating wich varaibles are continuos and which are discrete |
| digits | the number of significant digits |
| maxsum | an integer value indicating the maximum number of levels to print |
| maxobs | an integer value indicating the maximun number of observation in which the summary statistics are reported for each observation |
| typePlot | a string indicating the type of plot. "s" plots a scaterplot matrix. "sh" plots a scatterplot matrix with the histogram for each variable in the diagonal |

| | |
|---|---|
| `dataPlots` | a string indicating whether the plot is returned: `all` for the entire data, `responses` for the responses, `manifest` for covariates on the manifest distribution, `initial` for the covariate affecting the initial probabilities, `transition` for the covariates affecting the transition probabilities. (By default is set to all) |
| `...` | further arguments |

## Author(s)

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