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**Description** eRm fits Rasch models (RM), linear logistic test models (LLTM), rating scale model (RSM), linear rating scale models (LRSM), partial credit models (PCM), and linear partial credit models (LPCM). Missing values are allowed in the data matrix. Additional features are the ML estimation of the person parameters, Andersen’s LR-test, item-specific Wald test, Martin-Loef-Test, nonparametric Monte-Carlo Tests, itemfit and personfit statistics including infit and outfit measures, various ICC and related plots, automated stepwise item elimination, simulation module for various binary data matrices. An eRm platform is provided at R-forge (see URL).

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## Description

This package estimates extended Rasch models, i.e. the ordinary Rasch model for dichotomous data (RM), the linear logistic test model (LLTM), the rating scale model (RSM) and its linear extension (LRSM), the partial credit model (PCM) and its linear extension (LPCM). The parameters are estimated by conditional maximum likelihood (CML). Missing values are allowed in the data matrix. Additional features are the estimation of the person parameters, LR-Model test, item-specific Wald test, Martin-Loef test, nonparametric Monte-Carlo tests, itemfit and personfit statistics, various ICC plots. An eRm platform is provided at <http://r-forge.r-project.org/projects/erm/>.

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The basic input units for the functions are the person-item matrix  $X$  and the design matrix  $W$ . Missing values in  $X$  are coded with NA. By default,  $W$  is generated automatically, but it can be specified by the user as well. The function call of the basic models can be achieved through  $RM(X, W)$ ,  $RSM(X, W)$ , and  $PCM(X, W)$ .

The linear extensions provide the possibility to fit a more restricted model than its basic complement, such as  $LLTM(X, W)$ ,  $LRSM(X, W)$ ,  $LPCM(X, W)$ , but also a generalization by imposing repeated measurement designs and group contrasts. These models can be estimated by using, e.g.,  $LLTM(X, W, mpoints = 2, groupvec = g)$ ,

$LRSM(X, W, mpoints = 2, groupvec = g)$ ,

$LPCM(X, W, mpoints = 2, groupvec = g)$ ,

and as very flexible multidimensional model for repeated measurements  $LLRA(X, W, mpoints = 2, groups = G)$ ,

$mpoints$  specifies the number of measurement or time points,  $g$  is a vector with the group membership for each subject, ordered according to the rows of the data matrix, and  $G$  is a matrix with subject covariates (e.g., treatments),

$RM$  produces an object belonging to the classes  $dRm$ ,  $Rm$ , and  $eRm$ .  $PCM$  and  $RSM$  produce objects belonging to the classes  $Rm$  and  $eRm$ , whereas results of  $LLTM$ ,  $LRSM$ ,  $LLTM$  and  $LLRA$  are objects of class  $eRm$ . For a detailed overview of all classes defined in the package and the functions depending on them see the package's vignette.

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**Note**

The fitting engine by default is `nlm` unless changed to `optim`. For specification of the optimizer the global variable `fitctrl` has to be used, i.e., `fitctrl <- "nlm"` or `fitctrl <- "optim"`.

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**References**

Fischer, G. H., and Molenaar, I. (1995). Rasch Models - Foundations, Recent Developments, and Applications. Springer.

Mair, P., and Hatzinger, R. (2007). Extended Rasch modeling: The eRm package for the application of IRT models in R. *Journal of Statistical Software*, 20(9), 1-20.

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anova.llra

*Analysis of Deviance for Linear Logistic Models with Relaxed Assumptions*

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**Description**

Compute an analysis of deviance table for one or more LLRA.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'llra'
anova(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object, ... objects of class "llra", typically the result of a call to `LLRA`.

**Details**

An analysis of deviance table will be calculated. The models in rows are ordered from the smallest to the largest model. Each row shows the number of parameters (Npar) and the log-likelihood (logLik). For all but the first model, the parameter difference (df) and the difference in deviance or the likelihood ratio (-2LR) is given between two subsequent models (with increasing complexity). Please note that interpreting these values only makes sense if the models are nested.

The table also contains p-values comparing the reduction in the deviance to the df for each row based on the asymptotic Chi<sup>2</sup>-Distribution of the Likelihood ratio test statistic.

**Value**

An object of class "anova" inheriting from class "data.frame".

**Warning:**

The comparison between two or more models by anova will only be valid if they are fitted to the same dataset and if the models are nested. The function does not check if that is the case.

**Author(s)**

Thomas Rusch

**See Also**

The model fitting function [LLRA](#).

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
##An LLRA with 2 treatment groups and 1 baseline group, 5 items and 4
##time points. Item 1 is dichotomous, all others have 3, 4, 5, 6
##categories respectively.
data("llraDat2")

#fit LLRA
ex2 <- LLRA(llraDat2[,1:20],mpoints=4,groups=llraDat2[,21])

#Imposing a linear trend for items 2 and 3 using collapse_W
collItems2 <- list(c(32,37,42),c(33,38,43))
newNames2 <- c("trend.I2","trend.I3")
Wnew <- collapse_W(ex2$W,collItems2,newNames2)

#Estimating LLRA with the linear trend for item 2 and 3
ex2new <- LLRA(llraDat2[1:20],W=Wnew,mpoints=4,groups=llraDat2[21])

#comparing models with likelihood ratio test
anova(ex2,ex2new)

## End(Not run)
```

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build\_W

*Automatized Construction of LLRA Design Matrix*

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**Description**

Builds a design matrix for LLRA from scratch.

**Usage**

```
build_W(X, nitems, mpoints, grp_n, groupvec, itmgrps)
```

**Arguments**

X	Data matrix as described in Hatzinger and Rusch (2009). It must be of long format, e.g. for each person all item answers are written in subsequent rows. The columns correspond to time points. Missing values are not allowed. It can easily be constructed from data in wide format with <code>matrix(unlist(data), ncol=mpoints)</code> or from <code>llra.datprep</code> .
nitems	The number of items.
mpoints	The number of time points.
grp_n	A vector of number of subjects per g+1 groups (e.g. g treatment or covariate groups and 1 control or baseline group). The sizes must be ordered like the corresponding groups.
groupvec	Assignment vector, i.e. which person belongs to which treatment/item group
itmgrps	Specifies how many groups of items there are.

**Details**

The function is designed to be modular and calls four internal function `build_effdes` (for treatment/covariate effects), `build_trdes` (for trend effects), `build_catdes` (for category parameter design matrix) and `get_item_cats` (checks how many categories each item has). Those functions are not intended to be used by the user.

Labeling of effects also happens in the internal functions.

**Value**

An LLRA design matrix as described by Hatzinger and Rusch (2009). This can be passed as the W argument to LLRA or LPCM.

The design matrix specifies every item to lie on its own dimension. Hence at every time point  $> 1$ , there are effects for each treatment or covariate group as well as trend effects for every item. Therefore overall there are  $\text{items} \times (\text{groups}-1) \times (\text{time points}-1)$  covariate effect parameters and  $\text{items} \times (\text{time points}-1)$  trend parameters specified. For polytomous items there also are parameters for each category with the first and second category being equated for each item. They need not be equidistant. The number of parameters therefore increase quite rapidly for any additional time point, item or covariate group.

**Warning**

A warning is printed that the first two categories for polytomous items are equated.

**Author(s)**

Thomas Rusch

**References**

Hatzinger, R. and Rusch, T. (2009) IRT models with relaxed assumptions in eRm: A manual-like instruction. *Psychology Science Quarterly*, **51**, pp. 87–120, [http://erm.r-forge.r-project.org/psq\\_1\\_2009\\_06\\_87-120.pdf](http://erm.r-forge.r-project.org/psq_1_2009_06_87-120.pdf)

**See Also**

This function is used for automatic generation of the design matrix in [LLRA](#).

**Examples**

```
##An LLRA with 2 treatment groups and 1 baseline group, 5 items and 4
##time points. Item 1 is dichotomous, all others have 3, 4, 5, 6
##categories respectively.
data("llraDat2")
llraDat2a <- matrix(unlist(llraDat2[1:20]),ncol=4)
groupvec <-rep(1:3*5,each=20)
W <- build_W(llraDat2a,nitems=5,mpoints=4,grp_n=c(10,20,40),groupvec=groupvec,itmgrps=1:5)

#There are 55 parameters
dim(W)

#Estimating LLRA by specifying W
## Not run:
ex2W <- LLRA(llraDat2[1:20],W=W,mpoints=4,groups=llraDat2[21])

## End(Not run)
```

collapse\_W

*Convenient Collapsing of LLRA Design Matrix***Description**

Collapses columns of a design matrix for LLRA to specify different parameter restrictions in LLRA.

**Usage**

```
collapse_W(W, listItems, newNames)
```

**Arguments**

W	A design matrix (for LLRA), typically from a call to <a href="#">build_W</a> or component \$W from <a href="#">LLRA</a> or <a href="#">LPCM</a>
listItems	A list of numeric vectors. Each component of the list specifies columns to be collapsed together.
newNames	An (optional) character vector specifying the names of the collapsed effects.

**Details**

This function is a convenience function to collapse a design matrix, i.e. to specify linear trend or treatment effects and so on. Collapsing here means that effects in columns are summed up. For this, a list of numeric vectors with the column indices of columns to be collapsed have to be passed to the function. For example, if you want to collapse column 3, 6 and 8 into one new effect and 1, 4 and 9 into another it needs to be passed with `list(c(3, 6, 8), c(1, 4, 9))`.

The new effects can be given names by passing a character vector to the function with equal length as the list.

### Value

An LLRA design matrix as described by Hatzinger and Rusch (2009). This can be passed as the *W* argument to LLRA or LPCM.

### Author(s)

Thomas Rusch

### References

Hatzinger, R. and Rusch, T. (2009) IRT models with relaxed assumptions in eRm: A manual-like instruction. *Psychology Science Quarterly*, **51**, pp. 87–120, [http://erm.r-forge.r-project.org/psq\\_1\\_2009\\_06\\_87-120.pdf](http://erm.r-forge.r-project.org/psq_1_2009_06_87-120.pdf)

### See Also

The function to build design matrices from scratch, [build\\_W](#).

### Examples

```
##An LLRA with 2 treatment groups and 1 baseline group, 5 items and 4
##time points. Item 1 is dichotomous, all others have 3, 4, 5, 6
##categories respectively.
data("llraDat2")
llraDat2a <- matrix(unlist(llraDat2[1:20]),ncol=4)
groupvec <- rep(1:3*5,each=20)
W <- build_W(llraDat2a, nitems=5, mpoints=4, grp_n=c(10,20,40), groupvec=groupvec,
             itmgrps=1:5)

#There are 55 parameters to be estimated
dim(W)

#Imposing a linear trend for the second item ,i.e. parameters in
#columns 32, 37 and 42 need to be
#collapsed into a single column.
collItems1 <- list(c(32,37,42))
newNames1 <- c("trend.I2")
Wstar1 <- collapse_W(W,collItems1)

#53 parameters need to be estimated
dim(Wstar1)
```

gofIRT

*Various model tests and fit indices***Description**

This function computes various model tests and fit indices for objects of class ppar: Collapsed deviance, Casewise deviance, Rost's LR-test, Hosmer-Lemeshow test, R-Squared measures, confusion matrix, ROC analysis.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'ppar'
gofIRT(object, groups.hl = 10, cutpoint = 0.5)
```

**Arguments**

object	Object of class ppar (from <code>person.parameter()</code> ).
groups.hl	Number of groups for Hosmer-Lemeshow test (see details).
cutpoint	Integer between 0 and 1 for computing the 0-1 model matrix from the estimated probabilities

**Details**

So far this test statistics are implemented only for dichotomous models without NA's. The Hosmer-Lemeshow test is computed by splitting the response vector into percentiles, e.g. `groups.hl = 10` corresponds to decile splitting.

**Value**

The function `gofIRT` returns an object of class `gof` containing:

<code>test.table</code>	Output for model tests.
<code>R2</code>	List with R-squared measures.
<code>classifier</code>	Confusion matrix, accuracy, sensitivity, specificity.
<code>AUC</code>	Area under ROC curve.
<code>Gini</code>	Gini coefficient.
<code>ROC</code>	FPR and TPR for different cutpoints.
<code>opt.cut</code>	Optimal cutpoint determined by ROC analysis.
<code>predobj</code>	Prediction output from ROC analysis (ROCR package)

**References**

Mair, P., Reise, S. P., and Bentler, P. M. (2008). IRT goodness-of-fit using approaches from logistic regression. UCLA Statistics Preprint Series.

**See Also**

[itemfit.ppar](#), [personfit.ppar](#), [LRtest](#)

**Examples**

```
#Goodness-of-fit for a Rasch model
data(raschdat1)
res <- RM(raschdat1)
pres <- person.parameter(res)
gof.res <- gofIRT(pres)
gof.res
summary(gof.res)
```

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 IC

*Information criteria*


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**Description**

Computation of information criteria such as AIC, BIC, and cAIC based on unconditional (joint), marginal, and conditional log-likelihood

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'ppar'
IC(object)
```

**Arguments**

`object`            Object of class `ppar` (from `person.parameter()`).

**Details**

The joint log-likelihood is established by summation of the logarithms of the estimated solving probabilities. The marginal log-likelihood can be computed directly from the conditional log-likelihood (see vignette for details).

**Value**

The function `IC` returns an object of class `ICr` containing:

`ICtable`            Matrix containing log-likelihood values, number of parameters, AIC, BIC, and cAIC for the joint, marginal, and conditional log-likelihood.

**See Also**

[LRtest.Rm](#)

**Examples**

```

#IC's for Rasch model
data(raschdat2)
res <- RM(raschdat2)          #Rasch model
pres <- person.parameter(res) #Person parameters
IC(pres)

#IC's for RSM
data(rsmdat)
res <- RSM(rsmdat)
pres <- person.parameter(res)
IC(pres)

```

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itemfit.ppar

*Residuals, Personfit and Itemfit Statistics*


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**Description**

pmat computes the theoretical person-item matrix with solving probabilities for each category (except 0th). residuals computes the squared and standardized residuals based on the observed and the expected person-item matrix. Chi-square based itemfit and personfit statistics can be obtained by using itemfit and personfit.

**Usage**

```

## S3 method for class 'ppar'
pmat(object)
## S3 method for class 'ppar'
residuals(object,...)
## S3 method for class 'ppar'
itemfit(object)
## S3 method for class 'ppar'
personfit(object)
## S3 method for class 'ifit'
print(x, visible = TRUE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'pfit'
print(x, visible = TRUE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'resid'
print(x, ...)

```

**Arguments**

object	Object of class ppar, derived from person.parameter.
x	Object of class ifit, pfit, or resid.
visible	if FALSE, returns the matrix of fit statistics that otherwise would be printed.

... Further arguments passed to or from other methods. They are ignored in this function.

### Value

<code>p.mat</code>	Matrix of theoretical probabilities for each category except 0th (from function <code>p.mat</code> ).
<code>i.fit</code>	Chi-squared itemfit statistics (from function <code>itemfit</code> ).
<code>i.df</code>	Degrees of freedom for itemfit statistics (from function <code>itemfit</code> ).
<code>st.res</code>	Standardized residuals (from function <code>itemfit</code> ).
<code>i.outfitMSQ</code>	Outfit mean-square statistics (from function <code>itemfit</code> ).
<code>i.infitMSQ</code>	Infit mean-square statistics (from function <code>itemfit</code> ).
<code>p.fit</code>	Chi-squared personfit statistics (from function <code>personfit</code> ).
<code>p.df</code>	Degrees of freedom for personfit statistics (from function <code>personfit</code> ).
<code>st.res</code>	Standardized residuals (from function <code>personfit</code> ).
<code>p.outfitMSQ</code>	Outfit mean-square statistics (from function <code>personfit</code> ).
<code>p.infitMSQ</code>	Infit mean-square statistics (from function <code>personfit</code> ).

### Author(s)

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### References

Smith Jr., E. V., and Smith, R. M. (2004). Introduction to Rasch Measurement. JAM press.  
 Wright, B.D., and Masters, G.N. Computation of OUTFIT and INFIT Statistics. Rasch Measurement Transactions, 1990, 3:4 p.84-5

### See Also

[person.parameter](#)

### Examples

```
# Rasch model, estimation of item and person parameters
data(raschdat2)
res <- RM(raschdat2)
p.res <- person.parameter(res)

# Matrix with expected probabilities and corresponding residuals
p.mat(p.res)
residuals(p.res)

#Itemfit
itemfit(p.res)
```

```
#Personfit
personfit(p.res)
```

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LLRA

*Fit Linear Logistic Models with Relaxed Assumptions (LLRA)*


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### Description

Automatically builds design matrix and fits LLRA.

### Usage

```
LLRA(X, W, mpoints, groups, baseline, itmgrps = NULL, ...)
```

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

### Arguments

X	Data matrix as described in Hatzinger and Rusch (2009). It must be of wide format, e.g. for each person all item answers are written in columns for t1, t2, t3 etc. Hence each row corresponds to all observations for a single person. See llraDat1 for an example. Missing values are not allowed.
W	Design Matrix for LLRA to be passed to LPCM. If missing, it is generated automatically.
mpoints	The number of time points.
groups	Vector, matrix or data frame with subject/treatment covariates.
baseline	An optional vector with the baseline values for the columns in group.
itmgrps	Specifies how many groups of items there are. Currently not functional but may be useful in the future.
x	For the print method, an object of class "llra".
...	Additional arguments to be passed to and from other methods.

### Details

The function LLRA is a wrapper for LPCM to fit Linear Logistic Models with Relaxed Assumptions (LLRA). LLRA are extensions of the LPCM for the measurement of change over a number of discrete time points for a set of items. It can incorporate categorical covariate information. If no design matrix W is passed as an argument, it is built automatically from scratch.

Unless passed by the user, the baseline group is always the one with the lowest (alpha-)numerical value for argument groups. All other groups are labeled decreasingly according to the (alpha-)numerical value, e.g. with 2 treatment groups (TG1 and TG2) and one control group (CG), CG will

be the baseline than TG1 and TG2. Hence the group effects are ordered like `rev((unique(names(groupvec))))` for naming.

Caution is advised as LLRA will fail if all changes for a group will be into a single direction (e.g. all subjects in the treatment group show improvement). Currently only data matrices are supported as arguments.

### Value

Returns an object of class "llra" (also inheriting from class "eRm") containing

<code>loglik</code>	Conditional log-likelihood.
<code>iter</code>	Number of iterations.
<code>npar</code>	Number of parameters.
<code>convergence</code>	See code output in <code>nlm</code> .
<code>etapar</code>	Estimated basic item parameters. These are the LLRA effect parameters.
<code>se.eta</code>	Standard errors of the estimated basic item parameters.
<code>betapar</code>	Estimated item (easiness) parameters of the virtual items (not useful for interpretation here).
<code>se.beta</code>	Standard errors of virtual item parameters (not useful for interpretation here).
<code>hessian</code>	Hessian matrix if <code>se = TRUE</code> .
<code>W</code>	Design matrix.
<code>X</code>	Data matrix in long format. The columns correspond to the measurement points and each persons item answers are listed susequently in rows.
<code>X01</code>	Dichotomized data matrix.
<code>groupvec</code>	Assignment vector.
<code>call</code>	The matched call.
<code>itms</code>	The number of items.

### Warning

A warning is printed that the first two categories for polytomous items are equated to save parameters. See Hatzinger and Rusch (2009) for a justification why this is valid also from a substantive point of view.

### Author(s)

Thomas Rusch

### References

Fischer, G.H. (1995) Linear logistic models for change. In G.H. Fischer and I. W. Molenaar (eds.), *Rasch models: Foundations, recent developments and applications* (pp. 157–181), New York: Springer.

Glueck, J. and Spiel, C. (1997) Item response models for repeated measures designs: Application and limitations of four different approaches. *Methods of Psychological Research*, **2**. <http://www.dgps.de/fachgruppen/methoden/mpr-online/issue2/art6/article.html>

Hatzinger, R. and Rusch, T. (2009) IRT models with relaxed assumptions in eRm: A manual-like instruction. *Psychology Science Quarterly*, **51**, pp. 87–120, [http://erm.r-forge.r-project.org/psq\\_1\\_2009\\_06\\_87-120.pdf](http://erm.r-forge.r-project.org/psq_1_2009_06_87-120.pdf)

### See Also

The function to build the design matrix `build_W`, and the S3 methods `summary.llra` and `plotTR` and `plotGR` for plotting.

### Examples

```
##Example 6 from Hatzinger & Rusch (2009)
data("llradat3")
groups <- c(rep("TG",30),rep("CG",30))
llra1 <- LLRA(llradat3,mpoints=2,groups=groups)
llra1

##An LLRA with 2 treatment groups and 1 baseline group, 5 items and 4
##time points. Item 1 is dichotomous, all others have 3, 4, 5, 6
##categories respectively.
## Not run:
data("llraDat2")
dats <- llraDat2[1:20]
groups <- llraDat2$group
tps <- 4
ex2 <- LLRA(dats,mpoints=tps,groups=groups) #baseline CG
#baseline TG1
ex2a <- LLRA(dats,mpoints=tps,groups=groups,baseline="TG1") #baseline TG1
ex2
summary(ex2)
summary(ex2a)
plotGR(ex2)
plotTR(ex2)

## End(Not run)
```

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llra.datprep

*Prepare Data Set for LLRA Analysis*


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### Description

Converts wide data matrix in long format, sorts subjects according to groups and builds assignment vector.

### Usage

```
llra.datprep(X, mpoints, groups, baseline)
```

**Arguments**

X	Data matrix as described in Hatzinger and Rusch (2009). It must be of wide format, e.g. for each person all item answers are written in columns for t1, t2, t3 etc. Hence each row corresponds to all observations for a single person. Missing values are not allowed.
mpoints	The number of time points.
groups	Vector, matrix or data frame with subject/treatment covariates.
baseline	An optional vector with the baseline values for the columns in group.

**Details**

The function converts a data matrix from wide to long format as needed for LLRA. Additionally it sorts the subjects according to the different treatment/covariate groups. The group with the lowest (alpha-)numerical value will be the baseline.

Treatment and covariate groups are either defined by a vector, or by a matrix or data frame. The latter will be combined to a vector of groups corresponding to a combination of each factor level per column with the factor levels of the other column. The (constructed or passed) vector will then be used to create the assignment vector.

**Value**

Returns a list with the components

X	Data matrix in long format with subjects sorted by groups.
assign.vec	The assignment vector.
grp_n	A vector of the number of subjects in each group.

**Author(s)**

Reinhold Hatzinger

**See Also**

The function that uses this is [LLRA](#). The values from `llra.datprep` can be passed to [build\\_W](#).

**Examples**

```
# example 3 items, 3 timepoints, n=10, 2x2 treatments
dat<-sim.rasch(10,9)
tr1<-sample(c("a","b"),10,r=TRUE)
tr2<-sample(c("x","y"),10,r=TRUE)

# one treatment
res<-llra.datprep(dat,mpoints=3,groups=tr1)
res<-llra.datprep(dat,mpoints=3,groups=tr1,baseline="b")

# two treatments
res<-llra.datprep(dat,mpoints=3,groups=cbind(tr1,tr2))
```

```
res<-llra.datprep(dat,mpoints=3,groups=cbind(tr1,tr2),baseline=c("b","x"))

# two treatments - data frame
tr.dfr<-data.frame(tr1, tr2)
res<-llra.datprep(dat,mpoints=3,groups=tr.dfr)
```

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llraDat1

*An Artificial LLRA Data Set*

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### **Description**

Artificial data set of 5 items, 5 time points and 5 groups for LLRA.

### **Usage**

```
data(llraDat1)
```

### **Format**

A data frame with 150 observations of 26 variables.

- t1.I1 Answers to item 1 at time point 1
- t1.I2 Answers to item 2 at time point 1
- t1.I3 Answers to item 3 at time point 1
- t1.I4 Answers to item 4 at time point 1
- t1.I5 Answers to item 5 at time point 1
- t2.I1 Answers to item 1 at time point 2
- t2.I2 Answers to item 2 at time point 2
- t2.I3 Answers to item 3 at time point 2
- t2.I4 Answers to item 4 at time point 2
- t2.I5 Answers to item 5 at time point 2
- t3.I1 Answers to item 1 at time point 3
- t3.I2 Answers to item 2 at time point 3
- t3.I3 Answers to item 3 at time point 3
- t3.I4 Answers to item 4 at time point 3
- t3.I5 Answers to item 5 at time point 3
- t4.I1 Answers to item 1 at time point 4
- t4.I2 Answers to item 2 at time point 4
- t4.I3 Answers to item 3 at time point 4
- t4.I4 Answers to item 4 at time point 4
- t4.I5 Answers to item 5 at time point 4
- t5.I1 Answers to item 1 at time point 5

- t5.I2 Answers to item 2 at time point 5
- t5.I3 Answers to item 3 at time point 5
- t5.I4 Answers to item 4 at time point 5
- t5.I5 Answers to item 5 at time point 5
- groups The group membership

### Details

This is a data set as described in Hatzinger and Rusch (2009). 5 items were measured at 5 time points (in columns). Each row corresponds to one person (P1 to P150). There are 4 treatment groups and a control group. Treatment group G5 has size 10 (the first ten subjects), treatment group G4 has size 20, treatment group G3 has size 30, treatment group G2 has size 40 and the control group CG has size 50 (the last 50 subjects). Item 1 is dichotomous, all others are polytomous. Item 2, 3, 4 and 5 have 3, 4, 5, 6 categories respectively.

### References

Hatzinger, R. and Rusch, T. (2009) IRT models with relaxed assumptions in eRm: A manual-like instruction. *Psychology Science Quarterly*, **51**, pp. 87–120, [http://erm.r-forge.r-project.org/psq\\_1\\_2009\\_06\\_87-120.pdf](http://erm.r-forge.r-project.org/psq_1_2009_06_87-120.pdf)

### Examples

```
data(llraDat1)
```

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llraDat2	<i>An Artificial LLRA Data Set</i>
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### Description

Artificial data set of 70 subjects with 5 items, 4 time points and 3 groups for LLRA.

### Usage

```
data(llraDat2)
```

### Format

A data frame with 70 observations of 21 variables.

- t1.I1 Answers to item 1 at time point 1
- t1.I2 Answers to item 2 at time point 1
- t1.I3 Answers to item 3 at time point 1
- t1.I4 Answers to item 4 at time point 1
- t1.I5 Answers to item 5 at time point 1

- t2.I1 Answers to item 1 at time point 2
- t2.I2 Answers to item 2 at time point 2
- t2.I3 Answers to item 3 at time point 2
- t2.I4 Answers to item 4 at time point 2
- t2.I5 Answers to item 5 at time point 2
- t3.I1 Answers to item 1 at time point 3
- t3.I2 Answers to item 2 at time point 3
- t3.I3 Answers to item 3 at time point 3
- t3.I4 Answers to item 4 at time point 3
- t3.I5 Answers to item 5 at time point 3
- t4.I1 Answers to item 1 at time point 4
- t4.I2 Answers to item 2 at time point 4
- t4.I3 Answers to item 3 at time point 4
- t4.I4 Answers to item 4 at time point 4
- t4.I5 Answers to item 5 at time point 4
- groups The group membership

### Details

This is a data set as described in Hatzinger and Rusch (2009). 5 items were measured at 4 time points (in columns). Each person's answers to the items are recorded in the rows. There are 2 treatment groups and a control group. Treatment group 2 has size, 10, treatment group 1 has size 20 and the control group has size 40. Item 1 is dichotomous, all others are polytomous. Item 2, 3, 4 and 5 have 3, 4, 5, 6 categories respectively.

### References

Hatzinger, R. and Rusch, T. (2009) IRT models with relaxed assumptions in eRm: A manual-like instruction. *Psychology Science Quarterly*, **51**, pp. 87–120, [http://erm.r-forge.r-project.org/psq\\_1\\_2009\\_06\\_87-120.pdf](http://erm.r-forge.r-project.org/psq_1_2009_06_87-120.pdf)

### Examples

```
data(llraDat2)
```

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`llradat3`*An Artificial LLRA Data Set*

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**Description**

Artificial data set of 3 items, 2 time points and 2 groups for LLRA. It is example 6 from Hatzinger and Rusch (2009).

**Usage**

```
data(llradat3)
```

**Format**

A data frame with 60 observations of 6 variables.

- V1 Answers to item 1 at time point 1
- V2 Answers to item 2 at time point 1
- V3 Answers to item 3 at time point 1
- V4 Answers to item 1 at time point 2
- V5 Answers to item 2 at time point 2
- V6 Answers to item 3 at time point 2

**Details**

This is a data set as described in Hatzinger and Rusch (2009).

**References**

Hatzinger, R. and Rusch, T. (2009) IRT models with relaxed assumptions in eRm: A manual-like instruction. *Psychology Science Quarterly*, **51**, pp. 87–120, [http://erm.r-forge.r-project.org/psq\\_1\\_2009\\_06\\_87-120.pdf](http://erm.r-forge.r-project.org/psq_1_2009_06_87-120.pdf)

**Examples**

```
data(llradat3)
```

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 LLTM

*Estimation of linear logistic test models*


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### Description

This function computes the parameter estimates of a linear logistic test model (LLTM) for binary item responses by using CML estimation.

### Usage

```
LLTM(X, W, mpoints = 1, groupvec = 1, se = TRUE, sum0 = TRUE,
      etaStart)
```

### Arguments

X	Input 0/1 data matrix or data frame; rows represent individuals (N in total), columns represent items. Missing values have to be inserted as NA.
W	Design matrix for the LLTM. If omitted, the function will compute W automatically.
mpoints	Number of measurement points.
groupvec	Vector of length N which determines the group membership of each subject, starting from 1. If groupvec=1, no group contrasts are imposed.
se	If TRUE, the standard errors are computed.
sum0	If TRUE, the parameters are normalized to sum-0 by specifying an appropriate W. If FALSE, the first parameter is restricted to 0.
etaStart	A vector of starting values for the eta parameters can be specified. If missing, the 0-vector is used.

### Details

Through appropriate definition of W the LLTM can be viewed as a more parsimonous Rasch model, on the one hand, e.g. by imposing some cognitive base operations to solve the items. On the other hand, linear extensions of the Rasch model such as group comparisons and repeated measurement designs can be computed. If more than one measurement point is examined, the item responses for the 2nd, 3rd, etc. measurement point are added column-wise in X.

If W is user-defined, it is nevertheless necessary to specify mpoints and groupvec. It is important that first the time contrasts and then the group contrasts have to be imposed.

Available methods for LLTM-objects are:

```
print, coef, model.matrix, vcov,summary, logLik, person.parameters.
```

**Value**

Returns on object of class eRm containing:

loglik	Conditional log-likelihood.
iter	Number of iterations.
npar	Number of parameters.
convergence	See code output in <a href="#">nlm</a> .
etapar	Estimated basic item parameters.
se.eta	Standard errors of the estimated basic parameters.
betapar	Estimated item (easiness) parameters.
se.beta	Standard errors of item parameters.
hessian	Hessian matrix if se = TRUE.
W	Design matrix.
X	Data matrix.
X01	Dichotomized data matrix.
groupvec	Group membership vector.
call	The matched call.

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Fischer, G. H., and Molenaar, I. (1995). Rasch Models - Foundations, Recent Developments, and Applications. Springer.

Mair, P., and Hatzinger, R. (2007). Extended Rasch modeling: The eRm package for the application of IRT models in R. Journal of Statistical Software, 20(9), 1-20.

Mair, P., and Hatzinger, R. (2007). CML based estimation of extended Rasch models with the eRm package in R. Psychology Science, 49, 26-43.

**See Also**

[LRSM,LPCM](#)

**Examples**

```
#LLTM for 2 measurement points
#100 persons, 2*15 items, W generated automatically
data(lltmdat1)
res1 <- LLTM(lltmdat1, mpoints = 2)
print(res1)
summary(res1)
```

```
#Reparameterized Rasch model as LLTM (more parsimonious)
data(lltmdat2)
W <- matrix(c(1,2,1,3,2,2,2,1,1,1),ncol=2)           #design matrix
res2 <- LLTM(lltmdat2, W = W)
print(res2)
summary(res2)
```

LPCM

*Estimation of linear partial credit models***Description**

This function computes the parameter estimates of a linear partial credit model (LPCM) for polytomous item responses by using CML estimation.

**Usage**

```
LPCM(X, W , mpoints = 1, groupvec = 1, se = TRUE, sum0 = TRUE,
      etaStart)
```

**Arguments**

X	Input data matrix or data frame; rows represent individuals (N in total), columns represent items. Missing values are inserted as NA.
W	Design matrix for the LPCM. If omitted, the function will compute W automatically.
mpoints	Number of measurement points.
groupvec	Vector of length N which determines the group membership of each subject, starting from 1
se	If TRUE, the standard errors are computed.
sum0	If TRUE, the parameters are normalized to sum-0 by specifying an appropriate W. If FALSE, the first parameter is restricted to 0.
etaStart	A vector of starting values for the eta parameters can be specified. If missing, the 0-vector is used.

**Details**

Through appropriate definition of W the LPCM can be viewed as a more parsimonious PCM, on the one hand, e.g. by imposing some cognitive base operations to solve the items. On the other hand, linear extensions of the Rasch model such as group comparisons and repeated measurement designs can be computed. If more than one measurement point is examined, the item responses for the 2nd, 3rd, etc. measurement point are added column-wise in X.

If W is user-defined, it is nevertheless necessary to specify mpoints and groupvec. It is important that first the time contrasts and then the group contrasts have to be imposed.

Available methods for LPCM-objects are:

```
print, coef, model.matrix, vcov,summary, logLik, person.parameters.
```

**Value**

Returns on object of class eRm containing:

loglik	Conditional log-likelihood.
iter	Number of iterations.
npar	Number of parameters.
convergence	See code output in <a href="#">nlm</a> .
etapar	Estimated basic item parameters.
se.eta	Standard errors of the estimated basic item parameters.
betapar	Estimated item (easiness) parameters.
se.beta	Standard errors of item parameters.
hessian	Hessian matrix if se = TRUE.
W	Design matrix.
X	Data matrix.
X01	Dichotomized data matrix.
groupvec	Group membership vector.
call	The matched call.

**Author(s)**

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**References**

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Mair, P., and Hatzinger, R. (2007). Extended Rasch modeling: The eRm package for the application of IRT models in R. Journal of Statistical Software, 20(9), 1-20.

Mair, P., and Hatzinger, R. (2007). CML based estimation of extended Rasch models with the eRm package in R. Psychology Science, 49, 26-43.

**See Also**

[LRSM,LLTM](#)

**Examples**

```
#LPCM for two measurement points and two subject groups
#20 subjects, 2*3 items
data(lpcmdat)
G <- c(rep(1,10),rep(2,10))          #group vector
res <- LPCM(lpcmdat, mpoints = 2, groupvec = G)
print(res)
summary(res)
```

**Description**

This function computes the parameter estimates of a linear rating scale model (LRSM) for polytomous item responses by using CML estimation.

**Usage**

```
LRSM(X, W , mpoints = 1, groupvec = 1, se = TRUE, sum0 = TRUE,
      etaStart)
```

**Arguments**

X	Input data matrix or data frame; rows represent individuals (N in total), columns represent items. Missing values are inserted as NA.
W	Design matrix for the LRSM. If omitted, the function will compute W automatically.
mpoints	Number of measurement points.
groupvec	Vector of length N which determines the group membership of each subject, starting from 1
se	If TRUE, the standard errors are computed.
sum0	If TRUE, the parameters are normalized to sum-0 by specifying an appropriate W. If FALSE, the first parameter is restricted to 0.
etaStart	A vector of starting values for the eta parameters can be specified. If missing, the 0-vector is used.

**Details**

Through appropriate definition of W the LRSM can be viewed as a more parsimonous RSM, on the one hand, e.g. by imposing some cognitive base operations to solve the items. On the other hand, linear extensions of the Rasch model such as group comparisons and repeated measurement designs can be computed. If more than one measurement point is examined, the item responses for the 2nd, 3rd, etc. measurement point are added column-wise in X.

If W is user-defined, it is nevertheless necessary to specify mpoints and groupvec. It is important that first the time contrasts and then the group contrasts have to be imposed.

Available methods for LRSM-objects are: print, coef, model.matrix, vcov,summary, logLik, person.parameters.

**Value**

Returns on object of class eRm containing:

loglik	Conditional log-likelihood.
iter	Number of iterations.
npar	Number of parameters.
convergence	See code output in <a href="#">nlm</a> .
etapar	Estimated basic item parameters (item and category parameters).
se.eta	Standard errors of the estimated basic item parameters.
betapar	Estimated item (easiness) parameters.
se.beta	Standard errors of item parameters.
hessian	Hessian matrix if se = TRUE.
W	Design matrix.
X	Data matrix.
X01	Dichotomized data matrix.
groupvec	Group membership vector.
call	The matched call.

**Author(s)**

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**References**

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Mair, P., and Hatzinger, R. (2007). CML based estimation of extended Rasch models with the eRm package in R. Psychology Science, 49, 26-43.

**See Also**

[LLTM,LPCM](#)

**Examples**

```
#LRSM for two measurement points
#20 subjects, 2*3 items, W generated automatically,
#first parameter set to 0, no standard errors computed.

data(lrsmdat)
res <- LRSM(lrsmdat, mpoints = 2, groupvec = 1, sum0 = FALSE, se = FALSE)
print(res)
```

## Description

This LR-test is based on subject subgroup splitting.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'Rm'
LRtest(object, splitcr = "median", se = FALSE)
## S3 method for class 'LR'
plotGOF(x, beta.subset = "all", main="Graphical Model Check",
        xlab = NULL, ylab = NULL, tlab = "item",
        ylim = c(-3, 3), xlim = c(-3, 3), type = "p", pos = "4",
        conf = NULL, ctrlline = NULL, ...)
```

## Arguments

object	Object of class Rm.
splitcr	Split criterion for subject raw score splitting. <code>all.r</code> corresponds to a full raw score split, <code>median</code> uses the median as split criterion, <code>mean</code> performs a mean-split. Optionally <code>splitcr</code> can also be a vector which assigns each person to a certain subgroup (e.g., following an external criterion). This vector can be numeric, character or a factor.
se	If TRUE standard errors for beta's are computed.
x	Object of class LR. Also used for visualizing the fit of single items.
beta.subset	If "all", all items are plotted. Otherwise numeric subset vector can be specified.
main	Main title of the plot.
xlab	Label on x-axis, default gives name of <code>splitcr</code> and level.
ylab	Label on y-axis, default gives name of <code>splitcr</code> and level.
tlab	Specification of item labels: "item" prints the item names, "number" gives integers corresponding to order of the beta parameters, if "none" no labels are printed. "identify" allows for an interactive labelling. Initially no labels are printed, after clicking close to an item point the corresponding label is added. The identification process is terminated by clicking the second button and selecting 'Stop' from the menu, or from the 'Stop' menu on the graphics window. For more information and basic operation see <a href="#">identify</a> .
xlim	Limits on x-axis.
ylim	Limits on y-axis.
type	Plotting type.(see <a href="#">plot</a> )

pos	Position of the item label (see <a href="#">text</a> )
conf	for plotting confidence ellipses for the item parameters. If conf=NULL (the default) no ellipses are drawn. Otherwise, conf must be specified as a list with optional elements: gamma, is the confidence level (numeric), col and lty, colour and linetype (see <a href="#">par</a> ), which (numeric index vector) specifying for which items ellipses are drawn (must be a subset of beta.subset), and ia, logical, if the ellipses are to be drawn interactively (cf. tlab="identify" above). If conf is specified as a an empty list, the default values conf=list(gamma=0.95, col="red", lty="dashed", ia=FALSE) will be used. See example below. To use conf, the LR object x has to be generated using the option se=TRUE in LRtest(). For specification of col and which see Details and Examples below.
ctrlline	for plotting confidence bands (control lines, cf.eg.Wright and Stone, 1999). If ctrlline=NULL (the default) no lines are drawn. Otherwise, ctrlline must be specified as a list with optional elements: gamma, is the confidence level (numeric), col and lty, colour and linetype (see <a href="#">par</a> ). If ctrlline is specified as ctrlline=list(), the default values conf=list(gamma=0.95, col="blue", lty="solid") will be used. See examples below. To use ctrlline, the LR object x has to be generated using the option se=TRUE in LRtest().
...	Additional parameters.

### Details

If the data set contains missing values and mean or median is specified as splitcriterion, means or medians are calculated for each missing value subgroup and consequently used for raw score splitting.

When using interactive selection for both labelling of single points (tlab = "identify" and drawing confidence ellipses at certain points (ia = TRUE) then first all plotted points are labelled and afterwards all ellipses are generated. Both identification processes can be terminated by clicking the second (right) mouse button and selecting 'Stop' from the menu, or from the 'Stop' menu on the graphics window.

Using the specification which in allows for selectively drawing ellipses for certain items only, e.g., which=1:3 draws ellipses for items 1 to 3 (as long as they are included in beta.subset). The default is drawing ellipses for all items. The element col in the conf list can either be a single colour specification such as "blue" or a vector with colour specifications for all items. The length must be the same as the number of ellipses to be drawn. For colour specification a palette can be set up using standard palettes (e.g. [rainbow](#)) or palettes from the colorspace or RColorBrewer package. An example is given below.

summary and print methods are available for objects of class LR.

### Value

LRtest returns an object of class LR containing:

LR	LR-value.
df	Degrees of freedom of the test statistic.
Chisq	Chi-square value with corresponding df.
pvalue	P-value of the test.

likgroup	Log-likelihood values for the subgroups
betalist	List of beta parameters for the subgroups.
selist	List of standard errors of beta's.
etalist	List of eta parameters for the subgroups.
spl.gr	Names and levels for splitcr.
call	The matched call.
fitobj	List containing model objects from subgroup fit.

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**References**

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**See Also**

[Waldtest](#)

**Examples**

```
# LR-test on dichotomous Rasch model with user-defined split
splitvec <- sample(1:3, 100, replace = TRUE)
data(raschdat1)
res <- RM(raschdat1)
lrres <- LRtest(res, splitcr = splitvec)
lrres
summary(lrres)

## Not run:
# goodness-of-fit plot with interactive labelling of items
plotGOF(lrres, tlab = "identify")

## End(Not run)

# LR-test with mean split, standard errors for beta's
lrres2 <- LRtest(res, split = "mean", se = TRUE)

# goodness-of-fit plot
```

```
# additional 95 percent control line with user specified style
plotGOF(lrres2, ctrline=list(gamma=0.95, col="red", lty="dashed"))

# goodness-of-fit plot for items 1, 14, 24, and 25
# additional 95 percent confidence ellipses, default style
plotGOF(lrres2, beta.subset=c(14,25,24,1), conf=list())

# goodness-of-fit plot for items 1, 14, 24, and 25
# for items 1 and 24 additional 95 percent confidence ellipses
# using colours for these 2 items from the colorspace package
## Not run:
library(colorspace)
colors<-rainbow_hcl(2)
plotGOF(lrres2, beta.subset=c(14,25,24,1), conf=list(which=c(1,14), col=colors))

## End(Not run)
```

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MLoef

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*Computation of Martin-Loef's LR-Test*


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## Description

This LR-Test is based on item subgroup splitting.

## Usage

```
MLoef(robj, splitcr = "median")
```

## Arguments

robj	Object of class Rm.
splitcr	Split criterion to define the item groups. "median" and "mean" split items in two groups based on their items' raw scores. splitcr can also be a vector of length k (where k denotes the number of items) that takes two or more distinct values to define groups used for the Martin-Loef Test.

## Details

This function implements a generalization of the Martin-Loef test for polytomous items as proposed by Christensen, Bjorner, Kreiner & Petersen (2002), but does currently not allow for missing values.

If the split criterion is "median" or "mean" and one or more items' raw scores are equal the median resp. mean, MLoef will assign those items to the lower raw score group. `summary.MLoef` gives detailed information about the allocation of all items.

`summary` and `print` methods are available for objects of class MLoef.

An 'exact' version of the Martin-Loef test for binary items is implemented in the function [NPtest](#).

**Value**

MLoef returns an object of class MLoef containing:

LR	LR-value
df	degrees of freedom of the test statistic
p.value	p-value of the test
fullModel	the overall Rasch model
subModels	a list containing the submodels
Lf	log-likelihood of the full model
Ls	list of the sub models' log-likelihoods
i.groups	a list of the item groups
splitcr	submitted split criterion
split.vector	binary allocation of items to groups
warning	items equalling median or mean for the respective split criteria
call	the matched call

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

[LRtest](#), [Waldtest](#)

**Examples**

```
# Martin-Loef-test on dichotomous Rasch model using "median" and a user-defined
# split vector. Note that group indicators can be of character and/or numeric.
splitvec <- c(1, 1, 1, "x", "x", "x", 0, 0, 1, 0)

res <- RM(raschdat1[,1:10])

MLoef.1 <- MLoef(res, splitcr = "median")
MLoef.2 <- MLoef(res, splitcr = splitvec)

MLoef.1

summary(MLoef.2)
```

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 NPtest

*function to perform nonparametric Rasch model tests*


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### Description

A variety of nonparametric tests as proposed by Ponocny(2001) and an 'exact' version of the Martin-Loef test are implemented. The function operates on random binary matrices that have been generated using an MCMC algorithm (Verhelst, 2008) from the RaschSampler package (Hatzinger, Mair, and Verhelst, 2009).

### Usage

```
NPtest(obj, n=NULL, method = "T1", ...)
```

### Arguments

obj	A binary data matrix (or data frame) or an object containing the output from the <a href="#">RaschSampler</a> package.
n	If obj is a matrix or a data frame, n n is the number of sampled matrices (default is 500)
method	One of the test statistics. See details below.
...	Further arguments for specifying the statistics functions. See details below.

### Details

The function uses the [RaschSampler](#) package. On input the user has to supply either a binary data matrix or a RaschSampler output object. If the input is a data matrix, the RaschSampler is called with default values (i.e., `rsctrl(burn_in = 256, n_eff = n, step = 32)`, see [rsctrl](#)), where n may be specified by the user (otherwise it is 500). The starting values for the random number generators are chosen randomly using system time. Methods other than those listed below can easily be implemented using the RaschSampler package directly.

The currently implemented methods (following Ponocny's notation of  $T$ -statistics) and their options are:

**T1:** method = "T1", no further option

Checks for local dependence via increased inter-item correlations. For all item pairs cases are counted with equal responses on both items.

**T2:** method = "T2", idx = NULL, stat = "var"

idx ... vector of indexes specifying items which define a subscale, e.g., `idx = c(1, 5, 7)`  
 stat ... one of "var" (variance), "mad1" (mean absolute deviation), "mad2" (median absolute deviation), "range" (range)

Checks for local dependence within model deviating subscales via increased dispersion of subscale person rawscores.

- T4:** method = "T4", idx = NULL, group = NULL, alternative = "high"  
 idx ... vector of indexes specifying items which define a subscale, e.g., idx = c(1, 5, 7)  
 group ... logical vector defining a subject group, e.g., group = (age >= 15 && age < 30)  
 alternative ... one of "high" or "low". Specifies the alternative hypothesis.  
 Checks for group anomalies (DIF) via too high (low) raw scores on item(s) for specified group.
- T7:** method = "T7", idx = NULL  
 idx ... vector of indexes specifying items which define a subscale, e.g., idx = c(1, 5, 7)  
 Checks for lower discrimination (2PL) in item subscale via counting cases with response 1 on more difficult and 0 on easier items. The test is global for the subscale, i.e. all subscale items are evaluated using a single statistic.
- T7a:** method = "T7a", idx = NULL  
 idx ... vector of indexes specifying items to investigate, e.g., idx = c(1, 5, 7)  
 Checks for lower discrimination (2PL) of an item compared to another item via counting cases with response 1 on more difficult and 0 on easier item. The test is performed pairwise, i.e. a statistic is calculated for each item pair.
- T10:** method = "T10", splitcr="median"  
 splitcr ... split criterion for subject raw score splitting. "median" uses the median as split criterion, "mean" performs a mean-split. Optionally splitcr can also be a vector which assigns each person to a one of two subgroups (e.g., following an external criterion). This vector can be numeric, character, logical or a factor.  
 Global test for subgroup-invariance. Checks for different item difficulties in two subgroups (for details see Ponocny, 2001).
- T11:** method = "T11", no further option  
 Global test for local dependence. The statistic calculates the sum of absolute deviations between the observed inter-item correlations and the expected correlations.
- The 'exact' version of the **Martin-Loef** statistic is specified via method = "MLoef" and optionally splitcr (see [MLoef](#)).

## Value

Depends on the method used. For each method a list is returned. The returned objects are of class T1obj, T2obj, T4obj, T7obj, T7aobj, T10obj, T11obj corresponding to the method used. The main output element is prop giving the one-sided p-value, i.e., the number of statistics from the sampled matrices which are equal or exceed the statistic based on the observed data. For *T1* and *T7a* prop is a vector. For the *Martin-Loef* test the returned object is of class MLobj. Besides other elements, it contains a prop vector and MLres, the output object from the asymptotic Martin-Loef test on the input data.

## Author(s)

Reinhold Hatzinger

## References

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- Verhelst, N. D. (2008) An Efficient MCMC Algorithm to Sample Binary Matrices with Fixed

Marginals. Psychometrika, Volume 73, Number 4  
 Verhelst, N. D., Hatzinger, R., and Mair, P. (2007) The Rasch Sampler, Journal of Statistical Software, Vol. 20, Issue 4, Feb 2007

## See Also

[RaschSampler](#)

## Examples

```
### Preparation:

# data for examples below
data(raschdat1)
X<-raschdat1

# generate 100 random matrices based on original data matrix
rmat<-rsampler(X,rsctrl(burn_in=100, n_eff=100, seed=123))

## the following examples can also directly be used by setting
## rmat <- raschdat1
## without calling rsampler() first, e.g.,
t1<-NPtest(raschdat1, n=100, method="T1")

### Examples:

##---- T1 -----
t1<-NPtest(rmat,method="T1")
# choose a different alpha for selecting displayed values
print(t1,alpha=0.01)

##---- T2 -----
t21<-NPtest(rmat,method="T2",idx=1:5) # default is variance
t21

t22<-NPtest(rmat,method="T2",idx=c(1,22,5,27,6,9,11),stat="mad1")
t22

##---- T4 -----
age<-sample(20:90, 100, replace=TRUE)
# group must be a logical vector
# (value of TRUE is used for group selection)
age<-age<30
t41<-NPtest(rmat,method="T4",idx=1:3,group=age)
t41

sex<-gl(2,50)
# group can also be a logical expression (generating a vector)
t42<-NPtest(rmat,method="T4",idx=c(1,4,5,6),group=sex==1)
t42
```

```

##---- T7, T7a -----
# simultaenous test for all items in subscale
t7<-NPtest(rmat,method="T7",idx=1:3)
t7

# test for item-pairs
t7a<-NPtest(rmat,method="T7a",idx=c(1,3,5)) # test for item-pairs
t7a

##---- T10 -----
t101<-NPtest(rmat,method="T10") # default split criterion is "median"
t101

split<-runif(100)
t102<-NPtest(rmat,method="T10",splitcr=split>0.5)
t102

t103<-NPtest(rmat,method="T10",splitcr=sex)
t103

##---- T11 -----
t11<-NPtest(rmat,method="T11")
t11

##---- Martin-Loef -----
## Not run:
# takes a while ...
data(raschdat1)
split<-rep(1:3, each=10)
NPtest(raschdat1, n=100, method="MLoef", splitcr=split)

## End(Not run)

```

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PCM

*Estimation of partial credit models*


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## Description

This function computes the parameter estimates of a partial credit model for polytomous item responses by using CML estimation.

## Usage

```
PCM(X, W, se = TRUE, sum0 = TRUE, etaStart)
```

## Arguments

**X** Input data matrix or data frame with item responses (starting from 0); rows represent individuals, columns represent items. Missing values are inserted as NA.

<code>W</code>	Design matrix for the PCM. If omitted, the function will compute <code>W</code> automatically.
<code>se</code>	If TRUE, the standard errors are computed.
<code>sum0</code>	If TRUE, the parameters are normed to sum-0 by specifying an appropriate <code>W</code> . If FALSE, the first parameter is restricted to 0.
<code>etaStart</code>	A vector of starting values for the eta parameters can be specified. If missing, the 0-vector is used.

### Details

Through specification in `W`, the parameters of the categories with 0 responses are set to 0 as well as the first category of the first item. Available methods for PCM-objects are: `print`, `coef`, `model.matrix`, `vcov`, `plot`, `summary`, `logLik`, `person.parameters`, `plotICC`, `LRtest`.

### Value

Returns an object of class `Rm`, `eRm` containing.

<code>loglik</code>	Conditional log-likelihood.
<code>iter</code>	Number of iterations.
<code>npar</code>	Number of parameters.
<code>convergence</code>	See code output in <a href="#">nlm</a> .
<code>etapar</code>	Estimated basic item difficulty parameters.
<code>se.eta</code>	Standard errors of the estimated basic item parameters.
<code>betapar</code>	Estimated item-category (easiness) parameters.
<code>se.beta</code>	Standard errors of item parameters.
<code>hessian</code>	Hessian matrix if <code>se = TRUE</code> .
<code>W</code>	Design matrix.
<code>X</code>	Data matrix.
<code>X01</code>	Dichotomized data matrix.
<code>call</code>	The matched call.

### Author(s)

Patrick Mair, Reinhold Hatzinger

### References

- Fischer, G. H., and Molenaar, I. (1995). Rasch Models - Foundations, Recent Developments, and Applications. Springer.
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**See Also**[RM,RSM,LRtest](#)**Examples**

```
##PCM with 10 subjects, 3 items
data(pcmdat)
res <- PCM(pcmdat)
res
summary(res)           #eta and beta parameters with CI
thresholds(res)       #threshold parameters
```

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person.parameter      *Estimation of Person Parameters*

---

**Description**

Maximum likelihood estimation of the person parameters with spline interpolation for non-observed and 0/full responses. Extraction of information criteria such as AIC, BIC, and cAIC based on unconditional log-likelihood.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'eRm'
person.parameter(object)
## S3 method for class 'ppar'
summary(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'ppar'
print(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'ppar'
plot(x, xlab = "Person Raw Scores",
     ylab = "Person Parameters (Theta)", main = NULL, ...)
## S3 method for class 'ppar'
coef(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'ppar'
logLik(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'ppar'
confint(object, parm, level = 0.95, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	Object of class eRm in person.parameter and object of class ppar in IC. Arguments for print and plot methods:
x	Object of class ppar.
xlab	Label of the x-axis.

<code>ylab</code>	Label of the y-axis.
<code>main</code>	Title of the plot.
<code>...</code>	Further arguments to be passed to or from other methods. They are ignored in this function. Arguments for <code>confint</code> :
<code>parm</code>	Parameter specification (ignored).
<code>level</code>	Alpha-level.

**Details**

If the data set contains missing values, person parameters are estimated for each missing value subgroup.

**Value**

The function `person.parameter` returns an object of class `ppar` containing:

<code>loglik</code>	Log-likelihood of the collapsed data (for faster estimation persons with the same raw score are collapsed).
<code>npar</code>	Number of parameters.
<code>niter</code>	Number of iterations.
<code>thetapar</code>	Person parameter estimates.
<code>se.theta</code>	Standard errors of the person parameters.
<code>hessian</code>	Hessian matrix.
<code>theta.table</code>	Matrix with person parameters (ordered according to original data) including NA pattern group.
<code>pers.ex</code>	Indices with persons excluded due to 0/full raw score
<code>X.ex</code>	Data matrix with persons excluded
<code>gmemb</code>	NA group membership vector (0/full persons excluded)

The function `coef` returns a vector of the person parameter estimates for each person (i.e., the first column of `theta.table`).

The function `logLik` returns an object of class `logLik.ppar` containing:

<code>loglik</code>	Log-likelihood of the collapsed data (see above).
<code>df</code>	Degrees of freedom.

**Author(s)**

Patrick Mair, Reinhold Hatzinger

## References

Fischer, G. H., and Molenaar, I. (1995). Rasch Models - Foundations, Recent Developments, and Applications. Springer.

Mair, P., and Hatzinger, R. (2007). Extended Rasch modeling: The eRm package for the application of IRT models in R. Journal of Statistical Software, 20(9), 1-20.

Mair, P., and Hatzinger, R. (2007). CML based estimation of extended Rasch models with the eRm package in R. Psychology Science, 49, 26-43.

## See Also

[itemfit.ppar](#), [personfit.ppar](#)

## Examples

```
#Person parameter estimation of a rating scale model
data(rsmdat)
res <- RSM(rsmdat)
pres <- person.parameter(res)
print(pres)
summary(pres)
plot(pres)

#Person parameter estimation for a Rasch model with missing values
data(raschdat2)
res <- RM(raschdat2, se = FALSE) #Rasch model without standard errors
pres <- person.parameter(res)
print(pres)                #person parameters
summary(pres)
logLik(pres)                #log-likelihood of person parameter estimation
```

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plotDIF

*Confidence intervals plot of item parameter estimates.*

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## Description

Performs an plot of item parameter confidence intervals based on LRtest subgroup splitting.

## Usage

```
plotDIF(object, item.subset = NULL, gamma = 0.95, main = NULL,
        xlim = NULL, xlab = " ", ylab=" ", col = NULL,
        distance, splitnames=NULL, leg = FALSE, legpos="bottomleft", ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	An object of class LR (if more objects should be plotted, the argument has to be defined as a list).
item.subset	Subset of items to be plotted. Either a numeric vector indicating the items or a character vector indicating the itemnames. If nothing is defined (default), all items are plotted.
gamma	The level for the item parameter's confidence limits (default is $\gamma = 0.95$ ).
main	Main title for the plot.
xlim	Numeric vector of length 2, giving the x coordinates ranges of the plot (the y coordinates depend on the number of depicted items).
xlab	Label for the x axis.
ylab	Label for the y axis.
col	By default the color for the drawn confidence lines is determined automatically whereas every group (split criterion) is depicted in the same color.
distance	Distance between each item's confidence lines – if omitted, the distance shrinks with increasing numbers of split criteria. Can be overridden using values in (0, 0.5).
splitnames	For labeling the splitobjects in the legend (returns a nicer output).
leg	If TRUE a legend is provided by default.
legpos	Position of the legend with possible values "bottomright", "bottom", "bottomleft", "left", "topleft", "top", "topright", "right" and "center". The default value for the legend is "bottomright".
...	Further options to be passed to plot.

**Details**

If there are items that cannot be estimated for some reasons, certainly these ones are not plotted. For plotting several objects of class LR, the subgroup splitting by LRtest has to be carried out for the same data set (or at least item subsets of it).

Plotting a certain subset of items could be useful if the objects of class LR contain a huge number of estimated items.

The default level for the confidence limits is  $\gamma = 0.95$ . (If the confidence limits should be corrected it is useful to use a correction, e.g., Bonferroni:  $1 - (1 - \gamma) / \text{number of estimated items}$ .)

**Value**

plotCI returns a list containing the confidence limits of each group in each LRtest object.

**Author(s)**

Kathrin Gruber, Reinhold Hatzinger

**See Also**

[LRtest](#), [confint.threshold](#), [thresholds](#)

**Examples**

```
splitvec <- sample(1:3, 100, replace = TRUE)
data(raschdat1)
res <- RM(raschdat1)

# LR-test on dichotomous Rasch model with user-defined split
lrres <- LRtest(res, splitcr = splitvec, se = TRUE)
# LR-test with mean split, standard errors for beta's
lrres2 <- LRtest(res, split = "mean", se = TRUE)
RMplotCI <- list(lrres, lrres2)

# Confidence intervals plot with default assumptions
plotDIF(RMplotCI)

# Confidence intervals plot with Bonferroni correction
plotDIF(RMplotCI, gamma = 1 - (0.05/10))

# Confidence intervals plot for an item subset
plotDIF(RMplotCI, item.subset=1:6)

# with user defined group color and legend
plotDIF(RMplotCI, col=c("red","blue"), leg=TRUE)

# with names for the splitobjects
plotDIF(RMplotCI, col=c("red","blue"), leg=TRUE,
splitnames=c(paste(rep("User",3),1:3,sep=" "), paste(rep("Mean",2),1:2, sep=" ")))
```

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plotGR

*Plot Treatment or Covariate Effects for LLRA*

---

**Description**

Plots treatment or covariate group effects over time.

**Usage**

```
plotGR(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

**object**            an object of class "llra".  
**...**              Additional parameters to be passed to and from other methods.

**Details**

The plot is a lattice plot with each panel corresponding to an item. The effects are plotted for each groups (including baseline) over the different time points. The groups are given the same names as for the parameter estimates (derived from `groupvec`).

Please note that all effects are to be interpreted relative to the baseline.

Currently, this function only works for a full item x treatment x timepoints LLRA. Collapsed effects will not be displayed properly.

**Warning:**

Objects of class "llra" that contain estimates from a collapsed data matrix will not be displayed correctly.

**Author(s)**

Thomas Rusch

**See Also**

The plot method for trend effects [plotTR](#).

**Examples**

```
##Example 6 from Hatzinger & Rusch (2009)
data("llradat3")
groups <- c(rep("TG",30),rep("CG",30))
llra1 <- LLRA(llradat3,mpoints=2,groups=groups)
summary(llra1)
plotGR(llra1)

##An LLRA with 2 treatment groups and 1 baseline group, 5 items and 4
##time points. Item 1 is dichotomous, all others have 3, 4, 5, 6
##categories respectively.
## Not run:
data("llraDat2")
ex2 <- LLRA(llraDat2[1:20],mpoints=4,groups=llraDat2[21])
plotGR(ex2)

## End(Not run)
```

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plotICC

*ICC Plots*

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**Description**

Plot functions for visualizing the item characteristic curves

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'Rm'
plotICC(object, item.subset = "all", empICC = NULL, empCI = NULL,
        mplot = NULL, xlim = c(-4, 4), ylim = c(0, 1),
        xlab = "Latent Dimension", ylab = "Probability to Solve", main=NULL,
        col = NULL, lty = 1, legpos = "left", ask = TRUE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'dRm'
plotjointICC(object, item.subset = "all", legend = TRUE,
             xlim = c(-4, 4), ylim = c(0, 1), xlab = "Latent Dimension",
             ylab = "Probability to Solve", lty = 1, legpos = "left",
             main="ICC plot",col=NULL,...)
```

**Arguments**

object	object of class Rm or dRm
item.subset	Subset of items to be plotted. Either a numeric vector indicating the column in X or a character vector indicating the column name. If "all" (default), all items are plotted.
empICC	Plotting the empirical ICCs for objects of class dRm. If empICC=NULL (the default) the empirical ICC is not drawn. Otherwise, empICC must be specified as a list where the first element must be one of "raw", "loess", "tukey", "kernel". The other optional elements are smooth (numeric), type (line type for empirical ICCs, useful values are "p" (default), "l", and "b", see graphics parameter type in <a href="#">plot.default</a> ), pch, col, and lty, plotting 'character', colour and linetype (see <a href="#">par</a> ). See details and examples below.
empCI	Plotting confidence intervals for the the empirical ICCs. If empCI=NULL (the default) no confidence intervals are drawn. Otherwise, by specifying empCI as a list gives 'exact' confidence intervals for each point of the empirical ICC. The optional elements of this list are gamma, the confidence level, col, colour, and lty, line type. If empCI is specified as an empty list, the default values empCI=list(gamma=0.95,col="red",lty="dotted") will be used.
mplot	if NULL the default setting is in effect. For models of class dRm this is mplot = TRUE, i.e., the ICCs for up to 4 items are plotted in one figure. For Rm models the default is FALSE (each item in one figure) but may be set to TRUE.
xlab	Label of the x-axis.
ylab	Label of the y-axis.
xlim	Range of person parameters.
ylim	Range for probability to solve.
legend	If TRUE, legend is provided, otherwise the ICCs are labeled.
col	If not specified or NULL, line colors are determined automatically. Otherwise, a scalar or vector with appropriate color specifications may be supplied (see <a href="#">par</a> ).
lty	Line type.
main	Title of the plot.

legpos	Position of the legend with possible values "bottomright", "bottom", "bottomleft", "left", "topleft", "top", "topright", "right" and "center". If FALSE no legend is displayed.
ask	If TRUE (the default) and the R session is interactive the user is asked for input, before a new figure is drawn. FALSE is only useful if automated figure export is in effect, e.g., when using <a href="#">Sweave</a> .
...	Additional plot parameters.

### Details

Empirical ICCs for objects of class `dRm` can be plotted using the option `empICC`, a list where the first element specifies the type of calculation of the empirical values. If `empICC=list("raw", other specifications)` relative frequencies of the positive responses are calculated for each rawscore group and plotted at the position of the corresponding person parameter. The other options use the default versions of various smoothers: "tukey" (see [smooth](#)), "loess" (see [loess](#)), and "kernel" (see [ksmooth](#)). For "loess" and "kernel" a further element, `smooth`, may be specified to control the span (default is 0.75) or the bandwidth (default is 0.5), respectively. For example, the specification could be `empirical = list("loess", smooth=0.9)` or `empirical = list("kernel", smooth=2)`. Higher values result in smoother estimates of the empirical ICCs.

The optional confidence intervals are obtained by a procedure first given in Clopper and Pearson (1934) based on the beta distribution (see [binom.test](#)).

### Note

For most of the plot options see [plot](#) and [par](#).

### Author(s)

Patrick Mair, Reinhold Hatzinger

### See Also

[plotGOF](#)

### Examples

```
# Rating scale model, ICC plot for all items
data(rsmdat)
rsm.res <- RSM(rsmdat)
thresholds(rsm.res)
plotICC(rsm.res)

# now items 1 to 4 in one figure without legends
plotICC(rsm.res, item.subset = 1:4, mplot = TRUE, legpos = FALSE)

# Rasch model for items 1 to 8 from raschdat1
# empirical ICCs displaying relative frequencies (default settings)
data(raschdat1)
rm8.res <- RM(raschdat1[,1:8])
plotICC(rm8.res, empICC=list("raw"))
```

```
# the same but using different plotting styles
plotICC(rm8.res, empICC=list("raw",type="b",col="blue",lty="dotted"))

# kernel-smoothed empirical ICCs using bandwidth = 2
plotICC(rm8.res, empICC = list("kernel",smooth=3))

# raw empirical ICCs with confidence intervals
# displaying only items 2,3,7,8
plotICC(rm8.res, item.subset=c(2,3,7,8), empICC=list("raw"), empCI=list())

# Joint ICC plot for items 2, 6, 8, and 15 for a Rasch model
data(raschdat1)
res <- RM(raschdat1)
plotjointICC(res, item.subset = c(2,6,8,15), legpos = "left")
```

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plotPImap

*Person-Item Map*


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## Description

A person-item map displays the location of item (and threshold) parameters as well as the distribution of person parameters along the latent dimension. Person-item maps are useful to compare the range and position of the item measure distribution (lower panel) to the range and position of the person measure distribution (upper panel). Items should ideally be located along the whole scale to meaningfully measure the ‘ability’ of all persons.

## Usage

```
plotPImap(object, item.subset = "all", sorted = FALSE,
  main = "Person-Item Map", latdim = "Latent Dimension",
  pplabel = "Person\nParameter\nDistribution", cex.gen = 0.7,
  xrange = NULL, warn.ord = TRUE, warn.ord.colour = "black",
  irug = TRUE, pp = NULL)
```

## Arguments

object	Object of class Rm or dRm
item.subset	Subset of items to be plotted. Either a numeric vector indicating the column in X or a character vector indicating the column name. If "all", all items are plotted. The number of items to be plotted must be > 1.
sorted	If TRUE, the items are sorted in increasing order according to their location on the latent dimension.
main	Main title of the plot.
latdim	Label of the x-axis, i.e., the latent dimension.
pplabel	Title for the upper panel displaying the person parameter distribution

cex.gen	cex as a graphical parameter specifies a numerical value giving the amount by which plotting text and symbols should be magnified relative to the default. Here cex.gen applies to all text labels. The default is 0.7.
xrange	Range for the x-axis
warn.ord	If TRUE (the default) asterisks are displayed in the right margin of the lower panel to indicate nonordinal threshold locations for polytomous items.
warn.ord.colour	Nonordinal threshold locations for polytomous items are coloured with this colour to make them more visible. This is especially useful when there are many items so that the plot is quite dense. The default is "black", so that there is no distinction made.
irug	If TRUE (the default), all thresholds are plotted below the person distribution to indicate where the included items are most informative.
pp	If non-NULL, this contains the person.parameter data of the data object, avoiding the need to recalculate it.

### Details

Item locations are displayed with bullets, threshold locations with circles.

### Author(s)

Patrick Mair, Reinhold Hatzinger, patches from Julian Gilbey and Marco Maier

### References

Bond, T.G., and Fox Ch.M. (2007) Applying the Rasch Model. Fundamental Measurement in the Human Sciences. 2nd Edition. Lawrence Erlbaum Associates.

### Examples

```
data(pmdat)
res<-PCM(pmdat)
plotPImap(res, sorted=TRUE)
```

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plotPWmap

*Pathway Map*

---

### Description

A Bond-and-Fox Pathway Map displays the location of each item or each person against its infit t-statistic. Pathway maps are useful for identifying misfitting items or misfitting persons. Items or people should ideally have a infit t-statistic lying between about -2 and +2, and these values are marked.

**Usage**

```
plotPWmap(object, pmap = FALSE, imap=TRUE,
           item.subset = "all", person.subset = "all",
           mainitem = "Item Map", mainperson = "Person Map",
           mainboth="Item/Person Map",
           latdim = "Latent Dimension",
           tlab = "Infit t statistic",
           pp = NULL, cex.gen = 0.6, cex.pch=1,
           person.pch = 1, item.pch = 16,
           personCI = NULL, itemCI = NULL, horiz=FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>object</code>	Object of class Rm or dRm
<code>pmap</code>	Plot a person map if TRUE; the default is FALSE.
<code>imap</code>	Plot an item map if TRUE (the default); do not plot if FALSE. At least one of <code>pmap</code> and <code>imap</code> must be TRUE.
<code>item.subset</code>	Subset of items to be plotted for an item map. Either a numeric vector indicating the item numbers or a character vector indicating the item names. If "all", all items are plotted. The number of items to be plotted must be > 1.
<code>person.subset</code>	Subset of persons to be plotted for a person map. Either a numeric vector indicating the person numbers or a character vector indicating the person names. If "all", all persons are plotted. The number of persons to be plotted must be > 1.
<code>mainitem</code>	Main title of an item plot.
<code>mainperson</code>	Main title of a person plot.
<code>mainboth</code>	Main title of a person/item joint plot.
<code>latdim</code>	Label of the y-axis, i.e., the latent dimension.
<code>tlab</code>	Label of the x-axis, i.e., the t-statistic dimension.
<code>pp</code>	If non-NULL, this contains the person.parameter data of the data object, avoiding the need to recalculate it.
<code>cex.gen</code>	<code>cex</code> as a graphical parameter specifies a numerical value giving the amount by which plotting text and symbols should be magnified relative to the default. Here <code>cex.gen</code> applies to all text labels. The default is 0.6.
<code>cex.pch</code>	applies to all plotting symbols. The default is 1.
<code>person.pch, item.pch</code>	Specifies the symbol used for plotting person data and item data respectively; the defaults are 1 and 16 respectively. See <a href="#">points</a> for more information about <code>pch</code> values.
<code>personCI, itemCI</code>	Plotting confidence intervals for the the person abilities and item difficulties. If <code>personCI=NULL</code> (the default) no confidence intervals are drawn for person abilities. Otherwise, specifying <code>personCI</code> draws approximate confidence intervals for each person's ability. <code>personCI</code> must be specified as a list, and the optional elements of this list are <code>gamma</code> , the confidence level, <code>col</code> , colour, and <code>lty</code> , line

type. If `personCI` is specified as an empty list, or not all of the list items are specified, the default values `personCI=list(gamma=0.95,col="orange",lty="dotted")` will be used.

The same goes for `itemCI`, except that the default settings are `itemCI=list(gamma=0.95,col="red",lty="dotted")`.  
`horiz` if TRUE, the plot is horizontal, i.e., the latent dimension is on the x-axis. The default is FALSE.

### Details

This code uses vertical(horizontal) error bars rather than circles or boxes to indicate standard errors. It also offers the possibility of plotting item or person data on its own; this can considerably simplify the reading of the plots for large datasets.

### Author(s)

Julian Gilbey

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### Examples

```
data(pcmmdat)
res<-PCM(pcmmdat)
pparm<-person.parameter(res)
plotPWmap(res, pp=pparm)
plotPWmap(res, pp=pparm, pmap=TRUE)
```

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plotTR

*Plot Trend Effects for LLRA*

---

### Description

Plots trend effects over time.

### Usage

```
plotTR(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object            an object of class "llra"  
 ...                Additional parameters to be passed to and from other methods

**Details**

The plot is a lattice plot with one panel. The effects for each items are plotted over the different time points.

Please note that all effects are to be interpreted relative to the baseline (i.e. t1).

Currently, this function only works for a full item x treatment x timepoints LLRA. Collapsed effects will not be displayed properly.

**Warning:**

Objects of class "llra" that contain estimates from a collapsed data matrix will not be displayed correctly.

**Author(s)**

Thomas Rusch

**See Also**

The plot method for treatment effects "plotGR".

**Examples**

```
##Example 6 from Hatzinger & Rusch (2009)
data("llradat3")
groups <- c(rep("TG",30),rep("CG",30))
llra1 <- LLRA(llradat3,mpoints=2,groups=groups)
summary(llra1)
plotTR(llra1)

##An LLRA with 2 treatment groups and 1 baseline group, 5 items and 4
##time points. Item 1 is dichotomous, all others have 3, 4, 5, 6
##categories respectively.
## Not run:
data("llraDat2")
ex2 <- LLRA(llraDat2[1:20],mpoints=4,groups=llraDat2[21])
plotTR(ex2)

## End(Not run)
```

predict.ppar

*Predict methods*

---

**Description**

Returns data matrix based on model probabilities. So far implemented for dichotomous models only.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'ppar'  
predict(object, cutpoint = "randomized", ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	Object of class ppar (from person.parameter()).
cutpoint	Either single integer value between 0 and 1 or "randomized" for randomized 0-1 assignment (see details)
...	Additional arguments ignored

**Details**

A randomized assignment implies that for each cell an additional random number is drawn. If the model probability is larger than this value, the person gets 1 on this particular item, if smaller, 0 is assigned. Alternatively, a numeric probability cutpoint can be assigned and the 0-1 scoring is carried out according to the same rule.

**Value**

Returns data matrix based on model probabilities

**Author(s)**

Patrick Mair, Reinhold Hatzinger

**See Also**

[gofIRT.ppar](#)

**Examples**

```
#Model-based data matrix for RSM  
data(raschdat2)  
res <- RM(raschdat2)  
pres <- person.parameter(res)  
predict(pres)
```

**Description**

Several methods for objects of class eRm.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'eRm'
print(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'eRm'
summary(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'eRm'
coef(object, parm="beta", ...)
## S3 method for class 'eRm'
model.matrix(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'eRm'
vcov(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'eRm'
logLik(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'eRm'
confint(object, parm = "beta", level = 0.95, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	Object of class eRm.
object	Object of class eRm.
parm	Either "eta" or "beta".
level	Alpha-level.
...	Further arguments to be passed to or from other methods. They are ignored in this function.

**Details**

The print method displays the value of the log-likelihood, parameter estimates (basic parameters eta) and their standard errors. For RM, RSM, and PCM models, the etas are difficulty parameters, for the LLTM, LRSM, LPCM the sign of the parameters depend on the design matrix and are easiness effects by default. The summary method additionally gives the full set of item parameters beta as easiness parameters for all models.

Print methods are also available for the functions logLik and confint (see below).

**Value**

The methods below are extractor functions and return various quantities: `vcov` returns the variance-covariance matrix of the parameter estimates, `coef` a vector of estimates of the eta or beta basic parameters, `model.matrix` the design matrix, `logLik` an object with elements `loglik` and `df` containing the log-likelihood value and df. `confint` a matrix of confidence interval values for eta or beta.

**Author(s)**

Patrick Mair, Reinhold Hatzinger

**Examples**

```
data(raschdat1)
res <- RM(raschdat1)
print(res)
summary(res)
coef(res)
vcov(res)
model.matrix(res)
logLik(res)
```

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raschdat1

*Data for Computing Extended Rasch Models*

---

**Description**

Artificial data sets for computing extended Rasch models.

**Usage**

```
data(raschdat1)
```

**Format**

Numeric matrices with subjects as rows, items as columns, missing values as NA.

**Examples**

```
data(raschdat1)
data(raschdat2)
data(11tmdat1)
data(11tmdat2)
data(pcmdat)
data(pcmdat2)
data(lpcmdat)
data(rsmdat)
data(lrsmdat)
```

**Description**

This function computes the parameter estimates of a Rasch model for binary item responses by using CML estimation.

**Usage**

```
RM(X, W, se = TRUE, sum0 = TRUE, etaStart)
```

**Arguments**

X	Input 0/1 data matrix or data frame; rows represent individuals, columns represent items. Missing values are inserted as NA.
W	Design matrix for the Rasch model. If omitted, the function will compute W automatically.
se	If TRUE, the standard errors are computed.
sum0	If TRUE, the parameters are normed to sum-0 by specifying an appropriate W. If FALSE, the first parameter is restricted to 0.
etaStart	A vector of starting values for the eta parameters can be specified. If missing, the 0-vector is used.

**Details**

For estimating the item parameters the CML method is used. Available methods for RM-objects are:

print, coef, model.matrix, vcov, summary, logLik, person.parameter, LRtest, Waldtest, plotICC, plotjointICC.

**Value**

Returns an object of class dRm, Rm, eRm and contains the log-likelihood value, the parameter estimates and their standard errors.

loglik	Conditional log-likelihood.
iter	Number of iterations.
npar	Number of parameters.
convergence	See code output in <a href="#">nlm</a> .
etapar	Estimated basic item difficulty parameters.
se.eta	Standard errors of the estimated basic item parameters.
betapar	Estimated item (easiness) parameters.
se.beta	Standard errors of item parameters.

hessian	Hessian matrix if se = TRUE.
W	Design matrix.
X	Data matrix.
X01	Dichotomized data matrix.
call	The matched call.

### Author(s)

Patrick Mair, Reinhold Hatzinger

### References

Fischer, G. H., and Molenaar, I. (1995). Rasch Models - Foundations, Recent Developments, and Applications. Springer.

Mair, P., and Hatzinger, R. (2007). Extended Rasch modeling: The eRm package for the application of IRT models in R. Journal of Statistical Software, 20(9), 1-20.

Mair, P., and Hatzinger, R. (2007). CML based estimation of extended Rasch models with the eRm package in R. Psychology Science, 49, 26-43.

### See Also

[RSM](#), [PCM](#), [LRtest](#), [Waldtest](#)

### Examples

```
# Rasch model with beta.1 restricted to 0
data(raschdat1)
res <- RM(raschdat1, sum0 = FALSE)
print(res)
summary(res)
res$W                                     #generated design matrix

# Rasch model with sum-0 beta restriction; no standard errors computed
res <- RM(raschdat1, se = FALSE, sum0 = TRUE)
print(res)
summary(res)
res$W                                     #generated design matrix

#Rasch model with missing values
data(raschdat2)
res <- RM(raschdat2)
print(res)
summary(res)
```

**Description**

This function computes the parameter estimates of a rating scale model for polytomous item responses by using CML estimation.

**Usage**

```
RSM(X, W, se = TRUE, sum0 = TRUE, etaStart)
```

**Arguments**

<code>X</code>	Input data matrix or data frame with item responses (starting from 0); rows represent individuals, columns represent items. Missing values are inserted as NA.
<code>W</code>	Design matrix for the RSM. If omitted, the function will compute <code>W</code> automatically.
<code>se</code>	If TRUE, the standard errors are computed.
<code>sum0</code>	If TRUE, the parameters are normed to sum-0 by specifying an appropriate <code>W</code> . If FALSE, the first parameter is restricted to 0.
<code>etaStart</code>	A vector of starting values for the eta parameters can be specified. If missing, the 0-vector is used.

**Details**

The design matrix approach transforms the RSM into a partial credit model and estimates the corresponding basic parameters by using CML. Available methods for RSM-objects are `print`, `coef`, `model.matrix`, `vcov`, `summary`, `logLik`, `person.parameters`, `plotICC`, `LRtest`.

**Value**

Returns an object of class `Rm`, `eRm` and contains the log-likelihood value, the parameter estimates and their standard errors.

<code>loglik</code>	Conditional log-likelihood.
<code>iter</code>	Number of iterations.
<code>npar</code>	Number of parameters.
<code>convergence</code>	See code output in <a href="#">nlm</a> .
<code>etapar</code>	Estimated basic item difficulty parameters (item and category parameters).
<code>se.eta</code>	Standard errors of the estimated basic item parameters.
<code>betapar</code>	Estimated item-category (easiness) parameters.
<code>se.beta</code>	Standard errors of item parameters.

hessian	Hessian matrix if se = TRUE.
W	Design matrix.
X	Data matrix.
X01	Dichotomized data matrix.
call	The matched call.

**Author(s)**

Patrick Mair, Reinhold Hatzinger

**References**

Fischer, G. H., and Molenaar, I. (1995). Rasch Models - Foundations, Recent Developments, and Applications. Springer.

Mair, P., and Hatzinger, R. (2007). Extended Rasch modeling: The eRm package for the application of IRT models in R. Journal of Statistical Software, 20(9), 1-20.

Mair, P., and Hatzinger, R. (2007). CML based estimation of extended Rasch models with the eRm package in R. Psychology Science, 49, 26-43.

**See Also**

[RM,PCM,LRtest](#)

**Examples**

```
##RSM with 10 subjects, 3 items
data(rsmdat)
res <- RSM(rsmdat)
res
summary(res)           #eta and beta parameters with CI
thresholds(res)       #threshold parameters
```

---

sim.2pl

*Simulation of 2-pl data*

---

**Description**

This utility function returns a 0-1 matrix violating the parallel ICC assumption in the Rasch model.

**Usage**

```
sim.2pl(persons, items, discrim = 0.25, seed = NULL,
         cutpoint = "randomized")
```

**Arguments**

persons	Either a vector of person parameters or an integer indicating the number of persons (see details).
items	Either a vector of item parameters or an integer indicating the number of items (see details).
discrim	Standard deviation on the log scale.
seed	A seed for the random number generated can be set.
cutpoint	Either "randomized" for a randomized transformation of the model probability matrix into the model 0-1 matrix or an integer value between 0 and 1 (see details).

**Details**

If persons and/or items (using single integers) are specified to determine the number of subjects or items, the corresponding parameter vector is drawn from  $N(0,1)$ . The cutpoint argument refers to the transformation of the theoretical probabilities into a 0-1 data matrix. A randomized assignment implies that for each cell an additional random number is drawn. If the model probability is larger than this value, the person gets 1 on this particular item, if smaller, 0 is assigned. Alternatively, a numeric probability cutpoint can be assigned and the 0-1 scoring is carried out according to the same rule.

The discrim argument can be specified either as a vector of length items defining the item discrimination parameters in the 2-PL (e.g.,  $c(1, 1, 0.5, 1, 1.5)$ ), or as a single value. In that case, the discrimination parameters are drawn from a lognormal distribution with  $\text{meanlog} = 0$ , where the specified value in discrim refers to the standard deviation on the log-scale. The larger the values, the stronger the degree of Rasch violation. Reasonable values are up to 0.5. If 0, the data are Rasch homogeneous.

**References**

Suárez-Falcón, J. C., & Glas, C. A. W. (2003). Evaluation of global testing procedures for item fit to the Rasch model. *British Journal of Mathematical and Statistical Society*, 56, 127-143.

**See Also**

[sim.rasch](#), [sim.locdep](#), [sim.xdim](#)

**Examples**

```
#simulating 2-PL data
#500 persons, 10 items, sdlog = 0.30, randomized cutpoint
X <- sim.2pl(500, 10, discrim = 0.30)

#item and discrimination parameters from uniform distribution,
#cutpoint fixed
dpar <- runif(50, 0, 2)
ipar <- runif(50, -1.5, 1.5)
X <- sim.2pl(500, ipar, dpar, cutpoint = 0.5)
```

sim.locdep

*Simulation locally dependent items***Description**

This utility function returns a 0-1 matrix violating the local independence assumption.

**Usage**

```
sim.locdep(persons, items, it.cor = 0.25, seed = NULL,
           cutpoint = "randomized")
```

**Arguments**

persons	Either a vector of person parameters or an integer indicating the number of persons (see details).
items	Either a vector of item parameters or an integer indicating the number of items (see details).
it.cor	Either a single correlation value between 0 and 1 or a positive semi-definite VC matrix.
seed	A seed for the random number generated can be set.
cutpoint	Either "randomized" for a randomized transformation of the model probability matrix into the model 0-1 matrix or an integer value between 0 and 1 (see details).

**Details**

If persons or items is an integer value, the corresponding parameter vector is drawn from  $N(0,1)$ . The cutpoint argument refers to the transformation of the theoretical probabilities into a 0-1 data matrix. A randomized assignment implies that for each cell an additional random number is drawn. If the model probability is larger than this value, the person gets 1 on this particular item, if smaller, 0 is assigned. Alternatively, a numeric probability cutpoint can be assigned and the 0-1 scoring is carried out according to the same rule.

The argument `it.cor` reflects the pair-wise inter-item correlation. If this should be constant across the items, a single value between 0 (i.e. Rasch model) and 1 (strong violation) can be specified. Alternatively, a symmetric VC-matrix of dimension number of items can be defined.

**References**

- Jannarone, R. J. (1986). Conjunctive item response theory kernels. *Psychometrika*, 51, 357-373.
- Suárez-Falcón, J. C., & Glas, C. A. W. (2003). Evaluation of global testing procedures for item fit to the Rasch model. *British Journal of Mathematical and Statistical Society*, 56, 127-143.

**See Also**

[sim.rasch](#), [sim.2pl](#), [sim.xdim](#)

## Examples

```
#simulating locally-dependent data
#500 persons, 10 items, inter-item correlation of 0.5
X <- sim.locdep(500, 10, it.cor = 0.5)

#500 persons, 4 items, correlation matrix specified
sigma <- matrix(c(1,0.2,0.2,0.3,0.2,1,0.4,0.1,0.2,0.4,1,0.8,0.3,0.1,0.8,1),
  ncol = 4)
X <- sim.locdep(500, 4, it.cor = sigma)
```

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 sim.rasch

*Simulation of Rasch homogeneous data*


---

## Description

This utility function returns a 0-1 matrix which fits the Rasch model.

## Usage

```
sim.rasch(persons, items, seed = NULL, cutpoint = "randomized")
```

## Arguments

persons	Either a vector of person parameters or an integer indicating the number of persons (see details)
items	Either a vector of item parameters or an integer indicating the number of items (see details)
seed	A seed for the random number generated can be set.
cutpoint	Either "randomized" for a randomized transformation of the model probability matrix into the model 0-1 matrix or an integer value between 0 and 1 (see details)

## Details

If persons or items is an integer value, the corresponding parameter vector is drawn from  $N(0,1)$ . The cutpoint argument refers to the transformation of the theoretical probabilities into a 0-1 data matrix. A randomized assignment implies that for each cell an additional random number is drawn. If the model probability is larger than this value, the person gets 1 on this particular item, if smaller, 0 is assigned. Alternatively, a numeric probability cutpoint can be assigned and the 0-1 scoring is carried out according to the same rule.

## References

Suárez-Falcón, J. C., & Glas, C. A. W. (2003). Evaluation of global testing procedures for item fit to the Rasch model. *British Journal of Mathematical and Statistical Society*, 56, 127-143.

**See Also**

[sim.xdim](#), [sim.locdep](#), [sim.2pl](#)

**Examples**

```
#simulating Rasch homogenous data
#100 persons, 10 items, parameter drawn from N(0,1)
X <- sim.rasch(100, 10)

#person parameters drawn from uniform distribution, fixed cutpoint
ppar <- runif(100,-2,2)
X <- sim.rasch(ppar, 10, cutpoint = 0.5)
```

---

sim.xdim

*Simulation of multidimensional binary data*

---

**Description**

This utility function simulates a 0-1 matrix violating the unidimensionality assumption in the Rasch model.

**Usage**

```
sim.xdim(persons, items, Sigma, weightmat, seed = NULL,
          cutpoint = "randomized")
```

**Arguments**

persons	Either a matrix (each column corresponds to a dimension) of person parameters or an integer indicating the number of persons (see details).
items	Either a vector of item parameters or an integer indicating the number of items (see details).
Sigma	A positive-definite symmetric matrix specifying the covariance matrix of the variables.
weightmat	Matrix for item-weights for each dimension (columns).
seed	A seed for the random number generated can be set.
cutpoint	Either "randomized" for a randomized transformation of the model probability matrix into the model 0-1 matrix or an integer value between 0 and 1 (see details).

## Details

If persons is specified as matrix, Sigma is ignored. If items is an integer value, the corresponding parameter vector is drawn from  $N(0,1)$ . The cutpoint argument refers to the transformation of the theoretical probabilities into a 0-1 data matrix. A randomized assingment implies that for each cell an additional random number is drawn. If the model probability is larger than this value, the person gets 1 on this particular item, if smaller, 0 is assigned. Alternatively, a numeric probability cutpoint can be assigned and the 0-1 scoring is carried out according to the same rule.

If weightmat is not specified, a random indicator matrix is generated where each item is a measurement of only one dimension. For instance, the first row for a 3D-model could be (0,1,0) which means that the first item measures the second dimension only. This corresponds to the between-item multidimensional model presented by Adams et al. (1997).

Sigma reflects the VC-structure for the person parameters drawn from a multivariate standard normal distribution. Thus, the diagonal elements are typically 1 and the lower the covariances in the off-diagonal, the stronger the model violation.

## References

Adams, R. J., Wilson, M., & Wang, W. C. (1997). The multidimensional random coefficients multinomial logit model. *Applied Psychological Measurement*, 21, 1-23.

Glas, C. A. W. (1992). A Rasch model with a multivariate distribution of ability. In M. Wilson (Ed.), *Objective Measurement: Foundations, Recent Developments, and Applications* (pp. 236-258). Norwood, NJ: Ablex.

## See Also

[sim.rasch](#), [sim.locdep](#), [sim.2pl](#)

## Examples

```
# 500 persons, 10 items, 3 dimensions, random weights.
Sigma <- matrix(c(1, 0.01, 0.01, 0.01, 1, 0.01, 0.01, 0.01, 1), 3)
X <- sim.xdim(500, 10, Sigma)

#500 persons, 10 items, 2 dimensions, weights fixed to 0.5
itemvec <- runif(10, -2, 2)
Sigma <- matrix(c(1, 0.05, 0.05, 1), 2)
weights <- matrix(0.5, ncol = 2, nrow = 10)
X <- sim.xdim(500, itemvec, Sigma, weightmat = weights)
```

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stepwiseIt

*Stepwise item elimination*

---

## Description

This function eliminates items stepwise according to one of the following criteria: itemfit, Wald test, Andersen's LR-test

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'eRm'
stepwiseIt(object, criterion = list("itemfit"), alpha = 0.05, verbose = TRUE, maxstep = NA)
```

**Arguments**

object	Object of class eRm.
criterion	List with either "itemfit", "Waldtest" or "LRtest" as first element. Optionally, for the Waldtest and LRtest a second element containing the split criterion can be specified (see details).
alpha	Significance level.
verbose	If TRUE intermediate results are printed out.
maxstep	Maximum number of elimination steps. If NA the procedure stops when the itemset is Rasch homogeneous.

**Details**

If `criterion = list("itemfit")` the elimination stops when none of the p-values in itemfit is significant. Within each step the item with the largest chi-squared itemfit value is excluded.

If `criterion = list("Waldtest")` the elimination stops when none of the p-values resulting from the Wald test is significant. Within each step the item with the largest z-value in Wald test is excluded.

If `criterion = list("LRtest")` the elimination stops when Andersen's LR-test is not significant. Within each step the item with the largest z-value in Wald test is excluded.

**Value**

The function returns an object of class `step` containing:

X	Reduced data matrix (bad items eliminated)
fit	Object of class eRm with the final item parameter elimination
it.elim	Vector containing the names of the eliminated items
res.wald	Elimination results for Wald test criterion
res.itemfit	Elimination results for itemfit criterion
res.LR	Elimination results for LR-test criterion
nsteps	Number of elimination steps

**See Also**

[LRtest.Rm](#), [Waldtest.Rm](#), [itemfit.ppar](#)

**Examples**

```
## 2pl-data, 100 persons, 10 items
set.seed(123)
X <- sim.2pl(500, 10, 0.4)
res <- RM(X)

## elimination according to itemfit
stepwiseIt(res, criterion = list("itemfit"))

## Wald test based on mean splitting
stepwiseIt(res, criterion = list("Waldtest", "mean"))

## Andersen LR-test based on random split
set.seed(123)
groupvec <- sample(1:3, 500, replace = TRUE)
stepwiseIt(res, criterion = list("LRtest", groupvec))
```

summary.llra

*Summarizing Linear Logistic Models with Relaxed Assumptions (LLRA)*

**Description**

summary method for class "llra"

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'llra'
summary(object, gamma, ...)

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

**Arguments**

object	an object of class "llra", typically result of a call to <a href="#">LLRA</a> .
x	an object of class "summary.llra", usually, a result of a call to summary.llra.
gamma	The level of confidence for the confidence intervals. Default is 0.95.
...	further arguments passed to or from other methods.

**Details**

Objects of class "summary.llra" contain all parameters of interest plus the confidence intervals. print.summary.llra rounds the values to 3 digits and displays them nicely.

**Value**

The function `summary.llra` computes and returns a list of summary statistics of the fitted LLRA given in `object`, reusing the components (list elements) `call`, `etapar`, `iter`, `loglik`, `model`, `npar` and `se.etapar` from its argument, plus

`ci`                    The upper and lower confidence interval borders.

**Author(s)**

Thomas Rusch

**See Also**

The model fitting function [LLRA](#).

**Examples**

```
##Example 6 from Hatzinger & Rusch (2009)
data("llradat3")
groups <- c(rep("TG",30),rep("CG",30))
llra1 <- LLRA(llradat3,mpoints=2,groups=groups)
summary(llra1)

##An LLRA with 2 treatment groups and 1 baseline group, 5 items and 4
##time points. Item 1 is dichotomous, all others have 3, 4, 5, 6
##categories respectively.
## Not run:
data("llraDat2")
ex2 <- LLRA(llraDat2[1:20],mpoints=4,llraDat2[21])
sumEx2 <- summary(ex2, gamma=0.95)

#print the summary
sumEx2

#get confidence intervals
sumEx2$ci

## End(Not run)
```

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thresholds

*Computation of item-category threshold parameters.*

---

**Description**

This function transforms the beta parameters into threshold parameters. These can be interpreted by means of log-odds as visualized in ICC plots.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'eRm'
thresholds(object)
## S3 method for class 'threshold'
print(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'threshold'
summary(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'threshold'
confint(object, parm, level = 0.95, ...)
```

**Arguments**

Arguments for thresholds:

Object of class eRm.

Arguments for print, summary, and confint methods:

<code>object</code>	Object of class threshold.
<code>parm</code>	Parameter specification (ignored).
<code>level</code>	Alpha-level.
<code>...</code>	Further arguments to be passed to methods. They are ignored.

**Details**

For dichotomous models (i.e., RM and LLTM) threshold parameters are not computed. The `print` method returns a location parameter for each item which is the mean of the corresponding threshold parameters. For LPCM and LRSM the thresholds are computed for each design matrix block (i.e., measurement point/group) separately (PCM and RSM have only 1 block).

**Value**

The function `thresholds` returns an object of class `threshold` containing:

<code>threshpar</code>	Vector with threshold parameters.
<code>se.thresh</code>	Vector with standard errors.
<code>threshtable</code>	Data frame with location and threshold parameters.

**References**

Andrich, D. (1978). Application of a psychometric rating model to ordered categories which are scored with successive integers. *Applied Psychological Measurement*, 2, 581-594.

**See Also**

[plotICC.Rm](#)

## Examples

```
#Threshold parameterization for a rating scale model
data(rsmdat)
res <- RSM(rsmdat)
th.res <- thresholds(res)
th.res
confint(th.res)
summary(th.res)

#Threshold parameters for a PCM with ICC plot
data(pcmdat)
res <- PCM(pcmdat)
th.res <- thresholds(res)
th.res
plotICC(res)

#Threshold parameters for a LPCM:
#Block 1: t1, g1; Block 2: t1, g2; ...; Block 6: t2,g3

data(lpcmdat)
G <- c(rep(1,7),rep(2,7),rep(3,6)) # group vector for 3 groups
res <- LPCM(lpcmdat, mpoints = 2, groupvec = G)
th.res <- thresholds(res)
th.res
```

---

Waldtest

*Item-Specific Wald Test*

---

## Description

Performs a Wald test on item-level by splitting subjects into subgroups.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'Rm'
Waldtest(object, splitcr = "median")
## S3 method for class 'wald'
print(x,...)
```

## Arguments

object	Object of class RM.
splitcr	Split criterion for subject raw score splitting. median uses the median as split criterion, mean performs a mean-split. Optionally splitcr can also be a dichotomous vector which assigns each person to a certain subgroup (e.g., following an external criterion). This vector can be numeric, character or a factor.

x	Object of class <code>wald</code> .
...	Further arguments passed to or from other methods. They are ignored in this function.

### Details

Items are eliminated if they not have the same number of categories in each subgroup. To avoid this problem, for RSM and PCM it is considered to use a random or another user-defined split. If the data set contains missing values and `mean` or `median` is specified as `splitcriterion`, means or medians are calculated for each missing value subgroup and consequently used for raw score splitting.

### Value

Returns an object of class `wald` containing:

<code>coef.table</code>	Data frame with test statistics, z- and p-values.
<code>betapar1</code>	Beta parameters for first subgroup
<code>se.beta1</code>	Standard errors for first subgroup
<code>betapar2</code>	Beta parameters for second subgroup
<code>se.beta2</code>	Standard errors for second subgroup
<code>se.beta2</code>	Standard errors for second subgroup
<code>spl.gr</code>	Names and levels for <code>splitcr</code> .
<code>call</code>	The matched call.

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### See Also

[LRtest](#)

### Examples

```
#Wald test for Rasch model with user-defined subject split
data(raschdat2)
res <- RM(raschdat2)
splitvec <- sample(1:2,25,replace=TRUE)
Waldtest(res, splitcr = splitvec)
```

```
#Wald test for RSM eliminates 4 items (with median split)
data(rsmdat)
res <- RSM(rsmdat)
Waldtest(res)
```

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