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as.data.frame.profile.mle2  
*convert profile to data frame*

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## Description

converts a profile of a fitted mle2 object to a data frame

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'profile.mle2'
as.data.frame(x, row.names=NULL,
optional=FALSE, ...)
```

## Arguments

x	a profile object
row.names	row names (unused)
optional	unused
...	unused

## Value

a data frame with columns

param	name of parameter being profiled
z	signed square root of the deviance difference from the minimum
parameter values	named par.vals.pname
focal	value of focal parameter: redundant, but included for plotting convenience

## Author(s)

Ben Bolker

**Examples**

```
## use as.data.frame and lattice to plot profiles
x <- 0:10
y <- c(26, 17, 13, 12, 20, 5, 9, 8, 5, 4, 8)
library(bbmle)
LL <- function(ymax=15, xhalf=6)
-sum(stats::dpois(y, lambda=ymax/(1+x/xhalf), log=TRUE))
## uses default parameters of LL
fit1 <- mle2(LL)
p1 <- profile(fit1)
d1 = as.data.frame(p1)
library(lattice)
xyplot(abs(z)~focal|param,data=d1,
  subset=abs(z)<3,
  type="b",
  xlab="",
  ylab=expression(paste(abs(z),
    " (square root of ",Delta," deviance)")),
  scale=list(x=list(relation="free")))
```

BIC-methods

*Log likelihoods and model selection for mle2 objects***Description**

Various functions for likelihood-based and information-theoretic model selection of likelihood models

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'ANY,mle2,logLik'
BIC(object,...)
## S4 method for signature 'ANY,mle2,logLik'
AICc(object,...,nobs,k=2)
## S4 method for signature 'ANY,mle2,logLik'
qAIC(object,...,k=2)
## S4 method for signature 'ANY,mle2,logLik'
qAICc(object,...,nobs,k=2)
```

**Arguments**

object	A logLik or mle2 object
...	An optional list of additional logLik or mle2 objects (fitted to the same data set).
nobs	Number of observations (sometimes obtainable as an attribute of the fit or of the log-likelihood)
k	penalty parameter (nearly always left at its default value of 2)

**Details**

Further arguments to BIC can be specified in the ... list: delta (logical) specifies whether to include a column for delta-BIC in the output.

**Value**

A table of the BIC values, degrees of freedom, and possibly delta-BIC values relative to the minimum-BIC model

**Methods**

**logLik** signature(object = "mle2"): Extract maximized log-likelihood.

**AIC** signature(object = "mle2"): Calculate Akaike Information Criterion

**AICc** signature(object = "mle2"): Calculate small-sample corrected Akaike Information Criterion

**BIC** signature(object = "mle2"): Calculate Bayesian (Schwarz) Information Criterion

**BIC** signature(object = "logLik"): Calculate Bayesian (Schwarz) Information Criterion

**BIC** signature(object = "ANY"): Calculate Bayesian (Schwarz) Information Criterion

**anova** signature(object="mle2"): Likelihood Ratio Test comparison of different models

**Note**

This is implemented in an ugly way and could probably be improved!

**Examples**

```
d <- data.frame(x=0:10,y=c(26, 17, 13, 12, 20, 5, 9, 8, 5, 4, 8))
(fit <- mle2(y~dpois(lambda=ymax/(1+x/xhalf)),
  start=list(ymax=25,xhalf=3),data=d))
(fit2 <- mle2(y~dpois(lambda=(x+1)*slope),
  start=list(slope=1),data=d))
BIC(fit,nobs=nrow(d))
BIC(fit,fit2,nobs=nrow(d))
```

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 call.to.char

*Convert calls to character*


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**Description**

Utility function (hack) to convert calls such as y~x to their character equivalent

**Usage**

```
call.to.char(x)
```

**Arguments**

`x` a formula (call)

**Details**

It would be nice if `as.character(y~x)` gave "y~x", but it doesn't, so this hack achieves the same goal

**Value**

a character vector of length 1

**Author(s)**

Ben Bolker

**Examples**

```
as.character(y~x)
call.to.char(y~x)
```

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`get.mnames`

*extract model names*

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**Description**

given a list of models, extract the names (or "model n")

**Usage**

```
get.mnames(Call)
```

**Arguments**

`Call` a function call (usually a list of models)

**Value**

a vector of model names

**Author(s)**

Ben Bolker

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ICtab	<i>Compute table of information criteria and auxiliary info</i>
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**Description**

Computes information criteria for a series of models, optionally giving information about weights, differences between ICs, etc.

**Usage**

```
ICtab(..., type=c("AIC", "BIC", "AICc", "qAIC", "qAICc"),
      weights = FALSE, delta = TRUE, base = FALSE, sort = TRUE,
      nobs, dispersion = 1, mnames, k = 2)
AICtab(...)
BICtab(...)
AICcstab(...)
## S3 method for class 'ICtab'
print(x,...)
```

**Arguments**

...	a list of (logLik or?) mle objects; in the case of AICtab etc., could also include other arguments to ICtab
type	specify information criterion to use
base	(logical) include base IC values?
weights	(logical) compute IC weights?
delta	(logical) compute differences among ICs?
sort	(logical) sort ICs in increasing order?
nobs	(integer) number of observations: required for type="BIC" or type="AICc" unless objects have an "nobs" attribute
dispersion	overdispersion estimate, for computing qAIC: required for type="qAIC" or type="qAICc" unless objects have a "dispersion" attribute
mnames	names for table rows: defaults to names of objects passed
k	penalty term (largely unused: left at default of 2)
x	an ICtab object

**Value**

A data frame containing:

IC	information criterion
df	degrees of freedom/number of parameters
dIC	difference in IC from minimum-IC model
weights	$\exp(-dIC/2)/\sum(\exp(-dIC/2))$

**Note**

(1) The print method uses sensible defaults; all ICs are rounded to the nearest 0.1, and IC weights are printed using `format.pval` to print an inequality for values  $<0.001$ . (2) The computation of degrees of freedom/number of parameters (e.g., whether variance parameters are included in the total) varies enormously between packages. As long as the df computations for a given set of models is consistent, differences don't matter, but one needs to be careful with log likelihoods and models taken from different packages. If necessary one can change the degrees of freedom manually by saying `attr(obj, "df") <- df.new`, where `df.new` is the desired number of parameters. (3) Defaults have changed to `sort=TRUE`, `base=FALSE`, `delta=TRUE`, to match my conviction that it rarely makes sense to report the overall values of information criteria

**Author(s)**

Ben Bolker

**References**

Burnham and Anderson 2002

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mle2

*Maximum Likelihood Estimation*

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**Description**

Estimate parameters by the method of maximum likelihood.

**Usage**

```
mle2(minuslogl, start, method, optimizer,
      fixed = NULL, data=NULL,
      subset=NULL,
      default.start=TRUE, eval.only = FALSE, vecpar=FALSE,
      parameters=NULL,
      parnames=NULL,
      skip.hessian=FALSE,
      hessian.opts=NULL,
      use.ginv=TRUE,
      trace=FALSE,
      browse_obj=FALSE,
      transform=NULL,
      gr,
      optimfun,...)
calc_mle2_function(formula,parameters, links, start,
                   parnames, use.deriv=FALSE, data=NULL,trace=FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>minuslogl</code>	Function to calculate negative log-likelihood, or a formula
<code>start</code>	Named list. Initial values for optimizer
<code>method</code>	Optimization method to use. See <a href="#">optim</a> .
<code>optimizer</code>	Optimization function to use. Currently available choices are "optim" (the default), "nlm", "nlminb", "constrOptim", "optimx", and "optimize". If "optimx" is used, (1) the <code>optimx</code> package must be explicitly loaded with <code>load</code> or <code>require</code> ( <i>Warning: Options other than the default may be poorly tested, use with caution.</i> )
<code>fixed</code>	Named list. Parameter values to keep fixed during optimization.
<code>data</code>	list of data to pass to negative log-likelihood function: must be specified if <code>minuslogl</code> is specified as a formula
<code>subset</code>	logical vector for subsetting data (STUB)
<code>default.start</code>	Logical: allow default values of <code>minuslogl</code> as starting values?
<code>eval.only</code>	Logical: return value of <code>minuslogl(start)</code> rather than optimizing
<code>vecpar</code>	Logical: is first argument a vector of all parameters? (For compatibility with <a href="#">optim</a> .) If <code>vecpar</code> is TRUE, then you should use <a href="#">parnames</a> to define the parameter names for the negative log-likelihood function.
<code>parameters</code>	List of linear models for parameters. <i>MUST BE SPECIFIED IN THE SAME ORDER as the start vector (this is a bug/restriction that I hope to fix soon, but in the meantime beware)</i>
<code>links</code>	(unimplemented) specify transformations of parameters
<code>parnames</code>	List (or vector?) of parameter names
<code>gr</code>	gradient function
<code>...</code>	Further arguments to pass to optimizer
<code>formula</code>	a formula for the likelihood (see <a href="#">Details</a> )
<code>trace</code>	Logical: print parameter values tested?
<code>browse_obj</code>	Logical: drop into <code>browser()</code> within the objective function?
<code>transform</code>	(stub) list of link functions/parameter transformations ("log"=log/exp, "logit"=plogis/qlogis, etc.)
<code>skip.hessian</code>	Bypass Hessian calculation?
<code>hessian.opts</code>	Options for Hessian calculation, passed through to the <a href="#">hessian</a> function
<code>use.ginv</code>	Use generalized inverse ( <a href="#">ginv</a> ) to compute approximate variance-covariance
<code>optimfun</code>	user-supplied optimization function. Must take exactly the same arguments and return exactly the same structure as <a href="#">optim</a> .
<code>use.deriv</code>	(experimental, not yet implemented): construct symbolic derivatives based on formula?

## Details

The `optim` optimizer is used to find the minimum of the negative log-likelihood. An approximate covariance matrix for the parameters is obtained by inverting the Hessian matrix at the optimum.

The `minuslogl` argument can also specify a formula, rather than an objective function, of the form `x~ddistn(param1, ..., paramn)`. In this case `ddistn` is taken to be a probability or density function, which must have (literally) `x` as its first argument (although this argument may be interpreted as a matrix of multivariate responses) and which must have a `log` argument that can be used to specify the log-probability or log-probability-density is required. If a formula is specified, then `parameters` can contain a list of linear models for the parameters.

If a formula is given and non-trivial linear models are given in `parameters` for some of the variables, then model matrices will be generated using `model.matrix`. `start` can be given:

- as a list containing lists, with each list corresponding to the starting values for a particular parameter;
- just for the higher-level parameters, in which case all of the additional parameters generated by `model.matrix` will be given starting values of zero (unless a no-intercept formula with `-1` is specified, in which case all the starting values for that parameter will be set equal

to be implemented! as an exhaustive (flat) list of starting values (in the order given by `model.matrix`)

The `trace` argument applies only when a formula is specified. If you specify a function, you can build in your own `print()` or `cat()` statement to trace its progress. (You can also specify a value for `trace` as part of a control list for `optim()`: see `optim`.)

The `skip.hessian` argument is useful if the function is crashing with a "non-finite finite difference value" error when trying to evaluate the Hessian, but will preclude many subsequent confidence interval calculations. (You will know the Hessian is failing if you use `method="Nelder-Mead"` and still get a finite-difference error.)

If convergence fails, see the manual page of the relevant optimizer (`optim` by default, but possibly `nlm`, `nlminb`, `optimx`, or `constrOptim` if you have set the value of `optimizer`) for the meanings of the error codes/messages.

## Value

An object of class "mle2".

## Warning

Do not use a higher-level variable named `.i` in `parameters` – this is reserved for internal use.

## Note

Note that the `minuslogl` function should return the negative log-likelihood,  $-\log L$  (not the log-likelihood,  $\log L$ , nor the deviance,  $-2 \log L$ ). It is the user's responsibility to ensure that the likelihood is correct, and that asymptotic likelihood inference is valid (e.g. that there are "enough" data and that the estimated parameter values do not lie on the boundary of the feasible parameter space).

If `lower`, `upper`, `control$parscale`, or `control$ndeps` are specified for `optim` fits, they must be named vectors.

The requirement that data be specified when using the formula interface is relatively new: it saves many headaches on the programming side when evaluating the likelihood function later on (e.g. for profiling or constructing predictions). Since `data.frame` uses the names of its arguments as column names by default, it is probably the easiest way to package objects that are lying around in the global workspace for use in `mle2` (provided they are all of the same length).

When `optimizer` is set to "optimx" and multiple optimization methods are used (i.e. the `methods` argument has more than one element, or `all.methods=TRUE` is set in the control options), the best (minimum negative log-likelihood) solution will be saved, regardless of reported convergence status (and future operations such as profiling on the fit will only use the method that found the best result).

## See Also

[mle2-class](#)

## Examples

```
x <- 0:10
y <- c(26, 17, 13, 12, 20, 5, 9, 8, 5, 4, 8)
d <- data.frame(x,y)

## in general it is best practice to use the 'data' argument,
## but variables can also be drawn from the global environment
LL <- function(ymax=15, xhalf=6)
  -sum(stats::dpois(y, lambda=ymax/(1+x/xhalf), log=TRUE))
## uses default parameters of LL
(fit <- mle2(LL))
mle2(LL, fixed=list(xhalf=6))

(fit0 <- mle2(y~dpois(lambda=ymean),start=list(ymean=mean(y)),data=d))
anova(fit0,fit)
summary(fit)
logLik(fit)
vcov(fit)
p1 <- profile(fit)
plot(p1, absVal=FALSE)
confint(fit)

## use bounded optimization
## the lower bounds are really > 0, but we use >=0 to stress-test
## profiling; note lower must be named
(fit1 <- mle2(LL, method="L-BFGS-B", lower=c(ymax=0, xhalf=0)))
p1 <- profile(fit1)

plot(p1, absVal=FALSE)
## a better parameterization:
LL2 <- function(lymax=log(15), lxhalf=log(6))
  -sum(stats::dpois(y, lambda=exp(lymax)/(1+x/exp(lxhalf)), log=TRUE))
(fit2 <- mle2(LL2))
plot(profile(fit2), absVal=FALSE)
exp(confint(fit2))
vcov(fit2)
cov2cor(vcov(fit2))
```

```

mle2(y~dpois(lambda=exp(lymax)/(1+x/exp(lhalf))),
     start=list(lymax=0,lhalf=0),
     data=d,
     parameters=list(lymax~1,lhalf~1))

## try bounded optimization with nlmnb and constrOptim
(fit1B <- mle2(LL, optimizer="nlminb", lower=c(lymax=1e-7, lhalf=1e-7)))
p1B <- profile(fit1B)
confint(p1B)
(fit1C <- mle2(LL, optimizer="constrOptim", ui = c(lymax=1,lhalf=1), ci=2,
             method="Nelder-Mead"))

set.seed(1001)
lymax <- c(0,2)
lhalf <- 0
x <- sort(runif(200))
g <- factor(sample(c("a","b"),200,replace=TRUE))
y <- rnbino(200,mu=exp(lymax[g])/(1+x/exp(lhalf)),size=2)
d2 <- data.frame(x,g,y)

fit3 <- mle2(y~dnbinom(mu=exp(lymax)/(1+x/exp(lhalf)),size=exp(logk)),
             parameters=list(lymax~g),data=d2,
             start=list(lymax=0,lhalf=0,logk=0))

```

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mle2-class

*Class "mle2". Result of Maximum Likelihood Estimation.*


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## Description

This class encapsulates results of a generic maximum likelihood procedure.

## Objects from the Class

Objects can be created by calls of the form `new("mle2", ...)`, but most often as the result of a call to `mle2`.

## Slots

`call`: (language) The call to `mle2`.

`call.orig`: (language) The call to `mle2`, saved in its original form (i.e. without data arguments evaluated).

`coef`: (numeric) Vector of estimated parameters.

`data`: (data frame or list) Data with which to evaluate the negative log-likelihood function

`fullcoef`: (numeric) Fixed and estimated parameters.

`vcov`: (numeric matrix) Approximate variance-covariance matrix, based on the second derivative matrix at the MLE.

**min:** (numeric) Minimum value of objective function = minimum negative log-likelihood.

**details:** (list) Return value from [optim](#).

**minuslogl:** (function) The negative log-likelihood function.

**optimizer:** (character) The optimizing function used.

**method:** (character) The optimization method used.

**formula:** (character) If a formula was specified, a character vector giving the formula and parameter specifications.

## Methods

**confint** signature(object = "mle2"): Confidence intervals from likelihood profiles.

**show** signature(object = "mle2"): Display object briefly.

**show** signature(object = "summary.mle2"): Display object briefly.

**summary** signature(object = "mle2"): Generate object summary.

**update** signature(object = "mle2"): Update fit.

**vcov** signature(object = "mle2"): Extract variance-covariance matrix.

**formula** signature(object="mle2"): Extract formula

**plot** signature(object="profile.mle2,missing"): Plot profile.

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mle2.options

*Options for maximum likelihood estimation*

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## Description

Query or set MLE parameters

## Usage

```
mle2.options(...)
```

## Arguments

... names of arguments to query, or a list of values to set

## Details

- `optim.methodname` of optimization method (see [optim](#) for choices)
- `confintname` of confidence-interval: choices are "spline", "uniroot", "hessian" corresponding to spline inversion, attempt to find best answer via uniroot, information-matrix approximation
- `optimizer` optimization function to use by default (choices: "optim", "nlm", "nlminb", "constrOptim")

**Value**

Values of queried parameters, or (invisibly) the full list of parameters

**See Also**

[mle2-class](#)

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namedrop	<i>drop unneeded names from list elements</i>
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**Description**

goes through a list (containing a combination of single- and multiple-element vectors) and removes redundant names that will make trouble for mle

**Usage**

```
namedrop(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    a list of named or unnamed, typically numeric, vectors

**Details**

examines each element of x. If the element has length one and is a named vector, the name is removed; if length(x) is greater than 1, but all the names are the same, the vector is renamed

**Value**

the original list, with names removed/added

**Author(s)**

Ben Bolker

**Examples**

```
x = list(a=c(a=1), b=c(d=1, d=2), c=c(a=1, b=2, c=3))
names(unlist(namedrop(x)))
names(unlist(namedrop(x)))
```

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parnames                      *get and set parameter names*

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## Description

Gets and sets the "parnames" attribute on a negative log-likelihood function

## Usage

```
parnames(obj)
parnames(obj) <- value
```

## Arguments

obj	a negative log-likelihood function
value	a character vector of parameter names

## Details

The parnames attribute is used by `mle2()` when the negative log-likelihood function takes a parameter vector, rather than a list of parameters; this allows users to use the same objective function for `optim()` and `mle2()`

## Value

Returns the parnames attribute (a character vector of parameter names) or sets it.

## Author(s)

Ben Bolker

## Examples

```
x <- 1:5
set.seed(1001)
y <- rbinom(5,prob=x/(1+x),size=10)
mfun <- function(p) {
  a <- p[1]
  b <- p[2]
  -sum(dbinom(y,prob=a*x/(b+x),size=10,log=TRUE))
}
optim(fn=mfun,par=c(1,1))
parnames(mfun) <- c("a","b")
mle2(minuslogl=mfun,start=c(a=1,b=1),method="Nelder-Mead")
```

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predict-methods      *Predicted values from an mle2 fit*

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### Description

Given an mle2 fit and an optional list of new data, return predictions (more generally, summary statistics of the predicted distribution)

### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'mle2'
predict(object, newdata=NULL,
        location="mean", newparams=NULL, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'mle2'
simulate(object, nsim,
        seed, newdata=NULL, newparams=NULL, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'mle2'
residuals(object, type=c("pearson", "response"),
          location="mean", ...)
```

### Arguments

object	an mle2 object
newdata	optional list of new data
newparams	optional vector of new parameters
location	name of the summary statistic to return
nsim	number of simulations
seed	random number seed
type	residuals type
...	additional arguments (for generic compatibility)

### Methods

**x = "mle2"** an mle2 fit

### Examples

```
set.seed(1002)
lymax <- c(0,2)
lhalf <- 0
x <- runif(200)
g <- factor(rep(c("a", "b"), each=100))
y <- rnbinom(200, mu=exp(lymax[g])/(1+x/exp(lhalf)), size=2)
dat <- data.frame(y,g,x)

fit3 <- mle2(y~dnbinom(mu=exp(lymax)/(1+x/exp(lhalf)), size=exp(logk)),
```

```

    parameters=list(lymax~g),
    start=list(lymax=0,lhalf=0,logk=0),
    data=dat)

plot(y~x,col=g)
## true curves
curve(exp(0)/(1+x/exp(0)),add=TRUE)
curve(exp(2)/(1+x/exp(0)),col=2,add=TRUE)
## model predictions
xvec = seq(0,1,length=100)
lines(xvec,predict(fit3,newdata=list(g=factor(rep("a",100),levels=c("a","b")),
                                     x = xvec)),col=1,lty=2)
lines(xvec,predict(fit3,newdata=list(g=factor(rep("b",100),levels=c("a","b")),
                                     x = xvec)),col=2,lty=2)

## comparing automatic and manual predictions
p1 = predict(fit3)
p2A =
with(as.list(coef(fit3)),exp('lymax.(Intercept)')/(1+x[1:100]/exp(lhalf)))
p2B =
with(as.list(coef(fit3)),exp('lymax.(Intercept)+'lymax.gb)/(1+x[101:200]/exp(lhalf)))
all(p1==c(p2A,p2B))
##
simulate(fit3)

```

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profile-methods

*Likelihood profiles*


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## Description

Create likelihood profiles for a fitted model

## Usage

```

## S4 method for signature 'mle2'
profile(fitted, which = 1:p, maxsteps = 100,
       alpha = 0.01, zmax = sqrt(qchisq(1 - alpha/2, p)),
       del = zmax/5, trace = FALSE, skiperrs=TRUE,
       std.err,
       tol.newmin = 0.001, debug=FALSE,
       prof.lower, prof.upper,
       skip.hessian = TRUE, try_harder=FALSE, ...)

```

## Arguments

fitted	A fitted maximum likelihood model of class “mle2”
which	a numeric or character vector describing which parameters to profile (default is to profile all parameters)

maxsteps	maximum number of steps to take looking for an upper value of the negative log-likelihood
alpha	maximum (two-sided) likelihood ratio test confidence level to find
zmax	maximum value of signed square root of deviance difference to find (default value corresponds to a 2-tailed chi-squared test at level alpha)
del	step size for profiling
trace	(logical) produce tracing output?
skiperrs	(logical) ignore errors produced during profiling?
std.err	Optional numeric vector of standard errors, for cases when the Hessian is badly behaved. Will be replicated if necessary, and NA values will be replaced by the corresponding values from the fit summary
tol.newmin	tolerance for diagnosing a new minimum below the minimum deviance estimated in initial fit is found
debug	(logical) debugging output?
prof.lower	optional vector of lower bounds for profiles
prof.upper	optional vector of upper bounds for profiles
skip.hessian	skip hessian (defunct?)
try_harder	(logical) ignore NA and flat spots in the profile, try to continue anyway?
...	additional arguments (not used)

### Details

See the vignette (`vignette("mle2", package="bbmle")`) for more technical details of how profiling is done.

### See Also

[profile.mle-class](#)

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profile.mle2-class      *Class "profile.mle2"; Profiling information for "mle2" object*

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### Description

Likelihood profiles along each parameter of likelihood function

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'profile.mle2'
plot(x,
     levels, which=1:p, conf = c(99, 95, 90, 80, 50)/100,
     plot.confstr = TRUE,
     confstr = NULL, absVal = TRUE, add = FALSE,
     col.minval="green", lty.minval=2,
     col.conf="magenta", lty.conf=2,
     col.prof="blue", lty.prof=1,
     xlabs=nm, ylab="z",
     onepage=TRUE,
     ask=((prod(par("mfcol")) < length(which)) && dev.interactive() &&
         !onepage),
     show.points=FALSE,
     main, xlim, ylim, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	An object of class profile.mle2
levels	levels at which to plot likelihood cutoffs (set by conf by default)
which	(numeric or character) which parameter profiles to plot
conf	(1-alpha) levels at which to plot likelihood cutoffs/confidence intervals
plot.confstr	(logical) plot labels showing confidence levels?
confstr	(character) labels for confidence levels (by default, constructed from conf levels)
absVal	(logical) plot absolute values of signed square root deviance difference ("V" plot rather than straight-line plot)?
add	(logical) add profile to existing graph?
col.minval	color for minimum line
lty.minval	line type for minimum line
col.conf	color for confidence intervals
lty.conf	line type for confidence intervals
col.prof	color for profile
lty.prof	line type for profile
xlabs	x labels
ylab	y label
onepage	(logical) plot all profiles on one page, adjusting par(mfcol) as necessary?
ask	(logical) pause for user input between plots?
show.points	(logical) show computed profile points as well as interpolated spline?
main	(logical) main title
xlim	x limits
ylim	y limits
...	other arguments

### Objects from the Class

Objects can be created by calls of the form `new("profile.mle2", ...)`, but most often by invoking `profile` on an "mle2" object.

### Slots

**profile:** Object of class "list". List of profiles, one for each requested parameter. Each profile is a data frame with the first column called `z` being the signed square root of the deviance, and the others being the parameters with names prefixed by `par.vals`.

**summary:** Object of class "summary.mle2". Summary of object being profiled.

### Methods

**confint** signature(object = "profile.mle2"): Use profile to generate approximate confidence intervals for parameters.

**plot** signature(x = "profile.mle2", y = "missing"): Plot profiles for each parameter.

**summary** signature(x = "profile.mle2"): Plot profiles for each parameter.

**show** signature(object = "profile.mle2"): Show object.

### See Also

[mle2](#), [mle2-class](#), [summary.mle2-class](#)

### Examples

```
x <- 0:10
y <- c(26, 17, 13, 12, 20, 5, 9, 8, 5, 4, 8)
d <- data.frame(x,y)
fit1 <- mle2(y~dpois(lambda=ymax/(1+x/xhalf)), start=list(ymax=1,xhalf=1),
  method="L-BFGS-B", lower=c(ymax=0.001,xhalf=0.001), data=d)
p1 <- profile(fit1)
plot(p1, main=c("first", "second"),
  xlab=c(~y[max], ~x[1/2]), ylab="Signed square root deviance")
```

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relist2

*reconstruct the structure of a list*

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### Description

reshapes a vector according to a list template

### Usage

```
relist2(v, l)
```

**Arguments**

`v` vector, probably numeric, of values to reshape  
`l` template list giving structure

**Details**

attempts to coerce `v` into a list with the same structure and names as `l`

**Value**

a list with values corresponding to `v` and structure corresponding to `l`

**Author(s)**

Ben Bolker

**Examples**

```
l = list(b=1,c=2:5,d=matrix(1:4,nrow=2))
relist2(1:9,l)
```

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sbinom

*Abstract definitions of distributions*


---

**Description**

Functions returning values for summary statistics (mean, median, etc.) of distributions

**Usage**

```
sbeta(shape1, shape2)
sbetabinom(size, prob, theta)
sbinom(size, prob)
snbinom(size, prob, mu)
snorm(mean, sd)
spois(lambda)
```

**Arguments**

`prob` probability as defined for [dbinom](#), [dnbinom](#), or beta-binomial distribution ([dbetabinom](#) in the [emdbook](#) package)

`size` size parameter as defined for [dbinom](#) or [dbetabinom](#) in the [emdbook](#) package, or size/overdispersion parameter as in [dnbinom](#)

`mean` mean parameter as defined for [dnorm](#)

`mu` mean parameter as defined for [dnbinom](#)

`sd` standard deviation parameter as defined for [dnorm](#)

shape1	shape parameter for <a href="#">dbeta</a>
shape2	shape parameter for <a href="#">dbeta</a>
lambda	rate parameter as defined for <a href="#">dpois</a>
theta	overdispersion parameter for beta-binomial (see <a href="#">dbetabinom</a> in the <a href="#">emdbook</a> package)

**Value**

title	name of the distribution
[parameters]	input parameters for the distribution
mean	theoretical mean of the distribution
median	theoretical median of the distribution
mode	theoretical mode of the distribution
variance	theoretical variance of the distribution
sd	theoretical standard deviation of the distribution

**Note**

these definitions are tentative, subject to change as I figure this out better. Perhaps construct functions that return functions? Strip down results? Do more automatically?

**Author(s)**

Ben Bolker

**See Also**

[dbinom](#), [dpois](#), [dnorm](#), [dnbinom](#)

**Examples**

```
sbinom(prob=0.2,size=10)
snbinom(mu=2,size=1.2)
```

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slice *Calculate likelihood "slices"*

---

**Description**

Computes a cross-section of a multi-dimensional likelihood surface

**Usage**

```
slice(fitted, ...)
```

**Arguments**

fitted            a fitted object of class mle  
 ...                other arguments: which etc.

**Value**

still a stub.

**Note**

Slices provide a lighter-weight way to explore likelihood surfaces than profiles, since they vary a single parameter rather than

**Author(s)**

Ben Bolker

**See Also**

[profile](#)

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slice.mle2-class            *likelihood-surface slices*

---

**Description**

evaluations of log-likelihood along transects in parameter space

**Objects from the Class**

Objects can be created by calls of the form `new("slice.mle2", ...)`. The objects are similar to likelihood profiles, but don't involve any optimization with respect to the other parameters.

**Slots**

**profile:** Object of class "list". List of slices, one for each requested parameter. Each slice is a data frame with the first column called `z` being the signed square root of the -2 log likelihood ratio, and the others being the parameters with names prefixed by `par.vals`.

**summary:** Object of class "summary.mle2". Summary of object being profiled.

**Methods**

**plot** signature(x = "profile.mle2", y = "missing"): Plot profiles for each parameter.

**See Also**

[profile.mle2-class](#)

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strwrapx	<i>Wrap strings at white space and + symbols</i>
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**Description**

Extended (hacked) version of strwrap: wraps a string at whitespace and plus symbols

**Usage**

```
strwrapx(x, width = 0.9 * getOption("width"), indent = 0, exdent = 0, prefix = "", simplify = TRUE, parsp
```

**Arguments**

x	a character vector, or an object which can be converted to a character vector by <a href="#">as.character</a> .
width	a positive integer giving the target column for wrapping lines in the output.
indent	a non-negative integer giving the indentation of the first line in a paragraph.
exdent	a non-negative integer specifying the indentation of subsequent lines in paragraphs.
prefix	a character string to be used as prefix for each line.
simplify	a logical. If TRUE, the result is a single character vector of line text; otherwise, it is a list of the same length as x the elements of which are character vectors of line text obtained from the corresponding element of x. (Hence, the result in the former case is obtained by unlisting that of the latter.)
parsplit	Regular expression describing how to split paragraphs
wordsplit	Regular expression describing how to split words

**Details**

Whitespace in the input is destroyed. Double spaces after periods (thought as representing sentence ends) are preserved. Currently, possible sentence ends at line breaks are not considered specially.

Indentation is relative to the number of characters in the prefix string.

**Examples**

```
## Read in file 'THANKS'.
x <- paste(readLines(file.path(R.home("doc"), "THANKS")), collapse = "\n")
## Split into paragraphs and remove the first three ones
x <- unlist(strsplit(x, "\n[ \t\n]*\n"))[-(1:3)]
## Join the rest
x <- paste(x, collapse = "\n\n")
## Now for some fun:
writeLines(strwrap(x, width = 60))
writeLines(strwrap(x, width = 60, indent = 5))
writeLines(strwrap(x, width = 60, exdent = 5))
writeLines(strwrap(x, prefix = "THANKS> "))
```

```
## Note that messages are wrapped AT the target column indicated by
## 'width' (and not beyond it).
## From an R-devel posting by J. Hosking <jh910@juno.com>.
x <- paste(sapply(sample(10, 100, rep=TRUE),
  function(x) substr("aaaaaaaa", 1, x)), collapse = " ")
sapply(10:40,
  function(m)
    c(target = m, actual = max(nchar(strwrap(x, m)))))
```

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summary.mle2-class      *Class "summary.mle2", summary of "mle2" objects*

---

## Description

Extract of "mle2" object

## Objects from the Class

Objects can be created by calls of the form `new("summary.mle2", ...)`, but most often by invoking `summary` on an "mle2" object. They contain values meant for printing by `show`.

## Slots

**call**: Object of class "language". The call that generated the "mle2" object.

**coef**: Object of class "matrix". Estimated coefficients and standard errors

**m2logL**: Object of class "numeric". Minus twice the log likelihood.

## Methods

**show** signature(object = "summary.mle2"): Pretty-prints object

**coef** signature(object = "summary.mle2"): Extracts the contents of the coef slot

## See Also

[summary](#), [mle2](#), [mle2-class](#)

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