

# Package ‘symmoments’

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symmoments-package      *Symbolically compute multivariate normal central moments*

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## Description

Symbolically computes multivariate normal central moments  $E[X_1^{k_1} \dots X_n^{k_n}]$ , where  $(X_1, \dots, X_n) \sim N(0, S)$ , in terms of  $S$  elements.

Produces Latex code for the moment.

Computes numerical moments at specified covariance matrices.

## Details

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A representation of a central moment of the multivariate normal distribution, given by a positive integer vector  $c(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n)$ , is obtained from the function `callmultmoments`. This function initializes variables and calls the function `multmoments` which determines a representation of a multivariate moment using a recursive algorithm. The representation is given class 'moment'.

The `print` method prints the representation of a multivariate moment.

The `toLatex` method uses the output of `callmultmoments` to determine the LaTeX code for the moment sorted lexicographically.

The generic `evaluate` method uses the output of `callmultmoments` to determine the value of the moment for a specified covariance matrix.

The `simulate` method is used to approximate a (possibly non-central) moment using Monte Carlo integration.

## Note

The `mvtnorm` package must be loaded for the `simulate` method.

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## References

Phillips K (2010). Symbolic Computation of the Central Moments of the Multivariate Normal Distribution. *Journal of Statistical Software, Code Snippets*, **33**(1), 1–14. <http://www.jstatsoft.org/v33/c01/>.

**Examples**

```

# Compute the moment for the 4-dimensional moment c(1,2,3,4):
callmultmoments(c(1,2,3,4))

# Print the representation of the 4-dimensional moment c(1,2,3,4):
print(callmultmoments(c(1,2,3,4)))

# Compute the LaTeX representation of the central moment c(1,2,3,4):
toLatex(callmultmoments(c(1,2,3,4)))

# Write the LaTeX representation to a file using the standard R function (not run):
# writeLines(callmultmoments(c(1,2,3,4)),con="yourfilename", sep = "\n")

# evaluate the moment c(1,2,3,4) at the following variance-covariance matrix
# 4 2 1 1
# 2 3 1 1
# 1 1 2 1

evaluate(callmultmoments(c(1,2,3,4)),c(4,2,1,1,3,1,1,2,1,2))

# Using 10000 samples, estimate the central moment for the moment c(2,4) at the covariance matrix (not run)
# 2 1
# 1 4

# and mean (0,0)
# library(mvtnorm)
# simulate(callmultmoments(c(2,4)),10000,NULL,c(0,0),c(2,1,1,4))

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callmultmoments

*Compute multivariate moment symbolically*


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**Description**

Computes a multivariate normal moment by initializing variables, calling multmoments, and constructing output

**Usage**

```
callmultmoments(moment)
```

**Arguments**

moment                    vector c(k1,... ,kn) specifying the moment  $X_1^{k_1} \dots X_n^{k_n}$

**Details**

Each row of the representation gives the exponents for a single product of covariance terms. For example, (1,2,0) represents  $S_{11}^{1} S_{12}^{2} S_{22}^{0}$ , where the  $S_{ij}$  are the covariances. The full moment is the sum of these terms multiplied by their respective coefficients. If the sum of the exponents is odd, the moment is 0.

**Value**

A object of class 'moment', which is a list with three components:

moment            the input moment vector  
 representation a matrix containing the representation in terms of upper-triangular matrices  
 coefficients     the coefficients corresponding to the rows of the representation

If the sum of the exponents is odd, returns -1 and prints "Sum of powers is odd. Moment is 0."

If any exponent is negative, returns -2 and prints "All components of the moment must be non-negative."

If any exponent is not an integer, returns -3 and prints "All components of the moment must be integers."

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**References**

Phillips K (2010). Symbolic Computation of the Central Moments of the Multivariate Normal Distribution. *Journal of Statistical Software, Code Snippets*, **33**(1), 1–14. <http://www.jstatsoft.org/v33/c01/>.

**See Also**

multmoments and the methods toLatex, evaluate, and simulate in symmmoments

**Examples**

```
# Compute the moment for the 4-dimensional moment c(1,2,3,4):
m.1234 <- callmultmoments(c(1,2,3,4))
```

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evaluate

*Evaluate a multivariate moment*

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**Description**

Generic method for class moment to compute the numerical value of a moment at a specified covariance matrix from the output of callmultmoments

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'moment'
evaluate(object, sigma)
```

**Arguments**

object	an object of class 'moment'
sigma	an upper-triangular matrix of covariance terms expressed as a vector at which the moment is to be evaluated

**Details**

object is normally the output of a call to `callmultmoment`. This is a list with first component the moment itself, the second component the set of upper-triangular matrices representing the moment, and the third component containing their corresponding coefficients. This is an object of class 'moment'.

**Value**

numeric value of the moment at the specified covariance matrix

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**References**

Phillips K (2010). Symbolic Computation of the Central Moments of the Multivariate Normal Distribution. *Journal of Statistical Software, Code Snippets*, **33**(1), 1–14. <http://www.jstatsoft.org/v33/c01/>.

**See Also**

`callmultmoments` and the `simulate` and `toLatex` methods from the `symmoments` package

**Examples**

```
evaluate(callmultmoments(c(1,2,3,4)),c(4,2,1,1,3,1,1,2,1,2))
# evaluates the moment at c(1,2,3,4) at the following covariance matrix
#   4 2 1 1
#   2 3 1 1
#   1 1 2 1
#   1 1 1 2
```

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multmoments                      *Recursive function to compute a multivariate moment*

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### Description

Called by callmultmoments to compute representation of a multivariate normal moment using recursive algorithm

### Usage

```
multmoments(moment, current.matrix, current.cell, moment.rep, row_col)
```

### Arguments

moment	vector $c(k_1, \dots, k_n)$ specifying the moment $X_1^{k_1} \dots X_n^{k_n}$
current.matrix	upper-triangular integer matrix under consideration in recursion
current.cell	cell in current matrix under consideration in recursion
moment.rep	current set of representations; mult.moments adds each satisfying matrix to moment.rep
row_col	matrix giving rows and columns for square matrix for each cell

### Details

Each row of the representation gives the exponents for a single product of covariance terms. For example, (1,2,0) represents  $S_{11}^{11} S_{12}^{22} S_{22}^{00}$ , where the  $S_{ij}$  are the covariances.

This function would normally only be called by callmultmoments.

### Value

moment representation, moment.rep, augmented with additional representations

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### References

Phillips K (2010). Symbolic Computation of the Central Moments of the Multivariate Normal Distribution. *Journal of Statistical Software, Code Snippets*, **33**(1), 1–14. <http://www.jstatsoft.org/v33/c01/>.

### See Also

callmultmoments (symmmoments)

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print.moment	<i>Print the representation of a multivariate moment</i>
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## Description

Prints an object of class 'moment'

## Usage

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

## Arguments

x	an object of class 'moment', usually the output of callmultmoments
...	Included only for consistency with generic function

## Details

Prints the moment as  $E[X_1^{k_1} X_2^{k_2} \dots]$ : followed by the lines of the representation with the corresponding coefficient attached

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## References

Phillips K (2010). Symbolic Computation of the Central Moments of the Multivariate Normal Distribution. *Journal of Statistical Software, Code Snippets*, **33**(1), 1–14. <http://www.jstatsoft.org/v33/c01/>.

## See Also

callmultmoments (symmmoments)

## Examples

```
print(callmultmoments(c(1,2,3)))
```

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simulate.moment	<i>Method to compute a multivariate moment using Monte Carlo integration</i>
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**Description**

Computes a multivariate normal moment by Monte Carlo integration

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'moment'
simulate(object, nsim, seed, Mean, Sigma, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	object of class 'moment' representing $E[X_1^{k_1}, \dots, X_n^{k_n}]$
nsim	the number of samples to generate in computing the integral
seed	integer for random number generator (set.seed)
Mean	the mean of $(X_1, \dots, X_n)$
Sigma	covariance of $(X_1^{k_1}, \dots, X_n^{k_n})$ , dimension $n \times n$ , expressed as a vector by row
...	Included only for consistency with generic function

**Value**

Approximate value of the moment

**Note**

Non-central moments can be approximated by specifying Mean. For central moments, set Mean to a vector of 0s.

The mvtnorm package must be loaded for the function rmvnorm.

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**References**

Rizzo ML (2008). Statistical Computing with R. Chapman & Hall/CRC

**See Also**

callmultmoments and the methods toLatex and evaluate from symmoments

**Examples**

```
# Using 10000 samples, estimate the central moment for the moment c(2,4) at the covariance matrix
# 2 1
# 1 4

# and mean (0,0)
library(mvtnorm)
simulate(callmultmoments(c(2,4)),10000,NULL,c(0,0),c(2,1,1,4))
```

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toLatex.moment

*LaTeX a multivariate moment*


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**Description**

Computes a LaTeX representation sorted lexicographically of an object of class 'moment'

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'moment'
toLatex(object,...)
```

**Arguments**

object            an object of class 'moment', usually the output of callmultmoments  
...                Included only for consistency with generic function

**Details**

The first element of the result is the moment expressed as an expected value ( $E[\dots] =$ ). The remaining lines are the LaTeX representation broken at appropriate intervals for printing. (Individual terms for high dimensions will still overrun a printed line.) Double backslashes are inserted where LaTeX requires a backslash. These can be reset to single backslashes by writing the output to a file using the R function writeLines from the base package.

**Value**

Character vector giving the LaTeX code for the symbolic moment

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**References**

Phillips K (2010). Symbolic Computation of the Central Moments of the Multivariate Normal Distribution. *Journal of Statistical Software, Code Snippets*, **33**(1), 1–14. <http://www.jstatsoft.org/v33/c01/>.

**See Also**

callmultmoments and the evaluate method (symmmoments)

**Examples**

```
toLatex(callmultmoments(c(1,2,3)))
```

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