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**Description** R estimation and inference for linear models. Estimation is for general scores and a library of commonly used score functions is included.

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Rfit-package *Rank-Based Estimates and Inference for Linear Models*

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**Description**

Package provides functions for rank-based analyses of linear models. Rank-based estimation and inference offers a robust alternative to least squares.

**Details**

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**References**

Hettmansperger, T.P. and McKean J.W. (2011), *Robust Nonparametric Statistical Methods, 2nd ed.*, New York: Chapman-Hall.

Jaeckel, L. A. (1972). Estimating regression coefficients by minimizing the dispersion of residuals. *Annals of Mathematical Statistics*, 43, 1449 - 1458.

Jureckova, J. (1971). Nonparametric estimate of regression coefficients. *Annals of Mathematical Statistics*, 42, 1328 - 1338.

**Examples**

```
data(baseball)
data(wscores)
fit<-rfit(weight~height,data=baseball)
summary(fit)
plot(fitted(fit),rstudent(fit))

### Example of the Reduction (Drop) in dispersion test ###
y<-rnorm(47)
x1<-rnorm(47)
x2<-rnorm(47)
fitF<-rfit(y~x1+x2)
fitR<-rfit(y~x1)
drop.test(fitF,fitR)
```

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allscores

*All Scores*

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**Description**

An object of class scores which includes the score function and it's derivative for rank-based regression inference.

**Usage**

```
data(wscores)
```

**Format**

The format is: Formal class 'scores' [package ".GlobalEnv"] with 2 slots ..@ phi :function (u) ..@ Dphi: function (u)

**Details**

Using Wilcoxon (linear) scores leads to inference which has ARE of 0.955 to least squares (ML) when the data are normal. Wilcoxon scores are optimal when the underlying error distribution is logistic. Normal scores are optimal when the data are normally distributed. Log-rank scores are optimal when the data are from an exponential distribution, e.g. in a proportional hazards model. Log-Generalized F scores can also be used in the analysis of survival data (see Hettmansperger and McKean p. 233).

**References**

Hettmansperger, T.P. and McKean J.W. (2011), *Robust Nonparametric Statistical Methods, 2nd ed.*, New York: Chapman-Hall.

**Examples**

```
data(wscores)
x<-runif(10)
y<-rlogis(10)
rfit(y~x,scores=wscores)
```

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 baseball

*The World Famous Baseball Data*


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**Description**

These data come from the back-side of 59 baseball cards that Carrie had.

**Usage**

```
data(baseball)
```

**Format**

A data frame with 59 observations on the following 6 variables.

height Height in inches

weight Weight in pounds

bat a factor with levels L R S

throw a factor with levels L R

field a factor with levels 0 1

average ERA if the player is a pitcher and his batting average if the player is a fielder

**Source**

Hettmansperger, T.P. and McKean J.W. (2011), *Robust Nonparametric Statistical Methods, 2nd ed.*, New York: Chapman-Hall.

**Examples**

```
data(baseball)
wilcox.test(height~field,data=baseball)
rfit(weight~height,data=baseball)
```

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bbsalaries

*Baseball Salaries*

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**Description**

Salaries of 176 professional baseball players for the 1987 season.

**Usage**

```
data(bbsalaries)
```

**Format**

A data frame with 176 observations on the following 8 variables.

logYears Log of the number of years experience  
aveWins Average wins per year  
aveLosses Average losses per year  
era Earned Run Average  
aveGames Average games pitched in per year  
aveInnings Average number of innings pitched per year  
aveSaves Average number of saves per year  
logSalary Log of the base salary in dollars

**Source**

<http://lib.stat.cmu.edu/datasets/baseball.data>

**References**

Hettmansperger, T.P. and McKean J.W. (2011), *Robust Nonparametric Statistical Methods, 2nd ed.*, New York: Chapman-Hall.

**Examples**

```
data(bbsalaries)
summary(rfit(logSalary~logYears+aveWins+aveLosses+era+aveGames+aveInnings+aveSaves,data=bbsalaries))
```

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BoxCox

*Box and Cox (1964) data.*

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### Description

The data are the results of a 3 \* 4 two-way design, where forty-eight animals were exposed to three different poisons and four different treatments. The design is balanced with four replications per cell. The response was the log survival time of the animal.

### Usage

```
data(BoxCox)
```

### Format

A data frame with 48 observations on the following 3 variables.

logSurv log Survival Time

Poison a factor indicating poison level

Treatment a factor indicating treatment level

### Source

Box, G.E.P. and Cox, D.R. (1964), An analysis of transformations, *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, Series B, Methodological*, 26, 211-252.

### References

Hettmansperger, T.P. and McKean J.W. (2011), *Robust Nonparametric Statistical Methods, 2nd ed.*, New York: Chapman-Hall.

### Examples

```
data(BoxCox)
with(BoxCox, interaction.plot(Treatment, Poison, logSurv, median))
raov(logSurv~Poison+Treatment, data=BoxCox)
```

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CardioRiskFactors	<i>Cardiovascular risk factors</i>
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**Description**

Data from a study to investigate association between uric acid and various cardiovascular risk factors in developing countries (Heritier et. al. 2009). There are 474 men and 524 women aged 25-64.

**Usage**

```
data(CardioRiskFactors)
```

**Format**

A data frame with 998 observations on the following 14 variables.

age Age of subject  
bmi Body Mass Index  
waisthip waist/hip ratio(?)  
smok indicator for regular smoker  
choles total cholesterol  
trig triglycerides level in body fat  
hdl high-density lipoprotien(?)  
ldl low-density lipoprotein  
sys systolic blood pressure  
dia diastolic blood pressure(?)  
Uric serum uric  
sex indicator for male  
alco alcohol intake (mL/day)  
apoa apoprotein A

**Details**

Data set and description taken from Heritier et. al. (2009) (c.f. Conen et. al. 2004). Some not discussed (in Section 3.5) of the text and their persumed meaning is listed followed by (?).

**Source**

Heritier, S., Cantoni, E., Copt, S., and Victoria-Feser, M. (2009), *Robust Methods in Biostatistics*, New York: John Wiley & Sons.

Conen, D., Wietlisbach, V., Bovet, P., Shamlaye, C., Riesen, W., Paccaud, F., and Burnier, M. (2004), Prevalence of hyperuricemia and relation of serum uric acid with cardiovascular risk factors in a developing country. *BMC Public Health*, <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/4/9>.

**Examples**

```
data(CardioRiskFactors)
fitF<-rfit(Uric~bmi+sys+choles+ldl+sex+smok+alco+apoa+trig+age,data=CardioRiskFactors)
fitR<-rfit(Uric~bmi+sys+choles+ldl+sex,data=CardioRiskFactors)
drop.test(fitF,fitR)
summary(fitR)
```

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 confintadjust

*Confidence interval adjustment methods*


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**Description**

Returns the critical value to be used in calculating adjusted confidence intervals. Currently provides methods for Bonferroni and Tukey for confidence interval adjustment methods as well as no adjustment.

**Usage**

```
confintadjust(n, k, alpha = 0.05, method = confintadjust.methods, ...)
```

**Arguments**

n	sample size
k	number of comparisons
alpha	overall (experimentwise) type I error rate
method	one of confintadjust.methods
...	Additional arguments. Currently not used.

**Details**

Returns critical value based on one of the adjustment methods.

**Value**

cv	critical value
method	the method used

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Hettmansperger, T.P. and McKean J.W. (2011), *Robust Nonparametric Statistical Methods, 2nd ed.*, New York: Chapman-Hall.

**Examples**

```
##---- Should be DIRECTLY executable !! ----
##-- ==> Define data, use random,
##--or do help(data=index) for the standard data sets.

## The function is currently defined as
function(n,k,alpha=0.05,method=confintadjust.methods,...) {
  method<-match.arg(method)
  cv<-switch(method, bonferroni = qt(1-alpha/choose(k,2),n-k),
  tukey = qtkey(1-alpha,k,n-k)/sqrt(2),
  none = qt(1-alpha/2,n-k)
  )

  res<-list(cv=cv,method=method)
  res

  }

```

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disp

*Jaeckel's Dispersion Function*


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**Description**

Returns the value of Jaeckel's dispersion function for given values of the regression coefficients.

**Usage**

```
disp(beta, x, y, scores)
```

**Arguments**

beta	p by 1 vector of regression coefficients
x	n by p design matrix
y	n by 1 response vector
scores	an object of class scores

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Hettmansperger, T.P. and McKean J.W. (2011), *Robust Nonparametric Statistical Methods, 2nd ed.*, New York: Chapman-Hall.

Jaeckel, L. A. (1972). Estimating regression coefficients by minimizing the dispersion of residuals. *Annals of Mathematical Statistics*, 43, 1449 - 1458.

**See Also**[summary.rfit](#)**Examples**

```
## The function is currently defined as
function (beta, x, y, scores)
{
  x <- as.matrix(x)
  e <- y - x %*% beta
  r <- rank(e, ties.method = "first")/(length(e) + 1)
  scores@phi(r) %*% e
}
```

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`drop.test`*Drop (Reduction) in Dispersion Test*

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**Description**

Given two full model fits, this function performs a reduction in dispersion test.

**Usage**

```
drop.test(fitF, fitR = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

<code>fitF</code>	An object of class <code>rfit</code> . The full model fit.
<code>fitR</code>	An object of class <code>rfit</code> . The reduced model fit.

**Details**

Rank-based inference procedure analogous to the traditional (LS) reduced model test.

The full and reduced model dispersions are calculated. The reduction in dispersion test, or drop test for short, has an asymptotic chi-sq distribution. Simulation studies suggest using F critical values. The p-value returned is based on a F-distribution with `df1` and `df2` degrees of freedom where `df1` is the difference in the number of parameters in the fits of `fitF` and `fitR` and `df2` is the residual degrees of freedom in the fit `fitF`.

Both fits are based on a minimization routine. It is possible that resulting solutions are such that the `fitF$disp > fitR$disp`. We recommend starting the full model at the reduced model fit as a way to avoid this situation. See examples.

**Value**

F	Value of the F test statistic
p.value	The observed significance level of the test (using an F quantile)
RD	Reduced model dispersion minus Full model dispersion
tauhat	Estimate of the scale parameter (using the full model residuals)
df1	numerator degrees of freedom
df2	denominator degrees of freedom

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Hettmansperger, T.P. and McKean J.W. (2011), *Robust Nonparametric Statistical Methods, 2nd ed.*, New York: Chapman-Hall.

**See Also**

[rfit](#)

**Examples**

```
y<-rnorm(47)
x1<-rnorm(47)
x2<-rnorm(47)
fitF<-rfit(y~x1+x2)
fitR<-rfit(y~x1)
drop.test(fitF,fitR)

## try starting the full model at the reduced model fit ##
fitF<-rfit(y~x1+x2,yhat0=fitR$fitted)
drop.test(fitF,fitR)
```

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ffa

*Free Fatty Acid Data*

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**Description**

The response variable is level of free fatty acid in a sample of prepubescent boys. The explanatory variables are age (in months), weight (in lbs), and skin fold thickness.

**Usage**

```
data(ffa)
```

**Format**

A data frame with 41 rows and 4 columns.

age age in years

weight weight in lbs

skin skin fold thickness

ffa free fatty acid

**Source**

Morrison, D.F. (1983), *Applied Linear Statistical Models*, Englewood Cliffs, NJ:Prentice Hall.

**References**

Hettmansperger, T.P. and McKean J.W. (2011), *Robust Nonparametric Statistical Methods, 2nd ed.*, New York: Chapman-Hall.

**Examples**

```
data(ffa)
summary(rfit(ffa~age+weight+skin,data=ffa)) #using the default (Wilcoxon scores)
summary(rfit(ffa~age+weight+skin,data=ffa,scores=bentscores1))
```

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```
getScores-methods      ~~ Methods for Function getScores ~~
```

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**Description**

```
~~ Methods for function getScores ~~
```

**Methods**

```
signature(object = "scores")
```

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```
getScoresDeriv-methods      ~~ Methods for Function getScoresDeriv ~~
```

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**Description**

```
~~ Methods for function getScoresDeriv ~~
```

**Methods**

```
signature(object = "scores")
```

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gettau	<i>Estimate of the scale parameter tau</i>
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### Description

An estimate of the scale parameter tau is needed for the standard errors of the coefficients in rank-based regression.

### Usage

```
gettau(ehat, p, scores = Rfit::wscores, delta = 0.8, hparm = 2, ...)
```

### Arguments

ehat	full model residuals
p	number of regression coefficients
scores	object of class scores, defaults to Wilcoxon scores
delta	confidence level
hparm	Joe's hparm
...	additional arguments. currently unused

### Details

This is the confidence interval type estimate of the scale parameter tau developed by Koul, Sievers, and McKean (1987). This estimate is also discussed in Section 3.7.1 of Hettmansperger and McKean (1998). One of these functions is called in `rfit`. The default is to use the faster FORTRAN version. The R version can be more precise in small samples, but also can be much slower especially when sample sizes are large.

### Value

Length one numeric object.

### Author(s)

Joseph McKean, John Kloke

### References

Hettmansperger, T.P. and McKean J.W. (2011), *Robust Nonparametric Statistical Methods, 2nd ed.*, New York: Chapman-Hall.

Koul, H.L., Sievers, G.L., and McKean, J.W. (1987) An estimator of the scale parameter for the rank analysis of linear models under general score functions, *Scandinavian Journal of Statistics*, 14, 131-141.

**See Also**[rfit](#)

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**grad***Calculate the Gradient of Jaekel's Dispersion Function*

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**Description**

Calculate the Gradient of Jaekel's Dispersion Function

**Usage**

```
grad(x, y, beta, scores)
```

**Arguments**

x	n by p design matrix
y	n by 1 response vector
beta	p by 1 vector of regression coefficients
scores	an object of class scores

**Value**

The gradient evaluated at beta.

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Hettmansperger, T.P. and McKean J.W. (2011), *Robust Nonparametric Statistical Methods, 2nd ed.*, New York: Chapman-Hall.

Jaekel, L. A. (1972). Estimating regression coefficients by minimizing the dispersion of residuals. *Annals of Mathematical Statistics*, 43, 1449 - 1458.

Jureckova, J. (1971). Nonparametric estimate of regression coefficients. *Annals of Mathematical Statistics*, 42, 1328 - 1338.

**Examples**

```
## The function is currently defined as
function (x, y, beta, scores)
{
  x <- as.matrix(x)
  e <- y - x %*% beta
  r <- rank(e, ties.method = "first")/(length(e) + 1)
  -t(x) %*% scores@phi(r)
}
```

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`jaeckel`*Function to Minimize Jaeckel's Dispersion Function*

---

**Description**

Uses the built-in function `optim` to minimize Jaeckel's dispersion function. Alternates between CG and BFGS steps and initially takes a number of IRLS steps.

**Usage**

```
jaeckel(x, y, beta0 = lm(y ~ x)$coef[2:(ncol(x) + 1)], scores = Rfit::wscores, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	n by p design matrix
<code>y</code>	n by 1 response vector
<code>beta0</code>	initial estimate
<code>scores</code>	object of class 'scores'
<code>...</code>	additional arguments to be passed to fitting routine

**Details**

This function is meant to mimic the minimization algorithm implemented in RGLM (Kapenga, et. al. 1988). The main loop of the function alternates between CG and BFGS estimation methods. To speed up convergence, it first takes a number of iterated reweighted least squares (IRLS) steps which generally gets close to the solution in a small number of steps. Using IRLS for rank regression was first considered by Cheng and Hettmansperger (1983). See also Sievers and Abebe (2004).

**Value**

Results of `optim` are returned.

**Author(s)**

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**References**

- Cheng, K. S. and Hettmansperger, T. P. (1983), Weighted Least-Squares Rank Regression, *Communications in Statistics, Part A - Theory and Methods*, 12, 1069-1086.
- Hettmansperger, T.P. and McKean J.W. (2011), *Robust Nonparametric Statistical Methods, 2nd ed.*, New York: Chapman-Hall.
- Jaeckel, L. A. (1972), Estimating regression coefficients by minimizing the dispersion of residuals. *Annals of Mathematical Statistics*, 43, 1449 - 1458.

Kapenga, J. A., McKean, J. W., and Vidmar, T. J. (1988), *RGLM: Users Manual*, Statist. Assoc. Short Course on Robust Statistical Procedures for the Analysis of Linear and Nonlinear Models, New Orleans.

Sievers, J. and Abebe, A. (2004), Rank Estimation of Regression Coefficients Using Iterated Reweighted Least Squares, *Journal of Statistical Computation and Simulation*, 74, 821-831.

### See Also

[optim](#), [rfit](#)

### Examples

```
## This is a internal function. See rfit for user-level examples.

## The function is currently defined as
function(x, y, beta0 = rq(y ~ x - 1)$coef, scores = wscores,
        maxiter = 100, irls0 = 10, BFGS0 = 20, stepCG = 5, stepBFGS = 2)
{
  x <- x - outer(rep(1, nrow(x)), apply(x, 2, mean))
  beta0 <- irls(x, y, beta0, max.iter = irls0)
  if (BFGS0 < 1)
    BFGS0 <- 1
  fit <- optim(beta0, disp, method = "BFGS", x = x, y = y,
              scores = scores, control = list(maxit = BFGS0))
  iter <- 0
  while (fit$convergence && iter < maxiter) {
    iter <- iter + 1
    fit <- optim(fit$par, disp, method = "CG", x = x, y = y,
                scores = scores, control = list(maxit = stepCG))
    fit <- optim(fit$par, disp, method = "BFGS", x = x, y = y,
                scores = scores, control = list(maxit = stepBFGS))
  }
  optim(fit$par, disp, method = "BFGS", x = x, y = y, scores = scores)
}
```

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kwayr

*Internal Functions for K-Way analysis of variance*

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### Description

These are internal functions used to construct the robust anova table.

### Usage

```
kwayr(levs, data)
cellx(X)
khmat(levsind, permh)
pasteColsRfit(x, sep="")
redmod(xmat, amat)
subsets(k)
```

**Arguments**

levs	vector of levels corresponding to each of the factors
data	data matrix in the form y, factor 1,..., factor k
X	n x k matrix where the columns represent the levels of the k factors.
levsind	Ask Joe
permh	Ask Joe
x	n x k matrix where the columns represent the levels of the k factors.
xmat	n x p full model design matrix
amat	Ask Joe
k	Ask Joe
sep	Seperator used in pasteColsRfit

**Note**

Renamed pasteCols of library plotrix written by Jim Lemon et. al. June 2011 under GPL 2

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Hettmansperger, T.P. and McKean J.W. (2011), *Robust Nonparametric Statistical Methods, 2nd ed.*, New York: Chapman-Hall.

Hocking, R. R. (1985), *The Analysis of Linear Models*, Monterey, California: Brooks/Cole.

**See Also**

[raov](#)

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oneway.rfit

*Rank-based Oneway Analysis of Variance*


---

**Description**

Carries out a robust analysis of variance for a one factor design. Analysis is based on the R estimates.

**Usage**

```
oneway.rfit(y, g, scores = Rfit::wscores, p.adjust = "none")
```

**Arguments**

y	n by 1 response vector
g	n by 1 vector representing group membership
scores	an object of class 'scores'
p.adjust	adjustment to the p-values, argument passed to p.adjust

**Details**

Carries out a robust one-way analysis of variance based on full model r fit.

**Value**

fit	full model fit from rfit
est	Estimates
se	Standard Errors
I	First Index
J	Second Index
p.value	p-values
y	response vector
g	vector denoting group membership

**Author(s)**

Joseph McKean, John Kloke

**References**

Hettmansperger, T.P. and McKean J.W. (2011), *Robust Nonparametric Statistical Methods, 2nd ed.*, New York: Chapman-Hall.

**See Also**

[rfit](#)

**Examples**

```
data(quail)
oneway.rfit(quail$ldl, quail$treat)
```

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param-class	<i>Class "param"</i>
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**Description**

Internal class for use with score functions.

**Objects from the Class**

A virtual Class: No objects may be created from it.

**Methods**

No methods defined with class "param" in the signature.

**Author(s)**

John Kloke

**See Also**

[scores](#)

**Examples**

```
showClass("param")
```

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print.rfit	<i>Rfit Internal Print Functions</i>
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**Description**

These functions print the output in a user-friendly manner using the internal R function print.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'rfit'
print(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'summary.rfit'
print(x, digits = max(5, .Options$digits - 2), ...)
## S3 method for class 'drop.test'
print(x, digits = max(5, .Options$digits - 2), ...)
## S3 method for class 'oneway.rfit'
print(x, digits = max(5, .Options$digits - 2), ...)
## S3 method for class 'summary.oneway.rfit'
print(x, digits = max(5, .Options$digits - 2), ...)
## S3 method for class 'raov'
print(x, digits = max(5, .Options$digits - 2), ...)
```

**Arguments**

`x` An object to be printed  
`digits` number of digits to display  
`...` additional arguments to be passed to `print`

**Author(s)**

John Kloke <kloke@biostat.wisc.edu>

**See Also**

[rfit](#), [summary.rfit](#), [drop.test](#)

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quail

*Quail Data*

---

**Description**

Thirty-nine quail were randomized to one of four treatments for lowering cholesterol.

**Usage**

```
data(quail)
```

**Format**

A data frame with 39 observations on the following 2 variables.

`treat` a factor with levels 1 2 3 4

`ldl` a numeric vector

**Source**

Hettmansperger, T.P. and McKean J.W. (2011), *Robust Nonparametric Statistical Methods, 2nd ed.*, New York: Chapman-Hall.

**Examples**

```
data(quail)
boxplot(ldl~treat, data=quail)
```

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raov	<i>R ANOVA</i>
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**Description**

Returns full model fit and robust ANOVA table for all main effects and interactions.

**Usage**

```
raov(f, data = list(), ...)
```

**Arguments**

f	an object of class formula
data	an optional data frame
...	additional arguments

**Details**

Based on reduction in dispersion tests for testing main effects and interaction. Uses an algorithm described in Hocking (1985).

**Value**

table	Description of 'compl'
fit	full model fit returned from rfit
residuals	the residuals, i.e. y-yhat
fitted.values	yhat = x betahat
call	Call to the function

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Hettmansperger, T.P. and McKean J.W. (2011), *Robust Nonparametric Statistical Methods, 2nd ed.*, New York: Chapman-Hall.

Hocking, R. R. (1985), *The Analysis of Linear Models*, Monterey, California: Brooks/Cole.

**See Also**

[rfit](#), [oneway.rfit](#)

**Examples**

```
raov(logSurv~Poison+Treatment, data=BoxCox)
```

rfit

*Rank-based Estimates of Regression Coefficients***Description**

Minimizes Jaeckel's dispersion function to obtain a rank-based solution for linear models.

**Usage**

```
rfit(formula, data = list(), ...)
```

```
## Default S3 method:
```

```
rfit(formula, data, subset, yhat0 = NULL,
      scores = Rfit::wscores, symmetric = FALSE, TAU = "F0", ...)
```

**Arguments**

formula	an object of class formula
data	an optional data frame
subset	an optional argument specifying the subset of observations to be used
yhat0	an n by vector of initial fitted values, default is NULL
scores	an object of class 'scores'
symmetric	logical. If 'FALSE' uses median of residuals as estimate of intercept
TAU	version of estimation routine for scale parameter. F0 for Fortran, R for (slower) R, N for none
...	additional arguments to be passed to fitting routines

**Details**

Rank-based estimation involves replacing the L2 norm of least squares estimation with a pseudo-norm which is a function of the ranks of the residuals. That is, in rank estimation, the usual notion of Euclidean distance is replaced with another measure of distance which is referred to as Jaeckel's (1972) dispersion function. Jaeckel's dispersion function depends on a score function and a library of commonly used score functions is included. e.g. Wilcoxon and sign score functions. If an initial fit is not supplied (i.e. yhat0 = NULL) then initial fit is based on an LS fit via `lm`.

**Value**

coefficients	estimated regression coefficients with intercept
residuals	the residuals, i.e. y-yhat
fitted.values	yhat = x betahat
xc	centered design matrix

tauhat	estimated value of the scale parameter tau
taushat	estimated value of the scale parameter tau_s
betahat	estimated regression coefficients
call	Call to the function

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Hettmansperger, T.P. and McKean J.W. (2011), *Robust Nonparametric Statistical Methods, 2nd ed.*, New York: Chapman-Hall.

Jaeckel, L. A. (1972). Estimating regression coefficients by minimizing the dispersion of residuals. *Annals of Mathematical Statistics*, 43, 1449 - 1458.

Jureckova, J. (1971). Nonparametric estimate of regression coefficients. *Annals of Mathematical Statistics*, 42, 1328 - 1338.

**See Also**

[summary.rfit](#)

**Examples**

```
data(baseball)
data(wscores)
fit<-rfit(weight~height,data=baseball)
summary(fit)
```

---

rstudent.rfit                      *Studentized Residuals for Rank-Based Regression*

---

**Description**

Returns the Studentized residuals based on rank-based estimation.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'rfit'
rstudent(model,...)
```

**Arguments**

model                      an object of class rfit  
 ...                        additional arguments. currently not used.

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Hettmansperger, T.P. and McKean J.W. (2011), *Robust Nonparametric Statistical Methods, 2nd ed.*, New York: Chapman-Hall.

**See Also**

[rfit](#)

**Examples**

```
x<-runif(47)
y<-rcauchy(47)
qqnorm(rstudent(fit<-rfit(y~x)))
plot(x,rstudent(fit)) ; abline(h=c(-2,2))
```

---

scores-class

*Class "scores"*

---

**Description**

A score function and its corresponding derivative is required for rank-based estimation. This object puts them together.

**Objects from the Class**

Objects can be created by calls of the form `new("scores", ...)`.

**Slots**

`phi`: Object of class "function" the score function

`Dphi`: Object of class "function" the first derivative of the score function

`param`: Object of class "param"

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Hettmansperger, T.P. and McKean J.W. (2011), *Robust Nonparametric Statistical Methods, 2nd ed.*, New York: Chapman-Hall.

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

```
showClass("scores")
```

---

`serumLH`*Serum Level of luteinizing hormone (LH)*

---

**Description**

Hollander and Wolfe (1999) discuss a 2 by 5 factorial design for a study to determine the effect of light on the release of luteinizing hormone (LH). The factors in the design are: light regimes at two levels (constant light and 14 hours of light followed by 10 hours of darkness) and a luteinizing release factor (LRF) at 5 different dosage levels. The response is the level of luteinizing hormone (LH), nanograms per ml of serum in blood samples. Sixty rats were put on test under these 10 treatment combinations, six rats per combination.

**Usage**

```
data(serumLH)
```

**Format**

A data frame with 60 observations on the following 3 variables.

`serum` a numeric vector

`light.regime` a factor with levels Constant Intermittent

`LRF.dose` a factor with levels 0 10 1250 250 50

**Source**

Hollander, M. and Wolfe, D.A. (1999), *Nonparametric Statistical Methods*, New York: Wiley.

**References**

Hollander, M. and Wolfe, D.A. (1999), *Nonparametric Statistical Methods*, New York: Wiley.

**Examples**

```
data(serumLH)
raov(serum~light.regime + LRF.dose + light.regime*LRF.dose, data = serumLH)
```

signedrank

*Signed-Rank Estimate of Location (Intercept)*

---

**Description**

Returns the signed-rank estimate of intercept with is equivalent to the Hodges-Lehmann estimate of the residuals.

**Usage**

```
signedrank(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    numeric vector

**Value**

Returns the median of the Walsh averages.

**Author(s)**

John Kloke <kloke@biostat.wisc.edu>

**References**

Hettmansperger, T.P. and McKean J.W. (2011), *Robust Nonparametric Statistical Methods, 2nd ed.*, New York: Chapman-Hall.

Hollander, M. and Wolfe, D.A. (1999), *Nonparametric Statistical Methods*, New York: Wiley.

**See Also**

[walsh](#)

**Examples**

```
## The function is currently defined as  
function (x)  
median(walsh(x))
```

---

summary.oneway.rfit     *Provides a summary for the oneway anova based on an R fit.*

---

### Description

Provides a summary for the oneway anova based on an R fit including a test for main effects as tests for pairwise comparisons.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'oneway.rfit'
summary(object, alpha=0.05,method=confintadjust.methods,...)
```

### Arguments

object	an object of class 'oneway.rfit', usually, a result of a call to 'oneway.rfit'
alpha	Experimentwise Error Rate
method	method used in confidence interval adjustment
...	additional arguments

### Author(s)

John Kloke, Joseph McKean

### References

Hettmansperger, T.P. and McKean J.W. (2011), *Robust Nonparametric Statistical Methods, 2nd ed.*, New York: Chapman-Hall.

### Examples

```
data(quail)
oneway.rfit(quail$ldl,quail$treat)
```

---

summary.rfit     *Summarize Rank-Based Linear Model Fits*

---

### Description

Provides a summary similar to the traditional least squares fit.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'rfit'
summary(object,overall.test,...)
```

**Arguments**

object            an object of class 'rfit', usually, a result of a call to 'rfit'  
 overall.test    either 'wald' or 'drop'  
 ...              additional arguments

**Details**

Provides summary statistics based on a rank-based fit. A table of estimates, standard errors, t-ratios, and p-values are provided. An overall test of the explanatory variables is provided; the default is to use a Wald test. A drop in dispersion test is also available in which case a robust  $R^2$  is provided as well.

**Author(s)**

John Kloke <kloke@biostat.wisc.edu>

**References**

Hettmansperger, T.P. and McKean J.W. (2011), *Robust Nonparametric Statistical Methods, 2nd ed.*, New York: Chapman-Hall.

**Examples**

```
data(baseball)
fit<-rfit(weight~height,data=baseball)
summary(fit)
summary(fit,overall.test='drop')
```

---

taufuncs

---

*Internal Functions for Estimating tau*


---

**Description**

These are internal functions used for calculating the scale parameter tau necessary for estimating the standard errors of coefficients for rank-regression.

**Usage**

```
hstarreadyscr(ehat,asc,ascpr)
hstar(abdord, wtord, const, n, y)
looptau(delta, abdord, wtord, const, n)
pairup(x,type="less")
```

**Arguments**

ehat	Full model residuals
delta	Window parameter (proportion) used in the Koul et al. estimator of tau. Default value is 0.80. If the ratio of sample size to number of regression parameters (n to p) is less than 5, larger values such as 0.90 to 0.95 are more appropriate.
y	Argument of function hstar
abdord	Ordered absolute differences of residuals
wtord	Standardized (by const) ordered absolute differences of residuals
const	Range of score function
n	Sample size
x	Argument for pairup
type	Argument for the function pairup
asc	scores
ascpr	derivative of the scores

**Author(s)**

Joseph McKean, John Kloke

**References**

Hettmansperger, T.P. and McKean J.W. (2011), *Robust Nonparametric Statistical Methods, 2nd ed.*, New York: Chapman-Hall.

Koul, H.L., Sievers, G.L., and McKean, J.W. (1987) An estimator of the scale parameter for the rank analysis of linear models under general score functions, *Scandinavian Journal of Statistics*, 14, 131-141.

**See Also**

[gettau](#), [rfit](#)

---

taustar

*Estimate of the Scale Parameter taustar*

---

**Description**

An estimate of the scale parameter  $\text{taustar} = 1/(2*f(0))$  is needed for the standard error of the intercept in rank-based regression.

**Usage**

`taustar(e, p, conf = 0.95)`

**Arguments**

e                    n x 1 vector of full model residuals  
 p                    is the number of regression coefficients (without the intercept)  
 conf                confidence level of CI used

**Details**

Confidence interval estimate of taustar. See, for example, Hettmansperger and McKean (1998) p.7-8 and p.25-26.

**Value**

Length-one numeric object containing the estimated scale parameter taustar.

**Author(s)**

Joseph McKean, John Kloke

**References**

Hettmansperger, T.P. and McKean J.W. (2011), *Robust Nonparametric Statistical Methods, 2nd ed.*, New York: Chapman-Hall.

**See Also**

[rfit](#)

**Examples**

```
## This is an internal function. See rfit for user-level examples.
```

---

telephone

*Telephone Data*

---

**Description**

The number of telephone calls (in tens of millions) made in Belgium from 1950-1973.

**Usage**

```
data(telephone)
```

**Format**

A data frame with 24 observations on the following 2 variables.

year years since 1950 AD

calls number of telephone calls in tens of millions

**Source**

Rousseeuw, P.J. and Leroy, A.M. (1987), *Robust Regression and Outlier Detection*, New York: Wiley.

**References**

Hettmansperger, T.P. and McKean J.W. (2011), *Robust Nonparametric Statistical Methods, 2nd ed.*, New York: Chapman-Hall.

**Examples**

```
data(telephone)
plot(telephone)
abline(rfit(calls~year, data=telephone))
```

---

vcov.rfit

*Variance-Covariance Matrix for Rank-Based Regression*

---

**Description**

Returns the variance-covariance matrix of the regression estimates from an object of type rfit.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'rfit'
vcov(object, intercept = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	an object of type rfit
intercept	logical. If TRUE include the variance-covariance estimates corresponding to the intercept
...	additional arguments

**Author(s)**

John Kloke <kloke@biostat.wisc.edu>

**References**

Hettmansperger, T.P. and McKean J.W. (2011), *Robust Nonparametric Statistical Methods, 2nd ed.*, New York: Chapman-Hall.

**See Also**

[rfit](#)

---

wald.test.overall      *Overall Wald test*

---

**Description**

Conducts a Wald test of all regression parameters are zero

**Usage**

```
wald.test.overall(fit)
```

**Arguments**

fit                      result from a rfit

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Hettmansperger, T.P. and McKean J.W. (2011), *Robust Nonparametric Statistical Methods, 2nd ed.*, New York: Chapman-Hall.

**Examples**

```
x <- rnorm(47)
y <- rnorm(47)
wald.test.overall(rfit(y~x))
```

---

walsh                      *Walsh Averages*

---

**Description**

Given a list of n numbers, the Walsh averages are the *latex* pairwise averages.

**Usage**

```
walsh(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                          A numeric vector

**Value**

The Walsh averages.

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Hettmansperger, T.P. and McKean J.W. (2011), *Robust Nonparametric Statistical Methods, 2nd ed.*, New York: Chapman-Hall.

Hollander, M. and Wolfe, D.A. (1999), *Nonparametric Statistical Methods*, New York: Wiley.

**See Also**

[signedrank](#)

**Examples**

```
median(walsh(rnorm(100))) # Hodges-Lehmann estimate of location

## The function is currently defined as
function (x)
{
  n <- length(x)
  w <- vector(n * (n + 1)/2, mode = "numeric")
  ind <- 0
  for (i in 1:n) {
    for (j in i:n) {
      ind <- ind + 1
      w[ind] <- 0.5 * (x[i] + x[j])
    }
  }
  return(w)
}
```

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