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aldmck	<i>Aldrich-McKelvey Scaling</i>
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## Description

aldmck is a function that takes a matrix of perceptual data, such as liberal-conservative rankings of various stimuli, and recovers the true location of those stimuli in a spatial model. It differs from procedures such as wnominate, which instead use preference data to estimate candidate and citizen positions. The procedure here, developed by John Aldrich and Richard McKelvey in 1977, is restricted to estimating data with no missing values and only in one dimension. Please refer to the blackbox and blackbox\_transpose functions in this package for procedures that accomodate missing data and multidimensionality estimates.

## Usage

```
aldmck(data, respondent = 0, missing=NULL, polarity, verbose=FALSE)
```

## Arguments

data	matrix of numeric values, containing the perceptual data. Respondents should be organized on rows, and stimuli on columns. It is helpful, though not necessary, to include row names and column names.
respondent	integer, specifies the column in the data matrix of the stimuli that contains the respondent's self-placement on the scale. Setting respondent = 0 specifies that the self-placement data is not available. Self-placement data is not required to estimate the locations of the stimuli, but is required if recovery of the respondent ideal points, or distortion parameters is desired. Note that no distortion parameters are estimated in AM without self-placements because they are not needed, see equation (24) in Aldrich and McKelvey (1977) for proof.

missing	vector or matrix of numeric values, sets the missing values for the data. NA values are always treated as missing regardless of what is set here. Observations with missing data are discarded before analysis. If input is a vector, then the vector is assumed to contain the missing value codes for all the data. If the input is a matrix, it must be of dimension $p \times q$ , where $p$ is the maximum number of missing values and $q$ is the number of columns in the data. Each column of the inputted matrix then specifies the missing data values for the respective variables in data. If null (default), no missing values are in the data other than the standard NA value.
polarity	integer, specifies the column in the data matrix of the stimuli that is to be set on the left side (generally this means a liberal)
verbose	logical, indicates whether aldmck should print out detailed output when scaling the data.

### Value

An object of class aldmck.

legislators	vector, containing the recovered locations of the stimuli. The names of the stimuli are attached if provided as column names in the argument data, otherwise they are generated sequentially as 'stim1', 'stim2', etc.
respondents	matrix, containing the information estimated for each respondent. Observations which were discarded in the estimation for missing data purposes have been NA'd out: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>intercept</code> Intercept of perceptual distortion for respondent.</li> <li>• <code>weight</code> Weight of perceptual distortion for respondent.</li> <li>• <code>idealpt</code> Estimated location of the respondent. Note that these positions are still calculated for individuals with negative weights, so these may need to be discarded. Note that this will not be calculated if self-placements are not provided in the data.</li> <li>• <code>selfplace</code> The self-reported location of the individual, copied from the data argument if respondent is not set to 0.</li> <li>• <code>polinfo</code> Estimated political information of respondent, calculated as the correlation between the true and reported stimulus locations. The validation of this measure is provided in the article by Palfrey and Poole in the references. Note that this measure is included even for respondents that were not used in the estimation. Individuals with negative weights have also been assigned a political information score of 0, rather than negative scores.</li> </ul>
eigenvalues	A vector of the eigenvalues from the estimation.
AMfit	Ratio of overall variance to perceptions in scaled data divided by average variance. This measure of fit, described by Aldrich and McKelvey, measures the amount of reduction of the variance of the scaled over unscaled data.
N	Number of respondents used in the estimation (i.e. had no missing data)
N.neg	Number of cases with negative weights. Only calculated if respondent self-placements are specified, will equal 0 if not.

N.pos            Number of cases with positive weights. Only calculated if respondent self-placements are specified, will equal 0 if not.

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### See Also

'LC1980', 'summary.aldmck', 'plot.aldmck', 'plot.cdf'.

### Examples

```
### Loads and scales the Liberal-Conservative scales from the 1980 NES.
data(LC1980)
result <- aldmck(data=LC1980, polarity=2, respondent=1, missing=c(0,8,9),verbose=TRUE)
summary(result)
plot.aldmck(result)
```

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blackbox

*Blackbox Scaling*

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### Description

blackbox is a function that takes a matrix of survey data in which individuals place themselves on continuous scales across multiple issues, and locates those citizens in a spatial model of voting. Mathematically, this function generalizes the singular value of a matrix to cases in which there is missing data in the matrix. Scales generated using perceptual data (i.e. scales of legislator locations using liberal-conservative rankings by survey respondents) should instead use the blackbox\_transpose function in this package instead.

**Usage**

```
blackbox(data,missing=NULL,verbose=FALSE,dims=1,minscales)
```

**Arguments**

<code>data</code>	matrix of numeric values containing the issue scale data. Respondents should be organized on rows, and stimuli on columns. It is helpful, though not necessary, to include row names and column names.
<code>missing</code>	vector or matrix of numeric values, sets the missing values for the data. NA values are always treated as missing regardless of what is set here. Observations with missing data are discarded before analysis. If input is a vector, then the vector is assumed to contain the missing value codes for all the data. If the input is a matrix, it must be of dimension $p \times q$ , where $p$ is the maximum number of missing values and $q$ is the number of columns in the data. Each column of the inputted matrix then specifies the missing data values for the respective variables in data. If null (default), no missing values are in the data other than the standard NA value.
<code>verbose</code>	logical, indicates whether <code>aldmck</code> should print out detailed output when scaling the data.
<code>dims</code>	integer, specifies the number of dimensions to be estimated.
<code>minscales</code>	integer, specifies the minimum number of responses a respondent needs to provide to be used in the scaling.

**Value**

An object of class `blackbox`.

<code>stimuli</code>	vector of data frames of length <code>dims</code> . Each data frame presents results for estimates from that dimension (i.e. <code>x\$stimuli[[2]]</code> presents results for dimension 2). Each row contains data on a separate stimulus, and each data frame includes the following variables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>N</code>Number of respondents who provided a response to this stimulus.</li> <li>• <code>c</code>Stimulus intercept.</li> <li>• <code>w1</code>Estimate of the stimulus weight on the first dimension. If viewing the results for a higher dimension, higher dimension results will appear as <code>w2</code>, <code>w3</code>, etc.</li> <li>• <code>R2</code>The percent variance explained for the stimulus. This increases as more dimensions are estimated.</li> </ul>
<code>individuals</code>	vector of data frames of length <code>dims</code> . Each data frame presents results for estimates from that dimension (i.e. <code>x\$stimuli[[2]]</code> presents results for dimension 2). Individuals that are discarded from analysis due to the <code>minscales</code> constraint are NA'd out. Each row contains data on a separate stimulus, and each data frame includes the following variables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>c1</code>Estimate of the individual intercept on the first dimension. If viewing the results for a higher dimension, higher dimension results will appear as <code>c2</code>, <code>c3</code>, etc.</li> </ul>

`fits` A data frame of fit results, with elements listed as follows:

- `SSE` Sum of squared errors.
- `SSE.explained` Explained sum of squared error.
- `percent` Percentage of total variance explained.
- `SE` Standard error of the estimate, with formula provided on pg. 973 of the article cited below.
- `singular` Singular value for the dimension.

`Nrow` Number of rows/stimuli.

`Ncol` Number of columns used in estimation. This may differ from the data set due to columns discarded due to the `minscale` constraint.

`Ndata` Total number of data entries.

`Nmiss` Number of missing entries.

`SS_mean` Sum of squares grand mean.

`dims` Number of dimensions estimated.

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### See Also

`'Issues1980'`, `'summary.blackbox'`, `'plot.blackbox'`.

### Examples

```
### Loads issue scales from the 1980 NES.
data(Issues1980)
Issues1980[Issues1980[, "abortion1"]==7, "abortion1"] <- 8 #missing recode
Issues1980[Issues1980[, "abortion2"]==7, "abortion2"] <- 8 #missing recode

### This command conducts estimates, which we instead load using data()
# Issues1980_bb <- blackbox(Issues1980, missing=c(0, 8, 9), verbose=FALSE, dims=3, minscale=8)
data(Issues1980_bb)
```

```
summary(Issues1980_bb)
```

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blackbox\_transpose      *Blackbox transpose Scaling*

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### Description

blackbox\_transpose is a function that takes a matrix of perceptual data, such as liberal-conservative rankings of various stimuli, and recovers the true location of those stimuli in a spatial model. It differs from procedures such as wnominate, which instead use preference data to estimate candidate and citizen positions. The procedure here generalizes the technique developed by John Aldrich and Richard McKelvey in 1977, which is also included in this package as the aldmck function.

### Usage

```
blackbox_transpose(data,missing=NULL,verbose=FALSE,dims=1,minscales)
```

### Arguments

data	matrix of numeric values, containing the perceptual data. Respondents should be organized on rows, and stimuli on columns. It is helpful, though not necessary, to include row names and column names.
missing	vector or matrix of numeric values, sets the missing values for the data. NA values are always treated as missing regardless of what is set here. Observations with missing data are discarded before analysis. If input is a vector, then the vector is assumed to contain the missing value codes for all the data. If the input is a matrix, it must be of dimension $p \times q$ , where $p$ is the maximum number of missing values and $q$ is the number of columns in the data. Each column of the inputted matrix then specifies the missing data values for the respective variables in data. If null (default), no missing values are in the data other than the standard NA value.
verbose	logical, indicates whether aldmck should print out detailed output when scaling the data.
dims	integer, specifies the number of dimensions to be estimated.
minscales	integer, specifies the minimum number of responses a respondent needs to provide to be used in the scaling.

### Value

An object of class blackbt.

stimuli	vector of data frames of length dims. Each data frame presents results for estimates from that dimension (i.e. x\$stimuli[[2]] presents results for dimension 2). Each row contains data on a separate stimulus, and each data frame includes the following variables:
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>N</code> Number of respondents who ranked this stimulus.</li> <li>• <code>coord1D</code> Location of the stimulus in the first dimension. If viewing the results for a higher dimension, higher dimension results will appear as <code>coord2D</code>, <code>coord3D</code>, etc.</li> <li>• <code>R2</code> The percent variance explained for the stimulus. This increases as more dimensions are estimated.</li> </ul>
<code>individuals</code>	<p>vector of data frames of length <code>dims</code>. Each data frame presents results for estimates from that dimension (i.e. <code>x\$stimuli[[2]]</code> presents results for dimension 2). Individuals that are discarded from analysis due to the minscale constraint are NA'd out. Each row contains data on a separate stimulus, and each data frame includes the following variables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>c</code> Estimate of the individual intercept.</li> <li>• <code>w1</code> Estimate of the individual slope. If viewing the results for a higher dimension, higher dimension results will appear as <code>w2</code>, <code>w3</code>, etc.</li> <li>• <code>R2</code> The percent variance explained for the respondent. This increases as more dimensions are estimated.</li> </ul>
<code>fits</code>	<p>A data frame of fit results, with elements listed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>SSE</code> Sum of squared errors.</li> <li>• <code>SSE.explained</code> Explained sum of squared error.</li> <li>• <code>percent</code> Percentage of total variance explained.</li> <li>• <code>SE</code> Standard error of the estimate, with formula provided in the article cited below.</li> <li>• <code>singular</code> Singular value for the dimension.</li> </ul>
<code>Nrow</code>	Number of rows/stimuli.
<code>Ncol</code>	Number of columns used in estimation. This may differ from the data set due to columns discarded due to the minscale constraint.
<code>Ndata</code>	Total number of data entries.
<code>Nmiss</code>	Number of missing entries.
<code>SS_mean</code>	Sum of squares grand mean.
<code>dims</code>	Number of dimensions estimated.

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**See Also**

['plotcdf.blackbt'](#), ['LC1980'](#), ['plot.blackbt'](#), ['summary.blackbt'](#), ['LC1980\\_bbt'](#).

**Examples**

```
### Loads and scales the Liberal-Conservative scales from the 1980 NES.
data(LC1980)
LCdat=LC1980[,-1] #Dump the column of self-placements

### This command conducts estimates, which we instead load using data()

#LC1980_bbt <- blackbox_transpose(LCdat,missing=c(0,8,9),dims=3,minscale=5,verbose=TRUE)
data(LC1980_bbt)
plot(LC1980_bbt)

par(ask=TRUE)
plotcdf.blackbt(LC1980_bbt)
summary(LC1980_bbt)
```

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bootbbt

*Blackbox Transpose Bootstrap of 1980 Liberal-Conservative Scales.*

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**Description**

Output from 10 bootstrap trials of LC1980 data. Included to allow the example to run sufficiently quickly to pass CRAN guidelines.

**Usage**

```
data(bootbbt)
```

**Value**

See ['boot\\_blackbt'](#).

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**See Also**

['LC1980'](#), ['boot\\_blackbt'](#), ['plot.boot\\_blackbt'](#).

## Examples

```

data(LC1980)

data=LC1980[,-1]

# Not run to save time, but loaded object is the output
# bootbbt <- boot_blackbt(data, missing=c(0,8,9), dims=1, minscale=8, iter=10)
data("bootbbt")

plot.boot_blackbt(bootbbt)

```

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boot\_aldmck

*Bootstrap of Aldrich-McKelvey Scaling*


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## Description

boot\_aldmck is a function automates the non-parametric bootstrapping of aldmck. The original function takes a matrix of perceptual data, such as liberal-conservative rankings of various stimuli, and recovers the true location of those stimuli in a spatial model. The bootstrap simply applies this estimator across multiple resampled data sets and stores the results of each iteration in a matrix. These results can be used to estimate uncertainty for various parameters of interest, and can be plotted using the plot.boot\_aldmck function.

## Usage

```
boot_aldmck(data, respondent = 0, missing=NULL, polarity, iter=100)
```

## Arguments

data	matrix of numeric values, containing the perceptual data. Respondents should be organized on rows, and stimuli on columns. It is helpful, though not necessary, to include row names and column names.
respondent	integer, specifies the column in the data matrix of the stimuli that contains the respondent's self-placement on the scale. Setting respondent = 0 specifies that the self-placement data is not available. Self-placement data is not required to estimate the locations of the stimuli, but is required if recovery of the respondent ideal points, or distortion parameters is desired. Note that no distortion parameters are estimated in AM without self-placements because they are not needed, see equation (24) in Aldrich and McKelvey (1977) for proof.
missing	vector or matrix of numeric values, sets the missing values for the data. NA values are always treated as missing regardless of what is set here. Observations with missing data are discarded before analysis. If input is a vector, then the

vector is assumed to contain the missing value codes for all the data. If the input is a matrix, it must be of dimension  $p \times q$ , where  $p$  is the maximum number of missing values and  $q$  is the number of columns in the data. Each column of the inputted matrix then specifies the missing data values for the respective variables in data. If null (default), no missing values are in the data other than the standard NA value.

**polarity** integer, specifies the column in the data matrix of the stimuli that is to be set on the left side (generally this means a liberal)

**iter** integer, is the number of iterations the bootstrap should run for.

### Value

An object of class `boot_aldmck`. This is simply a matrix of dimensions `iter` x number of stimuli. Each row stores the estimated stimuli locations for each iteration.

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### See Also

`'LC1980'`, `'summary.aldmck'`, `'plot.aldmck'`, `'plot.cdf'`.

### Examples

```
data(LC1980)

result <- boot_aldmck(data=LC1980, polarity=2, respondent=1, missing=c(0,8,9), iter=30)
plot(result)
```

boot\_blackbt

*Bootstrap of Blackbox Transpose Scaling***Description**

boot\_blackbt is a function automates the non-parametric bootstrapping of blackbox\_transpose. The original function takes a matrix of perceptual data, such as liberal-conservative rankings of various stimuli, and recovers the true location of those stimuli in a spatial model. The bootstrap simply applies this estimator across multiple resampled data sets and stores the results of each iteration in a matrix. These results can be used to estimate uncertainty for various parameters of interest, and can be plotted using the plot.boot\_blackbt function.

**Usage**

```
boot_blackbt(data, missing=NULL, dims=1, dim.extract=dims, minscale, iter=100)
```

**Arguments**

data	matrix of numeric values, containing the perceptual data. Respondents should be organized on rows, and stimuli on columns. It is helpful, though not necessary, to include row names and column names.
missing	vector or matrix of numeric values, sets the missing values for the data. NA values are always treated as missing regardless of what is set here. Observations with missing data are discarded before analysis. If input is a vector, then the vector is assumed to contain the missing value codes for all the data. If the input is a matrix, it must be of dimension p x q, where p is the maximum number of missing values and q is the number of columns in the data. Each column of the inputted matrix then specifies the missing data values for the respective variables in data. If null (default), no missing values are in the data other than the standard NA value.
dims	integer, specifies the number of dimensions to be estimated.
dim.extract	integer, specifies which dimension to extract results for the bootstrap from.
minscale	integer, specifies the minimum number of responses a respondent needs to provide to be used in the scaling.
iter	integer, number of iterations the bootstrap should run for.

**Value**

An object of class boot\_blackbt. This is simply a matrix of dimensions iter x number of stimuli. Each row stores the estimated stimuli locations for each iteration.

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### See Also

['blackbox\\_transpose'](#), ['plot.boot\\_blackbt'](#).

### Examples

```
data(LC1980)
data=LC1980[,-1]
# Not run to save time, but loaded object is the output
# bootbbt <- boot_blackbt(data, missing=c(0,8,9), dims=1, minscale=8, iter=10)
data("bootbbt")

plot.boot_blackbt(bootbbt)
```

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colombia

*2004 PELA Liberal-Conservative Scales.*

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### Description

Liberal-Conservative 10-point scales from the University of Salamanca's Parliamentary Elites of Latin America (PELA) survey. Stored as a matrix of integers. The number 99 is a missing value. These data come from Sebastian Saiegh and are used in the paper and book cited below.

### Usage

```
data(colombia)
```

### Value

The data is formatted as an integer matrix with the following elements.

colombia            matrix, containing reported placements of various stimuli on a 10 point Liberal-Conservative scale:

- id Respondent ID.
- party Respondent party.
- departam Respondent district.

- entry Interviewer ID.
- pl\_uribista Placement of “Partido Liberal Uribista” on 10 point scale.
- pl\_oficial Placement of “Partido Liberal Oficial” on 10 point scale.
- conservator Placement of “Partido Conservador” on 10 point scale.
- polo Placement of “Polo” on 10 point scale.
- union\_cristiana Placement of “Union Cristiana” on 10 point scale.
- salvation Placement of “Salvacion” on 10 point scale.
- urine Placement of Mr. Uribe on 10 point scale.
- antanas Placement of Mr. Antanas on 10 point scale.
- gomez Placement of Mr. Gomez on 10 point scale.
- garzon Placement of Garzon on 10 point scale.
- holgin Placement of Holguin on 10 point scale.
- rivera Placement of Rivera on 10 point scale.
- self Respondent self placement on 10 point scale.

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### See Also

['aldmck'](#), ['summary.aldmck'](#), ['plot.aldmck'](#), ['plot.cdf'](#).

### Examples

```
### Loads and scales the Liberal-Conservative scales from the 2004 PELA survey
data(colombia)
tmp <- colombia[,c(5:8,12:17)]
result <- aldmck(data=tmp, polarity=7, respondent=10, missing=c(99),verbose=TRUE)
summary(result)
plot.cdf(result)
```

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`fit`*Extraction function for fit of scaling model*

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**Description**

`fit` is a convenience function to extract the model fit statistics from an `aldmck`, `blackbox`, or `blackbt` object.

**Usage**

```
fit(object)
```

**Arguments**

`object`            an `aldmck`, `blackbox`, or `blackbt` output object.

**Value**

The model fit statistics of the estimated output, which can also be recovered as `object$fits` (for `blackbox` or `blackbt` objects) or `object$AMfit` (for `aldmck` objects). Please refer to the documentation of `aldmck`, `blackbox`, or `blackbox_transpose` for specifics.

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**See Also**

'[aldmck](#)', '[blackbox](#)', '[blackbox\\_transpose](#)'.

**Examples**

```
data(Issues1980)
Issues1980[Issues1980[,"abortion1"]==7,"abortion1"] <- 8 #missing recode
Issues1980[Issues1980[,"abortion2"]==7,"abortion2"] <- 8 #missing recode

### This command conducts estimates, which we instead load using data()
# Issues1980_bb <- blackbox(Issues1980,missing=c(0,8,9),verbose=FALSE,dims=3,minscale=8)
data(Issues1980_bb)

fit(Issues1980_bb)
```

individuals

*Extraction function for scaled individuals***Description**

individuals is a convenience function to extract the individual/respondent parameters from an aldmck, blackbox, or blackbt object.

**Usage**

```
individuals(object)
```

**Arguments**

object            an aldmck, blackbox, or blackbt output object.

**Value**

The individual parameters of the estimated output, which can also be recovered as `object$individuals` (for blackbox or blackbt objects) or `object$respondents` (for aldmck objects). Please refer to the documentation of aldmck, blackbox, or blackbox\_transpose for specifics.

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**See Also**

['aldmck'](#), ['blackbox'](#), ['blackbox\\_transpose'](#).

**Examples**

```
data(Issues1980)
Issues1980[Issues1980[,"abortion1"]==7,"abortion1"] <- 8 #missing recode
Issues1980[Issues1980[,"abortion2"]==7,"abortion2"] <- 8 #missing recode

### This command conducts estimates, which we instead load using data()
# Issues1980_bb <- blackbox(Issues1980,missing=c(0,8,9),verbose=FALSE,dims=3,minscale=8)
data(Issues1980_bb)

individuals(Issues1980_bb)
```



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 Issues1980

 1980 Issues Scales
 

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### Description

Issue scales from the 1980 National Election Study. The numbers 0, 8, and 9 are considered to be missing values, except for the two abortion scales, where '7' is also a missing value. Hence, it must be recoded as in the example shown below before scaling. The data is used as an example for `blackbox()`.

### Usage

```
data(LC1980)
```

### Value

The data is formatted as an numeric matrix with the following elements.

Issues matrix, containing reported self-placements along various stimuli on a 7 point Liberal-Conservative scales (with the exception of abortion scales, which are 4 point):

- `libcon1` Liberal-conservative self-placement on 7 point scale.
- `defense` Defense spending self-placement on 7 point scale.
- `govserv` Government service on 7 point scale.
- `inflation` Importance of inflation self-placement on 7 point scale.
- `abortion1` Attitude on abortion 4 point scale.
- `taxcut` Support for tax cut on 7 point scale.
- `libcon2` Liberal-conservative self-placement on 7 point scale.
- `govhelpmin` Government aid on 7 point scale.
- `russia` Attitude towards Russia on 7 point scale.
- `womenrole` Role of women on 7 point scale.
- `govjobs` Placement of Democrats on 7 point scale.
- `equalrights` Support for equal rights on 7 point scale.
- `busing` Opinion on busing on 7 point scale.
- `abortion2` Another attitude on abortion on 4 point scale.

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 Also available from Keith Poole. <http://voteview.com/>

**See Also**

'blackbox', 'summary.blackbox'.

**Examples**

```
### Loads issue scales from the 1980 NES.
data(Issues1980)
Issues1980[Issues1980[,"abortion1"]==7,"abortion1"] <- 8 #missing recode
Issues1980[Issues1980[,"abortion2"]==7,"abortion2"] <- 8 #missing recode

### This command conducts estimates, which we instead load using data()
# Issues1980_bb <- blackbox(Issues1980,missing=c(0,8,9),verbose=FALSE,dims=3,minscales=8)
data(Issues1980_bb)

summary(Issues1980_bb)
```

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 Issues1980\_bb

*Blackbox Estimate, 1980 NES Issue Scales.*


---

**Description**

Blackbox estimates from issues scales from the 1980 National Election Study.

**Usage**

```
data(Issues1980_bb)
```

**Value**

An object of class blackbox.

**stimuli** vector of data frames of length `dims`. Each data frame presents results for estimates from that dimension (i.e. `x$stimuli[[2]]` presents results for dimension 2). Each row contains data on a separate stimulus, and each data frame includes the following variables:

- `N` Number of respondents who provided a response to this stimulus.
- `c` Stimulus intercept.
- `w1` Estimate of the stimulus weight on the first dimension. If viewing the results for a higher dimension, higher dimension results will appear as `w2`, `w3`, etc.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <math>R^2</math>The percent variance explained for the stimulus. This increases as more dimensions are estimated.</li> </ul>
individuals	vector of data frames of length dims. Each data frame presents results for estimates from that dimension (i.e. <code>x\$stimuli[[2]]</code> presents results for dimension 2). Individuals that are discarded from analysis due to the minscale constraint are NA'd out. Each row contains data on a separate stimulus, and each data frame includes the following variables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>c1</code> Estimate of the individual intercept on the first dimension. If viewing the results for a higher dimension, higher dimension results will appear as <code>c2</code>, <code>c3</code>, etc.</li> </ul>
fits	A data frame of fit results, with elements listed as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>SSE</code> Sum of squared errors.</li> <li>• <code>SSE.explained</code> Explained sum of squared error.</li> <li>• <code>percent</code> Percentage of total variance explained.</li> <li>• <code>SE</code> Standard error of the estimate, with formula provided on pg. 973 of the article cited below.</li> <li>• <code>singular</code> Singular value for the dimension.</li> </ul>
Nrow	Number of rows/stimuli.
Ncol	Number of columns used in estimation. This may differ from the data set due to columns discarded due to the minscale constraint.
Ndata	Total number of data entries.
Nmiss	Number of missing entries.
SS_mean	Sum of squares grand mean.
dims	Number of dimensions estimated.

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'Issues1980', 'summary.blackbox', 'plot.blackbox'.

**Examples**

```
### Loads issue scales from the 1980 NES.
data(Issues1980)
Issues1980[Issues1980[, "abortion1"]==7, "abortion1"] <- 8 #missing recode
Issues1980[Issues1980[, "abortion2"]==7, "abortion2"] <- 8 #missing recode

### This command conducts estimates, which we instead load using data()
#Issues1980_bb <- blackbox(Issues1980, missing=c(0,8,9), verbose=FALSE, dims=3, minscale=8)
data(Issues1980_bb)

summary(Issues1980_bb)
```

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 LC1980

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*1980 Liberal-Conservative Scales.*


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**Description**

Liberal-Conservative 7-point scales from the 1980 National Election Study. Includes (in order) self-placement, and rankings of Carter, Reagan, Kennedy, Anderson, Republican party, Democratic Party. Stored as a matrix of integers. The numbers 0, 8, and 9 are considered to be missing values.

**Usage**

```
data(LC1980)
```

**Value**

The data is formatted as an integer matrix with the following elements.

LC1980	matrix, containing reported placements of various stimuli on a 7 point Liberal-Conservative scale: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Self Self-placement on 7 point scale.</li> <li>• Carter Placement of Carter on 7 point scale.</li> <li>• Reagan Placement of Reagan on 7 point scale.</li> <li>• Kennedy Placement of Kennedy on 7 point scale.</li> <li>• Anderson Placement of Anderson on 7 point scale.</li> <li>• Republicans Placement of Republicans on 7 point scale.</li> <li>• Democrats Placement of Democrats on 7 point scale.</li> </ul>
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**See Also**

['aldmck'](#), ['summary.aldmck'](#), ['plot.aldmck'](#), ['plot.cdf'](#).

**Examples**

```
### Loads and scales the Liberal-Conservative scales from the 1980 NES.
data(LC1980)
result <- aldmck(data=LC1980, polarity=2, respondent=1, missing=c(0,8,9),verbose=TRUE)
summary(result)
par(ask=TRUE)
plot.AM(result,xlim=c(-1.5,1.5))
plot.cdf(result)
```

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 LC1980\_bbt

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*Blackbox Transpose Estimate, 1980 Liberal-Conservative Scales.*


---

**Description**

Blackbox-Transpose estimates from Liberal-Conservative 7-point scales from the 1980 National Election Study. Estimates in 3 dimensions.

**Usage**

```
data(LC1980_bbt)
```

**Value**

An object of class `blackbt`.

`stimuli` vector of data frames of length `dims`. Each data frame presents results for estimates from that dimension (i.e. `x$stimuli[[2]]` presents results for dimension 2). Each row contains data on a separate stimulus, and each data frame includes the following variables:

- `N`Number of respondents who ranked this stimulus.
- `coord1D`Location of the stimulus in the first dimension. If viewing the results for a higher dimension, higher dimension results will appear as `coord2D`, `coord3D`, etc.
- `R2`The percent variance explained for the stimulus. This increases as more dimensions are estimated.

<code>individuals</code>	vector of data frames of length <code>dims</code> . Each data frame presents results for estimates from that dimension (i.e. <code>x\$stimuli[[2]]</code> presents results for dimension 2). Individuals that are discarded from analysis due to the minscale constraint are NA'd out. Each row contains data on a separate stimulus, and each data frame includes the following variables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>c</code> Estimate of the individual intercept.</li> <li>• <code>w1</code> Estimate of the individual slope. If viewing the results for a higher dimension, higher dimension results will appear as <code>w2</code>, <code>w3</code>, etc.</li> <li>• <code>R2</code> The percent variance explained for the respondent. This increases as more dimensions are estimated.</li> </ul>
<code>fits</code>	A data frame of fit results, with elements listed as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>SSE</code> Sum of squared errors.</li> <li>• <code>SSE.explained</code> Explained sum of squared error.</li> <li>• <code>percent</code> Percentage of total variance explained.</li> <li>• <code>SE</code> Standard error of the estimate, with formula provided in the article cited below.</li> <li>• <code>singular</code> Singular value for the dimension.</li> </ul>
<code>Nrow</code>	Number of rows/stimuli.
<code>Ncol</code>	Number of columns used in estimation. This may differ from the data set due to columns discarded due to the minscale constraint.
<code>Ndata</code>	Total number of data entries.
<code>Nmiss</code>	Number of missing entries.
<code>SS_mean</code>	Sum of squares grand mean.
<code>dims</code>	Number of dimensions estimated.

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**See Also**

'[plotcdf.blackbt](#)', '[LC1980](#)', '[plot.blackbt](#)', '[summary.blackbt](#)', '[blackbox\\_transpose](#)'.

**Examples**

```
### Loads and scales the Liberal-Conservative scales from the 1980 NES.
data(LC1980)
LCdat=LC1980[, -1] #Dump the column of self-placements

### This command conducts estimates, which we instead load using data()

#LC1980_bbt <- blackbox_transpose(LCdat,missing=c(0,8,9),dims=3,minscales=5,verbose=TRUE)
data(LC1980_bbt)

plot(LC1980_bbt)
par(ask=TRUE)
plotcdf.blackbt(LC1980_bbt)
summary(LC1980_bbt)
```

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plot.aldmck

*Aldrich-McKelvey Coordinate Distribution Plot*

---

**Description**

plot.aldmck reads an aldmck object and plots the probability distribution of the respondents and stimuli.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'aldmck'
plot(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x                    an aldmck output object.  
...                   Other arguments to plot.

**Value**

A plot of the probability distribution of the respondent ideal points, along with the locations of the stimuli. If no self-placements were specified during estimation, no graphical plots will appear.

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**See Also**

'aldmck', 'LC1980', 'summary.aldmck', 'plot.AM', 'plot.cdf', 'plot.aldmck\_negative', 'plot.aldmck\_positive'.

**Examples**

```
### Loads and scales the Liberal-Conservative scales from the 1980 NES.
data(LC1980)
result <- aldmck(data=LC1980, polarity=2, respondent=1, missing=c(0,8,9),verbose=TRUE)
summary(result)
plot(result)
```

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plot.aldmck\_negative    *Aldrich-McKelvey Negative Coordinate Distribution Plot*

---

**Description**

plot.aldmck\_negative reads an aldmck object and plots the probability distribution of the respondents and stimuli with negative weights.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'aldmck_negative'
plot(x, xlim=c(-2,2), ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	an aldmck output object.
xlim	vector of length 2, fed to the plot function as the xlim argument, which sets the minimum and maximum range of the x-axis.
...	other arguments to plot.

**Value**

A plot of the probability distribution of the respondent ideal points, along with the locations of the stimuli. If no negative weights exist, either because respondent self-placements are not specified, or because all weights are positive, a plot indicating this in text is given.

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**See Also**

'aldmck', 'LC1980', 'summary.aldmck', 'plot.cdf', 'plot.aldmck'

**Examples**

```
### Loads and scales the Liberal-Conservative scales from the 1980 NES.
data(LC1980)
result <- aldmck(data=LC1980, polarity=2, respondent=1, missing=c(0,8,9),verbose=TRUE)
summary(result)
plot.aldmck_negative(result,xlim=c(-1.5,1.5))
```

---

plot.aldmck\_positive *Aldrich-McKelvey Positive Coordinate Distribution Plot*

---

**Description**

plot.aldmck\_positive reads an aldmck object and plots the probability distribution of the respondents and stimuli with positive weights.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'aldmck_positive'
plot(x, xlim=c(-2,2), ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	an aldmck output object.
xlim	vector of length 2, fed to the plot function as the xlim argument, which sets the minimum and maximum range of the x-axis.
...	other arguments to plot.

**Value**

A plot of the probability distribution of the respondent ideal points, along with the locations of the stimuli. If no weights exist because respondent self-placements are not specified, a plot indicating this in text is given.

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**See Also**

'aldmck', 'LC1980', 'summary.aldmck', 'plot.cdf', 'plot.aldmck'

**Examples**

```
### Loads and scales the Liberal-Conservative scales from the 1980 NES.
data(LC1980)
result <- aldmck(data=LC1980, polarity=2, respondent=1, missing=c(0,8,9), verbose=TRUE)
summary(result)
plot.aldmck_positive(result, xlim=c(-1.5, 1.5))
```

---

plot.AM

*Aldrich-McKelvey Coordinate Distribution Plot*

---

**Description**

plot.AM reads an aldmck object and plots the probability distribution of the respondents and stimuli.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'AM'
plot(x, xlim=c(-2,2), ...)
```

**Arguments**

x                    an aldmck output object.  
 xlim                vector of length 2, fed to the plot function as the xlim argument, which sets the minimum and maximum range of the x-axis.  
 ...                 other arguments to plot.

**Value**

A plot of the probability distribution of the respondent ideal points, along with the locations of the stimuli. If no self-placements were specified during estimation, no graphical plots will appear.

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**See Also**

'aldmck', 'LC1980', 'summary.aldmck', 'plot.cdf', 'plot.aldmck'

## Examples

```
### Loads and scales the Liberal-Conservative scales from the 1980 NES.
data(LC1980)
result <- aldmck(data=LC1980, polarity=2, respondent=1, missing=c(0,8,9),verbose=TRUE)
summary(result)
par(ask=TRUE)
plot.AM(result,xlim=c(-1.5,1.5))
plot.cdf(result)
```

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plot.blackbox	<i>Blackbox Coordinate Distribution Plot</i>
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## Description

plot.blackbox reads an blackbox object and plots a histogram of the estimated intercepts.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'blackbox'
plot(x, ...)
```

## Arguments

x	an blackbox output object.
...	other arguments to hist.

## Value

A histogram of the estimated intercepts.

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## See Also

'Issues1980', 'summary.blackbox', 'plot.blackbox'.

## Examples

```
### Loads issue scales from the 1980 NES.
data(Issues1980)
Issues1980[Issues1980[,"abortion1"]==7,"abortion1"] <- 8 #missing recode
Issues1980[Issues1980[,"abortion2"]==7,"abortion2"] <- 8 #missing recode

### This command conducts estimates, which we instead load using data()
# Issues1980_bb <- blackbox(Issues1980,missing=c(0,8,9),verbose=FALSE,dims=3,minscale=8)
data(Issues1980_bb)

plot(Issues1980_bb)
```

---

plot.blackbt

*Blackbox Transpose Coordinate Distribution Plot*

---

## Description

plot.blackbt reads an blackbt object and plots the probability distribution of the respondents and stimuli.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'blackbt'
plot(x, xlim=c(-1,1), ...)
```

## Arguments

x	an blackbt output object.
xlim	vector of length 2, fed to the plot function as the xlim argument, which sets the minimum and maximum range of the x-axis.
...	other arguments to plot.

## Value

A plot of the probability distribution of the respondent ideal points, along with the locations of the stimuli.

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**See Also**

['blackbox\\_transpose'](#), ['LC1980'](#), ['plotcdf.blackbt'](#), ['summary.blackbt'](#), ['LC1980\\_bbt'](#).

**Examples**

```
### Loads and scales the Liberal-Conservative scales from the 1980 NES.
data(LC1980)
LCdat=LC1980[,-1] #Dump the column of self-placements

### This command conducts estimates, which we instead load using data()

#LC1980_bbt <- blackbox_transpose(LCdat,missing=c(0,8,9),dims=3,minscale=5,verbose=TRUE)
data(LC1980_bbt)

plot(LC1980_bbt)
par(ask=TRUE)
plotcdf.blackbt(LC1980_bbt)
summary(LC1980_bbt)
```

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plot.boot\_aldmck

*Bootstrapped Aldrich-McKelvey Stimulus Plots*


---

**Description**

plot.boot\_aldmck reads an boot\_aldmck object and plots a dotchart of the stimuli with estimated confidence intervals.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'boot_aldmck'
plot(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x                    an boot\_aldmck output object.  
...                   other arguments to plot.

**Value**

A dotchart of estimated stimulus locations, with 95 percent confidence intervals. Point estimates are estimates from the original data set.

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**See Also**

['aldmck'](#), ['boot\\_aldmck'](#).

**Examples**

```
data(LC1980)
result <- boot_aldmck(data=LC1980, polarity=2, respondent=1, missing=c(0,8,9), iter=30)
plot(result)
```

---

plot.boot\_blackbt      *Bootstrapped Blackbox Transpose Stimulus Plots*

---

**Description**

plot.boot\_blackbt reads an boot\_blackbt object and plots a dotchart of the stimuli with estimated confidence intervals.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'boot_blackbt'
plot(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x                    an boot\_blackbt output object.  
...                   other arguments to plot.

**Value**

A dotchart of estimated stimulus locations, with 95 percent confidence intervals. Point estimates are estimates from the original data set.

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**See Also**

'[blackbox\\_transpose](#)', '[boot\\_blackbt](#)'.

**Examples**

```
data(LC1980)
data=LC1980[,-1]

# Not run to save time, but loaded object is the output
# bootbtt <- boot_blackbt(data, missing=c(0,8,9), dims=1, minscale=8, iter=10)
data("bootbtt")

plot.boot_blackbt(bootbtt)
```

---

plot.cdf

*Aldrich-McKelvey Coordinate Cumulative Distribution Plot*


---

**Description**

plot.aldmck reads an aldmck object and plots the cumulative distribution of the respondents and stimuli.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'cdf'
plot(x, align=NULL, xlim=c(-2,2), ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	an aldmck output object.
align	integer, the x-axis location that stimuli names should be aligned to. If set to NULL, it will attempt to guess a location.
xlim	vector of length 2, fed to the plot function as the xlim argument, which sets the minimum and maximum range of the x-axis.
...	other arguments to plot.

**Value**

A plot of the empirical cumulative distribution of the respondent ideal points, along with the locations of the stimuli. If no self-placements were specified during estimation, no graphical plots will appear.

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**See Also**

'aldmck', 'LC1980', 'summary.aldmck', 'plot.aldmck'.

**Examples**

```
### Loads and scales the Liberal-Conservative scales from the 1980 NES.
data(LC1980)
result <- aldmck(data=LC1980, polarity=2, respondent=1, missing=c(0,8,9),verbose=TRUE)

summary(result)
par(ask=TRUE)
plot.AM(result,xlim=c(-1.5,1.5))
plot.cdf(result)
```

---

plotcdf.blackbt

*Blackbox Transpose Coordinate Cumulative Distribution Plot*

---

**Description**

plotcdf.blackbt reads an blackbt object and plots the cumulative distribution of the respondents and stimuli.

**Usage**

```
plotcdf.blackbt(x, align=NULL, xlim=c(-1.2,1), ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	an blackbt output object.
align	integer, the x-axis location that stimuli names should be aligned to If set to NULL, it will attempt to guess a location.
xlim	vector of length 2, fed to the plot function as the xlim argument, which sets the minimum and maximum range of the x-axis.
...	other arguments to plot.



**Value**

A plot of the empirical cumulative distribution of the respondent ideal points, along with the locations of the stimuli.

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**See Also**

'blackbox\_transpose', 'LC1980', 'plot.blackbt', 'summary.blackbt', 'LC1980\_bbt'.

**Examples**

```
### Loads and scales the Liberal-Conservative scales from the 1980 NES.
data(LC1980)
LCdat=LC1980[,-1] #Dump the column of self-placements

### This command conducts estimates, which we instead load using data()

#LC1980_bbt <- blackbox_transpose(LCdat,missing=c(0,8,9),dims=3,minscale=5,verbose=TRUE)
data(LC1980_bbt)

plot(LC1980_bbt)
par(ask=TRUE)
plotcdf.blackbt(LC1980_bbt)
summary(LC1980_bbt)
```

---

predict.aldmck

*Predict method of aldmck objects*

---

**Description**

predict.aldmck reads an aldmck object and uses the estimates to generate a matrix of predicted values.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'aldmck'
predict(object, caliper=0.2, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	A aldmck output object.
caliper	Caliper tolerance. Any individuals with estimated weights lower than this value are NA'd out for prediction. Since predictions are made by dividing observed values by estimating weights, very small weights will grossly inflate the magnitude of predicted values and lead to extreme predictions.
...	Ignored.

**Value**

A matrix of predicted values generated from the parameters estimated from a aldmck object.

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**See Also**

'aldmck', 'LC1980'

**Examples**

```
## Estimate an aldmck object from example and call predict function
data(LC1980)
result <- aldmck(data=LC1980, polarity=2, respondent=1, missing=c(0,8,9),verbose=TRUE)
prediction <- predict.aldmck(result)

## Examine predicted vs. observed values for first 10 respondents
## Note some observations are NA'd in prediction matrix from caliper
## First column of LC1980 are self-placements, which are excluded
LC1980[1:10,-1]
prediction[1:10,]

## Check correlation across all predicted vs. observed, excluding missing values
prediction[which(LC1980[,-1] %in% c(0,8,9))] <- NA
cor(as.numeric(prediction), as.numeric(LC1980[,-1]), use="pairwise.complete")
```

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predict.blackbox	<i>Predict method of blackbox objects</i>
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**Description**

predict.blackbox reads an blackbox object and uses the estimates to generate a matrix of predicted values.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'blackbox'
predict(object, dims=1, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	A blackbox output object.
dims	Number of dimensions used in prediction. Must be equal to or less than number of dimensions used in estimation.
...	Ignored.

**Value**

A matrix of predicted values generated from the parameters estimated from a blackbox object.

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**See Also**

'blackbox', 'Issues1980'

**Examples**

```
## Estimate blackbox object from example and call predict function
data(Issues1980)
Issues1980[Issues1980[,"abortion1"]==7,"abortion1"] <- 8 #missing recode
Issues1980[Issues1980[,"abortion2"]==7,"abortion2"] <- 8 #missing recode

### This command conducts estimates, which we instead load using data()
# Issues1980_bb <- blackbox(Issues1980,missing=c(0,8,9),verbose=FALSE,dims=3,minscales=8)
data(Issues1980_bb)
prediction <- predict.blackbox(Issues1980_bb,dims=3)
```

```
## Examine predicted vs. observed values for first 10 respondents
## Note that 4th and 6th respondents are NA because of missing data
Issues1980[1:10,]
prediction[1:10,]

## Check correlation across all predicted vs. observed, excluding missing values
prediction[which(Issues1980 %in% c(0,8,9))] <- NA
cor(as.numeric(prediction), as.numeric(Issues1980), use="pairwise.complete")
```

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predict.blackbt	<i>Predict method of blackbt objects</i>
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### Description

predict.blackbt reads an blackbt object and uses the estimates to generate a matrix of predicted values.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'blackbt'
predict(object, dims=1, ...)
```

### Arguments

object	A blackbox output object.
dims	Number of dimensions used in prediction. Must be equal to or less than number of dimensions used in estimation.
...	Ignored.

### Value

A matrix of predicted values generated from the parameters estimated from a blackbt object.

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### See Also

'[blackbox\\_transpose](#)', '[LC1980](#)', '[LC1980\\_bbt](#)'

**Examples**

```
## Estimate blackbt object from example and call predict function
data(LC1980)
data(LC1980_bbt)
prediction <- predict.blackbt(LC1980_bbt, dims=2)

## Examine predicted vs. observed values for first 10 respondents
## First column of LC1980 are self-placements, which are excluded
LC1980[1:10,-1]
prediction[1:10,]

## Check correlation across all predicted vs. observed, excluding missing values
prediction[which(LC1980[,-1] %in% c(0,8,9))] <- NA
cor(as.numeric(prediction), as.numeric(LC1980[,-1]), use="pairwise.complete")
```

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stimuli

*Stimulus extraction function*


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**Description**

stimuli is a convenience function to extract the stimulus parameters from an aldmck, blackbox, or blackbt object.

**Usage**

```
stimuli(object)
```

**Arguments**

object            an aldmck, blackbox, or blackbt output object.

**Value**

The stimuli of the estimated output, which can also be recovered as `object$stimuli`. Please refer to the documentation of aldmck, blackbox, or blackbox\_transpose for specifics.

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**See Also**

'aldmck', 'blackbox', 'blackbox\_transpose'.

## Examples

```
data(Issues1980)
Issues1980[Issues1980[, "abortion1"]==7, "abortion1"] <- 8 #missing recode
Issues1980[Issues1980[, "abortion2"]==7, "abortion2"] <- 8 #missing recode

### This command conducts estimates, which we instead load using data()
# Issues1980_bb <- blackbox(Issues1980, missing=c(0,8,9), verbose=FALSE, dims=3, minscale=8)
data(Issues1980_bb)

stimuli(Issues1980_bb)
```

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summary.aldmck

*Aldrich-McKelvey Summary*

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## Description

summary.aldmck reads an aldmck object and prints a summary.

## Usage

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

## Arguments

object            an aldmck output object.  
...               further arguments to print.

## Value

A summary of an aldmck object. Reports number of stimuli, respondents scaled, number of respondents with positive and negative weights, R-squared, Reduction of normalized variance of perceptions, and stimuli locations.

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## See Also

'aldmck', 'LC1980', 'plot.aldmck', 'plot.cdf'.

## Examples

```
data(LC1980)
result <- aldmck(data=LC1980, polarity=2, respondent=1, missing=c(0,8,9),verbose=TRUE)
summary(result)
par(ask=TRUE)
plot.AM(result,xlim=c(-1.5,1.5))
plot.cdf(result)
```

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summary.blackbox	<i>Blackbox Summary</i>
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## Description

summary.blackbox reads an blackbox object and prints a summary.

## Usage

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

## Arguments

object	a blackbox output object.
...	further arguments to print.

## Value

A summary of a blackbox object. For each dimension, reports all stimuli with coordinates, individuals used for scaling, and fit. Also summarizes number of rows, columns, total data entries, number of missing entries, percent missing data, and sum of squares.

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## See Also

'blackbox', 'Issues1980'

**Examples**

```

### Loads issue scales from the 1980 NES.
data(Issues1980)
Issues1980[Issues1980[,"abortion1"]==7,"abortion1"] <- 8 #missing recode
Issues1980[Issues1980[,"abortion2"]==7,"abortion2"] <- 8 #missing recode

### This command conducts estimates, which we instead load using data()
# Issues1980_bb <- blackbox(Issues1980,missing=c(0,8,9),verbose=FALSE,dims=3,minscales=8)
data(Issues1980_bb)

summary(Issues1980_bb)

```

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summary.blackbt

*Blackbox-Transpose Summary*


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**Description**

summary.blackbt reads an blackbt object and prints a summary.

**Usage**

```

## S3 method for class 'blackbt'
summary(object, ...)

```

**Arguments**

object	a blackbt output object.
...	further arguments to print.

**Value**

A summary of a blackbt object. For each dimension, reports all stimuli with coordinates, individuals used for scaling, and fit. Also summarizes number of rows, columns, total data entries, number of missing entries, percent missing data, and sum of squares.

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**See Also**

'blackbox\_transpose', 'LC1980', 'plot.blackbt', 'plotcdf.blackbt', 'LC1980\_bbt'.



### **Examples**

```
### Loads and scales the Liberal-Conservative scales from the 1980 NES.  
data(LC1980)  
LCdat=LC1980[,-1] #Dump the column of self-placements  
  
### This command conducts estimates, which we instead load using data()  
  
#LC1980_bbt <- blackbox_transpose(LCdat,missing=c(0,8,9),dims=3,myscale=5,verbose=TRUE)  
data(LC1980_bbt)  
  
plot(LC1980_bbt)  
par(ask=TRUE)  
plotcdf.blackbt(LC1980_bbt)  
summary(LC1980_bbt)
```

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