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Description The primary purpose of 'lavaan.mi' is to extend the functionality of the R package 'lavaan', which implements structural equation modeling (SEM). When incomplete data have been multiply imputed, the imputed data sets can be analyzed by 'lavaan' using complete-data estimation methods, but results must be pooled across imputations (Rubin, 1987, <doi:10.1002/9780470316696>). The 'lavaan.mi' package automates the pooling of point and standard-error estimates, as well as a variety of test statistics, using a familiar interface that allows users to fit an SEM to multiple imputations as they would to a single data set using the 'lavaan' package.

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Description

A version of the classic Holzinger and Swineford (1939) dataset, with missing data imposed on variables x5 and x9:

Details

- x5 is missing not at random (MNAR) by deleting the lowest 30% of x5 values.
- x9 is missing at random (MAR) conditional on age, by deleting x9 values for the youngest 30% of subjects in the data.

The data are then dichotomized using a median split, and imputed 5 times using the syntax shown in the example. The data include only the 9 tests (x1 through x9) and school.

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Source

The lavaan package.

References

Holzinger, K., & Swineford, F. (1939). A study in factor analysis: The stability of a bifactor solution. Supplementary Educational Monograph, no. 48. Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press.

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See Also

lavaan::HolzingerSwineford1939

Examples

```
data(HolzingerSwineford1939, package = "lavaan")
## impose missing data for example
HSMiss <- HolzingerSwineford1939[ , c(paste("x", 1:9, sep = ""),
                                         "ageyr", "agemo", "school")]
set.seed(123)
HSMiss$x5 <- ifelse(HSMiss$x5 <= quantile(HSMiss$x5, .3), NA, HSMiss$x5)
age <- HSMiss$ageyr + HSMiss$agemo/12</pre>
HSMiss$x9 <- ifelse(age <= quantile(age, .3), NA, HSMiss$x9)</pre>
## median split
HSbinary <- as.data.frame( lapply(HSMiss[ , paste0("x", 1:9)],</pre>
                                    FUN = cut, breaks = 2, labels = FALSE) )
HSbinary$school <- HSMiss$school</pre>
## impute binary missing data using mice package
library(mice)
set.seed(456)
miceImps <- mice(HSbinary)</pre>
## save imputations in a list of data.frames
binHS5imps <- list()</pre>
for (i in 1:miceImps$m) binHS5imps[[i]] <- complete(miceImps, action = i)</pre>
```

calculate.D2

Calculate the "D2" statistic

Description

This is a utility function used to calculate the "D2" statistic for pooling test statistics across multiple imputations. This function is called by several functions used for lavaan.mi objects, such as lavTestLRT.mi(), lavTestWald.mi(), and lavTestScore.mi(). But this function can be used for any general scenario because it only requires a vector of χ^2 statistics (one from each imputation) and the degrees of freedom for the test statistic. See Li, Meng, Raghunathan, & Rubin (1991) and Enders (2010, chapter 8) for details about how it is calculated.

Usage

```
calculate.D2(w, DF = 0L, asymptotic = FALSE)
```

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Arguments

w numeric vector of Wald χ^2 statistics. Can also be Wald z statistics, which will

be internally squared to make χ^2 statistics with one df (must set DF = 0L).

DF degrees of freedom (df) of the χ^2 statistics. If DF = 0L (default), w is assumed to

contain z statistics, which will be internally squared.

asymptotic logical. If FALSE (default), the pooled test will be returned as an F-distributed

statistic with numerator (df1) and denominator (df2) degrees of freedom. If TRUE, the pooled F statistic will be multiplied by its df1 on the assumption that its df2 is sufficiently large enough that the statistic will be asymptotically χ^2

distributed with df1.

Value

A numeric vector containing the test statistic, df, its p value, and 2 missing-data diagnostics: the relative invrease in variance (RIV, or average for multiparameter tests: ARIV) and the fraction missing information (FMI = ARIV / (1 + ARIV)).

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References

Enders, C. K. (2010). Applied missing data analysis. New York, NY: Guilford.

Li, K.-H., Meng, X.-L., Raghunathan, T. E., & Rubin, D. B. (1991). Significance levels from repeated *p*-values with multiply-imputed data. *Statistica Sinica*, *1*(1), 65–92. Retrieved from https://www.jstor.org/stable/24303994

See Also

```
lavTestLRT.mi(), lavTestWald.mi(), lavTestScore.mi()
```

```
## generate a vector of chi-squared values, just for example
DF <- 3 # degrees of freedom
M <- 20 # number of imputations
CHI <- rchisq(M, DF)

## pool the "results"
calculate.D2(CHI, DF) # by default, an F statistic is returned
calculate.D2(CHI, DF, asymptotic = TRUE) # asymptotically chi-squared

## generate standard-normal values, for an example of Wald z tests
Z <- rnorm(M)
calculate.D2(Z) # default DF = 0 will square Z to make chisq(DF = 1)
## F test is equivalent to a t test with the denominator DF</pre>
```

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HS20imps

List of imputed Holzinger & Swineford (1939) datasets

Description

A version of the classic Holzinger and Swineford (1939) dataset, with missing data imposed on variables x5 and x9:

Details

- x5 is missing not at random (MNAR) by deleting the lowest 30% of x5 values.
- x9 is missing at random (MAR) conditional on age, by deleting x5 values for the youngest 30% of subjects in the data.

The data are imputed 20 times using the syntax shown in the example. The data include only age and school variables, along with 9 tests (x1 through x9).

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Source

The lavaan package.

References

Holzinger, K., & Swineford, F. (1939). A study in factor analysis: The stability of a bifactor solution. Supplementary Educational Monograph, no. 48. Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press.

See Also

lavaan::HolzingerSwineford1939

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```
set.seed(456)
HS.amelia <- amelia(HSMiss, m = 20, noms = "school", p2s = FALSE)
HS20imps <- HS.amelia$imputations</pre>
```

lavaan.mi

Fit a lavaan Model to Multiple Imputed Data Sets

Description

This function fits a lavaan model to a list of imputed data sets.

Usage

```
lavaan.mi(model, data, ...)

cfa.mi(model, data, ...)

sem.mi(model, data, ...)

growth.mi(model, data, ...)
```

Arguments

model

The analysis model can be specified using lavaan::model.syntax() or a parameter table (as generated by lavaan::lavaanify() or returned by lavaan::parTable()).

data

A a list of imputed data sets, or an object class from which imputed data can be extracted. Recognized classes are lavaan.mi (stored in the @DataList slot), amelia (created by the Amelia package), or mids (created by the mice package).

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additional arguments to pass to lavaan::lavaan() or lavaan::lavaanList(). See also lavaan::lavOptions(). Note that lavaanList provides parallel computing options, as well as a FUN= argument so the user can extract custom output after the model is fitted to each imputed data set (see **Examples**). TIP: If a custom FUN is used *and* parallel = "snow" is requested, the user-supplied function should explicitly call library or use :: for any functions not part of the base distribution.

Value

A lavaan.mi object

Note

This functionality was originally provided via runMI() in the semTools package, but there are differences. See the README file on the GitHub page for this package (find link in DESCRIPTION).

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References

Enders, C. K. (2010). Applied missing data analysis. New York, NY: Guilford.

Rubin, D. B. (1987). *Multiple imputation for nonresponse in surveys*. New York, NY: Wiley. doi:10.1002/9780470316696

See Also

poolSat() for a more efficient method to obtain SEM results for multiple imputations

```
data(HS20imps) # import a list of 20 imputed data sets
## specify CFA model from lavaan's ?cfa help page
HS.model <- '
  visual =^{\sim} x1 + x2 + x3
  textual = ^{\sim} x4 + x5 + x6
  speed = ^{\sim} x7 + x8 + x9
## fit model to imputed data sets
fit <- cfa.mi(HS.model, data = HS20imps)</pre>
summary(fit, fit.measures = TRUE, fmi = TRUE)
summary(fit, standardized = "std.all", rsquare = TRUE)
## You can pass other lavaanList() arguments, such as FUN=, which allows
## you to save any custom output from each imputation's fitted model.
## An example with ordered-categorical data:
data(binHS5imps) # import a list of 5 imputed data sets
## Define a function to save a list with 2 custom outputs per imputation:
## - zero-cell tables
## - the obsolete "WRMR" fit index
myCustomFunc <- function(object) {</pre>
               = lavaan::fitMeasures(object, "wrmr"),
       zeroCells = lavaan::lavInspect(object, "zero.cell.tables"))
## fit the model
catout <- cfa.mi(HS.model, data = binHS5imps, ordered = TRUE,</pre>
                 FUN = myCustomFunc)
## pooled results
summary(catout)
```

```
## extract custom output (per imputation)
sapply(catout@funList, function(x) x$wrmr) # WRMR for each imputation
catout@funList[[1]]$zeroCells # zero-cell tables for first imputation
catout@funList[[2]]$zeroCells # zero-cell tables for second imputation ...
```

lavaan.mi-class

Class for a lavaan Model Fitted to Multiple Imputations

Description

This class extends the lavaan::lavaanList class, created by fitting a lavaan model to a list of data sets. In this case, the list of data sets are multiple imputations of missing data.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'lavaan.mi'
show(object)
## S4 method for signature 'lavaan.mi'
summary(
  object,
  header = TRUE,
  fit.measures = FALSE,
 fm.args = list(standard.test = "default", scaled.test = "default", rmsea.ci.level =
    0.9, rmsea.h0.closefit = 0.05, rmsea.h0.notclosefit = 0.08, robust = TRUE,
    cat.check.pd = TRUE),
  estimates = TRUE,
  ci = FALSE.
  standardized = FALSE,
  std = standardized,
  cov.std = TRUE,
  rsquare = FALSE,
  fmi = FALSE,
  asymptotic = FALSE,
  scale.W = !asymptotic,
  omit.imps = c("no.conv", "no.se"),
  remove.unused = TRUE,
 modindices = FALSE,
  nd = 3L,
)
## S4 method for signature 'lavaan.mi'
nobs(object, total = TRUE)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'lavaan.mi'
coef(object, type = "free", labels = TRUE, omit.imps = c("no.conv", "no.se"))
## S4 method for signature 'lavaan.mi'
vcov(
  object,
  type = c("pooled", "between", "within", "ariv"),
  scale.W = TRUE,
 omit.imps = c("no.conv", "no.se")
)
## S4 method for signature 'lavaan.mi'
fitted(object, omit.imps = c("no.conv", "no.se"))
## S4 method for signature 'lavaan.mi'
fitted.values(object, omit.imps = c("no.conv", "no.se"))
## S4 method for signature 'lavaan.mi'
fitMeasures(
 object,
  fit.measures = "all",
 baseline.model = NULL,
 h1.model = NULL,
 fm.args = list(standard.test = "default", scaled.test = "default", rmsea.ci.level =
   0.9, rmsea.h0.closefit = 0.05, rmsea.h0.notclosefit = 0.08, robust = 0.08,
    cat.check.pd = TRUE),
 output = "vector",
 omit.imps = c("no.conv", "no.se"),
)
## S4 method for signature 'lavaan.mi'
fitmeasures(
  object,
  fit.measures = "all",
 baseline.model = NULL,
 h1.model = NULL,
 fm.args = list(standard.test = "default", scaled.test = "default", rmsea.ci.level =
   0.9, rmsea.h0.closefit = 0.05, rmsea.h0.notclosefit = 0.08, robust = 0.08,
    cat.check.pd = TRUE),
 output = "vector",
 omit.imps = c("no.conv", "no.se"),
)
```

Arguments

object An object of class lavaan.mi

header, fit.measures, fm.args, estimates, ci, standardized, std, cov.std, rsquare, remove.unused, modindices, nd, output

> See descriptions of summary() arguments in the help page for lavaan::lavaan class. Also see lavaan::fitMeasures() for arguments fit.measures and

fm.args.

logical indicating whether to add the Fraction Missing Information (FMI) and (average) relative increase in variance (ARIV) to the output.

> logical. If FALSE (typically a default, but see Value section for details using various methods), pooled tests (of fit or pooled estimates) will be F or t statistics with associated degrees of freedom (df). If TRUE, the (denominator) df are assumed to be sufficiently large for a t statistic to follow a normal distribution, so it is printed as a z statistic; likewise, F times its numerator df is printed, assumed

to follow a χ^2 distribution.

logical. If TRUE (default), the vcov method will calculate the pooled covariance matrix by scaling the within-imputation component by the ARIV (see Enders, 2010, p. 235, for definition and formula). Otherwise, the pooled matrix is calculated as the weighted sum of the within-imputation and betweenimputation components (see Enders, 2010, ch. 8, for details). This in turn affects how the summary method calculates its pooled standard errors, as well as the Wald test (lavTestWald.mi()).

character vector specifying criteria for omitting imputations from pooled results. Can include any of c("no.conv", "no.se", "no.npd"), the first 2 of which are the default setting, which excludes any imputations that did not converge or for which standard errors could not be computed. The last option ("no.npd") would exclude any imputations which yielded a nonpositive definite covariance matrix for observed or latent variables, which would include any "improper solutions" such as Heywood cases. NPD solutions are not excluded by default because they are likely to occur due to sampling error, especially in small samples. However, gross model misspecification could also cause NPD solutions, users can compare pooled results with and without this setting as a sensitivity analysis to see whether some imputations warrant further investigation. Specific imputation numbers can also be included in this argument, in case users want to apply their own custom omission criteria (or simulations can use different numbers of imputations without redundantly refitting the model).

Additional arguments passed to lavTestLRT.mi(), or subsequently to lavaan::lavTestLRT().

This is how users can specify a pool.method= for the model's χ^2 statistic (op-

tionally used in any fit.measures=), or set pool.method="D1" when summary(modindices=TRUE).

logical (default: TRUE) indicating whether the nobs() method should return

the total sample size or (if FALSE) a vector of group sample sizes.

The meaning of this argument varies depending on which method it it used for.

Find detailed descriptions in the **Value** section under coef() and vcov().

logical indicating whether the coef() output should include parameter labels.

Default is TRUE.

baseline.model, h1.model

See lavaan::fitMeasures().

omit.imps

scale.W

fmi

asymptotic

total

type

labels

Value

coef signature(object = "lavaan.mi", type = "free", labels = TRUE, omit.imps = c("no.conv", "no.se")): See argument description on the help page for lavaan::lavaan class. Returns the pooled point estimates (i.e., averaged across imputed data sets; see Rubin, 1987). signature(object = "lavaan.mi", scale.W = TRUE, omit.imps = c("no.conv", "no.se"), vcov type = c("pooled", "between", "within", "ariv")): By default, returns the pooled covariance matrix of parameter estimates (type = "pooled"), the withinimputations covariance matrix (type = "within"), the between-imputations covariance matrix (type = "between"), or the average relative increase in variance (type = "ariv") due to missing data. fitted.values signature(object = "lavaan.mi", omit.imps = c("no.conv", "no.se")): See corresponding lavaan::lavaan method. Returns model-implied moments, evaluated at the pooled point estimates. fitted alias for fitted.values signature(object = "lavaan.mi", total = TRUE): either the total (default) nobs sample size or a vector of group sample sizes (total = FALSE). signature(object = "lavaan.mi", fit.measures = "all", baseline.model fitMeasures = NULL, h1.model = NULL, fm.args = list(standard.test = "default", scaled.test = "default", rmsea.ci.level = 0.90, rmsea.h0.closefit = 0.05, rmsea.h0.notclosefit = 0.08, robust = TRUE, cat.check.pd = TRUE), output = "vector", omit.imps = c("no.conv", "no.se"), ...): See lavaan::fitMeasures() for details. Pass additional arguments to lavTestLRT.mi() via fitmeasures alias for fitMeasures. signature(object = "lavaan.mi"): returns a message about convergence rates show and estimation problems (if applicable) across imputed data sets. signature(object = "lavaan.mi", header = TRUE, fit.measures = FALSE,fm.args summary = list(standard.test = "default", scaled.test = "default", rmsea.ci.level = 0.90, rmsea.h0.closefit = 0.05, rmsea.h0.notclosefit = 0.08, robust = TRUE, cat.check.pd = TRUE), estimates = TRUE, ci = FALSE, standardized = FALSE, std = standardized, cov.std = TRUE, rsquare = FALSE, fmi = FALSE, asymptotic = FALSE, scale.W = !asymptotic, omit.imps = c("no.conv", "no.se"), remove.unused = TRUE, modindices = FALSE, nd = 3L, ...): Analogous to summary() for lavaan-class objects. By default, summary returns output from parameterEstimates.mi(), with some cursory information in the header. Setting fit.measures=TRUE will additionally run fitMeasures(), and setting modindices=TRUE will additionally run modindices.mi().

Slots

```
lavListCall call to lavaan::lavaanList() used to fit the model to the list of imputed data sets in @DataList, stored as a list of arguments
```

convergence 1 ist of logical vectors indicating whether, for each imputed data set, (1) the model converged on a solution, (2) SEs could be calculated, (3) the (residual) covariance matrix of latent variables (Ψ) is non-positive-definite, and (4) the residual covariance matrix of observed variables (Θ) is non-positive-definite.

version Named character vector indicating the lavaan and lavaan.mi version numbers.

DataList The list of imputed data sets

SampleStatsList List of output from lavInspect(fit, "sampstat") applied to each fitted model.

ParTableList, vcovList, testList, baselineList See lavaan::lavaanList

h1List See lavaan::lavaanList. An additional element is added to the list: \$PT is the "saturated" model's parameter table, returned by lavaan::lav_partable_unrestricted().

call,Options,ParTable,pta,Data,Model,meta,timingList,CacheList,optimList,impliedList,loglikList,int By default, lavaan.mi() does not populate the remaining @*List slots from the lavaan::lavaanList class. But they can be added to the call using the store.slots= argument (passed to lavaan::lavaanList() via ...).

Objects from the Class

See the lavaan.mi() function for details. Wrapper functions include cfa.mi(), sem.mi(), and growth.mi().

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References

Enders, C. K. (2010). Applied missing data analysis. New York, NY: Guilford.

Rubin, D. B. (1987). *Multiple imputation for nonresponse in surveys*. New York, NY: Wiley. doi:10.1002/9780470316696

```
data(HS20imps) # import a list of 20 imputed data sets
## specify CFA model from lavaan's ?cfa help page
HS.model <- '
    visual =~ x1 + x2 + x3
    textual =~ x4 + x5 + x6
    speed =~ x7 + x8 + x9
'
## fit model to imputed data sets
fit <- cfa.mi(HS.model, data = HS20imps)
## vector of pooled coefficients
coef(fit)</pre>
```

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```
## their pooled asymptotic covariance matrix
vcov(fit)
## which is the weighted sum of within- and between-imputation components
vcov(fit, type = "within")
vcov(fit, type = "between")
## covariance matrix of observed variables,
## as implied by pooled estimates
fitted(fit)
## custom null model for CFI
HS.parallel <- '
  visual =~ x1 + 1*x2 + 1*x3
  textual = ^{\sim} x4 + 1*x5 + 1*x6
  speed = ^{\sim} x7 + 1*x8 + 1*x9
fit0 <- cfa.mi(HS.parallel, data = HS20imps, orthogonal = TRUE)</pre>
fitMeasures(fit, baseline.model = fit0, fit.measures = "default",
            output = "text")
## See ?lavaan.mi help page for more examples
```

lavResiduals.mi

Covariance and Correlation Residuals

Description

This function calculates residuals for sample moments (e.g., means and (co)variances, means) from a lavaan model fitted to multiple imputed data sets, along with summary and inferential statistics about the residuals.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'lavaan.mi'
residuals(object, type = "raw", omit.imps = c("no.conv", "no.se"), ...)
## S4 method for signature 'lavaan.mi'
resid(object, type = "raw", omit.imps = c("no.conv", "no.se"), ...)
lavResiduals.mi(object, omit.imps = c("no.conv", "no.se"), ...)
```

Arguments

object An object of class lavaan.mi

type

character indicating whether/how to standardize the covariance residuals. If type = "raw", the raw (= unscaled) difference between the observed and expected (model-implied) summary statistics are returned. The observed summary statistics are averaged across imputations, and the model-implied statistics are

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calculated from pooled parameter estimates (as returned by fitted.values()). If type = "cor" or "cor.bollen", the observed and model-implied covariance matrices are first transformed to correlation matrices (using stats::cov2cor()); then correlation residuals are computed. If type = "cor.bentler", both the observed and model-implied covariance matrices are rescaled by dividing the elements by the square roots of the corresponding variances of the observed covariance matrix.

omit.imps

character indicating criteria for excluding imputations from pooled results. See lavaan.mi for argument details.

... Arguments passed to lavaan::lavResiduals().

Value

A list of residuals and other information (see lavaan::lavResiduals()). The standard residuals() (and resid() alias) method simply calls lavResiduals.mi(..., zstat=FALSE, summary=FALSE).

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See Also

lavaan::lavResiduals() for details about other arguments.

```
data(HS20imps) # import a list of 20 imputed data sets
## specify CFA model from lavaan's ?cfa help page
HS.model <- '
  visual = x1 + x2 + x3
  textual =^{\sim} x4 + x5 + x6
  speed = ^{\sim} x7 + x8 + x9
## fit model to 20 imputed data sets
fit <- cfa.mi(HS.model, data = HS20imps)</pre>
## default type = "cor.bentler" (standardized covariance residuals)
lavResiduals.mi(fit, zstat = FALSE)
## SRMR is in the $summary
## correlation residuals
lavResiduals.mi(fit, zstat = FALSE, type = "cor")
## CRMR is in the $summary
## raw covariance residuals
lavResiduals.mi(fit, type = "raw") # zstat=TRUE by default
## RMR is in the $summary
## "normalized" residuals are in $cov.z
```

```
## The standard resid() and residuals() method simply call lavResiduals.mi()
## with arguments to display only the residuals ("raw" by default).
resid(fit)
residuals(fit, type = "cor.bollen") # same as type = "cor"
```

lavTestLRT.mi

Likelihood Ratio Test for Multiple Imputations

Description

Likelihood ratio test (LRT) for lavaan models fitted to multiple imputed data sets.

Usage

```
lavTestLRT.mi(
  object,
    ...,
  modnames = NULL,
  asANOVA = TRUE,
  pool.method = c("D4", "D3", "D2"),
  omit.imps = c("no.conv", "no.se"),
  asymptotic = FALSE,
  pool.robust = FALSE
)

## S4 method for signature 'lavaan.mi'
anova(object, ...)
```

Arguments

An object of class lavaan.mi

Additional objects of class lavaan.mi, as well as arguments passed to lavaan::lavTestLRT()
when pool.method = "D2" and pool.robust = TRUE.

Modnames

Optional character of model names to use as row names in the resulting matrix of results (when more than 2 models are compared)

asANOVA

logical indicating whether to return an object of class "anova". If FALSE, a numeric vector is returned for one (pair of) model(s), or a data.frame is

returned for multiple pairs of models.

pool.method character indicating which pooling method to use.

- "D4", "new.LRT", "cm", or "chan.meng" requests the method described by Chan & Meng (2022). This is currently the default.
- "D3", "old.LRT", "mr", or "meng.rubin" requests the method described by Meng & Rubin (1992).

 "D2", "LMRR", or "Li.et.al" requests the complete-data LRT statistic should be calculated using each imputed data set, which will then be pooled across imputations, as described in Li, Meng, Raghunathan, & Rubin (1991).

Find additional details in Enders (2010, chapter 8).

omit.imps

character vector specifying criteria for omitting imputations from pooled results. Can include any of c("no.conv", "no.se", "no.npd"), the first 2 of which are the default setting, which excludes any imputations that did not converge or for which standard errors could not be computed. The last option ("no.npd") would exclude any imputations which yielded a nonpositive definite covariance matrix for observed or latent variables, which would include any "improper solutions" such as Heywood cases. Specific imputation numbers can also be included in this argument, in case users want to apply their own custom omission criteria (or simulations can use different numbers of imputations without redundantly refitting the model).

asymptotic

logical. If FALSE (default), the pooled test will be returned as an F-distributed statistic with numerator (df1) and denominator (df2) degrees of freedom. If TRUE, the pooled F statistic will be multiplied by its df1 on the assumption that its df2 is sufficiently large enough that the statistic will be asymptotically χ^2 distributed with df1.

pool.robust

logical. Ignored unless pool.method = "D2" and a robust test was requested. If pool.robust = TRUE, the robust test statistic is pooled, whereas pool.robust = FALSE will pool the naive test statistic (or difference statistic) and apply the average scale/shift parameter to it. The harmonic mean is applied to the scaling factor, whereas the arithmetic mean is applied to the shift parameter.

Details

The "D2" method is available using any estimator and test statistic. When using a likelihood-based estimator, 2 additional methods are available to pool the LRT, both of which perform better in small samples (Grund et al., 2023; Jia, 2024).

- The Meng & Rubin (1992) method, commonly referred to as "D3". This method has many problems, discussed in Chan & Meng (2022).
- The Chan & Meng (2022) method, referred to as "D4" by Grund et al. (2023), resolves problems with "D3".

When "D2" is not explicitly requested in situations it is the only applicable method, (e.g., DWLS for categorical outcomes), users are notified that pool.method was set to "D2".

When a robust adjustment was requested during estimation (e.g., estimator="=MLMV"), the recommended method is to apply the pool.method= to the standard test= statistic. A robust adjustment to that pooled statistic is then made, using the harmonic-mean scaling factor (and average shift parameter, when relevant) across imputations. This method is the default (pool.robust=FALSE), justified by simulation research showing near-nominal Type I error rates for continuous non-normal data (Jia, 2024). Further simulation research is needed to compare these methods for ordinal data, as only the pool.robust=TRUE method has been investigated (Liu & Sriutaisuk, 2020; Liu et al., 2021).

pool.method = "Mplus" implies "D3" and asymptotic = TRUE (see Asparouhov & Muthen, 2010). Note that the anova() method simply calls lavTestLRT.mi().

Value

• When asANOVA=TRUE, returns an object of class stats::anova with a a test of model fit for a single model (object) or test(s) of the difference(s) in fit between nested models passed via ... (either an F or χ^2 statistic, depending on the asymptotic argument), its degrees of freedom, its p value, and 2 missing-data diagnostics: the relative increase in variance (RIV = FMI / (1 - FMI)) and the fraction of missing information (FMI = RIV / (1 + RIV)).

• When asANOVA=FALSE, returns a vector containing the LRT statistic for a single model or comparison of a single pair of models, or a data. frame of multiple model comparisons. Robust statistics will also include the average (across imputations) scaling factor and (if relevant) shift parameter(s), unless pool.robust = TRUE. When using pool.method = "D3" or "D4", the vector for a single model also includes its average log-likelihood and information criteria.

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See Also

lavaan::lavTestLRT() for arguments that can be passed via..., and use lavaan::fitMeasures() to obtain fit indices calculated from pooled test statistics.

```
data(HS20imps) # import a list of 20 imputed data sets
## specify CFA model from ?lavaan::cfa help page
HS.model <- '
 visual =  x1 + x2 + x3 
 textual =^{\sim} x4 + x5 + x6
 speed = ^{\sim} x7 + x8 + x9
fit1 <- cfa.mi(HS.model, data = HS20imps, estimator = "mlm")</pre>
## By default, pool.method = "D4".
## Must request an asymptotic chi-squared statistic
## in order to accommodate a robust correction.
lavTestLRT.mi(fit1, asymptotic = TRUE)
## or anova(fit1, asymptotic = TRUE)
## Comparison with more constrained (nested) models: parallel indicators
HS.parallel <- '
 visual = ^{\sim} x1 + 1*x2 + 1*x3
 textual = ^{\sim} x4 + 1*x5 + 1*x6
 speed =~ x7 + 1*x8 + 1*x9
fitp <- cfa.mi(HS.parallel, data = HS20imps, estimator = "mlm")</pre>
## Even more constrained model: orthogonal factors
fit0 <- cfa.mi(HS.parallel, data = HS20imps, estimator = "mlm",
              orthogonal = TRUE)
## Compare 3 models, and pass the lavTestLRT(method=) argument
lavTestLRT.mi(fit1, fit0, fitp, asymptotic = TRUE,
             method = "satorra.bentler.2010")
## For a single model, you can request a vector instead of an anova-class
## table in order to see naive information criteria (only using D3 or D4),
## which are calculated using the average log-likelihood across imputations.
lavTestLRT.mi(fit1, asANOVA = FALSE)
## When using a least-squares (rather than maximum-likelihood) estimator,
## only the D2 method is available. For example, ordered-categorical data:
data(binHS5imps) # import a list of 5 imputed data sets
## fit model using default DWLS estimation
fit0c <- cfa.mi(HS.parallel, data = binHS5imps, ordered = TRUE,</pre>
               orthogonal = TRUE)
```

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Score Test for Multiple Imputations

Description

Score test (or "Lagrange multiplier" test) for lavaan models fitted to multiple imputed data sets. Statistics for releasing one or more fixed or constrained parameters in model can be calculated by pooling the gradient and information matrices pooled across imputed data sets in a method proposed by Mansolf, Jorgensen, & Enders (2020)—analogous to the "D1" Wald test proposed by Li, Meng, Raghunathan, & Rubin's (1991)—or by pooling the complete-data score-test statistics across imputed data sets (i.e., "D2"; Li et al., 1991).

Usage

```
lavTestScore.mi(
 object,
  add = NULL,
  release = NULL,
 pool.method = c("D2", "D1"),
  scale.W = !asymptotic,
  omit.imps = c("no.conv", "no.se"),
  asymptotic = is.null(add),
  univariate = TRUE,
  cumulative = FALSE,
  epc = FALSE,
  standardized = epc,
  cov.std = epc,
  verbose = FALSE,
 warn = TRUE,
  information = "expected"
)
```

Arguments

object

An object of class lavaan.mi.

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add Either a character string (typically between single quotes) or a parameter table

containing additional (currently fixed-to-zero) parameters for which the score

test must be computed.

Vector of integers. The indices of the equality constraints that should be rerelease

leased. The indices correspond to the order of the equality constraints as they

appear in the parameter table.

character indicating which pooling method to use. "D1" requests Mansolf, pool.method

Jorgensen, & Enders' (2020) proposed Wald-like test for pooling the gradient and information, which are then used to calculate score-test statistics in the usual manner. "D2" (default because it is less computationall intensive) requests to pool the complete-data score-test statistics from each imputed data set, then pool

them across imputations, described by Li et al. (1991) and Enders (2010).

logical. If FALSE, the pooled information matrix is calculated as the weighted sum of the within-imputation and between-imputation components. Otherwise, the pooled information is calculated by scaling the within-imputation component by the average relative increase in variance (ARIV; Enders, 2010, p. 235),

which is *only* consistent when requesting the F test (i.e., asymptotic = FALSE.

Ignored (irrelevant) if pool.method = "D2".

character vector specifying criteria for omitting imputations from pooled reomit.imps

sults. Can include any of c("no.conv", "no.se", "no.npd"), the first 2 of which are the default setting, which excludes any imputations that did not converge or for which standard errors could not be computed. The last option ("no.npd") would exclude any imputations which yielded a nonpositive definite covariance matrix for observed or latent variables, which would include any "improper solutions" such as Heywood cases. Specific imputation numbers can also be included in this argument, in case users want to apply their own custom omission criteria (or simulations can use different numbers of imputations

without redundantly refitting the model).

logical. If FALSE (default when using add to test adding fixed parameters to asymptotic

> the model), the pooled test will be returned as an F-distributed variable with numerator (df1) and denominator (df2) degrees of freedom. If TRUE, the pooled F statistic will be multiplied by its df1 on the assumption that its df2 is sufficiently large enough that the statistic will be asymptotically χ^2 distributed with df1. When using the release argument, asymptotic will be set to TRUE be-

cause (A)RIV can only be calculated for added parameters.

univariate logical. If TRUE, compute the univariate score statistics, one for each constraint.

> logical. If TRUE, order the univariate score statistics from large to small, and compute a series of multivariate score statistics, each time including an addi-

tional constraint in the test.

logical. If TRUE, and we are releasing existing constraints, compute the expected parameter changes for the existing (free) parameters (and any specified with add), if all constraints were released. For EPCs associated with a particular (1-df) constraint, only specify one parameter in add or one constraint in

release.

If TRUE, two extra columns (sepc. 1v and sepc. all) in the \$epc table will con-

tain standardized values for the EPCs. See lavaan::lavTestScore().

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cov.std logical. See lavaan::standardizedSolution().

verbose logical. Not used for now.

warn logical. If TRUE, print warnings if they occur.

information character indicating the type of information matrix to use (check lavaan::lavInspect()

for available options). "expected" information is the default, which provides

better control of Type I errors.

Value

A list containing at least one data. frame:

• \$test: The total score test, with columns for the score test statistic (X2), its degrees of freedom (df), its p value under the χ^2 distribution (p.value), and if asymptotic=FALSE, the average relative invrease in variance (ARIV) used to calculate the denominator df is also returned as a missing-data diagnostic, along with the fraction missing information (FMI = ARIV / (1 + ARIV)).

- \$uni: Optional (if univariate=TRUE). Each 1-df score test, equivalent to modification indices. Also includes EPCs if epc=TRUE, and RIV and FMI if asymptotic=FALSE.
- \$cumulative: Optional (if cumulative=TRUE). Cumulative score tests, with ARIV and FMI if asymptotic=FALSE.
- \$epc: Optional (if epc=TRUE). Parameter estimates, expected parameter changes, and expected parameter values if ALL the tested constraints were freed.

See lavaan::lavTestScore() for details.

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pool.method = "D1" method proposed by Maxwell Mansolf (University of California, Los Angeles; <mamansolf@gmail.com>)

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See Also

lavaan::lavTestScore()

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Examples

```
data(HS20imps) # import a list of 20 imputed data sets

## specify CFA model from lavaan's ?cfa help page
HS.model <- '
    speed =~ c(L1, L1)*x7 + c(L1, L1)*x8 + c(L1, L1)*x9
'

fit <- cfa.mi(HS.model, data = HS20imps, group = "school", std.lv = TRUE)

## Mode 1: Score test for releasing equality constraints

## default test: Li et al.'s (1991) "D2" method
lavTestScore.mi(fit, cumulative = TRUE)

## Li et al.'s (1991) "D1" method,

## adapted for score tests by Mansolf et al. (2020)

lavTestScore.mi(fit, pool.method = "D1")

## Mode 2: Score test for adding currently fixed-to-zero parameters
lavTestScore.mi(fit, add = 'x7 ~~ x8 + x9')</pre>
```

lavTestWald.mi

Wald Test for Multiple Imputations

Description

Wald test for testing a linear hypothesis about the parameters of lavaan models fitted to multiple imputed data sets. Statistics for constraining one or more free parameters in a model can be calculated from the pooled point estimates and asymptotic covariance matrix of model parameters using Rubin's (1987) rules, or by pooling the Wald test statistics across imputed data sets (Li, Meng, Raghunathan, & Rubin, 1991).

Usage

```
lavTestWald.mi(
  object,
  constraints = NULL,
  pool.method = c("D1", "D2"),
  asymptotic = FALSE,
  scale.W = !asymptotic,
  omit.imps = c("no.conv", "no.se"),
  verbose = FALSE,
  warn = TRUE
)
```

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Arguments

object An object of class lavaan.mi.

constraints A character string (typically between single quotes) containing one or more

equality constraints. See examples for more details

pool.method character indicating which pooling method to use. "D1" or "Rubin" (default)

indicates Rubin's (1987) rules will be applied to the point estimates and the asymptotic covariance matrix of model parameters, and those pooled values will be used to calculate the Wald test in the usual manner. "D2", "LMRR", or "Li.et.al" indicate that the complete-data Wald test statistic should be calculated using each imputed data set, which will then be pooled across imputations, as described in Li, Meng, Raghunathan, & Rubin (1991) and Enders (2010,

chapter 8).

asymptotic logical. If FALSE (default), the pooled test will be returned as an *F*-distributed

statistic with numerator (df1) and denominator (df2) degrees of freedom. If TRUE, the pooled F statistic will be multiplied by its df1 on the assumption that its df2 is sufficiently large enough that the statistic will be asymptotically χ^2

distributed with df1.

scale.W logical. If FALSE, the pooled asymptotic covariance matrix of model param-

eters is calculated as the weighted sum of the within-imputation and between-imputation components. Otherwise, the pooled asymptotic covariance matrix of model parameters is calculated by scaling the within-imputation component by the average relative increase in variance (ARIV; see Enders, 2010, p. 235), which is *only* consistent when requesting the F test (i.e., asymptotic = FALSE.

Ignored (irrelevant) if pool.method = "D2".

omit.imps character vector specifying criteria for omitting imputations from pooled re-

sults. Can include any of c("no.conv", "no.se", "no.npd"), the first 2 of which are the default setting, which excludes any imputations that did not converge or for which standard errors could not be computed. The last option ("no.npd") would exclude any imputations which yielded a nonpositive definite covariance matrix for observed or latent variables, which would include any "improper solutions" such as Heywood cases. Specific imputation numbers can also be included in this argument, in case users want to apply their own custom omission criteria (or simulations can use different numbers of imputations

without redundantly refitting the model).

verbose logical. If TRUE, print the restriction matrix and the estimated restricted values.

warn logical. If TRUE, print warnings if they occur.

Details

The constraints are specified using the "==" operator. Both the left-hand side and the right-hand side of the equality can contain a linear combination of model parameters, or a constant (like zero). The model parameters must be specified by their user-specified labels from the link[lavaan]{model.syntax}. Names of defined parameters (using the ":=" operator) can be included too.

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Value

A vector containing the Wald test statistic (either an F or χ^2 statistic, depending on the asymptotic argument), the degrees of freedom (numerator and denominator, if asymptotic = FALSE), and a p value. If asymptotic = FALSE, the relative invrease in variance (RIV, or average for multiparameter tests: ARIV) used to calculate the denominator df is also returned as a missing-data diagnostic, along with the fraction missing information (FMI = ARIV / (1 + ARIV)).

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```

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See Also

```
lavaan::lavTestWald()
```

```
data(HS20imps) # import a list of 20 imputed data sets
## specify CFA model from lavaan's ?cfa help page
HS.model <- '
  visual = x1 + b1*x2 + x3
  textual =^{\sim} x4 + b2*x5 + x6
  speed = ^{\sim} x7 + b3*x8 + x9
fit <- cfa.mi(HS.model, data = HS20imps)</pre>
## Testing whether a single parameter equals zero yields the 'chi-square'
## version of the Wald z statistic from the summary() output, or the
## 'F' version of the t statistic from the summary() output, depending
## whether asymptotic = TRUE or FALSE
lavTestWald.mi(fit, constraints = "b1 == 0")
                                                           # default D1 statistic
lavTestWald.mi(fit, constraints = "b1 == 0", pool.method = "D2") # D2 statistic
## The real advantage is simultaneously testing several equality
## constraints, or testing more complex constraints:
con <- '
   2*b1 == b3
   b2 - b3 == 0
```

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```
lavTestWald.mi(fit, constraints = con) # default F statistic
lavTestWald.mi(fit, constraints = con, asymptotic = TRUE) # chi-squared
```

modindices.mi

Modification Indices for Multiple Imputations

Description

Modification indices (1-df Lagrange multiplier tests) from a latent variable model fitted to multiple imputed data sets. Statistics for releasing one or more fixed or constrained parameters in model can be calculated by pooling the gradient and information matrices across imputed data sets in a method proposed by Mansolf, Jorgensen, & Enders (2020)—analogous to the "D1" Wald test proposed by Li, Meng, Raghunathan, & Rubin (1991)—or by pooling the complete-data score-test statistics across imputed data sets (i.e., "D2"; Li et al., 1991).

Usage

```
modindices.mi(
  object,
  pool.method = c("D2", "D1"),
  omit.imps = c("no.conv", "no.se"),
  standardized = TRUE,
  cov.std = TRUE,
  information = "expected",
  power = FALSE,
  delta = 0.1,
  alpha = 0.05,
  high.power = 0.75,
  sort. = FALSE,
 minimum.value = 0,
 maximum.number = nrow(LIST),
 na.remove = TRUE,
 op = NULL
)
modificationIndices.mi(
  object,
  pool.method = c("D2", "D1"),
  omit.imps = c("no.conv", "no.se"),
  standardized = TRUE,
  cov.std = TRUE,
  information = "expected",
  power = FALSE,
  delta = 0.1,
```

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```
alpha = 0.05,
  high.power = 0.75,
  sort. = FALSE,
 minimum.value = 0,
 maximum.number = nrow(LIST),
  na.remove = TRUE,
  op = NULL
)
modificationindices.mi(
  object,
  pool.method = c("D2", "D1"),
  omit.imps = c("no.conv", "no.se"),
  standardized = TRUE,
  cov.std = TRUE,
  information = "expected",
  power = FALSE,
  delta = 0.1,
  alpha = 0.05,
  high.power = 0.75,
  sort. = FALSE,
  minimum.value = 0,
 maximum.number = nrow(LIST),
  na.remove = TRUE,
  op = NULL
)
```

Arguments

object

An object of class lavaan.mi

pool.method

character indicating which pooling method to use. "D1" requests Mansolf, Jorgensen, & Enders' (2020) proposed Wald-like test for pooling the gradient and information, which are then used to calculate score-test statistics in the usual manner. "D2" (default because it is less computationally intensive) requests to pool the complete-data score-test statistics from each imputed data set, then pool them across imputations, described by Li et al. (1991) and Enders (2010).

omit.imps

character vector specifying criteria for omitting imputations from pooled results. Can include any of c("no.conv", "no.se", "no.npd"), the first 2 of which are the default setting, which excludes any imputations that did not converge or for which standard errors could not be computed. The last option ("no.npd") would exclude any imputations which yielded a nonpositive definite covariance matrix for observed or latent variables, which would include any "improper solutions" such as Heywood cases. Specific imputation numbers can also be included in this argument, in case users want to apply their own custom omission criteria (or simulations can use different numbers of imputations without redundantly refitting the model).

standardized

logical. If TRUE, two extra columns (\$sepc.lv and \$sepc.all) will contain standardized values for the EPCs. In the first column (\$sepc.lv), standardiziza-

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> tion is based on the variances of the (continuous) latent variables. In the second column (\$sepc.all), standardization is based on both the variances of both (continuous) observed and latent variables. (Residual) covariances are standardized using (residual) variances.

logical. TRUE if pool.method == "D2". If TRUE (default), the (residual) obcov.std

served covariances are scaled by the square-root of the diagonal elements of the Θ matrix, and the (residual) latent covariances are scaled by the square-root of the diagonal elements of the Ψ matrix. If FALSE, the (residual) observed covariances are scaled by the square-root of the diagonal elements of the modelimplied covariance matrix of observed variables (Σ) , and the (residual) latent covariances are scaled by the square-root of the diagonal elements of the model-

implied covariance matrix of the latent variables.

information character indicating the type of information matrix to use (check lavaan::lavInspect()

for available options). "expected" information is the default, which provides

better control of Type I errors.

logical. If TRUE, the (post-hoc) power is computed for each modification index, power

using the values of delta and alpha.

delta The value of the effect size, as used in the post-hoc power computation, currently

using the unstandardized metric of the \$epc column.

alpha The significance level used for deciding if the modification index is statistically

significant or not.

high.power If the computed power is higher than this cutoff value, the power is considered

'high'. If not, the power is considered 'low'. This affects the values in the

\$decision column in the output.

sort. logical. If TRUE, sort the output using the values of the modification index

values. Higher values appear first.

minimum.value numeric. Filter output and only show rows with a modification index value

equal or higher than this minimum value.

integer. Filter output and only show the first maximum number rows. Most maximum.number

useful when combined with the sort. option.

logical. If TRUE (default), filter output by removing all rows with NA values for na remove

the modification indices.

character string. Filter the output by selecting only those rows with operator op

op.

Value

A data. frame containing modification indices and (S)EPCs.

Note

When pool method = "D2", each (S)EPC will be pooled by taking its average across imputations. When pool . method = "D1", EPCs will be calculated in the standard way using the pooled gradient and information, and SEPCs will be calculated by standardizing the EPCs using model-implied (residual) variances.

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Based on source code for lavaan::modindices() by Yves Rosseel

pool.method = "D1" method proposed by Maxwell Mansolf (University of California, Los Angeles; <mamansolf@gmail.com>)
```

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See Also

```
lavTestScore.mi()
```

Examples

```
data(HS20imps) # import a list of 20 imputed data sets

## specify CFA model from lavaan's ?cfa help page
HS.model <- '
    visual =~ x1 + x2 + x3
    textual =~ x4 + x5 + x6
    speed =~ x7 + x8 + x9
'

fit <- cfa.mi(HS.model, data = HS20imps)

modindices.mi(fit) # default: Li et al.'s (1991) "D2" method

## Li et al.'s (1991) "D1" method,
## adapted for score tests by Mansolf et al. (2020)
modindices.mi(fit, pool.method = "D1")</pre>
```

parameterEstimates.mi Pooled Parameter Estimates

Description

This function pools parameter estimates from a lavaan model fitted to multiple imputed data sets.

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Usage

```
parameterEstimates.mi(
  object,
  se = TRUE,
  zstat = se,
  pvalue = zstat,
  ci = TRUE,
  level = 0.95,
  fmi = FALSE,
  standardized = FALSE,
  cov.std = TRUE,
  rsquare = FALSE,
  asymptotic = FALSE,
  scale.W = !asymptotic,
  omit.imps = c("no.conv", "no.se"),
  remove.system.eq = TRUE,
  remove.eq = TRUE,
  remove.ineq = TRUE,
  remove.def = FALSE,
  remove.nonfree = FALSE,
  remove.unused = FALSE,
  output = "data.frame",
  header = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

object An object of class lavaan.mi
se, zstat, pvalue, ci, level, standardized, cov.std, rsquare, remove.system.eq, remove.eq, remove.ineq, remove.def, remove.nonfree, remove.unused, output, header

See lavaan::parameterEstimates().

fmi

logical indicating whether to add 2 columns:

- the fraction of missing information (\$fmi), which is the ratio of betweenimputation variance to total (pooled) sampling variance
- the relative increase in variance (\$riv), which is the ratio of betweenimputation variance to within-imputation variance

Thus, RIV = FMI / (1 - FMI) and FMI = RIV / (1 + RIV). Ignored when se=FALSE.

asymptotic

logical. When FALSE, pooled Wald tests will be t statistics with associated degrees of freedom (df). When TRUE, the df are assumed to be sufficiently large for a t statistic to approximate a standard normal distribution, so it is printed as a z statistic.

scale.W

logical. If TRUE (default), the vcov method will calculate the pooled covariance matrix by scaling the within-imputation component by the ARIV (see Enders, 2010, p. 235, for definition and formula). Otherwise, the pooled ma-

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trix is calculated as the weighted sum of the within-imputation and between-imputation components (see Enders, 2010, ch. 8, for details).

omit.imps

character indicating criteria for excluding imputations from pooled results. See lavaan.mi for argument details.

Value

A data.frame, analogous to lavaan::parameterEstimates(), but estimates, *SE*s, and tests are pooled across imputations.

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See Also

standardizedSolution.mi() to obtain inferential statistics for pooled standardized parameter estimates.

```
data(HS20imps) # import a list of 20 imputed data sets

## specify CFA model from lavaan's ?cfa help page
HS.model <- '
    visual =~ x1 + x2 + x3
    textual =~ x4 + x5 + x6
    speed =~ x7 + x8 + x9
'
## fit model to 20 imputed data sets
fit <- cfa.mi(HS.model, data = HS20imps)

## pooled estimates, with various optional features:

parameterEstimates.mi(fit, asymptotic = TRUE, rsquare = TRUE)
parameterEstimates.mi(fit, ci = FALSE, fmi = TRUE, output = "text")
parameterEstimates.mi(fit, standardized = "std.all", se = FALSE)</pre>
```

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poolSat

Fit a Saturated lavaan Model to Multiple Imputed Data Sets

Description

This function fits a saturated model to a list of imputed data sets, and returns a list of pooled summary statistics to treat as data.

Usage

```
poolSat(
   data,
   ...,
   return.fit = FALSE,
   scale.W = TRUE,
   omit.imps = c("no.conv", "no.se")
)
```

Arguments

data

A list of imputed data sets, or an object class from which imputed data can be extracted. Recognized classes are lavaan.mi (list of imputations stored in the @DataList slot), amelia (created by the Amelia package), or mids (created by the mice package).

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Additional arguments passed to lavaan::lavCor() or to lavaan.mi().

return.fit

logical indicating whether to return a lavaan.mi object containing the results of fitting the saturated model to multiple imputed data. Could be useful for diagnostic purposes.

scale.W

logical. If TRUE (default), the within- and between-imputation components will be pooled by scaling the within-imputation component by the ARIV (see Enders, 2010, p. 235, for definition and formula). Otherwise, the pooled matrix is calculated as the weighted sum of the within-imputation and between-imputation components (see Enders, 2010, ch. 8, for details).

omit.imps

character vector specifying criteria for omitting imputations from pooled results of saturated model. Can include any of c("no.conv", "no.se", "no.npd"), the first 2 of which are the default setting, which excludes any imputations that did not converge or for which standard errors could not be computed. The last option ("no.npd") would exclude any imputations which yielded a nonpositive definite covariance matrix for observed or latent variables, which would include any "improper solutions" such as Heywood cases. NPD solutions are not excluded by default because they are likely to occur due to sampling error, especially in small samples. However, gross model misspecification could also cause NPD solutions, users can compare pooled results with and without this setting as a sensitivity analysis to see whether some imputations warrant further investigation. Specific imputation numbers can also be included in this argument, in

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case users want to apply their own custom omission criteria (or simulation studies can use different numbers of imputations without redundantly refitting the model).

Value

If return.fit=TRUE, a lavaan.mi object. Otherwise, an object of class lavMoments, which is a list that contains at least \$sample.cov and \$sample.nobs, potentially also \$sample.mean, \$sample.th, \$NACOV, and \$WLS.V. Also contains \$lavOptions that will be passed to lavaan(...).

Note

The \$lavOptions list will always set fixed.x=FALSE and conditional.x=FALSE. Users should not override those options when calling lavaan::lavaan() because doing so would yield incorrect SEs and test statistics. Computing the correct \$NACOV argument would depend on which specific variables are treated as fixed, which would require an argument to poolSat() for users to declare names of exogenous variables. This has not yet been programmed, but that feature may be added in the future in order to reduce the number of parameters to estimate. However, if "exogenous" predictors were incomplete and imputed, then they are not truly fixed (i.e., unvarying across samples), so treating them as fixed would be illogical and yield biased SEs and test statistics.

The information returned by poolSat() must assume that any fitted SEM will include all the variables in \$sample.cov and (more importantly) in \$NACOV. Although lavaan can drop unused rows/columns from \$sample.cov, it cannot be expected to drop the corresponding sampling variances of those eliminated (co)variances from \$NACOV. Thus, it is necessary to use poolSat() to obtain the appropriate summary statistics for any particular SEM (see **Examples**).

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See Also

lavaan.mi() for traditional method (fit SEM to each imputation, pool results afterward).

```
data(HS20imps) # import a list of 20 imputed data sets

## fit saturated model to imputations, pool those results
impSubset1 <- lapply(HS20imps, "[", i = paste0("x", 1:9)) # only modeled variables
(prePooledData <- poolSat(impSubset1))</pre>
```

```
## Note: no means were returned (default lavOption() is meanstructure=FALSE)
(prePooledData <- poolSat(impSubset1, meanstructure = TRUE))</pre>
## specify CFA model from lavaan's ?cfa help page
HS.model <- '
 visual = x1 + x2 + x3
 textual =^{\sim} x4 + x5 + x6
 speed = ^{\sim} x7 + x8 + x9
## fit model to summary statistics in "prePooledData"
fit <- cfa(HS.model, data = prePooledData, std.lv = TRUE)</pre>
## By default, the "Scaled" column provides a "scaled.shifted" test
## statistic that maintains an approximately nominal Type I error rate.
summary(fit, fit.measures = TRUE, standardized = "std.all")
## Note that this scaled statistic does NOT account for deviations from
## normality, because the default normal-theory standard errors were
## requested when running poolSat(). See below about non-normality.
## Alternatively, "Browne's residual-based (ADF) test" is also available:
lavTest(fit, test = "browne.residual.adf", output = "text")
## Optionally, save the saturated-model lavaan.mi object, which
## could be helpful for diagnosing convergence problems per imputation.
satFit <- poolSat(impSubset1, return.fit = TRUE)</pre>
## FITTING MODELS TO DIFFERENT (SUBSETS OF) VARIABLES
## If you only want to analyze a subset of these variables,
mod.vis <- 'visual =  x1 + x2 + x3'
## you will get an error:
try(
 fit.vis <- cfa(mod.vis, data = prePooledData) # error
## As explained in the "Note" section, you must use poolSat() again for
## this subset of variables
impSubset3 <- lapply(HS20imps, "[", i = paste0("x", 1:3)) # only modeled variables</pre>
visData <- poolSat(impSubset3)</pre>
fit.vis <- cfa(mod.vis, data = visData) # no problem
## OTHER lavaan OPTIONS
## fit saturated MULIPLE-GROUP model to imputations
impSubset2 <- lapply(HS20imps, "[", i = c(paste0("x", 1:9), "school"))
(prePooledData2 <- poolSat(impSubset2, group = "school",</pre>
                           ## request standard errors that are ROBUST
                           ## to violations of the normality assumption:
                           se = "robust.sem"))
## Nonnormality-robust standard errors are implicitly incorporated into the
```

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```
## pooled weight matrix (NACOV= argument), so they are
## AUTOMATICALLY applied when fitting the model:
fit.config <- cfa(HS.model, data = prePooledData2, group = "school",</pre>
                  std.lv = TRUE)
## standard errors and chi-squared test of fit both robust to nonnormality
summary(fit.config)
## CATEGORICAL OUTCOMES
## discretize the imputed data, for an example of 3-category data
HS3cat <- lapply(impSubset1, function(x) {</pre>
 as.data.frame( lapply(x, cut, breaks = 3, labels = FALSE) )
## pool polychoric correlations and thresholds
(prePooledData3 <- poolSat(HS3cat, ordered = paste0("x", 1:9)))</pre>
fitc <- cfa(HS.model, data = prePooledData3, std.lv = TRUE)</pre>
summary(fitc)
## Optionally, use unweighted least-squares estimation. However,
## you must first REMOVE the pooled weight matrix (WLS.V= argument)
## or replace it with an identity matrix of the same dimensions:
prePooledData4 <- prePooledData3</pre>
prePooledData4$WLS.V <- NULL</pre>
## or prePooledData4$WLS.V <- diag(nrow(prePooledData3$WLS.V))</pre>
fitcu <- cfa(HS.model, data = prePooledData4, std.lv = TRUE, estimator = "ULS")
## Note that the SEs and test were still appropriately corrected:
summary(fitcu)
```

standardizedSolution.mi

Standardized Pooled Parameter Estimates

Description

This function calculates pooled parameter estimates from a lavaan model fitted to multiple imputed data sets, then transforms the pooled estimates and their *SE*s using the delta method.

Usage

```
standardizedSolution.mi(
  object,
  return.vcov = FALSE,
  omit.imps = c("no.conv", "no.se"),
  ...
)
```

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Arguments

object An object of class lavaan.mi

return.vcov logical indicating whether to return only the pooled asymptotic covariance matrix, vcov(object), but transformed for standardized parameters. This is a way to obtain a pooled analog of lavInspect(object, "vcov.std.all") with a lavaan::lavaan object, and it is how the SEs are derived for standardized solutions.

omit.imps character indicating criteria for excluding imputations from pooled results. See lavaan.mi for argument details.

... Arguments passed to lavaan::standardizedSolution().

Value

A data.frame containing standardized model parameters, analogous to lavaan::standardizedSolution(). Delta-method *SE*s and CIs rely on asymptotic theory, so only Wald *z* tests are available, analogous to setting parameterEstimates.mi(fit, asymptotic = TRUE).

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See Also

parameterEstimates.mi() for pooling unstandardized parameter estimates, which can also add standardized point estimates to indicate effect size.

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