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anova.lm\_betaselect ANOVA Tables For 'lm\_betaselect' and 'glm\_betaselect' Objects

# Description

Return the analysis of variance tables for the outputs of lm\_betaselect() and glm\_betaselect().

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'lm_betaselect'
anova(object, ..., type = c("beta", "standardized", "raw", "unstandardized"))
## S3 method for class 'glm_betaselect'
anova(
  object,
    ...,
  type = c("beta", "standardized", "raw", "unstandardized"),
  dispersion = NULL,
  test = NULL
)
```

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# Arguments

object	The output of lm_betaselect() or glm_betaselect().
	Additional outputs of lm_betaselect() or glm_betaselect().
type	String. If "unstandardized" or "raw", the output <i>before</i> standardization are used If "beta" or "standardized", then the output <i>after</i> selected variables standardized are returned. Default is "beta".
dispersion	To be passed to stats::anova.glm(). The dispersion parameter. Default ia NULL and it is extracted from the model.
test	String. The test to be conducted. Please refer to stats::anova.glm() for details.

#### **Details**

By default, it calls stats::anova() on the results with selected variables standardized. By setting type to "raw" or "unstandardized", it calls stats::anova() on the results *before* standardization.

#### Value

It returns an object of class anova, which is identical to the output of stats::anova() in structure.

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```

# See Also

```
lm_betaselect()
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```
anova(logistic_beta_x)
anova(logistic_beta_x, type = "raw")
```

coef.lav\_betaselect Coefficients of a 'lav\_betaselect'-Class Object

# **Description**

Return the betas-select in a 'lav\_betaselect'-class object.

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'lav_betaselect'
coef(object, drop_na = FALSE, ...)
```

# Arguments

object The output of lav\_betaselect().

drop\_na Logical. Whether betas-select with NA are dropped. Default is FALSE.

... Optional arguments. Not used.

# **Details**

It just extracts and returns the column est from the object: the betas-select, with selected variables standardized.

#### Value

A numeric vector: The betas-select in the object. The names of parameters follow the convention in lavaan.

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```

# See Also

```
lav_betaselect()
```

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#### **Examples**

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Coefficients of Beta-Select in Linear Models

#### **Description**

Return the estimates of coefficients in an lm\_betaselect-class or glm\_betaselect-class object.

#### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'lm_betaselect'
coef(
  object,
  complete = FALSE,
  type = c("beta", "standardized", "raw", "unstandardized"),
  ...
)

## S3 method for class 'glm_betaselect'
coef(
  object,
  complete = FALSE,
  type = c("beta", "standardized", "raw", "unstandardized"),
  ...
)
```

#### **Arguments**

object The output of  $lm\_betaselect()$  or  $glm\_betaselect()$ , or an  $lm\_betaselect$ 

class or  ${\tt glm\_betaselect\text{-}class}$  object.

complete If TRUE, it returns the full vector of coefficients, including those of terms dropped

in an over-determined system. See stats::coef() for further information. Default is FALSE.

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type String. If "unstandardized" or "raw", the coefficients *before* standardization are returned. If "beta" or "standardized", then the coefficients *after* selected variables standardized are returned. Default is "beta".

... Other arguments. Ignored.

#### **Details**

By default, it extracts the regression coefficients *after* the selected variables have been standardized. If requested, it can also return the regression coefficients *before* standardization.

#### Value

A numeric vector: The estimate of regression coefficients.

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```

#### See Also

```
lm_betaselect() and glm_betaselect()
```

```
data(data_test_mod_cat)
lm_beta_x <- lm_betaselect(dv ~ iv*mod + cov1 + cat1,</pre>
                            data = data_test_mod_cat,
                            to_standardize = "iv")
coef(lm_beta_x)
coef(lm_beta_x, type = "raw")
data_test_mod_cat$p <- scale(data_test_mod_cat$dv)[, 1]</pre>
data_test_mod_cat$p <- ifelse(data_test_mod_cat$p > 0,
                               yes = 1,
                               no = 0)
logistic_beta_x <- glm_betaselect(p ~ iv*mod + cov1 + cat1,</pre>
                                   data = data_test_mod_cat,
                                   family = binomial,
                                    to_standardize = "iv")
coef(logistic_beta_x)
coef(logistic_beta_x, type = "raw")
```

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```
confint.lav_betaselect
```

Confidence Intervals for a 'lav\_betaselect'-Class Object

# **Description**

Return the confidence intervals of betas-select in the output of lav\_betaselect().

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'lav_betaselect'
confint(object, parm, level = 0.95, ...)
```

# Arguments

object	The output of lav_betaselect().
parm	Ignored due to the complexity in the naming. The confidence intervals of all parameters are always returned.
level	The level of confidence. Ignored because the intervals should be formed when calling lav_betaselect().
	Optional arguments. Ignored.

# **Details**

The type of confidence intervals depends on the call to lav\_betaselect(). This function does not recompute the confidence interval.

#### Value

A two-column matrix of the confidence intervals.

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```

#### See Also

```
lav_betaselect()
```

```
library(lavaan)
mod <-
"
med ~ iv + mod + iv:mod
dv ~ med + iv
"
fit <- sem(mod,</pre>
```

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confint.lm\_betaselect Confidence Interval for 'lm\_betaselect' or 'glm\_betaselect' Objects

# Description

Return the confidence interval of the regression coefficients in the output of lm\_betaselect() or glm\_betaselect().

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'lm_betaselect'
confint(
 object,
  parm,
  level = 0.95,
 method = c("boot", "bootstrap", "ls"),
  type = c("beta", "standardized", "raw", "unstandardized"),
 warn = TRUE,
 boot_type = c("perc", "bc"),
)
## S3 method for class 'glm_betaselect'
confint(
 object,
  parm,
  level = 0.95,
  trace = FALSE,
  test = c("LRT", "Rao"),
 method = c("boot", "bootstrap", "default", "ls"),
  type = c("beta", "standardized", "raw", "unstandardized"),
  warn = TRUE,
  boot_type = c("perc", "bc"),
  transform_b = NULL,
)
```

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#### **Arguments**

object The output of lm\_betaselect() or glm\_betaselect().

parm The terms for which the confidence intervals are returned. If missing, the confidence intervals of all terms will be returned.

1 The level of confidence, default is .95, returning the 95% confidence interval.

The method used to compute the confidence intervals/ If bootstrapping was re-

quested when calling lm\_betaselect() and this argument is set to "bootstrap" or "boot", the bootstrap confidence intervals are returned. If bootstrapping was not requested or if this argument is set to "ls", then the usual lm confidence intervals are returned, with a warning raised unless type is "raw" or

"unstandardized". Default is "boot".

type String. If "unstandardized" or "raw", the confidence intervals of the coefficients *before* standardization are returned. If "beta" or "standardized", then the confidence intervals of the coefficients *after* selected variables standardized

are returned. Default is "beta".

warn Logical. Whether a warning will be raised is OLS (or WLS) confidence inter-

vals are requested for the model with some variables standardized (i.e., type is

"beta" or "standardized"). Default is TRUE.

boot\_type The type of bootstrap confidence intervals. Currently, it supports "perc", per-

centile bootstrap confidence intervals, and "bc", bias-corrected bootstrap confi-

dence interval.

. . . Optional arguments. Ignored.

trace Logical. Whether profiling will be traced. See stats::confint.glm() for

details, ignored if method is "boot" or "bootstrap".

test The test used for profiling. See stats::confint.glm for details. ignored if method

is "boot" or "bootstrap".

transform\_b The function to be used to transform the confidence limits. For example, if set to

exp, the confidence limits will be exponentiated. Users need to decide whether

the transformed limits are meaningful. Default is NULL.

# **Details**

The type of confidence intervals depends on the object. If bootstrapping was requested, by default it returns the percentile bootstrap confidence intervals. Otherwise, it returns the default confidence intervals.

Support for other type of confidence intervals may be added in the future.

#### Value

A p by 2 matrix of the confidence intervals, p being the number of coefficients.

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## See Also

```
lm_betaselect()
```

#### **Examples**

```
data(data_test_mod_cat)
# bootstrap should be set to 2000 or 5000 in real studies
lm_beta_x <- lm_betaselect(dv ~ iv*mod + cov1 + cat1,</pre>
                           data = data_test_mod_cat,
                           to_standardize = "iv",
                            do_boot = TRUE,
                           bootstrap = 100,
                            iseed = 1234)
confint(lm_beta_x)
confint(lm_beta_x, method = "ls")
confint(lm_beta_x, type = "raw")
data_test_mod_cat$p <- scale(data_test_mod_cat$dv)[, 1]</pre>
data_test_mod_cat$p <- ifelse(data_test_mod_cat$p > 0,
                              yes = 1,
                               no = 0
# bootstrap should be set to 2000 or 5000 in real studies
logistic_beta_x <- glm_betaselect(p ~ iv*mod + cov1 + cat1,</pre>
                                   data = data_test_mod_cat,
                                   family = binomial,
                                   to_standardize = "iv",
                                   do_boot = TRUE,
                                   bootstrap = 100,
                                   iseed = 1234)
confint(logistic_beta_x, method = "default")
confint(logistic_beta_x, type = "raw")
```

 $data\_test\_medmod$ 

Test Dataset with Moderator and Mediator

# Description

This dataset has one mediator, one moderator, one independent variable, one dependent variable, and two control variables.

# Usage

```
data_test_medmod
```

data\_test\_mod\_cat

#### **Format**

A data frame with 200 rows and five variables:

dv Dependent variable, continuous

iv Independent variable, continuous

mod Moderator, continuous

med Mediator, continuous

cov1 Control variable, continuous

cov2 Control variable, continuous

#### **Examples**

 $data\_test\_mod\_cat$ 

Test Dataset with Moderator and Categorical Variables

# **Description**

This dataset has one predictor, one moderator, one control variable, one dependent variable, and a categorical variable.

# Usage

```
data_test_mod_cat
```

#### **Format**

A data frame with 500 rows and five variables:

dv Dependent variable, continuous

iv Independent variable, continuous

mod Moderator, continuous

cov1 Control variable, continuous

cat1 String variable with these values: "gp1", "gp2", and "gp3"

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# **Examples**

```
lm\_out <- lm(dv ~~iv * mod + cov1 + cat1, data\_test\_mod\_cat) \\ summary(lm\_out)
```

data\_test\_mod\_cat2

Test Dataset with Moderator and Categorical Variables (Version 2)

# **Description**

This dataset has one predictor, one moderator, one control variable, one dependent variable, and a categorical variable.

Similar to data\_test\_mod\_cat but generated from another population.

# Usage

```
data_test_mod_cat2
```

#### **Format**

A data frame with 300 rows and five variables:

dv Dependent variable, continuous

iv Independent variable, continuous

mod Moderator, continuous

cov1 Control variable, continuous

cat1 String variable with these values: "gp1", "gp2", and "gp3"

```
lm\_out <- lm(dv ~~iv * mod + cov1 + cat1, ~data\_test\_mod\_cat) \\ summary(lm\_out)
```

```
data_test_mod_cat_binary
```

Test Dataset with a Binary Outcome Variable

# Description

This dataset has one predictor, one moderator, one control variable, one binary dependent variable, and a categorical variable.

# Usage

```
data_test_mod_cat_binary
```

#### **Format**

A data frame with 300 rows and five variables:

dv Dependent variable, binary: 0, 1

iv Independent variable, continuous

mod Moderator, continuous

cov1 Control variable, continuous

cat1 String variable with these values: "gp1", "gp2", and "gp3"

# **Examples**

```
glm_out \leftarrow glm(dv \sim iv * mod + cov1 + cat1, data_test_mod_cat_binary, family = binomial()) summary(glm_out)
```

```
getCall.lm_betaselect Call in an 'lm_betaselect' or 'glm_betaselect' Object
```

# Description

The getCall-method for an lm\_betaselect-class or glm\_betaselectd-class objects.

#### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'lm_betaselect'
getCall(
    X,
    what = c("lm_betaselect", "beta", "standardized", "raw", "unstandardized"),
    ...
)

## S3 method for class 'glm_betaselect'
getCall(
    X,
    what = c("glm_betaselect", "beta", "standardized", "raw", "unstandardized"),
    ...
)
```

# Arguments

x An lm\_betaselect-class or glm\_betaselect-class object from which the call

is to be extracted.

what Which call to extract. For "lm\_betaselect" or "glm\_betaselect" the call to

lm\_betaselect() or glm\_betaselect() is extracted. For "beta" or "standardized",
the call used to fit the model after selected variables standardized is extracted.
For "raw" or "unstandardized", the call used to fit hte model before standard-

ization is extracted.

... Additional arguments. Ignored.

#### **Details**

This works in the same way the default getCall-method does for the outputs of stats::lm() and stats::glm().

#### Value

It returns the call requested.

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```

#### See Also

```
lm_betaselect(), glm_betaselect(), and stats::getCall()
```

```
to_standardize = "iv")
getCall(lm_beta_x)
getCall(lm_beta_x, what = "beta")
getCall(lm_beta_x, what = "raw")
```

lav\_betaselect

Betas-Select in a 'lavaan'-Model

# **Description**

Can standardize selected variables in a lavaan model without refitting the models, can handle product term correctly and skip categorical predictors in standardization.

# Usage

```
lav_betaselect(
 object,
  to_standardize = ".all.",
  not_to_standardize = NULL,
  skip_categorical_x = TRUE,
  output = c("data.frame", "text"),
  std_se = c("none", "delta", "bootstrap"),
  std_z = TRUE,
  std_pvalue = TRUE,
  std_ci = TRUE,
  level = 0.95,
  progress = TRUE,
  boot_out = NULL,
 bootstrap = 100L,
  store_boot_est = TRUE,
  parallel = c("no", "snow", "multicore"),
  ncpus = parallel::detectCores(logical = FALSE) - 1,
  cl = NULL,
  iseed = NULL,
  find_product_terms = TRUE,
 delta_method = c("lavaan", "numDeriv"),
  vector_form = TRUE
)
```

# **Arguments**

object The output of lavaan model fit functions, such as lavaan::sem() and lavaan::cfa().

to\_standardize A string vector, which should be the names of the variables to be standardized. Default is ".all.", indicating all variables are to be standardized (but see skip\_categorical\_x).

not\_to\_standardize

A string vector, which should be the names of the variables that should not be standardized. This argument is useful when most variables, except for a few, are to be standardized. This argument cannot be used with to\_standardize at the same time. Default is NULL, and only to\_standardize is used.

skip\_categorical\_x

Logical. If TRUE, the default, all categorical predictors, defined as variables with only two possible values in the data analyzed, will be skipped in standardization. This overrides the argument to\_standardize. That is, a categorical predictor will not be standardized even if listed in to\_standardize, unless users set this argument to FALSE.

The format of the output. Not used because the format of the printout is now controlled by the print-method of the output of this function. Kept for backward compatibility.

String. If set to "none", the default, standard errors will not be computed for the standardized solution. If set to "delta", delta method will be used to compute the standard errors. If set to "bootstrap", then what it does depends whether boot\_out is set. If boot\_out is to an output of manymome::do\_boot(), its content will be used. If boot\_out is NULL and bootstrap estimates are available in object (e.g., bootstrapping is requested when fitting the model in lavaan), then the stored bootstrap estimates will be sued. If not available, the bootstrapping will be conducted using lavaan::bootstrapLavaan(), using arguments bootstrap, parallel, ncpus, cl, and iseed.

Logical. If TRUE and std\_se is not set to "none", standard error will be computed using the method specified in std\_se. Default is TRUE.

Logical. If TRUE, std\_se is not set to "none", and std\_z is TRUE, p-values will be computed using the method specified in std\_se. For bootstrapping, the method proposed by Asparouhov and Muthén (2021) is used. Default is TRUE.

Logical. If TRUE and std\_se is not set to "none", confidence intervals will be computed using the method specified in std\_se. Default is FALSE.

The level of confidence of the confidence intervals. Default is .95. It will be used in the confidence intervals of both the unstandardized and standardized solution.

Logical. If TRUE, progress bars will be displayed for long process.

If std\_se is "bootstrap" and this argument is set to an output of manymome::do\_boot(), its output will be used in computing statistics such as standard errors and confidence intervals. This allows users to use methods other than bootstrapping when fitting the model, while they can still request bootstrapping for the standardized solution.

If std\_se is "bootstrap" but bootstrapping is not requested when fitting the model and boot\_out is not set, lavaan::bootstrapLavaan() will be called to do bootstrapping. This argument is the number of bootstrap samples to draw. Default is 100. Should be set to 5000 or even 10000 for stable results.

store\_boot\_est Logical. If std\_se is "bootstrap" and this argument is TRUE, the default, the bootstrap estimates of the standardized solution will be stored in the attribute "boot\_est". These estimates can be used for diagnosis of the bootstrapping. If FALSE, then the bootstrap estimates will not be stored.

output

std\_se

std\_z

std\_pvalue

std\_ci level

progress boot\_out

bootstrap

parallel If std\_se is "bootstrap" but bootstrapping is not requested when fitting the

model and boot\_out is not set, lavaan::bootstrapLavaan() will be called to do bootstrapping. This argument is to be passed to lavaan::bootstrapLavaan().

Default is "no".

ncpus If std\_se is "bootstrap" but bootstrapping is not requested when fitting the

model and boot\_out is not set, lavaan::bootstrapLavaan() will be called to do bootstrapping. This argument is to be passed to lavaan::bootstrapLavaan(). Default is parallel::detectCores(logical = FALSE) - 1. Ignored if parallel

is "no".

cl If std\_se is "bootstrap" but bootstrapping is not requested when fitting the

model and boot\_out is not set, lavaan::bootstrapLavaan() will be called to do bootstrapping. This argument is to be passed to lavaan::bootstrapLavaan().

Default is NULL. Ignored if parallel is "no".

iseed If std\_se is "bootstrap" but bootstrapping is not requested when fitting the

model and boot\_out is not set, lavaan::bootstrapLavaan() will be called to do bootstrapping. This argument is to be passed to lavaan::bootstrapLavaan() to set the seed for the random resampling. Default is NULL. Should be set to an

integer for reproducible results. Ignored if parallel is "no".

find\_product\_terms

String. If it is certain that a model does not have product terms, setting this to FALSE will skip the search, which is time consuming for a models with many paths and/or many variables. Default is TRUE, and the function will automati-

cally identify product terms, if any.

Optional arguments to be passed to the lavaan::parameterEstimates(), which

will be use to generate the output.

should not be changed.

vector\_form The internal method used to compute standardized solution. For internal use and

should not be changed.

#### **Details**

This function lets users select which variables to be standardized when computing the standardized solution. It has the following features:

- It automatically skips predictors which has only two unique values, assuming that they are dummy variables.
- It does not standardize product term, which is incorrect. Instead, it computes the product term with its component variables standardized first.
- It can be used to generate bootstrap confidence intervals for the standardized solution (Falk, 2018). Bootstrap confidence interval is better than doing standardization before fitting a model because it correctly takes into account the sampling variance of the standard deviations. It is also better than delta-method confidence interval because it takes into account the usually asymmetric distribution of parameters after standardization, such as standardized loadings and correlations.
- For comparison, it can also report delta-method standard errors and confidence intervals if requested.

#### **Problems With Common Approaches:**

In most SEM programs, users have limited control on which variables to standardize when requesting the standardized solution. The solution may be uninterpretable or misleading in these conditions:

- Dummy variables are standardized and their coefficients cannot be interpreted as the difference between two groups on the outcome variables.
- Product terms (interaction terms) are standardized and they cannot be interpreted as the changes in the effects of focal variables when the moderators change (Cheung, Cheung, Lau, Hui, & Vong, 2022).
- Variables with meaningful units can be more difficult to interpret when they are standardized (e.g., age).

Moreover, the delta method is usually used in standardization, which is suboptimal for standardization unless the sample size is large (Falk, 2018). For example, the covariance with variables standardized is a correlation, and its sampling distribution is skewed unless its population value is zero. However, delta-method confidence interval for the correlation is necessarily symmetric around the point estimate.

#### **Limitations:**

- It only supports observed variable interaction terms, and only support two-way interactions.
- It does not support multilevel models.
- It only supports models fitted to raw data.
- Intercepts not supported.

#### Value

A lav\_betaselect-class object, which is a data frame storing the parameter estimates, similar in form to the output of lavaan::parameterEstimates().

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#### See Also

print.lav\_betaselect() for its print method.

#### **Examples**

```
library(lavaan)
mod <-
med \sim iv + mod + iv:mod
dv \sim med + iv
fit <- sem(mod,
           data_test_medmod,
           fixed.x = TRUE)
summary(fit)
fit_beta <- lav_betaselect(fit,</pre>
                            to_standardize = c("iv", "dv"))
fit_beta
print(fit_beta, standardized_only = FALSE)
# In real studies:
# - should set bootstrap to at least 5000
# - should set parallel to "snow" or "multicore"
fit_beta_boot <- lav_betaselect(fit,</pre>
                                 to_standardize = c("iv", "dv"),
                                 std_se = "bootstrap",
                                 std_ci = TRUE,
                                 bootstrap = 100,
                                 iseed = 1234)
fit_beta_boot
print(fit_beta_boot, standardized_only = FALSE)
# Print full results
print(fit_beta_boot,
      standardized_only = FALSE)
```

lm\_betaselect

Betas-Select in a Regression Model

# Description

Can fit a linear regression models with selected variables standardized; handle product terms correctly and skip categorical predictors in standardization.

# Usage

```
lm_betaselect(
    ...,
    to_standardize = NULL,
    not_to_standardize = NULL,
    skip_response = FALSE,
```

```
do_boot = TRUE,
  bootstrap = 100L,
  iseed = NULL,
  parallel = FALSE,
  ncpus = parallel::detectCores(logical = FALSE) - 1,
  progress = TRUE,
 load_balancing = FALSE,
 model_call = c("lm", "glm")
)
glm_betaselect(
  . . . ,
  to_standardize = NULL,
  not_to_standardize = NULL,
  skip_response = FALSE,
  do_boot = TRUE,
  bootstrap = 100L,
  iseed = NULL,
  parallel = FALSE,
  ncpus = parallel::detectCores(logical = FALSE) - 1,
 progress = TRUE,
 load_balancing = FALSE
)
## S3 method for class 'lm_betaselect'
print(
 digits = max(3L, getOption("digits") - 3L),
  type = c("beta", "standardized", "raw", "unstandardized"),
)
## S3 method for class 'glm_betaselect'
print(
 Х,
 digits = max(3L, getOption("digits") - 3L),
  type = c("beta", "standardized", "raw", "unstandardized"),
)
raw_output(x)
```

#### **Arguments**

For lm\_betaselect(). these arguments will be passed directly to lm(). For glm\_betaselect(), these arguments will be passed to glm(). For the printmethod of lm\_betaselect or glm\_betaselect objects, this will be passed to other methods.

to\_standardize A string vector, which should be the names of the variables to be standardized. Default is NULL, indicating all variables are to be standardized.

not\_to\_standardize

A string vector, which should be the names of the variables that should not be standardized. This argument is useful when most variables, except for a few, are to be standardized. This argument cannot be ued with to\_standardize at the

same time. Default is NULL, and only to\_standardize is used.

skip\_response Logical. If TRUE, will not standardize the response (outcome) variable even if

> it appears in to\_standardize or to\_standardize is not specified. Used for models such as logistic regression models in which there are some restrictions

on the response variables (e.g., only 0 or 1 for logistic regression).

do\_boot Whether bootstrapping will be conducted. Default is TRUE.

If do\_boot is TRUE, this argument is the number of bootstrap samples to draw. bootstrap

Default is 100. Should be set to 5000 or even 10000 for stable results.

iseed If do\_boot is TRUE and this argument is not NULL, it will be used by set.seed()

to set the seed for the random number generator. Default is NULL.

parallel If do\_boot is TRUE and this argument is TRUE, parallel processing will be used to

> do bootstrapping. Default is FALSE because bootstrapping for models fitted by stats::lm() or stats::glm() is rarely slow. Actually, if both parallel and progress are set to TRUE, the speed may even be slower than serial processing.

If do\_boot is TRUE and parallel is also TRUE, this argument is the number of ncpus

processes to be used in parallel processing. Default is parallel::detectCores(logical

= FALSE) - 1

Logical. If TRUE, progress bars will be displayed for long process. Default is progress

TRUE.

load\_balancing Logical. If parallel is TRUE, this determines whether load balancing will be

used. Default is FALSE because the gain in speed is usually minor.

model\_call The model function to be called. If "lm", the default, the model will be fitted

> by stats::lm(). If "glm", the model will be fitted by stats::glm(). Users should call the corresponding function directly rather than setting this argument

manually.

An lm\_betaselect or glm\_betaselect object.

The number of significant digits to be printed for the coefficients. digits

The coefficients to be printed. For "beta" or "standardized", the coefficients type

after selected variables standardized will be printed. For "raw" or "unstandardized",

the coefficients before standardization was done will be printed.

#### **Details**

The functions lm\_betaselect() and glm\_betaselect() let users select which variables to be standardized when computing the standardized solution. They have the following features:

- They automatically skip categorical predictors (i.e., factor or string variables).
- They do not standardize a product term, which is incorrect. Instead, they compute the product term with its component variables standardized, if requested.

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• They standardize the selected variables *before* fitting a model. Therefore, If a model has the term log(x) and x is one of the selected variables, the model used the logarithm of the *standardized* x in the model, instead of standardized log(x) which is difficult to interpret.

• They can be used to generate nonparametric bootstrap confidence intervals for the standardized solution. Bootstrap confidence interval is better than the default confidence interval ignoring the standardization because it takes into account the sampling variance of the standard deviations. Preliminary support for bootstrap confidence has been found for forming confidence intervals for coefficients involving standardized variables in linear regression (Jones & Waller, 2013).

#### **Problems With Common Approaches:**

In some regression programs, users have limited control on which variables to standardize when requesting the so-called "betas". The solution may be uninterpretable or misleading in these conditions:

- Dummy variables are standardized and their coefficients cannot be interpreted as the difference between two groups on the outcome variables.
- Product terms (interaction terms) are standardized and they cannot be interpreted as the changes in the effects of focal variables when the moderators change (Cheung, Cheung, Lau, Hui, & Vong, 2022).
- Variables with meaningful units can be more difficult to interpret when they are standardized (e.g., age).

#### **How The Function Work:**

They standardize the original variables *before* they are used in the model. Therefore, strictly speaking, they do not standardize the predictors in model, but standardize the *input variable* (Gelman et al., 2021).

The requested model is then fitted to the dataset with selected variables standardized. For the ease of follow-up analysis, both the results with selected variables standardized and the results without standardization are stored. If required, the results without standardization can be retrieved by raw\_output().

#### Methods:

The output of lm\_betaselect() is an lm\_betaselect-class object, and the output of glm\_betaselect() is a glm\_betaselect-class object. They have the following methods:

- A coef-method for extracting the coefficients of the model. (See coef.lm\_betaselect() and coef.glm\_betaselect() for details.)
- A vcov-method for extracting the variance-covariance matrix of the estimates of the coefficients. If bootstrapping is requested, it can return the matrix based on the bootstrapping estimates. (See vcov.lm\_betaselect() and vcov.glm\_betaselect() for details.)
- A confint-method for forming the confidence intervals of the estimates of the coefficients. If bootstrapping is requested, it can return the bootstrap confidence intervals. (See confint.lm\_betaselect() and confint.glm\_betaselect() for details.)
- A summary-method for printing the summary of the results, with additional information such as the number of bootstrap samples and which variables have been standardized. (See summary.lm\_betaselect() and summary.glm\_betaselect() for details.)
- An anova-method for printing the ANOVA table. Can also be used to compare two or more outputs of lm\_betaselect() or glm\_betaselect() (See anova.glm\_betaselect() and anova.glm\_betaselect() for details.)

• A predict-method for computing predicted values. It can be used to compute the predicted values given a set of new unstandardized data. The data will be standardized before computing the predicted values in the models with standardization. (See predict.lm\_betaselect() and predict.glm\_betaselect() for details.)

• The default update-method for updating a call also works for an lm\_betaselect object or a glm\_betaselect() object. It can update the model in the same way it updates a model fitted by stats::lm() or stats::glm(), and also update the arguments of lm\_betaselect() or glm\_betaselect() such as the variables to be standardized. (See stats::update() for details.)

Most other methods for the output of stats::lm() and stats::glm() should also work on an lm\_betaselect-class object or a glm\_betaselect-class object, respectively. Some of them will give the same results regardless of the variables standardized. Examples are rstandard() and cooks.distance(). For some others, they should be used with cautions if they make use of the variance-covariance matrix of the estimates.

To use the methods for lm objects or glm objects on the results without standardization, simply use  $raw\_output()$ . For example, to get the fitted values without standardization, call  $fitted(raw\_output(x))$ , where x is the output of  $lm\_betaselect()$  or  $glm\_betaselect()$ .

The function raw\_output() simply extracts the regression output by stats::lm() or stats::glm() on the variables without standardization.

#### Value

The function lm\_betaselect() returns an object of the class lm\_betaselect, The function glm\_betaselect() returns an object of the class glm\_betaselect. They are similar in structure to the output of stats::lm() and stats::glm(), with additional information stored.

The function raw\_output() returns an object of the class lm or glm, which are the results of fitting the model to the data by stats::lm() or stats::glm() without standardization.

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#### See Also

print.lm\_betaselect() and print.glm\_betaselect() for the print-methods.

```
data(data_test_mod_cat)
# Standardize only iv
lm_beta_x <- lm_betaselect(dv ~ iv*mod + cov1 + cat1,</pre>
                            data = data_test_mod_cat,
                            to_standardize = "iv")
lm beta x
summary(lm_beta_x)
# Manually standardize iv and call lm()
data_test_mod_cat$iv_z <- scale(data_test_mod_cat[, "iv"])[, 1]</pre>
lm_beta_x_manual <- lm(dv ~ iv_z*mod + cov1 + cat1,</pre>
                        data = data_test_mod_cat)
coef(lm_beta_x)
coef(lm_beta_x_manual)
# Standardize all numeric variables
lm_beta_all <- lm_betaselect(dv ~ iv*mod + cov1 + cat1,</pre>
                              data = data_test_mod_cat)
# Note that cat1 is not standardized
summary(lm_beta_all)
data(data_test_mod_cat)
data_test_mod_cat$p <- scale(data_test_mod_cat$dv)[, 1]</pre>
data_test_mod_cat$p <- ifelse(data_test_mod_cat$p > 0,
                               yes = 1,
                               no = 0)
# Standardize only iv
logistic_beta_x <- glm_betaselect(p ~ iv*mod + cov1 + cat1,</pre>
                                   family = binomial,
                                   data = data_test_mod_cat,
                                   to_standardize = "iv")
summary(logistic_beta_x)
logistic_beta_x
summary(logistic_beta_x)
# Manually standardize iv and call glm()
data_test_mod_cat$iv_z <- scale(data_test_mod_cat[, "iv"])[, 1]</pre>
logistic_beta_x_manual <- glm(p ~ iv_z*mod + cov1 + cat1,</pre>
                               family = binomial,
                               data = data_test_mod_cat)
```

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Predict Method for a 'glm\_betaselect' Object

# Description

Compute the predicted values in a model fitted by glm\_betaselect().

#### Usage

```
## $3 method for class 'glm_betaselect'
predict(
  object,
  model_type = c("beta", "standardized", "raw", "unstandardized"),
  newdata,
  ...
)
```

#### **Arguments**

object A glm\_betaselect-class object.

model\_type The model from which the predicted values are computed. For "beta" or

"standardized", the model is the one after selected variables standardized. For "raw" or "unstandardized", the model is the one before standardization was

done.

newdata If set to a data frame, the predicted values are computed using this data frame.

The data must be unstandardized. That is, the variables are of the same units as in the data frame used in glm\_betaselect(). If model\_type is "beta" or "standardized", it will be standardized using the setting of to\_standardize

when object is created in glm\_betaselect().

Arguments to be passed to stats::predict.glm(). Please refer to the help

page of stats::predict.glm().

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#### **Details**

It simply passes the model *before* or *after* selected variables are standardized to the predict-method of a glm object.

#### **IMPORTANT:**

Some statistics, such as prediction or confidence interval, which make use of the sampling variances and covariances of coefficient estimates *may* not be applicable to the models with one or more variables standardized. Therefore, they should only be used for exploratory purpose.

#### Value

```
It returns the output of stats::predict.glm().
```

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```

#### See Also

```
glm_betaselect() and stats::predict.glm()
```

# **Examples**

predict.lm\_betaselect Predict Method for an 'lm\_betaselect' Object

# **Description**

Compute the predicted values in a model fitted by lm\_betaselect().

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#### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'lm_betaselect'
predict(
  object,
  model_type = c("beta", "standardized", "raw", "unstandardized"),
  newdata,
  ...
)
```

#### **Arguments**

object An lm\_betaselect-class object.

model\_type The model from which the predicted values are computed. For "beta" or

"standardized", the model is the one after selected variables standardized. For "raw" or "unstandardized", the model is the one before standardization was

done.

newdata If set to a data frame, the predicted values are computed using this data frame.

The data must be unstandardized. That is, the variables are of the same units as in the data frame used in lm\_betaselect(). If model\_type is "beta" or "standardized", it will be standardized using the setting of to\_standardize

when object is created in lm\_betaselect().

... Arguments to be passed to stats::predict.lm(). Please refer to the help page

of stats::predict.lm().

#### **Details**

It simply passes the model *before* or *after* selected variables are standardized to the predict-method of an 1m object.

#### **IMPORTANT:**

Some statistics, such as prediction or confidence interval, which make use of the sampling variances and covariances of coefficient estimates *may* not be applicable to the models with one or more variables standardized. Therefore, they should only be used for exploratory purpose.

# Value

```
It returns the output of stats::predict.lm().
```

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```

#### See Also

```
lm_betaselect() and stats::predict.lm()
```

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#### **Examples**

```
data(data_test_mod_cat)
lm_beta_x <- lm_betaselect(dv ~ iv*mod + cov1 + cat1,</pre>
                            data = data_test_mod_cat,
                            to_standardize = "iv")
predict(lm_beta_x)
predict(lm_beta_x, model_type = "raw")
```

print.lav\_betaselect Print a 'lav\_betaselect' Object

#### **Description**

Print method for a 'lav betaselect' object, which is the output of lav\_betaselect().

#### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'lav_betaselect'
print(
  Х,
  . . . ,
 nd = 3,
 output = c("lavaan.printer", "table"),
  standardized_only = TRUE,
  show_Bs.by = FALSE,
 by_group = TRUE,
 na_str = " ",
  sig_stars = TRUE,
  ci_sig = TRUE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

output

A lav\_betaselect-class object, such as the output of lav\_betaselect(). Х

Optional arguments to be passed to print() methods.

nd

The number of digits after the decimal place. Default is 3.

String. How the results are printed. Default is "lavaan.printer", and the results will be printed in a format similar to the printout of the output of the summary-method of a 'lavaan'-class object. If set to "table", the results are printed in a table format similar to that of lavaan::parameterEstimates()

with output set to "data.frame".

standardized\_only

Logical. If TRUE, the default, only the results for the standardized solution will be printed. If FALSE, then the standardized solution is printed alongside the unstandardized solution, as in the printout of the output of summary() of a 'lavaan'class object.

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show_Bs.by	Logical. If TRUE and output is "lavaan.printer", then the column "Bs.by" is shown, indicating, for each parameter, the variables standardized. This column is not shown if output is not "lavaan.printer".
by_group	If TRUE, the default, and the model has more than one group, sections will be grouped by groups first, as in the print out of summary() in lavaan. If FALSE, then the sections will be grouped by sections first.
na_str	The string to be used for cells with NA. Default is " ", a whitespace.
sig_stars	If TRUE, the default, symbols such as asterisks (*, **, ***) will be used to denote whether a beta-select is significant.
ci_sig	If TRUE, the default, a beta-select will be denoted as significant or not significant based on its confidence interval.

#### **Details**

The default format of the printout, "lavaan.printer", is similar to that of the summary() of a lavaan object. Users can also select whether only the standardized solution is printed or whether the standardized solution is appended to the right of the printout.

If output is set to "table" 'the format is that of [lavaan::parameterEstimates()] with output = "data.frame", which is compact but not easy to read.

#### Value

x is returned invisibly. Called for its side effect.

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```

#### See Also

lav\_betaselect(). This function is adapted from semhelpinghands::print.std\_solution\_boot().

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```
print(fit_beta, output = "table")
```

std\_data

Standardize Selected Variables

#### **Description**

Standardize selected variables in a data frame or similar object.

# Usage

```
std_data(data, to_standardize)
```

# **Arguments**

data

A data frame or similar object.

to\_standardize A character vector of the column names of variables to be standardized.

# **Details**

This is a helper functions to be used by lm\_betaselect() and glm\_betaselect(). It assumes that the variables selected has been checked whether they are numeric.

# Value

A data frame similar to data, with selected variables standardized.

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```

```
data(data_test_mod_cat)
dat <- data_test_mod_cat
dat <- std_data(dat, to_standardize = c("iv", "dv"))
colMeans(dat[, c("dv", "iv")])
apply(dat[, c("dv", "iv")], 2, sd)</pre>
```

```
summary.glm_betaselect
```

Summary of an 'glm\_betaselect'-Class Object

#### **Description**

The summary method for glm\_betaselect-class objects.

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'glm_betaselect'
summary(
 object,
 dispersion = NULL,
 correlation = FALSE,
  symbolic.cor = FALSE,
  trace = FALSE,
  test = c("LRT", "Rao"),
  se_method = c("boot", "bootstrap", "z", "glm", "default"),
  ci = TRUE,
  level = 0.95,
  boot_type = c("perc", "bc"),
 boot_pvalue_type = c("asymmetric", "norm"),
  type = c("beta", "standardized", "raw", "unstandardized"),
  print_raw = c("none", "before_ci", "after_ci"),
  transform_b = NULL,
  transform_b_name = NULL,
)
## S3 method for class 'summary.glm_betaselect'
print(
  х,
  est_digits = 3,
  symbolic.cor = x$symbolic.cor,
  signif.stars = getOption("show.signif.stars"),
  show.residuals = FALSE,
 z_{digits} = 3,
 pvalue_less_than = 0.001,
)
```

#### **Arguments**

object The output of glm\_betaselect().

dispersion The dispersion parameter. If NULL, then it is extracted from the object. If a

scalar, it will be used as the dispersion parameter. See stats::summary.glm()

for details.

correlation If TRUE, the correlation matrix of the estimates will be returned. The same argu-

ment in stats::summary.glm(). Default is FALSE.

symbolic.cor If TRUE, correlations are printed in symbolic form as in stats::summary.glm().

Default is FALSE.

trace Logical. Whether profiling will be traced when forming the confidence inter-

val if se\_method is "default", "z", or "glm". Ignored if ci is FALSE. See

stats::confint.glm() for details.

test The test used for se\_method is "default", "z", or "glm". Ignored if ci is

FALSE. See stats::confint.glm() for details.

se\_method The method used to compute the standard errors and confidence intervals (if

requested). If bootstrapping was requested when calling glm\_betaselect() and this argument is set to "bootstrap" or "boot", the bootstrap standard errors are returned. If bootstrapping was not requested or if this argument is set to "z", "glm", or "default", then the usual glm standard errors are returned. Default

is "boot".

ci Logical. Whether confidence intervals are computed. Default is FALSE.

1evel The level of confidence, default is .95, returning the 95% confidence interval.

boot\_type The type of bootstrap confidence intervals, if requested. Currently, it supports

"perc", percentile bootstrap confidence intervals, and "bc", bias-corrected boot-

strap confidence interval.

boot\_pvalue\_type

The type of p-values if se\_method is "boot" or "bootstrap". If "norm", then the z score is used to compute the p-value using a standard normal distribution. If "asymmetric", the default, then the method presented in Asparouhov and Muthén (2021) is used to compute the p-value based on the bootstrap distribu-

tion.

type String. If "unstandardized" or "raw", the output before standardization are

used If "beta" or "standardized", then the output after selected variables

standardized are returned. Default is "beta".

print\_raw Control whether the estimates before selected standardization are printed when

type is "beta" or "standardized". If "none", the default, then it will not be printed. If set to "before\_ci" and ci is TRUE, then will be inserted to the left of

the confidence intervals. If set to "after\_ci" and ciis TRUE, then will be printed to the right of the

then will be printed to the right of the standardized estimates.

transform\_b The function to be used to transform the confidence limits. For example, if set to

exp, the confidence limits will be exponentiated. Users need to decide whether

the transformed limits are meaningful. Default is NULL.

transform\_b\_name

If transform\_b is a function, then this is the name of the transformed coefficients. Default is "Estimate(Transformed)"

.. Additional arguments passed to other methods.

The output of summary.glm\_betaselect().

est\_digits The number of digits after the decimal to be displayed for the coefficient esti-

mates, their standard errors, and confidence intervals (if present). Note that the values will be rounded to this number of digits before printing. If all digits at this position are zero for all values, the values may be displayed with fewer digits. Note that the coefficient table is printed by stats::printCoefmat(). If some numbers are vary large, the number of digits after the decimal may be smaller

than est\_digits due to a limit on the column width.

signif.stars Whether "stars" (asterisks) are printed to denote the level of significance achieved

for each coefficient. Default is TRUE.

show.residuals If TRUE, a summary of the deviance residuals will be printed. Default is FALSE.

 $z_{digits}$  The number of digits after the decimal to be displayed for the z or similar statistic

(in the column "z value").

pvalue\_less\_than

If a *p*-value is less than this value, it will be displayed with "<(this value)". For example, if pvalue\_less\_than is .001, the default, *p*-values less than .001 will be displayed as < .001. This value also determines the printout of the *p*-

value of the F statistic. (This argument does what eps.Pvalue does in stats::printCoefmat().)

#### **Details**

By default, it returns a summary.glm\_betaselect-class object for the results with selected variables standardized. By setting type to "raw" or "unstandardized", it returns the summary for the results *before* standardization.

The print method of summary.glm\_betaselect-class objects is adapted from stdmod::print.summary.std\_selected()

### Value

It returns an object of class summary.glm\_betaselect, which is similar to the output of stats::summary.glm(), with additional information on the standardization and bootstrapping, if requested.

The print-method of summary. $glm_betaselect$  is called for its side effect. The object x is returned invisibly.

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```

#### References

Asparouhov, A., & Muthén, B. (2021). Bootstrap p-value computation. Retrieved from https://www.statmodel.com/download/Bootstrap%20-%20Pvalue.pdf

#### See Also

```
glm_betaselect()
```

#### **Examples**

summary.lm\_betaselect Summary of an 'lm\_betaselect'-Class Object

# Description

The summary method for lm\_betaselect-class objects.

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'lm_betaselect'
summary(
 object,
  correlation = FALSE,
  symbolic.cor = FALSE,
  se_method = c("boot", "bootstrap", "t", "lm", "ls"),
  ci = TRUE,
 level = 0.95,
 boot_type = c("perc", "bc"),
 boot_pvalue_type = c("asymmetric", "norm"),
  type = c("beta", "standardized", "raw", "unstandardized"),
 print_raw = c("none", "before_ci", "after_ci"),
)
## S3 method for class 'summary.lm_betaselect'
print(
 Х,
 est_digits = 3,
  symbolic.cor = x$symbolic.cor,
  signif.stars = getOption("show.signif.stars"),
  tz_digits = 3,
  pvalue_less_than = 0.001,
```

)

#### **Arguments**

object The output of lm\_betaselect().

correlation If TRUE, the correlation matrix of the estimates will be returned. The same argu-

ment in stats::summary.lm(). Default is FALSE.

symbolic.cor If TRUE, correlations are printed in symbolic form as in stats::summary.lm().

Default is FALSE.

se\_method The method used to compute the standard errors and confidence intervals (if

requested). If bootstrapping was requested when calling lm\_betaselect() and this argument is set to "bootstrap" or "boot", the bootstrap standard errors are returned. If bootstrapping was not requested or if this argument is set to "t", "lm", or "ls", then the usual lm standard errors are returned. Default is "boot".

ci Logical. Whether confidence intervals are computed. Default is TRUE.

level The level of confidence, default is .95, returning the 95% confidence interval.

boot\_type The type of bootstrap confidence intervals, if requested. Currently, it supports

"perc", percentile bootstrap confidence intervals, and "bc", bias-corrected boot-

strap confidence interval.

boot\_pvalue\_type

The type of p-values if se\_method is "boot" or "bootstrap". If "norm", then the z score is used to compute the p-value using a standard normal distribution. If "asymmetric", the default, then the method presented in Asparouhov and Muthén (2021) is used to compute the p-value based on the bootstrap distribu-

tion.

type String. If "unstandardized" or "raw", the output before standardization are

used If "beta" or "standardized", then the output after selected variables

standardized are returned. Default is "beta".

print\_raw Control whether the estimates before selected standardization are printed when

type is "beta" or "standardized". If "none", the default, then it will not be printed. If set to "before\_ci" and ci is TRUE, then will be inserted to the left of

the confidence intervals. If set to "after\_ci"andciisTRUE, then will be printed to the right of the

then will be printed to the right of the standardized estimates.

.. Additional arguments passed to other methods.

x The output of summary.lm\_betaselect().

timates, their standard errors, and confidence intervals (if present). Note that the values will be rounded to this number of digits before printing. If all digits at this position are zero for all values, the values may be displayed with fewer digits. Note that the coefficient table is printed by stats::printCoefmat(). If some numbers are vary large, the number of digits after the decimal may be smaller than est\_digits due to a limit on the column width. This value also

determines the number of digits for displayed R-squared.

signif.stars Whether "stars" (asterisks) are printed to denote the level of significance achieved

for each coefficient. Default is TRUE.

tz\_digits The number of digits after the decimal to be displayed for the *t* or similar statistic

(in the column "t value" or "z value"). This value also determines the number

of digits for the F statistic for the R-squared.

pvalue\_less\_than

If a p-value is less than this value, it will be displayed with "<(this value)". For example, if pvalue\_less\_than is .001, the default, p-values less than .001 will be displayed as <.001. This value also determines the printout of the p-

value of the F statistic. (This argument does what eps.Pvalue does in stats::printCoefmat().)

#### **Details**

By default, it returns a summary. lm\_betaselect-class object for the results with selected variables standardized. By setting type to "raw" or "unstandardized", it return the summary for the results before standardization.

The print method of summary.lm\_betaselect-class objects is adapted from stdmod::print.summary.std\_selected().

#### Value

It returns an object of class summary. lm\_betaselect, which is similar to the output of stats::summary.lm(), with additional information on the standardization and bootstrapping, if requested.

The print-method of summary.lm\_betaselect is called for its side effect. The object x is returned invisibly.

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## References

Asparouhov, A., & Muthén, B. (2021). Bootstrap p-value computation. Retrieved from https://www.statmodel.com/download/Bootstrap%20-%20Pvalue.pdf

#### See Also

```
lm_betaselect()
```

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```
summary(lm_beta_x)
summary(lm_beta_x, ci = TRUE)
summary(lm_beta_x, boot_pvalue_type = "norm")
summary(lm_beta_x, type = "raw")
```

vcov.lm\_betaselect

The 'vcov' Method for 'lm\_betaselect' and glm\_betaselect Objects

# Description

Compute the variance-covariance matrix of estimates in the output of lm\_betaselect() or glm\_betaselect().

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'lm_betaselect'
vcov(
  object,
  method = c("boot", "bootstrap", "ls", "default"),
  type = c("beta", "standardized", "raw", "unstandardized"),
  warn = TRUE,
  ...
)

## S3 method for class 'glm_betaselect'
vcov(
  object,
  method = c("boot", "bootstrap", "ls", "default"),
  type = c("beta", "standardized", "raw", "unstandardized"),
  warn = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

#### **Arguments**

object

The output of lm\_betaselect() or an lm\_betaselect-class object, or the output of glm\_betaselect() or a glm\_betaselect.

method

The method used to compute the variance-covariance matrix. If bootstrapping was requested when calling lm\_betaselect() or glm\_betaselect() and this argument is set to "bootstrap" or "boot", the bootstrap variance-covariance matrix is returned. If bootstrapping was not requested or if this argument is set to "ls" or "default", then the usual lm or glm variance-covariance matrix is returned, with a warning raised unless type is "raw" or "unstandardized". Default is "boot".

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type	String. If "unstandardized" or "raw", the variance-covariance matrix of the coefficients <i>before</i> standardization are returned. If "beta" or "standardized", then the variance-covariance matrix of the coefficients <i>after</i> selected variables standardized are returned. Default is "beta".
warn	Logical. WHether a warning will be raised is OLS (or WLS) variance-covariance matrix is requested for the model with some variables standardized (i.e., type is "beta" or "standardized"). Default is TRUE.
	Other arguments to be passed to stats::vcov().

#### **Details**

The type of variance-covariance matrix depends on the object. If bootstrapping was requested, by default it returns the bootstrap variance-covariance matrix. Otherwise, it returns the default variance-covariance matrix and raises a warning.

Support for other type of variance-covariance matrix will be added.

#### Value

A matrix of the variances and covariances of the parameter estimates.

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#### See Also

```
lm_betaselect() and glm_betaselect()
```

```
data(data_test_mod_cat)
# bootstrap should be set to 2000 or 5000 in real studies
lm_beta_x <- lm_betaselect(dv ~ iv*mod + cov1 + cat1,</pre>
                           data = data_test_mod_cat,
                           to_standardize = "iv",
                           do_boot = TRUE,
                           bootstrap = 100,
                           iseed = 1234)
vcov(lm_beta_x)
# A warning is expected for the following call
vcov(lm_beta_x, method = "ls")
vcov(lm_beta_x, type = "raw")
data_test_mod_cat$p <- scale(data_test_mod_cat$dv)[, 1]</pre>
data_test_mod_cat$p <- ifelse(data_test_mod_cat$p > 0,
                              yes = 1,
                               no = 0)
```

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