

# Package ‘simex’

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### Description

Package `simex` is an implementation of the SIMEX–algorithm by Cook and Stephanski and the MCSIMEX–Algorithm by Küchenhoff, Mwalili and Lesaffre.

### Details

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The package includes first of all the implementation for the SIMEX– and MCSIMEX–Algorithms. Jackknife and asymptotic variance estimation are implemented. Various methods and analytic tools are provided for a simple and fast access to the SIMEX– and MCSIMEX–Algorithm.

Functions `simex()` and `mcsimex()` can be used on models issued from `lm()`, `glm()` with asymptotic estimation. Models from `nls()`, `gam()` (package **mgcv**), `polr()` (package **MASS**), `lme()`, `nlme()` (package **nlme**) and `coxph()` (package **survival**) can also be corrected with these algorithms, but without asymptotic estimations.

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### References

Lederer, W. and Küchenhoff, H. (2006) A short introduction to the SIMEX and MCSIMEX. *R News*, **6/4**, 26 – 31

**See Also**

simex, mcsimex, misclass

and for functions generating the initial naive models: lm, glm, nls, gam, lme, nlme, polr, coxph

**Examples**

```
# See example(simex) and example(mcsimex)
## Seed
set.seed(49494)

## simulating the measurement error standard deviations
sd_me1 <- 0.3
sd_me2 <- 0.4
temp <- runif(100, min = 0, max = 0.6)
sd_me_het1 <- sort(temp)
temp2 <- rnorm(100, sd = 0.1)
sd_me_het2 <- abs(sd_me_het1 + temp2)

## simulating the independent variables x (real and with measurement error):
x_real1 <- rnorm(100)
x_real2 <- rpois(100, lambda = 2)
x_real3 <- -4*x_real1 + runif(100, min = -2, max = 2) # correlated to x_real

x_measured1 <- x_real1 + sd_me1 * rnorm(100)
x_measured2 <- x_real2 + sd_me2 * rnorm(100)
x_het1 <- x_real1 + sd_me_het1 * rnorm(100)
x_het2 <- x_real3 + sd_me_het2 * rnorm(100)

## calculating dependent variable y:
y1 <- x_real1 + rnorm(100, sd = 0.05)
y2 <- x_real1 + 2*x_real2 + rnorm(100, sd = 0.08)
y3 <- x_real1 + 2*x_real3 + rnorm(100, sd = 0.08)

### one variable with homoscedastic measurement error
(model_real <- lm(y1 ~ x_real1))

(model_naiv <- lm(y1 ~ x_measured1, x = TRUE))

(model_simex <- simex(model_naiv, SIMEXvariable = "x_measured1", measurement.error = sd_me1)
plot(model_simex)

### two variables with homoscedastic measurement errors
(model_real2 <- lm(y2 ~ x_real1 + x_real2))

(model_naiv2 <- lm(y2 ~ x_measured1 + x_measured2, x = TRUE))

(model_simex2 <- simex(model_naiv2, SIMEXvariable = c("x_measured1", "x_measured2"),
  measurement.error = cbind(sd_me1, sd_me2)))
```

```

plot(model_simex2)

### one variable with increasing heteroscedastic measurement error
model_real

(mod_naiv1 <- lm(y1 ~ x_het1, x = TRUE))

(mod_simex1 <- simex(mod_naiv1, SIMEXvariable = "x_het1",
  measurement.error = sd_me_het1, asymptotic = FALSE))

plot(mod_simex1)

## Not run:
### two correlated variables with heteroscedastic measurement errors
(model_real3 <- lm(y3 ~ x_reall + x_real3))

(mod_naiv2 <- lm(y3 ~ x_het1 + x_het2, x = TRUE))

(mod_simex2 <- simex(mod_naiv2, SIMEXvariable = c("x_het1", "x_het2"),
  measurement.error = cbind(sd_me_het1, sd_me_het2), asymptotic = FALSE))
plot(mod_simex2)

### two variables, one with homoscedastic, one with heteroscedastic measurement error
model_real2

(mod_naiv3 <- lm(y2 ~ x_measured1 + x_het2, x = TRUE))

(mod_simex3 <- simex(mod_naiv3, SIMEXvariable = c("x_measured1", "x_het2"),
  measurement.error = cbind(sd_me1, sd_me_het2), asymptotic = FALSE))

### glm: two variables, one with homoscedastic, one with heteroscedastic measurement error
t <- x_reall + 2*x_real2
g <- 1 / (1 + exp(-t))
u <- runif(100)
ybin <- as.numeric(u < g)

(logit_real <- glm(ybin ~ x_reall + x_real2, family = binomial))

(logit_naiv <- glm(ybin ~ x_measured1 + x_het2, x = TRUE, family = binomial))

(logit_simex <- simex(logit_naiv, SIMEXvariable = c("x_measured1", "x_het2"),
  measurement.error = cbind(sd_me1, sd_me_het2), asymptotic = FALSE))
summary(logit_simex)
print(logit_simex)
plot(logit_simex)

## End(Not run)

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`diag.block`*Constructs a block diagonal matrix*

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**Description**

The function takes a `list` and constructs a block diagonal matrix with the elements of the list on the diagonal. If `d` is not a list then `d` will be repeated `n` times and written on the diagonal (a wrapper for `kronecker()`)

**Usage**

```
diag.block(d, n)
```

**Arguments**

<code>d</code>	a list of matrices or vectors, or a matrix or vector
<code>n</code>	number of repetitions

**Value**

returns a matrix with the elements of the list or the repetitions of the supplied matrix or vector on the diagonal.

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**See Also**

`diag`, `kronecker`

**Examples**

```
a <- matrix(rep(1, 4), nrow = 2)
b <- matrix(rep(2, 6), nrow = 2)
e <- c(3, 3, 3, 3)
f <- t(e)
d <- list(a, b, e, f)
diag.block(d)
diag.block(a, 3)
```

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 mc.matrix

*Build and check misclassification matrices from empirical estimations*


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### Description

Empirical misclassification matrices to the power of lambda may not exist for small values of lambda. These functions provide methods to estimate the nearest version of the misclassification matrix that satisfies the conditions a misclassification matrix has to fulfill, and to check it (existence for exponents smaller than 1).

### Usage

```
build.mc.matrix(mc.matrix, method = "series",
  tuning = sqrt(.Machine$double.eps), diag.cor = FALSE,
  tol = .Machine$double.eps, max.iter = 100)
```

### Arguments

mc.matrix	an empirical misclassification matrix
method	method used to estimate the generator for the misclassification matrix. One of "series", "log" or "jlt" (see Details)
tuning	security parameter for numerical reasons
diag.cor	should corrections be subtracted from the diagonal or from all values corresponding to the size?
tol	tolerance level for series method for convergence
max.iter	maximal number of iterations for the series method to converge. Ignored if method is not "series"

### Details

Method "series" constructs a generator via the series

$$(P_i - I) - (P_i - I)^2/2 + (P_i - I)^3/3 - \dots$$

Method "log" constructs the generator via taking the log of the misclassification matrix. Small negative off-diagonal values are corrected and set to (0 + tuning). The amount used to correct for negative values is added to the diagonal element if `diag.cor = TRUE` and distributed among all values if `diag.cor = FALSE`.

Method "jlt" uses the method described by Jarrow et al. (see Israel et al.).

### Value

`build.mc.matrix()` returns a misclassification matrix that is the closest estimate for a working misclassification matrix.

`check.mc.matrix()` returns a vector of logicals.

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**References**

Israel, R.B., Rosenthal, J.S., Wei, J.Z., Finding generators for Markov Chains via empirical transition matrices, with applications to credit ratings, *Mathematical Finance*, **11**, 245–265

**See Also**

mcsimex, misclass, diag.block

**Examples**

```
Pi <- matrix(data = c(0.989, 0.01, 0.001, 0.17, 0.829, 0.001, 0.001, 0.18, 0.819),
  nrow = 3, byrow = FALSE)
check.mc.matrix(list(Pi))
check.mc.matrix(list(build.mc.matrix(Pi)))
build.mc.matrix(Pi)

Pi3 <- matrix(c(0.8, 0.2, 0, 0, 0, 0.8, 0.1, 0.1, 0, 0.1, 0.8, 0.1, 0, 0, 0.3, 0.7), nrow =
  check.mc.matrix(list(Pi3))
build.mc.matrix(Pi3)
check.mc.matrix(list(build.mc.matrix(Pi3)))
P1 <- matrix(c(1, 0, 0, 1), nrow = 2)
P2 <- matrix(c(0.8, 0.15, 0, 0.2, 0.7, 0.2, 0, 0.15, 0.8), nrow = 3, byrow = TRUE)
P3 <- matrix(c(0.4, 0.6, 0.6, 0.4), nrow = 2)
mc.matrix <- list(P1, P2, P3)
check.mc.matrix(mc.matrix) # TRUE FALSE FALSE
```

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mcsimex

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*Misclassification in models using MCSIMEX*


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**Description**

Implementation of the misclassification MCSIMEX algorithm as described by Küchenhoff, Mwalili and Lesaffre.

**Usage**

```
mcsimex(model, SIMEXvariable, mc.matrix, lambda = c(0.5, 1, 1.5, 2),
  B = 100, fitting.method = "quadratic",
  jackknife.estimation = "quadratic", asymptotic = TRUE)

## S3 method for class 'mcsimex'
plot(x, xlab = expression((1 + lambda)),
  ylab = colnames(b)[-1], ask = FALSE, show = rep(TRUE, NCOL(b) - 1),
```

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...))

## S3 method for class 'mcsimex'
predict(object, newdata, ...)

## S3 method for class 'mcsimex'
print(x, digits = max(3, getOption("digits") - 3), ...)

## S3 method for class 'summary.mcsimex'
print(x, digits = max(3, getOption("digits") -
  3), ...)

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

## S3 method for class 'mcsimex'
refit(object, fitting.method = "quadratic",
  jackknife.estimation = "quadratic", asymptotic = TRUE, ...)

```

## Arguments

<code>model</code>	the naive model, the misclassified variable must be a factor
<code>SIMEXvariable</code>	vector of names of the variables for which the MCSIMEX-method should be applied
<code>mc.matrix</code>	if one variable is misclassified it can be a matrix. If more than one variable is misclassified it must be a list of the misclassification matrices, names must match with the <code>SIMEXvariable</code> names, column- and row-names must match with the factor levels. If a special misclassification is desired, the name of a function can be specified (see details)
<code>lambda</code>	vector of exponents for the misclassification matrix (without 0)
<code>B</code>	number of iterations for each lambda
<code>fitting.method</code>	linear, quadratic and loglinear are implemented (first 4 letters are enough)
<code>jackknife.estimation</code>	specifying the extrapolation method for jackknife variance estimation. Can be set to <code>FALSE</code> if it should not be performed
<code>asymptotic</code>	logical, indicating if asymptotic variance estimation should be done, the option <code>x = TRUE</code> must be enabled in the naive model
<code>x</code>	object of class 'mcsimex'
<code>xlab</code>	optional name for the X-Axis
<code>ylab</code>	vector containing the names for the Y-Axis
<code>ask</code>	logical. If <code>TRUE</code> , the user is asked for input, before a new figure is drawn
<code>show</code>	vector of logicals indicating for which variables a plot should be produced



...	arguments passed to other functions
object	object of class 'mcsimex'
newdata	optionally, a data frame in which to look for variables with which to predict. If omitted, the fitted linear predictors are used
digits	number of digits to be printed

## Details

If `mc.matrix` is a function the first argument of that function must be the whole dataset used in the naive model, the second argument must be the exponent (`lambda`) for the misclassification. The function must return a `data.frame` containing the misclassified SIMEXvariable. An example can be found below.

Asymptotic variance estimation is only implemented for `lm` and `glm`

The loglinear fit has the form  $g(\lambda, \text{GAMMA}) = \exp(\text{gamma0} + \text{gamma1} * \lambda)$ . It is realized via the `log()` function. To avoid negative values the minimum +1 of the dataset is added and after the prediction later subtracted  $\exp(\text{predict}(\dots)) - \min(\text{data}) - 1$ .

The 'log2' fit is fitted via the `nls()` function for direct fitting of the model  $y \sim \exp(\text{gamma}.0 + \text{gamma}.1 * \lambda)$ . As starting values the results of a LS-fit to a linear model with a log transformed response are used. If `nls` does not converge, the model with the starting values is returned.

`refit()` refits the object with a different extrapolation function.

## Value

An object of class 'mcsimex' which contains:

<code>coefficients</code>	corrected coefficients of the MCSIMEX model,
<code>SIMEX.estimates</code>	the MCSIMEX-estimates of the coefficients for each lambda,
<code>lambda</code>	the values of lambda,
<code>model</code>	the naive model,
<code>mc.matrix</code>	the misclassification matrix,
<code>B</code>	the number of iterations,
<code>extrapolation</code>	the model object of the extrapolation step,
<code>fitting.method</code>	the fitting method used in the extrapolation step,
<code>SIMEXvariable</code>	name of the SIMEXvariables,
<code>call</code>	the function call,
<code>variance.jackknife</code>	the jackknife variance estimates,
<code>extrapolation.variance</code>	the model object of the variance extrapolation,

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variance.jackknife.lambda
    the data set for the extrapolation,
variance.asymptotic
    the asymptotic variance estimates,
theta
    all estimated coefficients for each lambda and B,
...

```

### Methods (by generic)

- `plot`: Plots of the simulation and extrapolation
- `predict`: Predict with mcsimex correction
- `print`: Nice printing
- `print`: Print summary nicely
- `summary`: Summary for mcsimex
- `refit`: Refits the model with a different extrapolation function

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- Lederer, W. and Küchenhoff, H. (2006) A short introduction to the SIMEX and MCSIMEX. *R News*, **6(4)**, 26–31

### See Also

`misclass`, `simex`

### Examples

```

x <- rnorm(200, 0, 1.142)
z <- rnorm(200, 0, 2)
y <- factor(rbinom(200, 1, (1 / (1 + exp(-1 * (-2 + 1.5 * x -0.5 * z))))))
Pi <- matrix(data = c(0.9, 0.1, 0.3, 0.7), nrow = 2, byrow = FALSE)
dimnames(Pi) <- list(levels(y), levels(y))
ystar <- misclass(data.frame(y), list(y = Pi), k = 1)[, 1]
naive.model <- glm(ystar ~ x + z, family = binomial, x = TRUE, y = TRUE)
true.model <- glm(y ~ x + z, family = binomial)
simex.model <- mcsimex(naive.model, mc.matrix = Pi, SIMEXvariable = "ystar")

op <- par(mfrow = c(2, 3))
invisible(lapply(simex.model$theta, boxplot, notch = TRUE, outline = FALSE,

```

```

names = c(0.5, 1, 1.5, 2))
plot(simex.model)
simex.model2 <- refit(simex.model, "line")
plot(simex.model2)
par(op)

# example using polr from the MASS package
## Not run:
if(require(MASS)) {
  yord <- cut((1 / (1 + exp(-1 * (-2 + 1.5 * x -0.5 * z)))), 3, ordered=TRUE)
  Pi3 <- matrix(data = c(0.8, 0.1, 0.1, 0.2, 0.7, 0.1, 0.1, 0.2, 0.7), nrow = 3, byrow = FALSE)
  dimnames(Pi3) <- list(levels(yord), levels(yord))
  ystarord <- misclass(data.frame(yord), list(yord = Pi3), k = 1)[, 1]
  naive.ord.model <- polr(ystarord ~ x + z, Hess = TRUE)
  simex.ord.model <- mcsimex(naive.ord.model, mc.matrix = Pi3,
    SIMEXvariable = "ystarord", asymptotic=FALSE)
}

## End(Not run)

# example for a function which can be supplied to the function mcsimex()
# "ystar" is the variable which is to be misclassified
# using the example above
## Not run:
my.misclass <- function (datas, k) {
  ystar <- datas$"ystar"
  p1 <- matrix(data = c(0.75, 0.25, 0.25, 0.75), nrow = 2, byrow = FALSE)
  colnames(p1) <- levels(ystar)
  rownames(p1) <- levels(ystar)
  p0 <- matrix(data = c(0.8, 0.2, 0.2, 0.8), nrow = 2, byrow = FALSE)

  colnames(p0) <- levels(ystar)
  rownames(p0) <- levels(ystar)
  ystar[datas$x < 0] <-
  misclass(data.frame(ystar = ystar[datas$x < 0]), list(ystar = p1), k = k)[, 1]
  ystar[datas$x > 0] <-
  misclass(data.frame(ystar = ystar[datas$x > 0]), list(ystar = p0), k = k)[, 1]
  ystar <- factor(ystar)
  return(data.frame(ystar))}

simex.model.differential <- mcsimex(naive.model, mc.matrix = "my.misclass", SIMEXvariable =

## End(Not run)

```

**Description**

Takes a `data.frame` and produces misclassified data. Probabilities for the missclassification are given in `mc.matrix`.

**Usage**

```
misclass(data.org, mc.matrix, k = 1)
```

**Arguments**

<code>data.org</code>	<code>data.frame</code> containing the factor variables. Must be factors.
<code>mc.matrix</code>	a list of matrices giving the probabilities for the misclassification. Names of the list must correspond to the variable names in <code>data.org</code> . The colnames must be named according to the factor levels.
<code>k</code>	the exponent for the misclassification matrix

**Value**

A `data.frame` containing the misclassified variables

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**See Also**

`mcsimex`, `mc.matrix`, `diag.block`

**Examples**

```
x1 <- factor(rbinom(100, 1, 0.5))
x2 <- factor(rbinom(100, 2, 0.5))

p1 <- matrix(c(1, 0, 0, 1), nrow = 2)
p2 <- matrix(c(0.8, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.8, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.8), nrow = 3)

colnames(p1) <- levels(x1)
colnames(p2) <- levels(x2)

x <- data.frame(x1 = x1, x2 = x2)
mc.matrix <- list(x1 = p1, x2 = p2)

x.mc <- misclass(data.org = x, mc.matrix = mc.matrix, k = 1)

identical(x[, 1], x.mc[, 1]) # TRUE
identical(x[, 2], x.mc[, 2]) # FALSE
```

simex

*Measurement error in models using SIMEX***Description**

Implementation of the SIMEX algorithm for measurement error models according to Cook and Stefanski

**Usage**

```
simex(model, SIMEXvariable, measurement.error, lambda = c(0.5, 1, 1.5,
  2), B = 100, fitting.method = "quadratic",
  jackknife.estimation = "quadratic", asymptotic = TRUE)

## S3 method for class 'simex'
plot(x, xlab = expression((1 + lambda)),
  ylab = colnames(b)[-1], ask = FALSE, show = rep(TRUE, NCOL(b) - 1),
  ...)

## S3 method for class 'simex'
predict(object, newdata, ...)

## S3 method for class 'simex'
print(x, digits = max(3, getOption("digits") - 3), ...)

## S3 method for class 'summary.simex'
print(x, digits = max(3, getOption("digits") -
  3), ...)

## S3 method for class 'simex'
refit(object, fitting.method = "quadratic",
  jackknife.estimation = "quadratic", asymptotic = TRUE, ...)

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

**Arguments**

model	the naive model
SIMEXvariable	character or vector of characters containing the names of the variables with measurement error
measurement.error	given standard deviations of measurement errors. In case of homoskedastic measurement error it is a matrix with dimension $1 \times \text{length}(\text{SIMEXvariable})$ . In case of heteroskedastic error for at least one SIMEXvariable it is a matrix of dimension $n \times$

<code>lambda</code>	vector of lambdas for which the simulation step should be done (without 0)
<code>B</code>	number of iterations for each lambda
<code>fitting.method</code>	fitting method for the extrapolation. <code>linear</code> , <code>quadratic</code> , <code>nonlinear</code> are implemented. (first 4 letters are enough)
<code>jackknife.estimation</code>	specifying the extrapolation method for jackknife variance estimation. Can be set to <code>FALSE</code> if it should not be performed
<code>asymptotic</code>	logical, indicating if asymptotic variance estimation should be done, in the naive model the option <code>x = TRUE</code> has to be set
<code>x</code>	object of class 'simex'
<code>xlab</code>	optional name for the X-Axis
<code>ylab</code>	vector containing the names for the Y-Axis
<code>ask</code>	logical. If <code>TRUE</code> , the user is asked for input, before a new figure is drawn
<code>show</code>	vector of logicals indicating for wich variables a plot should be produced
<code>...</code>	arguments passed to other functions
<code>object</code>	of class 'simex'
<code>newdata</code>	optionally, a data frame in which to look for variables with which to predict. If omitted, the fitted linear predictors are used
<code>digits</code>	number of digits to be printed

### Details

Nonlinear is implemented as described in Cook and Stefanski, but is numerically instable. It is not advisable to use this feature. If a nonlinear extrapolation is desired please use the `refit()` method.

Asymptotic is only implemented for naive models of class `lm` or `glm` with homoscedastic measurement error.

`refit()` refits the object with a different extrapolation function.

### Value

An object of class 'simex' which contains:

<code>coefficients</code>	the corrected coefficients of the SIMEX model,
<code>SIMEX.estimates</code>	the estimates for every lambda,
<code>model</code>	the naive model,
<code>measurement.error</code>	the known error standard deviations,
<code>B</code>	the number of iterations,
<code>extrapolation</code>	the model object of the extrapolation step,

`fitting.method`            the fitting method used in the extrapolation step,  
`residuals`                the residuals of the main model,  
`fitted.values`            the fitted values of the main model,  
`call`                      the function call,  
`variance.jackknife`        the jackknife variance estimate,  
`extrapolation.variance`    the model object of the variance extrapolation,  
`variance.jackknife.lambda` the data set for the extrapolation,  
`variance.asymptotic`      the asymptotic variance estimates,  
`theta`                     the estimates for every B and lambda,  
...

### Methods (by generic)

- `plot`: Plot the simulation and extrapolation step
- `predict`: Predict using simex correction
- `print`: Print simex nicely
- `print`: Print summary nicely
- `refit`: Refits the model with a different extrapolation function
- `summary`: Summary of simulation and extrapolation

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**See Also**

mcsimex for discrete data with misclassification, lm, glm

**Examples**

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## Seed
set.seed(49494)

## simulating the measurement error standard deviations
sd_me <- 0.3
sd_me2 <- 0.4
temp <- runif(100, min = 0, max = 0.6)
sd_me_het1 <- sort(temp)
temp2 <- rnorm(100, sd = 0.1)
sd_me_het2 <- abs(sd_me_het1 + temp2)

## simulating the independent variables x (real and with measurement error):

x_real <- rnorm(100)
x_real2 <- rpois(100, lambda = 2)
x_real3 <- -4*x_real + runif(100, min = -10, max = 10) # correlated to x_real

x_measured <- x_real + sd_me * rnorm(100)
x_measured2 <- x_real2 + sd_me2 * rnorm(100)
x_het1 <- x_real + sd_me_het1 * rnorm(100)
x_het2 <- x_real3 + sd_me_het2 * rnorm(100)

## calculating dependent variable y:
y <- x_real + rnorm(100, sd = 0.05)
y2 <- x_real + 2*x_real2 + rnorm(100, sd = 0.08)
y3 <- x_real + 2*x_real3 + rnorm(100, sd = 0.08)

### one variable with homoscedastic measurement error
(model_real <- lm(y ~ x_real))

(model_naiv <- lm(y ~ x_measured, x = TRUE))

(model_simex <- simex(model_naiv, SIMEXvariable = "x_measured", measurement.error = sd_me))
plot(model_simex)

### two variables with homoscedastic measurement errors
(model_real2 <- lm(y2 ~ x_real + x_real2))
(model_naiv2 <- lm(y2 ~ x_measured + x_measured2, x = TRUE))
(model_simex2 <- simex(model_naiv2, SIMEXvariable = c("x_measured", "x_measured2"),
  measurement.error = cbind(sd_me, sd_me2)))

plot(model_simex2)

## Not run:
### one variable with increasing heteroscedastic measurement error
model_real
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(mod_naiv1 <- lm(y ~ x_het1, x = TRUE))
(mod_simex1 <- simex(mod_naiv1, SIMEXvariable = "x_het1",
  measurement.error = sd_me_het1, asymptotic = FALSE))

plot(mod_simex1)

### two correlated variables with heteroscedastic measurement errors
(model_real3 <- lm(y3 ~ x_real + x_real3))
(mod_naiv2 <- lm(y3 ~ x_het1 + x_het2, x = TRUE))
(mod_simex2 <- simex(mod_naiv2, SIMEXvariable = c("x_het1", "x_het2"),
  measurement.error = cbind(sd_me_het1, sd_me_het2), asymptotic = FALSE))

plot(mod_simex2)

### two variables, one with homoscedastic, one with heteroscedastic measurement error
model_real2
(mod_naiv3 <- lm(y2 ~ x_measured + x_het2, x = TRUE))
(mod_simex3 <- simex(mod_naiv3, SIMEXvariable = c("x_measured", "x_het2"),
  measurement.error = cbind(sd_me, sd_me_het2), asymptotic = FALSE))

### glm: two variables, one with homoscedastic, one with heteroscedastic measurement error
t <- x_real + 2*x_real2 + rnorm(100, sd = 0.01)
g <- 1 / (1 + exp(t))
u <- runif(100)
ybin <- as.numeric(u < g)

(logit_real <- glm(ybin ~ x_real + x_real2, family = binomial))
(logit_naiv <- glm(ybin ~ x_measured + x_het2, x = TRUE, family = binomial))
(logit_simex <- simex(logit_naiv, SIMEXvariable = c("x_measured", "x_het2"),
  measurement.error = cbind(sd_me, sd_me_het2), asymptotic = FALSE))

summary(logit_simex)
print(logit_simex)
plot(logit_simex)

### polr: two variables, one with homoscedastic, one with heteroscedastic measurement error

if(require("MASS")) {# Requires MASS
yerr <- jitter(y, amount=1)
yfactor <- cut(yerr, 3, ordered_result=TRUE)

(polr_real <- polr(yfactor ~ x_real + x_real2))
(polr_naiv <- polr(yfactor ~ x_measured + x_het2, Hess = TRUE))
(polr_simex <- simex(polr_naiv, SIMEXvariable = c("x_measured", "x_het2"),
  measurement.error = cbind(sd_me, sd_me_het2), asymptotic = FALSE))

summary(polr_simex)
print(polr_simex)
plot(polr_simex)
}

## End(Not run)

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