

# Package ‘robustlmm’

May 26, 2025

**Type** Package

**Title** Robust Linear Mixed Effects Models

**Version** 3.3-3

**Date** 2025-05-26

**Author** Manuel Koller [aut, cre]

**Maintainer** Manuel Koller <kollerma@proton.me>

**Description** Implements the Robust Scoring Equations estimator to fit linear mixed effects models robustly.

Robustness is achieved by modification of the scoring equations combined with the Design Adaptive Scale approach.

**License** GPL-2

**URL** <https://github.com/kollerma/robustlmm>

**LazyLoad** yes

**Depends** lme4 (>= 1.1-9), Matrix (>= 1.6-2), R (>= 3.5.0)

**Suggests** ggplot2, reshape2, microbenchmark, emmeans (>= 1.4), estimability, lqmm, rlme, MASS, lemon, RColorBrewer, skewt, fs, dplyr, ggh4x, testthat, robustvarComp

**Imports** lattice, nlme, methods, robustbase (>= 0.93), xtable, Rcpp (>= 0.12.2), fastGHQuad, parallel, rlang, utils, reformulas

**Collate** 'ghq.R' 'psiFunc2.R' 'AllClass.R' 'rlmer.R' 'accessors.R'  
'fromLme4.R' 'DAS-scale.R' 'fit.effects.R' 'helpers.R'  
'AllGeneric.R' 'lmer.R' 'mutators.R' 'plot.R'  
'generateAnovaDatasets.R' 'generateMixedEffectDatasets.R'  
'generateSensitivityCurveDatasets.R' 'manageDatasets.R'  
'fitDatasets.R' 'processFit.R' 'processFile.R'  
'simulationStudies.R' 'asymptoticEfficiency.R' 'emmeans.R'

**LinkingTo** Rcpp, robustbase, Matrix

**Encoding** UTF-8

**RcppModules** psi\_function\_module

**RoxygenNote** 7.3.2

**Config/build/clean-inst-doc** false

**NeedsCompilation** yes

**Repository** CRAN

**Date/Publication** 2025-05-26 18:40:03 UTC

## Contents

robustlmm-package . . . . .	3
asymptoticVariance . . . . .	3
bindDatasets . . . . .	5
chgDefaults . . . . .	6
compare . . . . .	7
createDatasetsFromList . . . . .	9
createRhoFunction . . . . .	10
extractTuningParameter . . . . .	11
fitDatasets_lmer . . . . .	12
generateAnovaDatasets . . . . .	17
generateMixedEffectDatasets . . . . .	20
generateSensitivityCurveDatasets . . . . .	21
getME . . . . .	23
lapplyDatasets . . . . .	27
loadAndMergePartialResults . . . . .	28
mergeProcessedFits . . . . .	28
other . . . . .	29
partialMoment_standardNormal . . . . .	30
plot-methods . . . . .	30
plot.rlmerMod . . . . .	32
prepareMixedEffectDataset . . . . .	33
processDatasetsInParallel . . . . .	34
processFile . . . . .	36
processFit . . . . .	37
psi-functions . . . . .	42
psi2propII . . . . .	43
residuals.rlmerMod . . . . .	44
rlmer . . . . .	44
rlmerMod-class . . . . .	48
saveDatasets . . . . .	50
shortenLabelsKS2022 . . . . .	51
splitDatasets . . . . .	52
viewCopyOfSimulationStudy . . . . .	53

<b>Index</b>	<b>54</b>
--------------	-----------

## Description

robustlmm provides functions for estimating linear mixed effects models in a robust way.

The main workhorse is the function `rlmer`; it is implemented as direct robust analogue of the popular `lmer` function of the `lme4` package. The two functions have similar abilities and limitations. A wide range of data structures can be modeled: mixed effects models with hierarchical as well as complete or partially crossed random effects structures are possible. While the `lmer` function is optimized to handle large datasets efficiently, the computations employed in the `rlmer` function are more complex and for this reason also more expensive to compute. The two functions have the same limitations in the support of different random effect and residual error covariance structures. Both support only diagonal and unstructured random effect covariance structures.

The robustlmm package implements most of the analysis tool chain as is customary in R. The usual functions such as `summary`, `coef`, `resid`, etc. are provided as long as they are applicable for this type of models (see `rlmerMod-class` for a full list). The functions are designed to be as similar as possible to the ones in the `lme4` package to make switching between the two packages easy.

Details on the implementation and example analyses are provided in the package vignette available via `vignette("rlmer")` (Koller 2016).

## References

- Manuel Koller (2016). robustlmm: An R Package for Robust Estimation of Linear Mixed-Effects Models. *Journal of Statistical Software*, 75(6), 1-24. doi:10.18637/jss.v075.i06
- Koller M, Stahel WA (2022). "Robust Estimation of General Linear Mixed Effects Models." In PM Yi, PK Nordhausen (eds.), *Robust and Multivariate Statistical Methods*, Springer Nature Switzerland AG.
- Manuel Koller (2013). Robust estimation of linear mixed models. (Doctoral dissertation, Diss., Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule ETH Zürich, Nr. 20997, 2013).

## Description

`asymptoticEfficiency` computes the theoretical asymptotic efficiency for an M-estimator for various types of equations.

**Usage**

```

asymptoticVariance(
  psi,
  equation = c("location", "scale", "eta", "tau", "mu"),
  dimension = 1
)

asymptoticEfficiency(
  psi,
  equation = c("location", "scale", "eta", "tau", "mu"),
  dimension = 1
)

findTuningParameter(
  desiredEfficiency,
  psi,
  equation = c("location", "scale", "eta", "tau", "mu"),
  dimension = 1,
  interval = c(0.15, 50),
  ...
)

```

**Arguments**

<code>psi</code>	object of class <code>psi_func</code>
<code>equation</code>	equation to base computations on. "location" and "scale" are for the univariate case. The others are for a multivariate location and scale problem. "eta" is for the shape of the covariance matrix, "tau" for the size of the covariance matrix and "mu" for the location.
<code>dimension</code>	dimension for the multivariate location and scale problem.
<code>desiredEfficiency</code>	scalar, specifying the desired asymptotic efficiency, needs to be between 0 and 1.
<code>interval</code>	interval in which to do the root search, passed on to <a href="#">uniroot</a> .
<code>...</code>	passed on to <a href="#">uniroot</a> .

**Details**

The asymptotic efficiency is defined as the ratio between the asymptotic variance of the maximum likelihood estimator and the asymptotic variance of the (M-)estimator in question.

The computations are only approximate, using numerical integration in the general case. Depending on the regularity of the psi-function, these approximations can be quite crude.

**References**

Maronna, R. A., Martin, R. D., Yohai, V. J., & Salibián-Barrera, M. (2019). Robust statistics: theory and methods (with R). John Wiley & Sons., equation (2.25)

Rousseeuw, P. J., Hampel, F. R., Ronchetti, E. M., & Stahel, W. A. (2011). Robust statistics: the approach based on influence functions. John Wiley & Sons., Section 5.3c, Paragraph 2 (Page 286)

---

bindDatasets

*Bind Generated Datasets*


---

## Description

This method can be used to bind multiple datasets generated using different random generators into one large dataset. The underlying dataset needs to be the same.

## Usage

```
bindDatasets(..., datasetList = list(...))
```

## Arguments

... multiple datasets to be bound together  
datasetList list of datasets created with one of the generate dataset functions

## Value

merged list with generators and the contents of the prepared dataset. See [‘prepareMixedEffectDataset’](#) and [generateAnovaDatasets](#) for a description of the contents.

## Author(s)

Manuel Koller

## See Also

[splitDatasets](#)

## Examples

```
datasets1 <- generateAnovaDatasets(2, 4, 4, 4)
datasets2 <- generateAnovaDatasets(2, 4, 4, 4)
datasets <- bindDatasets(datasets1, datasets2)
data <- datasets$generateData(1)
stopifnot(data$numberOfDatasets == 4,
           all.equal(datasets2$generateData(1), datasets$generateData(3),
                     check.attributes = FALSE),
           all.equal(datasets2$sphericalRandomEffects(1), datasets$sphericalRandomEffects(3)),
           all.equal(datasets2$createXMatrix(data), datasets$createXMatrix(data)),
           all.equal(datasets2$createZMatrix(data), datasets$createZMatrix(data)))

preparedDataset <- prepareMixedEffectDataset(Reaction ~ Days + (Days|Subject), sleepstudy)
datasets1 <- generateMixedEffectDatasets(2, preparedDataset)
datasets2 <- generateMixedEffectDatasets(2, preparedDataset)
```

```

datasets <- bindDatasets(datasets1, datasets2)
data <- datasets$generateData(1)
stopifnot(data$numberOfDatasets == 4,
           all.equal(datasets2$generateData(1), datasets$generateData(3),
                     check.attributes = FALSE),
           all.equal(datasets2$sphericalRandomEffects(1), datasets$sphericalRandomEffects(3)),
           all.equal(datasets2$createXMatrix(data), datasets$createXMatrix(data)),
           all.equal(datasets2$createZMatrix(data), datasets$createZMatrix(data)))

```

---

chgDefaults

*Change default arguments*


---

## Description

Change the default arguments for a `psi_func_rcpp` object

## Usage

```

## S4 method for signature 'psi_func_rcpp'
chgDefaults(object, ...)

```

## Arguments

<code>object</code>	instance to convert
<code>...</code>	arguments to change

## Note

Note that names of named arguments are ignored. Only the order of the arguments considered when assigning new arguments.

## Examples

```

sPsi <- chgDefaults(smoothPsi, k=2)
curve(sPsi@psi(x), 0, 3)
curve(smoothPsi@psi(x), 0, 3, col="blue", add=TRUE)

```

---

`compare`*Create comparison charts for multiple fits*

---

## Description

Use `compare` to quickly compare the estimated parameters of the fits of multiple `lmerMod` or `rlmerMod` objects.

## Usage

```
compare(..., digits = 3, dnames = NULL, show.rho.functions = TRUE)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'lmerMod'  
getInfo(object, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'rlmerMod'  
getInfo(object, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'comparison.table'  
xtable(  
  x,  
  caption = NULL,  
  label = NULL,  
  align = NULL,  
  digits = NULL,  
  display = NULL,  
  ...  
)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'xtable.comparison.table'  
print(  
  x,  
  add.hlines = TRUE,  
  latexify.namescol = TRUE,  
  include.rownames = FALSE,  
  ...  
)
```

```
getInfo(object, ...)
```

## Arguments

<code>...</code>	objects to compare, or, for the <code>xtable</code> functions: passed to the respective <code>xtable</code> function.
<code>digits</code>	number of digits to show in output
<code>dnames</code>	names of objects given as arguments (optional)

show.rho.functions      whether to show rho functions in output.

object      object

x      object of class "comparison.table" or "xtable.comparison.table"

caption      see [xtable](#).

label      see [xtable](#).

align      see [xtable](#).

display      see [xtable](#).

add.hlines      replace empty lines in comparison table by hlines. Supersedes hline.after argument of `print.xtable`.

latexify.namescol      replace “sigma” and “x” in the first column by latex equivalents.

include.rownames      include row numbers (the object returned by `xtable.comparison.table` includes names in the first column)

## Details

The functions `xtable.comparison.table` and `print.xtable.comparison.table` are wrapper functions for the respective [xtable](#) and [print.xtable](#) functions.

The function `getInfo` is internally used to prepare object for producing a comparison chart in `compare`.

## Value

`getInfo` returns a list with estimated coefficients, estimated variance components, sigma, deviance and parameter configuration used to fit.

## See Also

[xtable](#)  
[print.xtable](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:
fm1 <- lmer(Yield ~ (1|Batch), Dyestuff)
fm2 <- rlmer(Yield ~ (1|Batch), Dyestuff)
compare(fm1, fm2)
require(xtable)
xtable(compare(fm1, fm2))
str(getInfo(fm1))

## End(Not run)
```



---

`createDatasetsFromList`*Create Dataset List From List of Data Objects*

---

## Description

Convert a list of datasets to a dataset list similar to the ones created by [generateAnovaDatasets](#) and [generateMixedEffectDatasets](#).

## Usage

```
createDatasetsFromList(  
  datasetList,  
  formula,  
  trueBeta,  
  trueSigma,  
  trueTheta,  
  ...  
)
```

## Arguments

<code>datasetList</code>	list of data objects, usually of type <code>data.frame</code> .
<code>formula</code>	formula to fit the model using <code>lmer</code> .
<code>trueBeta</code>	scalar or vector with the true values of the fixed effects coefficients. Can be of length one in which case it will be replicated to the required length if needed.
<code>trueSigma</code>	scalar with the true value of the error scale.
<code>trueTheta</code>	scalar or vector with the true values for the variance component coefficients, not including sigma. Can be of length one in which case it will be replicated to the required length if needed.
<code>...</code>	all additional arguments are added to the returned list.

## Details

The returned list can be passed to [processFit](#) and to any of the [fitDatasets](#) functions. Splitting and binding of datasets using [splitDatasets](#) and [bindDatasets](#) is not supported.

## Value

list that can be passed to [processFit](#) and to any of the [fitDatasets](#) functions. Only `generateData` is implemented, all the other functions return an error if called.

## See Also

[generateAnovaDatasets](#) and [generateMixedEffectDatasets](#)

## Examples

```
data(sleepstudy)
sleepstudy2 <- sleepstudy
sleepstudy2[1, "Reaction"] <- sleepstudy2[1, "Reaction"] + 10
fm1 <- lmer(Reaction ~ Days + (Days|Subject), sleepstudy)
datasets <- createDatasetsFromList(list(sleepstudy, sleepstudy2),
                                     formula = Reaction ~ Days + (Days|Subject),
                                     trueBeta = getME(fm1, "beta"),
                                     trueSigma = sigma(fm1),
                                     trueTheta = getME(fm1, "theta"))

fitDatasets_lmer(datasets)
```

---

createRhoFunction	<i>Create Rho-Functions With Custom Tuning Parameter</i>
-------------------	--

---

## Description

Convenience function to create rho-functions with custom tuning parameter.

## Usage

```
createRhoFunction(
  tuningParameter,
  which = c("rho.e", "rho.sigma.e", "rho.b.diagonal", "rho.sigma.b.diagonal",
            "rho.b.blockDiagonal", "rho.sigma.b.blockDiagonal"),
  rho.e = smoothPsi,
  rho.sigma.e = psi2propII(rho.e),
  rho.b.diagonal = rho.e,
  rho.sigma.b.diagonal = psi2propII(rho.b.diagonal),
  rho.b.blockDiagonal = rho.e,
  rho.sigma.b.blockDiagonal = rho.b.blockDiagonal,
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

tuningParameter	argument passed on to <a href="#">extractTuningParameter</a> . See its documentation for details.
which	string specifying which tuning parameter should be extracted.
rho.e	<a href="#">PsiFunction</a> to be used for rho.e.
rho.sigma.e	<a href="#">PsiFunction</a> to be used for rho.sigma.e.
rho.b.diagonal	<a href="#">PsiFunction</a> to be used for rho.b for models with diagonal random effects covariance matrix.
rho.sigma.b.diagonal	<a href="#">PsiFunction</a> to be used for rho.sigma.b for models with diagonal random effects covariance matrix.

```

rho.b.blockDiagonal
    PsiFunction to be used for rho.b for models with block-diagonal random ef-
    fects covariance matrix.
rho.sigma.b.blockDiagonal
    PsiFunction to be used for rho.sigma.b for models with block-diagonal ran-
    dom effects covariance matrix.
...
    passed on to chgDefaults.

```

## Details

'rho.b.diagonal' denotes the tuning parameter to be used for 'rho.b' for models with diagonal random effects covariance matrix. 'rho.b.blockDiagonal' is the tuning parameter to be used in the block diagonal case, respectively.

For arguments rho.sigma.e (and rho.sigma.b.diagonal), the Proposal 2 variant of the function specified for rho.e (and rho.b) is used.

## Author(s)

Manuel Koller

## Examples

```
createRhoFunction(c(1.345, 2.28, 1.345, 2.28, 5.14, 5.14), "rho.sigma.e")
```

---

extractTuningParameter

*Extract Tuning Parameters Used In Fitting*

---

## Description

Methods to extract which tuning parameters have been used for fitting models. Use extractTuningParameter for custom configurations and extractPredefinedTuningParameter for predefined configurations provided in this package.

## Usage

```

extractTuningParameter(
  tuningParameter,
  which = c("rho.e", "rho.sigma.e", "rho.b.diagonal", "rho.sigma.b.diagonal",
    "rho.b.blockDiagonal", "rho.sigma.b.blockDiagonal")
)

extractPredefinedTuningParameter(label, which)

```

**Arguments**

`tuningParameter` vector of tuning parameters. The vector is expected to be of length 6, containing the tuning parameters for `rho.e`, `rho.sigma.e`, `rho.b.diagonal`, `rho.sigma.b.diagonal`, `rho.b.blockDiagonal` and `rho.sigma.b.blockDiagonal`. `'rho.b.diagonal'` denotes the tuning parameter to be used for `'rho.b'` for models with diagonal random effects covariance matrix. Names are optional.

`which` string specifying which tuning parameter should be extracted.

`label` label or vector of labels in results. Only predefined labels of the form `'fit-Datasets_rlmer_...'` are supported (for others NA is returned).

**Value**

scalar tuning parameter

**Author(s)**

Manuel Koller

**Examples**

```
extractPredefinedTuningParameter("fitDatasets_rlmer_DAStau", "rho.e")
```

---

fitDatasets_lmer	<i>Fitting Functions</i>
------------------	--------------------------

---

**Description**

Methods to fit various mixed effects estimators to all generated datasets.

**Usage**

```
fitDatasets_lmer(datasets, control, label, postFit, datasetIndices = "all")

fitDatasets_lmer_bobyqa(datasets, postFit, datasetIndices = "all")

fitDatasets_lmer_Nelder_Mead(datasets, postFit, datasetIndices = "all")

fitDatasets_rlmer(
  datasets,
  method,
  tuningParameter,
  label,
  postFit,
  datasetIndices = "all",
  ...,
  init
```

```
)  
  
fitDatasets_rlmer_DAStau(datasets, postFit, datasetIndices = "all")  
  
fitDatasets_rlmer_DAStau_lmerNoFit(datasets, postFit, datasetIndices = "all")  
  
fitDatasets_rlmer_DASvar(datasets, postFit, datasetIndices = "all")  
  
fitDatasets_rlmer_DAStau_noAdj(datasets, postFit, datasetIndices = "all")  
  
fitDatasets_rlmer_DAStau_k_0_5(datasets, postFit, datasetIndices = "all")  
  
fitDatasets_rlmer_DAStau_k_0_5_noAdj(datasets, postFit, datasetIndices = "all")  
  
fitDatasets_rlmer_DAStau_k_2(datasets, postFit, datasetIndices = "all")  
  
fitDatasets_rlmer_DAStau_k_2_noAdj(datasets, postFit, datasetIndices = "all")  
  
fitDatasets_rlmer_DAStau_k_5(datasets, postFit, datasetIndices = "all")  
  
fitDatasets_rlmer_DAStau_k_5_noAdj(datasets, postFit, datasetIndices = "all")  
  
fitDatasets_heavyLme(datasets, postFit, datasetIndices = "all")  
  
fitDatasets_lqmm(datasets, postFit, datasetIndices = "all")  
  
fitDatasets_rlme(datasets, postFit, datasetIndices = "all")  
  
fitDatasets_varComprob(  
  datasets,  
  control,  
  label,  
  postFit,  
  datasetIndices = "all"  
)  
  
fitDatasets_varComprob_compositeTau(datasets, postFit, datasetIndices = "all")  
  
fitDatasets_varComprob_compositeTau_OGK(  
  datasets,  
  postFit,  
  datasetIndices = "all"  
)  
  
fitDatasets_varComprob_compositeTau_2SGS(  
  datasets,  
  postFit,  
  datasetIndices = "all"
```

```

)

fitDatasets_varComprob_compositeS(datasets, postFit, datasetIndices = "all")

fitDatasets_varComprob_compositeS_OGK(
  datasets,
  postFit,
  datasetIndices = "all"
)

fitDatasets_varComprob_compositeS_2SGS(
  datasets,
  postFit,
  datasetIndices = "all"
)

fitDatasets_varComprob_S(datasets, postFit, datasetIndices = "all")

fitDatasets_varComprob_S_OGK(datasets, postFit, datasetIndices = "all")

fitDatasets_varComprob_S_2SGS(datasets, postFit, datasetIndices = "all")

```

### Arguments

<code>datasets</code>	Datasets list to be used to generate datasets.
<code>control</code>	a list (of correct class for the respective fitting function) containing control parameters to be passed through.
<code>label</code>	a string used to identify which fits have been created by which function.
<code>postFit</code>	a function, taking one argument, the resulting fit. This makes it easy to add an additional step after fitting.
<code>datasetIndices</code>	optional vector of dataset indices to fit, useful to try only a few datasets instead of all of them.
<code>method</code>	argument passed on to <a href="#">rlmer</a> .
<code>tuningParameter</code>	argument passed on to <a href="#">extractTuningParameter</a> .
<code>...</code>	argument passed on to <a href="#">createRhoFunction</a> .
<code>init</code>	optional argument passed on to <a href="#">rlmer</a> .

### Details

Existing fitting functions are:

`fitDatasets_lmer`: Fits datasets using [lmer](#) using its default options.

`fitDatasets_lmer_bobyqa`: Fits datasets using [lmer](#) using the bobyqa optimizer.

`fitDatasets_lmer_Nelder_Mead`: Fits datasets using [lmer](#) using the Nelder Mead optimizer.

`fitDatasets_rlmer`: Fits datasets using [rlmer](#) using a custom configuration. The argument 'tuningParameter' is passed to [extractTuningParameter](#), details are documented there.

`fitDatasets_rlmer_DAStau`: Fits datasets using `rlmer` using method `DAStau` and `smoothPsi` for the rho functions. The tuning parameters are  $k = 1.345$  for `rho.e`. For `rho.sigma.e`, the Proposal 2 variant is used using  $k = 2.28$ . The choices for `rho.b` and `rho.sigma.b` depend on whether the model uses a diagonal or a block diagonal matrix for  $\Lambda$ . In the former case, the same psi functions and tuning parameters are used as for `rho.e` and `rho.sigma.b`. In the block diagonal case, `rho.b` and `rho.sigma.b` both use `smoothPsi` using a tuning parameter  $k = 5.14$  (assuming blocks of dimension 2).

`fitDatasets_rlmer_DAStau_lmerNoFit`: Fits datasets using `rlmer` using the same configuration as `fitDatasets_rlmer_DAStau` except for that it is using `lmerNoFit` as initial estimator.

`fitDatasets_rlmer_DASvar`: Fits datasets using `rlmer` using method `DASvar`. The same rho functions and tuning parameters are used as for `fitDatasets_rlmer_DAStau`.

`fitDatasets_rlmer_DAStau_noAdj`: Fits datasets using `rlmer` using method `DAStau`. The same rho functions and tuning parameters are used as for `fitDatasets_rlmer_DAStau`, except for `rho.sigma.e` (and `rho.sigma.b` in the diagonal case) for which the Proposal 2 variant of `smoothPsi` using  $k = 1.345$  is used.

`fitDatasets_rlmer_DAStau_k_0_5`: Fits datasets using `rlmer` using method `DAStau`. Use `smoothPsi` psi-function with tuning parameter  $k = 0.5$  for `rho.e` and  $k = 1.47$  for `rho.sigma.e`, the latter adjusted to reach the same asymptotic efficiency. In the diagonal case, the same are used for `rho.b` and `rho.sigma.b` as well. In the block-diagonal case, the tuning parameter  $k = 2.17$  is used for `rho.b` and `rho.sigma.b`. The tuning parameter is chosen to reach about the same asymptotic efficiency for  $\theta$  as for the fixed effects.

`fitDatasets_rlmer_DAStau_k_0_5_noAdj`: Fits datasets using `rlmer` using method `DAStau`. Use `smoothPsi` psi-function with tuning parameter  $k = 0.5$  for `rho.e` and `rho.sigma.e`. In the diagonal case, the same are used for `rho.b` and `rho.sigma.b` as well. In the block-diagonal case, the tuning parameter  $k = 2.17$  is used for `rho.b` and `rho.sigma.b`. The tuning parameter is chosen to reach about the same asymptotic efficiency for  $\theta$  as for the fixed effects.

`fitDatasets_rlmer_DAStau_k_2`: Fits datasets using `rlmer` using method `DAStau`. Use `smoothPsi` psi-function with tuning parameter  $k = 2$  for `rho.e` and  $k = 2.9$  for `rho.sigma.e`, the latter adjusted to reach the same asymptotic efficiency. In the diagonal case, the same are used for `rho.b` and `rho.sigma.b` as well. In the block-diagonal case, the tuning parameter  $k = 8.44$  is used for `rho.b` and `rho.sigma.b`. The tuning parameter is chosen to reach about the same asymptotic efficiency for  $\theta$  as for the fixed effects.

`fitDatasets_rlmer_DAStau_k_2_noAdj`: Fits datasets using `rlmer` using method `DAStau`. Use `smoothPsi` psi-function with tuning parameter  $k = 2$  for `rho.e` and `rho.sigma.e`. In the diagonal case, the same are used for `rho.b` and `rho.sigma.b` as well. In the block-diagonal case, the tuning parameter  $k = 8.44$  is used for `rho.b` and `rho.sigma.b`. The tuning parameter is chosen to reach about the same asymptotic efficiency for  $\theta$  as for the fixed effects.

`fitDatasets_rlmer_DAStau_k_5`: Fits datasets using `rlmer` using method `DAStau`. Use `smoothPsi` psi-function with tuning parameter  $k = 5$  for `rho.e` and  $k = 5.03$  for `rho.sigma.e`, the latter adjusted to reach the same asymptotic efficiency. In the diagonal case, the same are used for `rho.b` and `rho.sigma.b` as well. In the block-diagonal case, the tuning parameter  $k = 34.21$  is used for `rho.b` and `rho.sigma.b`. The tuning parameter is chosen to reach about the same asymptotic efficiency for  $\theta$  as for the fixed effects.

`fitDatasets_rlmer_DAStau_k_5_noAdj`: Fits datasets using `rlmer` using method `DAStau`. Use `smoothPsi` psi-function with tuning parameter  $k = 5$  for `rho.e` and `rho.sigma.e`. In the diagonal case, the same are used for `rho.b` and `rho.sigma.b` as well. In the block-diagonal case, the tuning

parameter  $k = 34.21$  is used for  $\rho.b$  and  $\rho.sigma.b$ . The tuning parameter is chosen to reach about the same asymptotic efficiency for  $\theta$  as for the fixed effects.

`fitDatasets_heavyLme`: Fits datasets using `heavyLme` from package `heavy`. Additional required arguments are: `lmeFormula`, `heavyLmeRandom` and `heavyLmeGroups`. They are passed to the `formula`, `random` and `groups` arguments of `heavyLme`.

`fitDatasets_lqmm`: Fits datasets using `lqmm` from package `lqmm`. Additional required arguments are: `lmeFormula`, `lqmmRandom`, `lqmmGroup` and `lqmmCovariance`. They are passed to the `formula`, `random`, `groups` and `covariance` arguments of `lqmm`. `lqmmCovariance` is optional, if omitted `pdDiag` is used.

`fitDatasets_rlme`: Fits datasets using `rlme` from package `rlme`.

`fitDatasets_varComprob`: Prototype method to fit datasets using `varComprob` from package `robustvarComp`. Additional required items in datasets are: `lmeFormula`, `groups`, `varcov` and `lower`. They are passed to the `fixed`, `groups`, `varcov` and `lower` arguments of `varComprob`. The running of this method produces many warnings of the form "passing a char vector to .Fortran is not portable" which are suppressed.

`fitDatasets_varComprob_compositeTau`: Fits datasets with the composite Tau method using `varComprob` from package `robustvarComp`. See `fitDatasets_varComprob` for additional details.

`fitDatasets_varComprob_compositeTau_OGK`: Similar to `fitDatasets_varComprob_compositeTau` but using `covOGK` as initial covariance matrix estimator.

`fitDatasets_varComprob_compositeTau_2SGS`: Similar to `fitDatasets_varComprob_compositeTau` but using 2SGS as initial covariance matrix estimator.

`fitDatasets_varComprob_compositeS`: Similar to `fitDatasets_varComprob_compositeTau` but using method composite S.

`fitDatasets_varComprob_compositeS_OGK`: Similar to `fitDatasets_varComprob_compositeS` but using `covOGK` as initial covariance matrix estimator.

`fitDatasets_varComprob_compositeS_2SGS`: Similar to `fitDatasets_varComprob_compositeS` but using 2SGS as initial covariance matrix estimator.

`fitDatasets_varComprob_S`: Similar to `fitDatasets_varComprob_compositeTau` but using method S and the Rocke psi-function.

`fitDatasets_varComprob_S_OGK`: Similar to `fitDatasets_varComprob_S` but using `covOGK` as initial covariance matrix estimator.

`fitDatasets_varComprob_S_2SGS`: Similar to `fitDatasets_varComprob_S` but using 2SGS as initial covariance matrix estimator.

## Value

list of fitted models. See also `lapplyDatasets` which is called internally.

## Author(s)

Manuel Koller



## Examples

```
set.seed(1)
oneWay <- generateAnovaDatasets(1, 1, 10, 4,
                                lmeFormula = y ~ 1,
                                heavyLmeRandom = ~ 1,
                                heavyLmeGroups = ~ Var2,
                                lqmmRandom = ~ 1,
                                lqmmGroup = "Var2",
                                groups = cbind(rep(1:4, each = 10), rep(1:10, 4)),
                                varcov = matrix(1, 4, 4),
                                lower = 0)

fitDatasets_lmer(oneWay)
## call rlmer with custom arguments
fitDatasets_rlmer_custom <- function(datasets) {
  return(fitDatasets_rlmer(datasets,
                           method = "DASvar",
                           tuningParameter = c(1.345, 2.28, 1.345, 2.28, 5.14, 5.14),
                           label = "fitDatasets_rlmer_custom"))
}
fitDatasets_rlmer_custom(oneWay)
```

---

generateAnovaDatasets *Generate ANOVA type datasets*

---

## Description

Generate balanced datasets with multiple factors. All combinations of all factor variables are generated, i.e., a fully crossed dataset will be generated. `numberOfReplicates` specifies the number of replications per unique combination.

## Usage

```
generateAnovaDatasets(
  numberOfDatasetsToGenerate,
  numberOfLevelsInFixedFactor,
  numberOfSubjects,
  numberOfReplicates,
  errorGenerator = rnorm,
  randomEffectGenerator = rnorm,
  trueBeta = 1,
  trueSigma = 4,
  trueTheta = 1,
  ...,
  arrange = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>numberOfDatasetsToGenerate</code>	number of datasets to generate.
<code>numberOfLevelsInFixedFactor</code>	scalar or vector with the number of levels per fixed factor or grouping variable.
<code>numberOfSubjects</code>	scalar or vector with the number of levels per variance component.
<code>numberOfReplicates</code>	number of replicates per unique combination of fixed factor and variance component.
<code>errorGenerator</code>	random number generator used for the errors.
<code>randomEffectGenerator</code>	random number generator used for the spherical random effects.
<code>trueBeta</code>	scalar or vector with the true values of the fixed effects coefficients. Can be of length one in which case it will be replicated to the required length if needed.
<code>trueSigma</code>	scalar with the true value of the error scale.
<code>trueTheta</code>	scalar or vector with the true values for the variance component coefficients, not including sigma. Can be of length one in which case it will be replicated to the required length if needed.
<code>...</code>	all additional arguments are added to the returned list.
<code>arrange</code>	If TRUE, the observations in the dataset are arranged such that the call to <a href="#">arrange</a> in <code>varComprob</code> does not break the observation- group relationship. This requires package <code>dplyr</code> to be installed.

**Details**

`numberOfLevelsInFixedFactor` can either be a scalar or a vector with the number of levels for each fixed effects group. If `numberOfLevelsInFixedFactor` is a scalar, the value of 1 is allowed. This can be used to generate a dataset with an intercept only. If `numberOfLevelsInFixedFactor` is a vector with more than one entry, then all the values need to be larger than one.

`numberOfSubjects` can also be a scalar or a vector with the number of levels for each variance component. Each group needs to have more than one level. The vector is sorted descending before the names are assigned. This ensures that, when running `lmer`, the order of the random effects does not change. `lmer` also sorts the random effects by descending number of levels.

In order to save memory, only the generated random effects and the errors are stored. The dataset is only created on demand when the method `generateData` in the returned list is evaluated.

The random variables are generated in a way that one can simulate more datasets easily. When starting from the same seed, the first generated datasets will be the same as for the a previous call of `generateAnovaDatasets` with a smaller number of datasets to generate, see examples.

**Value**

list with generators and the original arguments

`generateData`: function to generate data taking one argument, the dataset index.

createXMatrix: function to generate X matrix taking one argument, the result of generateData.  
 createZMatrix: function to generate Z matrix taking one argument, the result of generateData.  
 createLambdaMatrix:  
     function to generate Lambda matrix taking one argument, the result of generateData.  
 randomEffects: function to return the generated random effects taking one argument, the dataset index.  
 sphericalRandomeffects:  
     function to return the generated spherical random effects taking one argument, the dataset index.  
 errors: function to return the generated errors taking one argument, the dataset index.  
 allRandomEffects:  
     function without arguments that returns the matrix of all generated random effects.  
 allErrors: function without arguments that returns the matrix of all generated errors.  
 numberOfDatasets:  
     numberOfDatasetsToGenerate as supplied  
 numberOfLevelsInFixedFactor:  
     numberOfLevelsInFixedFactor as supplied  
 numberOfSubjects:  
     numberOfSubjects sorted.  
 numberOfReplicates:  
     numberOfReplicates as supplied  
 numberOfRows: number of rows in the generated dataset  
 trueBeta: true values used for beta  
 trueSigma: true value used for sigma  
 trueTheta: true values used for theta  
 formula: formula to fit the model using lmer  
 ...: additional arguments passed via ...

**Author(s)**

Manuel Koller

**See Also**

[generateMixedEffectDatasets](#) and [createDatasetsFromList](#)

**Examples**

```

oneWay <- generateAnovaDatasets(2, 1, 5, 4)
head(oneWay$generateData(1))
head(oneWay$generateData(2))
oneWay$formula
head(oneWay$randomEffects(1))
head(oneWay$sphericalRandomEffects(1))

```

```

head(oneWay$errors(1))

twoWayFixedRandom <- generateAnovaDatasets(2, 3, 5, 4)
head(twoWayFixedRandom$generateData(1))
twoWayFixedRandom$formula

twoWayRandom <- generateAnovaDatasets(2, 1, c(3, 5), 4)
head(twoWayRandom$generateData(1))
twoWayRandom$formula

large <- generateAnovaDatasets(2, c(10, 15), c(20, 30), 5)
head(large$generateData(1))
large$formula

## illustration how to generate more datasets
set.seed(1)
datasets1 <- generateAnovaDatasets(2, 1, 5, 4)
set.seed(1)
datasets2 <- generateAnovaDatasets(3, 1, 5, 4)
stopifnot(all.equal(datasets1$generateData(1), datasets2$generateData(1)),
          all.equal(datasets1$generateData(2), datasets2$generateData(2)))

```

---

generateMixedEffectDatasets

*Generate Mixed Effects Datasets*

---

## Description

Generates mixed effects datasets using parametric bootstrap.

## Usage

```

generateMixedEffectDatasets(
  numberOfDatasetsToGenerate,
  preparedDataset,
  errorGenerator = rnorm,
  randomEffectGenerator = rnorm
)

```

## Arguments

**numberOfDatasetsToGenerate**  
number of datasets to generate.

**preparedDataset**  
dataset as prepared by [prepareMixedEffectDataset](#).

**errorGenerator** random number generator used for the errors.

**randomEffectGenerator**  
random number generator used for the spherical random effects.

**Value**

list with generators and the contents of the prepared dataset. See [prepareMixedEffectDataset](#) and [generateAnovaDatasets](#) for a description of the contents.

**Author(s)**

Manuel Koller

**See Also**

[generateAnovaDatasets](#), [prepareMixedEffectDataset](#) and [createDatasetsFromList](#)

**Examples**

```
preparedDataset <- prepareMixedEffectDataset(Reaction ~ Days + (Days|Subject), sleepstudy)
datasets <- generateMixedEffectDatasets(2, preparedDataset)
head(datasets$generateData(1))
head(datasets$generateData(2))
datasets$formula
head(datasets$randomEffects(1))
head(datasets$sphericalRandomEffects(1))
head(datasets$errors(1))
```

---

generateSensitivityCurveDatasets

*Generate Datasets To Create Sensitivity Curves*

---

**Description**

This method creates a list of datasets that can be used to create sensitivity curves. The response of the dataset is modified according to the supplied arguments.

**Usage**

```
generateSensitivityCurveDatasets(
  data,
  observationsToChange,
  shifts,
  scales,
  center,
  formula,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>data</code>	dataset to be modified.
<code>observationsToChange</code>	index or logical vector indicating which observations should be modified.
<code>shifts</code>	vector of shifts that should be applied one by one to each of the modified observations.
<code>scales</code>	vector scales that should be used to scale the observations around their original center.
<code>center</code>	optional scalar used to define the center from which the observations are scaled from. If missing, the mean of all the changed observations is used.
<code>formula</code>	formula to fit the model using <code>lmer</code> .
<code>...</code>	all additional arguments are added to the returned list.

**Details**

Either `shifts` or `scales` need to be provided. Both are also possible.

The argument `shifts` contains all the values that shall be added to each of the observations that should be changed. One value per generated dataset.

The argument `scales` contains all the values that shall be used to move observations away from their center. If `scales` is provided, then `observationsToChange` needs to select more than one observation.

The returned list can be passed to [processFit](#) and to any of the [fitDatasets](#) functions. Splitting and binding of datasets using [splitDatasets](#) and [bindDatasets](#) is not supported.

**Value**

list that can be passed to [processFit](#) and to any of the [fitDatasets](#) functions. Only `generateData` is implemented, all the other functions return an error if called.

**See Also**

[generateAnovaDatasets](#)

**Examples**

```
oneWay <- generateAnovaDatasets(1, 1, 10, 5)
datasets <-
  generateSensitivityCurveDatasets(oneWay$generateData(1),
                                observationsToChange = 1:5,
                                shifts = -10:10,
                                formula = oneWay$formula)
datasets$generateData(1)
```

---

getME	<i>Extract or Get Generalize Components from a Fitted Mixed Effects Model</i>
-------	---

---

## Description

Extract (or “get”) “components” – in a generalized sense – from a fitted mixed-effects model, i.e. from an object of class `rlmerMod` or `merMod`.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'rlmerMod'
getME(
  object,
  name = c("X", "Z", "Zt", "Ztlist", "mmList", "y", "mu", "u", "b.s", "b", "Gp", "Tp",
    "Lambda", "Lambdat", "Tlist", "A", "U_b", "Lind", "sigma", "flist", "fixef", "beta",
    "theta", "ST", "is_REML", "n_rtrms", "n_rfacs", "N", "n", "p", "q", "p_i", "l_i",
    "q_i", "k", "m_i", "m", "cnms", "devcomp", "offset", "lower", "rho_e", "rho_b",
    "rho_sigma_e", "rho_sigma_b", "M", "w_e", "w_b", "w_b_vector", "w_sigma_e",
    "w_sigma_b", "w_sigma_b_vector"),
  ...
)

theta(object)
```

## Arguments

object	a fitted mixed-effects model of class <code>rlmerMod</code> , i.e. typically the result of <code>rlmer()</code> .
name	a character string specifying the name of the “component”. Possible values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"X": fixed-effects model matrix</li> <li>"Z": random-effects model matrix</li> <li>"Zt": transpose of random-effects model matrix</li> <li>"Ztlist": list of components of the transpose of the random-effects model matrix, separated by individual variance component</li> <li>"mmList": list of raw model matrices associated with random effects terms</li> <li>"y": response vector</li> <li>"mu": conditional mean of the response</li> <li>"u": conditional mode of the “spherical” random effects variable</li> <li>"b.s": synonym for “u”</li> <li>"b": conditional mode of the random effects variable</li> <li>"Gp": groups pointer vector. A pointer to the beginning of each group of random effects corresponding to the random-effects terms.</li> </ul>

"Tp": theta pointer vector. A pointer to the beginning of the theta sub-vectors corresponding to the random-effects terms, beginning with 0 and including a final element giving the total number of random effects

"Lambda": relative covariance factor of the random effects.

"U\_b": synonym for "Lambda"

"Lambdat": transpose of the relative covariance factor of the random effects.

"Lind": index vector for inserting elements of  $\theta$  into the nonzeros of  $\Lambda$

"A": Scaled sparse model matrix (class `dgCMatrix`) for the unit, orthogonal random effects,  $U$ , equal to `getME(., "Zt") %*% getME(., "Lambdat")`

"sigma": residual standard error

"flist": a list of the grouping variables (factors) involved in the random effect terms

"fixef": fixed-effects parameter estimates

"beta": fixed-effects parameter estimates (identical to the result of `fixef`, but without names)

"theta": random-effects parameter estimates: these are parameterized as the relative Cholesky factors of each random effect term

"ST": A list of S and T factors in the TSST' Cholesky factorization of the relative variance matrices of the random effects associated with each random-effects term. The unit lower triangular matrix,  $T$ , and the diagonal matrix,  $S$ , for each term are stored as a single matrix with diagonal elements from  $S$  and off-diagonal elements from  $T$ .

"is\_REML": returns TRUE for `rlmerMod`-objects (for compatibility with `lme4`)

"n\_rtrms": number of random-effects terms

"n\_rfacs": number of distinct random-effects grouping factors

"N": number of rows of  $X$

"n": length of the response vector,  $y$

"p": number of columns of the fixed effects model matrix,  $X$

"q": number of columns of the random effects model matrix,  $Z$

"p\_i": numbers of columns of the raw model matrices, `mmList`

"l\_i": numbers of levels of the grouping factors

"q\_i": numbers of columns of the term-wise model matrices, `ZtList`

"k": number of random effects terms

"m\_i": numbers of covariance parameters in each term

"m": total number of covariance parameters, i.e., the same as `dim@nth` below.

"cnms": the "component names", a 'list'.

"devcomp": a list consisting of a named numeric vector, `cmp`, and a named integer vector, `dims`, describing the fitted model. The elements of `cmp` are:

**ldL2** always NA, for consistency with `lme4` output

**ldRX2** always NA, for consistency with `lme4` output

**wrss** always NA, for consistency with `lme4` output

**ussq** always NA, for consistency with `lme4` output

**pwrss** always NA, for consistency with `lme4` output



**drsum** always NA, for consistency with lme4 output  
**REML** always NA, for consistency with lme4 output  
**dev** always NA, for consistency with lme4 output  
**sigmaML** always NA, for consistency with lme4 output  
**sigmaREML** REML estimate of residual standard deviation  
 The elements of **dims** are:

**N** number of rows of **X**  
**n** length of **y**  
**p** number of columns of **X**  
**nmp**  $n-p$   
**nth** length of **theta**  
**q** number of columns of **Z**  
**nAGQ** see [glmer](#)  
**compDev** see [glmerControl](#)  
**useSc** TRUE if model has a scale parameter  
**reTrms** number of random effects terms  
**REML** 0 indicates the model was fitted by maximum likelihood, any other positive integer indicates fitting by restricted maximum likelihood  
**GLMM** TRUE if a GLMM  
**NLMM** TRUE if an NLMM

**"offset"**: model offset

**"lower"**: lower bounds on random-effects model parameters (i.e, "theta" parameters). In order to constrain random effects covariance matrices to be semi-positive-definite, this vector is equal to 0 for elements of the theta vector corresponding to diagonal elements of the Cholesky factor, -Inf otherwise. (getME(.,"lower")==0 can be used as a test to identify diagonal elements, as in isSingular.)

**"rho\_e"**: rho function used for the residuals

**"rho\_b"**: list of rho functions used for the random effects

**"rho\_sigma\_e"**: rho function used for the residuals when estimating sigma

**"rho\_sigma\_b"**: list of rho functions used for the random effects when estimating the covariance parameters

**"M"**: list of matrices, blocks of the Henderson's equations and the matrices used for computing the linear approximations of the estimates of beta and spherical random effects.

**"w\_e"**: robustness weights associated with the observations

**"w\_b"**: robustness weights associated with the spherical random effects, returned in the same format as [ranef\(\)](#)

**"w\_b\_vector"**: robustness weights associated with the spherical random effects, returned as one long vector

**"w\_sigma\_e"**: robustness weights associated with the observations when estimating sigma

```

"w_sigma_b": robustness weights associated with the spherical random effects
               when estimating the covariance parameters, returned in the same format as
               ranef()
"w_sigma_b_vector": robustness weights associated with the spherical ran-
                    dom effects when estimating the covariance parameters, returned as one
                    long vector
"ALL": get all of the above as a list.
...     potentially further arguments; not here.

```

## Details

The function `theta` is short for `getME(, "theta")`.

The goal is to provide “everything a user may want” from a fitted `rlmerMod` object *as far* as it is not available by methods, such as `fixef`, `ranef`, `vcov`, etc.

## Value

Unspecified, as very much depending on the `name`.

## See Also

`getCall()`; more standard methods for `rlmerMod` objects, such as `ranef`, `fixef`, `vcov`, etc.: see `methods(class="rlmerMod")`

## Examples

```

## shows many methods you should consider *before* using getME():
methods(class = "rlmerMod")

## doFit = FALSE to speed up example
(fm1 <- rlmr(Reaction ~ Days + (Days|Subject), sleepstudy,
            method="DASvar", doFit=FALSE))
Z <- getME(fm1, "Z")
stopifnot(is(Z, "CsparseMatrix"),
          c(180,36) == dim(Z),
          all.equal(fixef(fm1), b1 <- getME(fm1, "beta"),
                    check.attributes=FALSE, tolerance = 0))

## A way to get *all* getME()s :
## internal consistency check ensuring that all work:
parts <- getME(fm1, "ALL")
str(parts, max=2)
stopifnot(identical(Z, parts $ Z),
          identical(b1, parts $ beta))
stopifnot(all.equal(theta(fm1), getME(fm1, "theta")))

```

---

lapplyDatasets	<i>Lapply for generated datasets</i>
----------------	--------------------------------------

---

**Description**

Apply function for all generated datasets.

**Usage**

```
lapplyDatasets(datasets, FUN, ..., label, POST_FUN, datasetIndices = "all")
```

**Arguments**

datasets	Datasets list to be used to generate datasets.
FUN	the function to be applied to each generated dataset. The function will be called like FUN(data, ...).
...	optional arguments to FUN.
label	optional parameter, if present, each result is added an attribute named <i>label</i> with the value of label.
POST_FUN	function to be applied to the result of FUN. While one could just modify FUN instead, this additional argument makes it a bit easier to combine different kinds of methods together.
datasetIndices	optional vector of dataset indices to fit, useful to try only a few datasets instead of all of them. Use "all" to process all datasets (default).

**Value**

list of results. The items in the resulting list will have two additional attributes: datasetIndex and proc.time. If FUN failed for an item, then the item will be the error as returned by try, i.e., it will be of class try-error.

**Author(s)**

Manuel Koller

**Examples**

```
oneWay <- generateAnovaDatasets(2, 1, 5, 4)
lapplyDatasets(oneWay, function(data) sum(data$y))
lapplyDatasets(oneWay, function(data) sum(data$y), POST_FUN = function(x) x^2)
```

---

`loadAndMergePartialResults`*Load And Merge Partial Results*

---

**Description**

Convenience function that loads the results stored in each of the files and then calls [mergeProcessedFits](#) to merge them.

**Usage**

```
loadAndMergePartialResults(files)
```

**Arguments**

`files`                      vector of filenames (including paths) of files containing the processed results

**Author(s)**

Manuel Koller

**See Also**

[processDatasetsInParallel](#)

---

`mergeProcessedFits`*Merge Processed Fits*

---

**Description**

Combine list of processed fits into one list in matrix form.

**Usage**

```
mergeProcessedFits(processedFitList)
```

**Arguments**

`processedFitList`  
list of processed fits as produced by [processFit](#).

**Value**

similar list as returned by [processFit](#) just with matrix entries instead of vectors.

**Examples**

```

preparedDataset <-
  prepareMixedEffectDataset(Reaction ~ Days + (Days|Subject),
                             sleepstudy)

set.seed(1)
datasets <- generateMixedEffectDatasets(2, preparedDataset)

fits <- fitDatasets_lmer(datasets)
processedFits <- lapply(fits, processFit, all = TRUE)
merged <- mergeProcessedFits(processedFits)
str(merged)

```

---

other

*Other methods*


---

**Description**

Other miscellaneous utilities for instances of the PsiFunction class.

**Usage**

```

## S4 method for signature 'Rcpp_SmoothPsi'
show(object)
## S4 method for signature 'Rcpp_HuberPsi'
show(object)
## S4 method for signature 'Rcpp_PsiFunction'
show(object)
## S4 method for signature 'Rcpp_PsiFunctionToPropIIPsiFunctionWrapper'
show(object)

```

**Arguments**

object                    instance of class PsiFunction to be plotted

**Examples**

```
show(smoothPsi)
```

---

```
partialMoment_standardNormal
```

*Compute Partial Moments*

---

### Description

Computes a partial moment for the standard normal distribution. This is the expectation taken not from -Infinity to Infinity but just to z.

### Usage

```
partialMoment_standardNormal(z, n)
```

### Arguments

z                      partial moment boundary, the expectation is taken from -Inf to z.  
n                      which moment to compute, needs to be  $\geq 2$ .

### References

Winkler, R. L., Roodman, G. M., & Britney, R. R. (1972). The Determination of Partial Moments. Management Science, 19(3), 290–296. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/2629511>, equation (2.5)

### Examples

```
partialMoment_standardNormal(0, 2)
```

---

```
plot-methods                      Plot an Object of the "Psi Function" Class
```

---

### Description

The `plot` method objects of class `PsiFunction` simply visualizes the  $\rho()$ ,  $\psi()$ , and weight functions and their derivatives.

### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'Rcpp_SmoothPsi'
plot(x, y,
      which = c("rho", "psi", "Dpsi", "wgt", "Dwgt"),
      main = "full",
      col = c("black", "red3", "blue3", "dark green", "light green"),
      leg.loc = "right", ...)
## S4 method for signature 'Rcpp_HuberPsi'
plot(x, y,
```

```

        which = c("rho", "psi", "Dpsi", "wgt", "Dwgt"),
        main = "full",
        col = c("black", "red3", "blue3", "dark green", "light green"),
        leg.loc = "right", ...)
## S4 method for signature 'Rcpp_PsiFunction'
plot(x, y,
     which = c("rho", "psi", "Dpsi", "wgt", "Dwgt"),
     main = "full",
     col = c("black", "red3", "blue3", "dark green", "light green"),
     leg.loc = "right", ...)
## S4 method for signature 'Rcpp_PsiFunctionToPropIIPsiFunctionWrapper'
plot(x, y,
     which = c("rho", "psi", "Dpsi", "wgt", "Dwgt"),
     main = "full",
     col = c("black", "red3", "blue3", "dark green", "light green"),
     leg.loc = "right", ...)

```

### Arguments

<code>x</code>	instance of class <code>PsiFunction</code> to be plotted
<code>y</code>	(optional) vector of abscissa values (to plot object at).
<code>which</code>	<a href="#">character</a> vector of slots to be included in plot; by default, all of the slots are included
<code>main</code>	string or logical indicating the kind of plot title; either "full", "short" or FALSE which chooses a full, a short or no main title at all.
<code>col</code>	colors to be used for the different slots
<code>leg.loc</code>	legend placement, see also <code>x</code> argument of <a href="#">legend</a>
<code>...</code>	passed to <a href="#">matplot</a>

### Note

If you want to specify your own title, use `main=FALSE`, and a subsequent [title\(...\)](#) call.

### See Also

[psi-functions](#).

### Examples

```

plot(huberPsiRcpp)
plot(huberPsiRcpp, which=c("psi", "Dpsi", "wgt"),
     main="short", leg = "topleft")

plot(smoothPsi)
## Plotting aspect ratio = 1:1 :
plot(smoothPsi, asp=1, main="short",
     which = c("psi", "Dpsi", "wgt", "Dwgt"))

```

---

plot.rlmerMod	<i>Plot Method for "rlmerMod" objects.</i>
---------------	--

---

## Description

Diagnostic plots for objects of class `rlmerMod` and `lmerMod`.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'rlmerMod'
plot(
  x,
  y = NULL,
  which = 1:4,
  title = c("Fitted Values vs. Residuals", "Normal Q-Q vs. Residuals",
    "Normal Q-Q vs. Random Effects", "Scatterplot of Random Effects for Group \"%s\"",
    multiply.weights = FALSE,
    add.line = c("above", "below", "none"),
    ...
)

## S3 method for class 'rlmerMod_plots'
print(x, ask = interactive() & length(x) > 1, ...)
```

## Arguments

<code>x</code>	an object as created by <code>rlmer</code> or <code>lmer</code> ; or an object as created by <code>plot.rlmerMod</code>
<code>y</code>	currently ignored.
<code>which</code>	integer number between 1 and 4 to specify which plot is desired.
<code>title</code>	Titles for the different plots. The fourth item can be a format string passed to <code>sprintf</code> to add the name of the current group.
<code>multiply.weights</code>	multiply the residuals / random effects with the robustness weights when producing the Q-Q plots.
<code>add.line</code>	add reference line to plots, use "above" or "below" to show the line above or below the points. Hide the line with "none".
<code>...</code>	passed on to <a href="#">geom_hline</a> and <a href="#">geom_qq_line</a> , to customize how the line is drawn.
<code>ask</code>	waits for user input before displaying each plot.

## Details

The robustness weights for estimating the fixed and random effects are used in the plots, e.g., the ones returned by `getME(object, "w_e")` and `getME(object, "w_b")`.



**Value**

a list of plots of class `ggplot` that can be used for further modification before plotting (using `print`).

**See Also**

`getME`, `ggplot`

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
rfm <- rlmr(Yield ~ (1|Batch), Dyestuff)
plot(rfm)
fm <- lmer(Reaction ~ Days + (Days|Subject), sleepstudy)
plot.rlmrMod(fm)

## End(Not run)
```

---

```
prepareMixedEffectDataset
```

*Prepare Dataset for Parametric Bootstrap*

---

**Description**

This function runs `lmer` and extracts all information needed to generate new datasets using parametric bootstrap later.

**Usage**

```
prepareMixedEffectDataset(
  formula,
  data,
  REML = TRUE,
  overrideBeta,
  overrideSigma,
  overrideTheta,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>formula</code>	passed on to <code>lmer</code>
<code>data</code>	passed on to <code>lmer</code>
<code>REML</code>	passed on to <code>lmer</code>
<code>overrideBeta</code>	use to override beta used to simulate new datasets, by default <code>getME(fm, "beta")</code> where <code>fm</code> is the fitted model returned by <code>lmer</code> .
<code>overrideSigma</code>	use to override sigma used to simulate new datasets, by default <code>getME(fm, "sigma")</code> where <code>fm</code> is the fitted model returned by <code>lmer</code> .

overrideTheta use to override theta used to simulate new datasets, by default `getME(fm, "theta")` where fm is the fitted model returned by `lmer`.

... all additional arguments are added to the returned list.

### Value

List that can be passed to `generateMixedEffectDatasets`.

data: the original dataset

X: the X matrix as returned by `getME`

Z: the Z matrix as returned by `getME`

Lambda: the Lambda matrix as returned by `getME`

numberOfFixedEffects: the number of fixed effects coefficients

numberOfRandomEffects: the number of random effects

numberOfRows: number of rows in the generated dataset

trueBeta: true values used for beta

trueSigma: true value used for sigma

trueTheta: true values used for theta

formula: formula to fit the model using `lmer`

...: additional arguments passed via ...

### Author(s)

Manuel Koller

### Examples

```
preparedDataset <- prepareMixedEffectDataset(Reaction ~ Days + (Days|Subject), sleepstudy)
str(preparedDataset)
```

---

processDatasetsInParallel

*Process Datasets in Parallel*

---

### Description

Convenience function to run simulation study in parallel on a single machine.

**Usage**

```
processDatasetsInParallel(
  datasets,
  path,
  baseFilename,
  fittingFunctions,
  chunkSize,
  saveFitted = FALSE,
  checkProcessed = FALSE,
  createMinimalSaveFile = FALSE,
  ncores = 1,
  clusterType = "PSOCK",
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>datasets</code>	dataset list generated by one of the generate functions.
<code>path</code>	path to save the datasets to.
<code>baseFilename</code>	filename to use, without extension.
<code>fittingFunctions</code>	vector of <a href="#">fitDatasets</a> functions that should be applied to each dataset.
<code>chunkSize</code>	number of datasets to process together in a single job.
<code>saveFitted</code>	logical, if true, the raw fits are also stored.
<code>checkProcessed</code>	logical, if true, will check whether the contents of the processed output is re-produced for the first dataset. This is useful to ensure that everything is still working as expected without having to re-run the whole simulation study.
<code>createMinimalSaveFile</code>	logical, if true, will create a file with the processed results of the first three datasets. This is helpful if one wants to store only the final aggregated results but still wants to make sure that the full code works as expected.
<code>ncores</code>	number of cores to use in processing, if set to 1, datasets are processed in the current R session. Use <a href="#">detectCores</a> to find out how many cores are available on your machine.
<code>clusterType</code>	type of cluster to be created, passed to <a href="#">makeCluster</a> .
<code>...</code>	passed on to <a href="#">processFit</a> . Use this to control what to save.

**Details**

The merged results are saved in a file taking the name `<path>/<baseFilename>-processed.Rdata`. You can delete the intermediate result files with the numbers (the chunk index) in the name.

To run on multiple machines, use [saveDatasets](#) to save datasets into multiple files. Then call [processFile](#) on each of them on the designated machine. Finally, load and merge the results together using [loadAndMergePartialResults](#).

**Value**

The list of all processed results merged together.

To help reproducibility, the output of `toLatex(sessionInfo(), locale = FALSE)` is stored in the `sessionInfo` attribute.

**Author(s)**

Manuel Koller

**See Also**

[saveDatasets](#), [processFile](#)

---

processFile

*Process File of Stored Datasets*

---

**Description**

Call this function for each file stored using [saveDatasets](#). If a file hasn't been processed yet, then it is processed and a new file with the postfix "processed" is created containing the results.

**Usage**

```
processFile(
  file,
  fittingFunctions,
  saveFitted = FALSE,
  checkProcessed = FALSE,
  createMinimalSaveFile = FALSE,
  datasets,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>file</code>	file saved by <a href="#">saveDatasets</a> .
<code>fittingFunctions</code>	vector of <a href="#">fitDatasets</a> functions that should be applied to each dataset.
<code>saveFitted</code>	logical, if true, the raw fits are also stored.
<code>checkProcessed</code>	logical, if true, will check whether the contents of the processed output is reproduced for the first dataset. This is useful to ensure that everything is still working as expected without having to re-run the whole simulation study.
<code>createMinimalSaveFile</code>	logical, if true, will create a file with the processed results of the first three datasets. This is helpful if one wants to store only the final aggregated results but still wants to make sure that the full code works as expected.

datasets	optional, datasets as stored in file, to avoid doing a detour of saving and loading the file.
...	passed on to <code>processFit</code> . Use this to control what to save.

### Details

In case the raw fits may have to be inspected or `processFit` may be called with another set of arguments, then set `saveFitted` to `TRUE`. In that case, another file with the postfix “fitted” is created. Remove the files with postfix “processed” and run `processFile` again. The fits will not be re-done but instead loaded from the file with postfix “fitted”.

### Value

The list of all processed results merged together.

To help reproducibility, the output of `toLatex(sessionInfo(), locale = FALSE)` is stored in the `sessionInfo` attribute.

### Author(s)

Manuel Koller

---

processFit	<i>Process Fitted Objects</i>
------------	-------------------------------

---

### Description

Methods to process fitted objects and convert into a data structure that is useful in post-processing.

### Usage

```
processFit(
  obj,
  all = FALSE,
  coefs = TRUE,
  stdErrors = all,
  tValues = all,
  sigma = TRUE,
  thetas = TRUE,
  b = all,
  meanB = all,
  meanAbsB = all,
  residuals = all,
  converged = TRUE,
  numWarnings = all,
  procTime = all,
  ...
)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'lmerMod'
```

```
processFit(  
  obj,  
  all = FALSE,  
  coefs = TRUE,  
  stdErrors = all,  
  tValues = all,  
  sigma = TRUE,  
  thetas = TRUE,  
  b = all,  
  meanB = all,  
  meanAbsB = all,  
  residuals = all,  
  converged = TRUE,  
  numWarnings = all,  
  procTime = all,  
  ...  
)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'rlmerMod'
```

```
processFit(  
  obj,  
  all = FALSE,  
  coefs = TRUE,  
  stdErrors = all,  
  tValues = all,  
  sigma = TRUE,  
  thetas = TRUE,  
  b = all,  
  meanB = all,  
  meanAbsB = all,  
  residuals = all,  
  converged = TRUE,  
  numWarnings = all,  
  procTime = all,  
  ...  
)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'heavyLme'
```

```
processFit(  
  obj,  
  all = FALSE,  
  coefs = TRUE,  
  stdErrors = all,  
  tValues = all,  
  sigma = TRUE,  
  thetas = TRUE,
```

```
    b = all,
    meanB = all,
    meanAbsB = all,
    residuals = all,
    converged = TRUE,
    numWarnings = all,
    procTime = all,
    ...
)

## S3 method for class 'lqmm'
processFit(
  obj,
  all = FALSE,
  coefs = TRUE,
  stdErrors = all,
  tValues = all,
  sigma = TRUE,
  thetas = TRUE,
  b = all,
  meanB = all,
  meanAbsB = all,
  residuals = all,
  converged = TRUE,
  numWarnings = all,
  procTime = all,
  ...
)

## S3 method for class 'rlme'
processFit(
  obj,
  all = FALSE,
  coefs = TRUE,
  stdErrors = all,
  tValues = all,
  sigma = TRUE,
  thetas = TRUE,
  b = all,
  meanB = all,
  meanAbsB = all,
  residuals = all,
  converged = TRUE,
  numWarnings = all,
  procTime = all,
  ...
)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'varComprob'
processFit(
  obj,
  all = FALSE,
  coefs = TRUE,
  stdErrors = all,
  tValues = all,
  sigma = TRUE,
  thetas = TRUE,
  b = all,
  meanB = all,
  meanAbsB = all,
  residuals = all,
  converged = TRUE,
  numWarnings = all,
  procTime = all,
  isInterceptCorrelationSlopeModel,
  ...
)
```

### Arguments

<code>obj</code>	object returned by the fitting method.
<code>all</code>	logical, shorthand to enable all exports.
<code>coefs</code>	logical, if true coefficients are added to export.
<code>stdErrors</code>	logical, if true, standard errors are added to export.
<code>tValues</code>	logical, if true, t-values are added to export.
<code>sigma</code>	logical, if true, sigma is added to export.
<code>thetas</code>	logical, if true, thetas are added to export.
<code>b</code>	scalar logical or index vector, if true, all random effects are added to export. If an index vector is given, then only the corresponding random effects are added to the export. The same order as in <code>lmer</code> is used for all methods.
<code>meanB</code>	logical, if true, the mean of the random effects is added to the export.
<code>meanAbsB</code>	logical, if true, the mean of the absolute value of the random effects is added to the export.
<code>residuals</code>	scalar logical or index vector, similar to argument <code>b</code> , just returning the residuals.
<code>converged</code>	logical, if true, convergence code is added to export.
<code>numWarnings</code>	logical, if true, the number of warnings generated during the fitting process is added to export.
<code>procTime</code>	logical, if true, time needed to fit object is added to export.
<code>...</code>	optional parameters used for some implementations.
<code>isInterceptCorrelationSlopeModel</code>	optional logical, can be used to override the assumption that a model with three variance components can be interpreted as having intercept, correlation and slope.



## Details

Warning. `processFit.varComprob` uses simplistic logic to convert from the parameterisation used in the `robustvarComp` package to `theta` as used in `lmer` and `rlmer`. If there are three variance components, the code assumes that they are intercept, correlation and slope. Otherwise the code assumes that the variance components are independent. Exports `b` and `residuals` are not supported.

## Value

List with extracted values, most items can be suppressed to save disk space.

<code>label:</code>	Name of fitting method used to create the fit
<code>datasetIndex:</code>	Index of the dataset in the dataset list
<code>coefficients:</code>	Vector of estimated fixed-effects coefficients of the fitted model
<code>standardErrors:</code>	Vector of estimated standard errors of the fixed-effects coefficients
<code>tValues:</code>	Vector of t-Values (or z-Values depending on fitting method) of the fixed-effects coefficients
<code>sigma:</code>	Estimated residual standard error
<code>thetas:</code>	Vector of random-effects parameter estimates. As parameterized as by <code>lmer</code> and <code>rlmer</code> .
<code>b:</code>	Vector of requested predicted random-effects.
<code>meanB:</code>	Vector of means of the predicted random-effects.
<code>meanAbsB:</code>	Vector of means of the absolute values of the predicted random-effects.
<code>residuals:</code>	Vector of requested residuals.
<code>converged:</code>	Convergence status as reported by the fitting method. 0 means converged. If not available, NA is used. Other values are to be interpreted carefully as codes vary from method to method.
<code>numberOfWarnings:</code>	the number of warnings generated during the fitting process.
<code>proc.time:</code>	Vector of times (user, system, elapsed) as reported by <code>proc.time</code> required to fit the model.

## Examples

```
set.seed(1)
oneWay <- generateAnovaDatasets(1, 1, 10, 4,
                                lmeFormula = y ~ 1,
                                heavyLmeRandom = ~ 1,
                                heavyLmeGroups = ~ Var2,
                                lqmmRandom = ~ 1,
                                lqmmGroup = "Var2",
                                groups = cbind(rep(1:4, each = 10), rep(1:10, 4)),
                                varcov = matrix(1, 4, 4),
                                lower = 0)
processFit(fitDatasets_lmer(oneWay)[[1]], all = TRUE)
processFit(fitDatasets_rlmer_DASvar(oneWay)[[1]], all = TRUE)
```

```

## Not run:
  processFit(fitDatasets_heavyLme(oneWay)[[1]], all = TRUE)

## End(Not run)
  if (require(lqmm)) {
    processFit(fitDatasets_lqmm(oneWay)[[1]], all = TRUE)
  }
## Not run:
  processFit(fitDatasets_varComprob_compositeTau(oneWay)[[1]], all = TRUE)

## End(Not run)

```

---

psi-functions

---

Classical, Huber and smoothed Huber psi- or rho-functions

---

## Description

$\psi$ -functions are used by [rlmer](#) in the estimating equations and to compute robustness weights. Change tuning parameters using [chgDefaults](#) and convert to squared robustness weights using the [psi2propII](#) function.

## Usage

```
## see examples
```

## Details

The “**classical**”  $\psi$ -function `cPsi` can be used to get a non-robust, i.e., classical, fit. The `psi` slot equals the identity function, and the `rho` slot equals quadratic function. Accordingly, the robustness weights will always be 1 when using `cPsi`.

The **Huber**  $\psi$ -function `huberPsi` is identical to the one in the package `robustbase`. The `psi` slot equals the identity function within  $\pm k$  (where  $k$  is the tuning parameter). Outside this interval it is equal to  $\pm k$ . The `rho` slot equals the quadratic function within  $\pm k$  and a linear function outside.

The **smoothed Huber**  $\psi$ -function is very similar to the regular Huber  $\psi$ -function. Instead of a sharp bend like the Huber function, the smoothed Huber function bends smoothly. The first tuning constant,  $k$ , can be compared to the tuning constant of the original Huber function. The second tuning constant,  $s$ , determines the smoothness of the bend.

## See Also

[chgDefaults](#) and [psi2propII](#) for changing tuning parameters; [psi\\_func-class](#) for a more detailed description of the slots;

**Examples**

```

plot(cPsi)
plot(huberPsiRcpp)
plot(smoothPsi)
curve(cPsi@psi(x), 0, 3, col="blue")
curve(smoothPsi@psi(x), 0, 3, add=TRUE)
curve(huberPsiRcpp@psi(x), 0, 3, add=TRUE, col="green")

```

---

psi2propII

---

*Convert to Proposal 2 weight function*


---

**Description**

Converts the `psi_func` object into a function that corresponds to Proposal 2, i.e., a function of the squared weights. The other elements of the `psi_func` object are adapted accordingly.

**Usage**

```

psi2propII(object, ..., adjust = FALSE)

## S4 method for signature 'psi_func_rcpp'
psi2propII(object, ..., adjust = FALSE)

```

**Arguments**

<code>object</code>	instance of <code>Rcpp_PsiFunction</code> class to convert
<code>...</code>	optional, new default arguments passed to <code>chgDefaults</code> .
<code>adjust</code>	logical, whether tuning parameters should be adjusted automatically, such that the scale estimate has the same asymptotic efficiency as the location estimate.

**Examples**

```

par(mfrow=c(2,1))
plot(smoothPsi)
plot(psi2propII(smoothPsi))

```

---

residuals.rlmerMod	<i>Get residuals</i>
--------------------	----------------------

---

### Description

The per-observation residuals are returned, i.e., the difference of the observation and the fitted value including random effects. With type one can specify whether the weights should be used or not.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'rlmerMod'
residuals(object, type = c("response", "weighted"), scaled = FALSE, ...)
```

### Arguments

object	rlmerMod object
type	type of residuals
scaled	scale residuals by residual standard deviation (=scale parameter)?
...	ignored

### Examples

```
## Not run:
fm <- rlmer(Yield ~ (1|Batch), Dyestuff)
stopifnot(all.equal(resid(fm, type="weighted"),
  resid(fm) * getME(fm, "w_e")))

## End(Not run)
```

---

rlmer	<i>Robust Scoring Equations Estimator for Linear Mixed Models</i>
-------	---

---

### Description

Robust estimation of linear mixed effects models, for hierarchical nested and non-nested, e.g., crossed, datasets.

### Usage

```
rlmer(
  formula,
  data,
  ...,
  method = c("DAStau", "DASvar"),
  setting,
```

```

    rho.e,
    rho.b,
    rho.sigma.e,
    rho.sigma.b,
    rel.tol = 1e-08,
    max.iter = 40 * (r + 1)^2,
    verbose = 0,
    doFit = TRUE,
    init
  )

  lmerNoFit(formula, data = NULL, ..., initTheta)

```

## Arguments

formula	a two-sided linear formula object describing the fixed-effects part of the model, with the response on the left of a <code>~</code> operator and the terms, separated by <code>+</code> operators, on the right. The vertical bar character <code> </code> separates an expression for a model matrix and a grouping factor.
data	an optional data frame containing the variables named in formula. By default the variables are taken from the environment from which <code>lmer</code> is called.
...	Additional parameters passed to <code>lmer</code> to find the initial estimates. See <a href="#">lmer</a> .
method	method to be used for estimation of theta and sigma, see Details.
setting	a string specifying suggested choices for the arguments <code>rho.e</code> , <code>rho.sigma.e</code> , <code>rho.b</code> and <code>rho.sigma.b</code> . Use <code>"RSEn"</code> (the default) or <code>"RSEa"</code> . Both use <a href="#">smoothPsi</a> for all the “rho” arguments. For <code>rho.sigma.e</code> , squared robustness weights are used (see <a href="#">psi2propII</a> ). <code>"RSEn"</code> uses the same tuning parameter as for <code>rho.e</code> , which leads to higher robustness but lower efficiency. <code>"RSEa"</code> adjusts the tuning parameter for higher asymptotic efficiency which results in lower robustness ( $k = 2.28$ for default <code>rho.e</code> ). For diagonal random effects covariance matrices, <code>rho.sigma.b</code> is treated exactly as <code>rho.sigma.e</code> . For block diagonal random effects covariance matrices (with correlation terms), regular robustness weights are used for <code>rho.sigma.b</code> , not squared ones, as they’re not needed. But the tuning parameters are adjusted for both <code>rho.b</code> and <code>rho.sigma.b</code> according to the dimensions of the blocks (for both <code>"RSEn"</code> or <code>"RSEa"</code> ). For a block of dimension 2 (e.g., correlated random intercept and slope) $k = 5.14$ is used.
rho.e	object of class <code>psi_func</code> , specifying the functions to use for the huberization of the residuals.
rho.b	object of class <code>psi_func</code> or list of such objects (see Details), specifying the functions to use for the huberization of the random effects.
rho.sigma.e	object of class <code>psi_func</code> , specifying the weight functions to use for the huberization of the residuals when estimating the variance components, use the <a href="#">psi2propII</a> function to specify squared weights and custom tuning parameters.
rho.sigma.b	(optional) object of class <code>psi_func</code> or list of such objects, specifying the weight functions to use for the huberization of the random effects when estimating the variance components (see Details). Use <a href="#">psi2propII</a> to specify squared weights

	and custom tuning parameters or <code>chgDefaults</code> for regular weights for variance components including correlation parameters.
<code>rel.tol</code>	relative tolerance used as criteria in the fitting process.
<code>max.iter</code>	maximum number of iterations allowed.
<code>verbose</code>	verbosity of output. Ranges from 0 (none) to 3 (a lot of output)
<code>doFit</code>	logical scalar. When <code>doFit = FALSE</code> the model is not fit but instead a structure with the model matrices for the random-effects terms is returned (used to speed up tests). When <code>doFit = TRUE</code> , the default, the model is fit immediately.
<code>init</code>	optional <code>lmerMod</code> - or <code>rlmerMod</code> -object to use for starting values, a list with elements 'fixef', 'u', 'sigma', 'theta', or a function producing an <code>lmerMod</code> object.
<code>initTheta</code>	parameter to initialize theta with (optional)

## Details

**Overview:** This function implements the Robust Scoring Equations estimator for linear mixed effect models. It can be used much like the function `lmer` in the package `lme4`. The supported models are the same as for `lmer` (gaussian family only). The robust approach used is based on the robustification of the scoring equations and an application of the Design Adaptive Scale approach.

Example analyses and theoretical details on the method are available in the vignette (see `vignette("rLmer")`).

Models are specified using the `formula` argument, using the same syntax as for `lmer`. Additionally, one also needs to specify what robust scoring or weight functions are to be used (arguments starting with `rho.`). By default a smoothed version of the Huber function is used. Furthermore, the `method` argument can be used to speed up computations at the expense of accuracy of the results.

**Computation methods:** Currently, there are two different methods available for fitting models. They only differ in how the consistency factors for the Design Adaptive Scale estimates are computed. Available fitting methods for theta and sigma.e:

- **DAS<sub>tau</sub>** (default): For this method, the consistency factors are computed using numerical quadrature. This is slower but yields more accurate results. This is the direct analogue to the DAS-estimate in robust linear regression.
- **DAS<sub>var</sub>**: This method computes the consistency factors using a direct approximation which is faster but less accurate. For complex models with correlated random effects with more than one correlation term, this is the only method available.

**Weight functions:** The tuning parameters of the weight functions “rho” can be used to adjust robustness and efficiency of the resulting estimates (arguments `rho.e`, `rho.b`, `rho.sigma.e` and `rho.sigma.b`). Better robustness will lead to a decrease of the efficiency. With the default setting, `setting = "RSEn"`, the tuning parameters are set to yield estimates with approximately 95% efficiency for the fixed effects. The variance components are estimated with a lower efficiency but better robustness properties.

One has to use different weight functions and tuning parameters for simple variance components and for such including correlation parameters. By default, they are chosen appropriately to the model at hand. However, when using the `rho.sigma.e` and `rho.sigma.b` arguments, it is up to the user to specify the appropriate function. See `asymptoticEfficiency` for methods to find tuning parameters that yield a given asymptotic efficiency.

- For simple variance components and the residual error scale use the function [psi2propII](#) to change the tuning parameters. This is similar to Proposal 2 in the location-scale problem (i.e., using the squared robustness weights of the location estimate for the scale estimate; otherwise the scale estimate is not robust).
- For multi-dimensional blocks of random effects modeled, e.g., a model with correlated random intercept and slope, (referred to as block diagonal case below), use the [chgDefaults](#) function to change the tuning parameters. The parameter estimation problem is multivariate, unlike the case without correlation where the problem was univariate. For the employed estimator, this amounts to switching from simple scale estimates to estimating correlation matrices. Therefore different weight functions have to be used. Squaring of the weights (using the function [psi2propII](#)) is no longer necessary. To yield estimates with the same efficiency, the tuning parameters for the block diagonal are larger than for the simple case. Tables of tuning parameters are given in Table 2 and 3 of the vignette (`vignette("rlmer")`).

**Recommended tuning parameters:** For a more robust estimate, use `setting = "RSEn"` (the default). For higher efficiency, use `setting = "RSEa"`. The settings described in the following paragraph are used when `setting = "RSEa"` is specified.

For the smoothed Huber function the tuning parameters to get approximately 95% efficiency are  $k = 1.345$  for `rho.e` and  $k = 2.28$  for `rho.sigma.e` (using the squared version). For simple variance components, the same can be used for `rho.b` and `rho.sigma.b`. For variance components including correlation parameters, use  $k = 5.14$  for both `rho.b` and `rho.sigma.b`. Tables of tuning parameter are given in Table 2 and 3 of the vignette (`vignette("rlmer")`).

**Specifying (multiple) weight functions:** If custom weight functions are specified using the argument `rho.b` (`rho.e`) but the argument `rho.sigma.b` (`rho.sigma.e`) is missing, then the squared weights are used for simple variance components and the regular weights are used for variance components including correlation parameters. The same tuning parameters will be used when `setting = "RSEn"` is used. To get higher efficiency either use `setting = "RSEa"` (and only set arguments `rho.e` and `rho.b`). Or specify the tuning parameters by hand using the [psi2propII](#) and [chgDefaults](#) functions.

To specify separate weight functions `rho.b` and `rho.sigma.b` for different variance components, it is possible to pass a list instead of a `psi_func` object. The list entries correspond to the groups as shown by `VarCorr(.)` when applied to the model fitted with `lmer`. A set of correlated random effects count as just one group.

**lmerNoFit:** The `lmerNoFit` function can be used to get trivial starting values. This is mainly used to verify the algorithms to reproduce the fit by [lmer](#) when starting from trivial initial values.

## Value

object of class `rlmerMod`.

## Author(s)

Manuel Koller, with thanks to Vanda Lourenço for improvements.

## See Also

[lmer](#), `vignette("rlmer")`

## Examples

```
## dropping of VC
system.time(print(rlmer(Yield ~ (1|Batch), Dyestuff2, method="DASvar"))))

## Not run:
## Default method "DAStau"
system.time(rfm.DAStau <- rlmer(Yield ~ (1|Batch), Dyestuff))
summary(rfm.DAStau)
## DASvar method (faster, less accurate)
system.time(rfm.DASvar <- rlmer(Yield ~ (1|Batch), Dyestuff,
                                method="DASvar"))

## compare the two
compare(rfm.DAStau, rfm.DASvar)

## Fit variance components with higher efficiency
## psi2propII yields squared weights to get robust estimates
## this is the same as using rlmer's argument `setting = "RSEa"`
rlmer(diameter ~ 1 + (1|plate) + (1|sample), Penicillin,
      rho.sigma.e = psi2propII(smoothPsi, k = 2.28),
      rho.sigma.b = psi2propII(smoothPsi, k = 2.28))

## use chgDefaults for variance components including
## correlation terms (regular, non squared weights suffice)
## this is the same as using rlmer's argument `setting = "RSEa"`
rlmer(Reaction ~ Days + (Days|Subject), sleepstudy,
      rho.sigma.e = psi2propII(smoothPsi, k = 2.28),
      rho.b = chgDefaults(smoothPsi, k = 5.14, s=10),
      rho.sigma.b = chgDefaults(smoothPsi, k = 5.14, s=10))

## End(Not run)

## Not run:
## start from lmer's initial estimate, not its fit
rlmer(Yield ~ (1|Batch), Dyestuff, init = lmerNoFit)

## End(Not run)
```

---

rlmerMod-class

*rlmerMod Class*


---

## Description

Class "rlmerMod" of Robustly Fitted Mixed-Effect Models

## Details

A robust mixed-effects model as returned by [rlmer](#).

## Objects from the Class

Objects are created by calls to [rlmer](#).



## Methods

Almost all methods available from objects returned from `lmer` are also available for objects returned by `rImmer`. They usage is the same.

It follows a list of some the methods that are exported by this package:

- `coef`
- `deviance` (disabled, see below)
- `extractAIC` (disabled, see below)
- `family`
- `fitted`
- `fixef`
- `formula`
- `getInfo`
- `isGLMM`
- `isLMM`
- `isNLMM`
- `isREML`
- `logLik` (disabled, see below)
- `model.frame`
- `model.matrix`
- `nobs`
- `plot`
- `predict`
- `ranef` (only partially implemented)
- `residuals`
- `sigma`
- `summary`
- `terms`
- `update`
- `VarCorr`
- `vcov`
- `weights`

## Disabled methods

A log likelihood or even a pseudo log likelihood is not defined for the robust estimates returned by `rImmer`. Methods that depend on the log likelihood are therefore not available. For this reason the methods `deviance`, `extractAIC` and `logLik` stop with an error if they are called.

**See Also**

[rlmer](#); corresponding class in package lme4: [merMod](#)

**Examples**

```
showClass("rlmerMod")

## convert an object of type 'lmerMod' to 'rlmerMod'
## to use the methods provided by robustlmm
fm <- lmer(Yield ~ (1|Batch), Dyestuff)
rfm <- as(fm, "rlmerMod")
compare(fm, rfm)
```

---

saveDatasets

*Save datasets*


---

**Description**

Saves dataset to one or more files.

**Usage**

```
saveDatasets(datasets, path = getwd(), file, chunkSize)
```

**Arguments**

datasets	dataset list generated by one of the generate functions.
path	path to save the datasets to.
file	filename to use, without extension.
chunkSize	if provided, datasets are split into chunkSize chunks and then saved.

**Details**

The file will be saved to path/filename.Rdata.

If chunkSize is not missing, the filename is interpreted as format specifier and passed onto [sprintf](#).  
One argument is given, the index of the chunk.

**Value**

filename or vector of filenames.

**Author(s)**

Manuel Koller

---

shortenLabelsKS2022	<i>Shorten Labels</i>
---------------------	-----------------------

---

**Description**

Shorten labels created by the various [fitDatasets](#) functions, for use in plotting, etc.

**Usage**

```
shortenLabelsKS2022(labels)
```

**Arguments**

labels	vector of labels as assigned by <a href="#">fitDatasets</a>
--------	---

**Details**

The labels are shortened as they are in the simulation study published in Koller and Stahel (2022).

**Value**

Vector of shortened labels

**Author(s)**

Manuel Koller

**References**

Koller M, Stahel WA (2022). "Robust Estimation of General Linear Mixed Effects Models." In PM Yi, PK Nordhausen (eds.), Robust and Multivariate Statistical Methods, Springer Nature Switzerland AG.

**Examples**

```
labels <- c("fitDatasets_lmer", "fitDatasets_rlmer_DASau",  
            "fitDatasets_rlmer_DASau_noAdj",  
            "fitDatasets_varComprob_compositeTau_OGK",  
            "fitDatasets_varComprob_S_OGK",  
            "fitDatasets_heavyLme",  
            "fitDatasets_lqmm")  
shortenLabelsKS2022(labels)
```

splitDatasets

*Split Datasets Into Chunks***Description**

Method that splits up dataset objects into smaller chunks, so that they can be processed separately.

**Usage**

```
splitDatasets(datasets, chunkSize = 50)
```

**Arguments**

datasets	dataset object to split into chunks
chunkSize	number of datasets to keep in one chunk

**Value**

list of dataset lists with generators and the contents of the original dataset. See [prepareMixedEffectDataset](#) and [generateAnovaDatasets](#) for a description of the contents. There is one additional entry in the list:

chunkIndex:      index of the chunk

**Author(s)**

Manuel Koller

**See Also**

[bindDatasets](#)

**Examples**

```
oneWay <- generateAnovaDatasets(18, 1, 5, 4)
datasetList <- splitDatasets(oneWay, 5)
data <- datasetList[[4]]$generateData(1)
stopifnot(all.equal(oneWay$generateData(16), datasetList[[4]]$generateData(1),
  check.attributes = TRUE),
  all.equal(oneWay$sphericalRandomEffects(16),
    datasetList[[4]]$sphericalRandomEffects(1)),
  all.equal(oneWay$createXMatrix(data), datasetList[[4]]$createXMatrix(data)),
  all.equal(oneWay$createZMatrix(data), datasetList[[4]]$createZMatrix(data)))
```

---

```
viewCopyOfSimulationStudy
```

*Access Simulation Study Code*

---

## Description

This is a convenience function to make it simple to access the simulation study script files that are shipped with robustlmm.

## Usage

```
viewCopyOfSimulationStudy(  
  study = c("sensitivityCurves.R", "consistencyAndEfficiencyDiagonal.R",  
            "consistencyAndEfficiencyBlockDiagonal.R", "breakdown.R", "convergence.R",  
            "robustnessDiagonal.R", "robustnessBlockDiagonal.R"),  
  destinationPath = getwd(),  
  overwrite = FALSE  
)
```

## Arguments

study	Name of the script file, partial matching is supported via <a href="https://www.rdocumentation.org/packages/robustlmm/topics/viewCopyOfSimulationStudy">match.arg</a> .
destinationPath	optional path to directory in which the copy of the script should be created. By default the current working directory is used.
overwrite	logical; should existing destination files be overwritten?

## Details

The function creates a copy of the script file that can be safely edited without changing the original file.

## Examples

```
## Not run:  
  viewCopyOfSimulationStudy("sensitivityCurves")  
  
## End(Not run)
```

# Index

- \* **classes**
  - rlmerMod-class, 48
- \* **methods**
  - plot-methods, 30
- \* **models**
  - compare, 7
  - rlmer, 44
- \* **utilities**
  - chgDefaults, 6
  - compare, 7
  - getME, 23
  - other, 29
  - psi2propII, 43
- arrange, 18
- asymptoticEfficiency, 46
- asymptoticEfficiency
  - (asymptoticVariance), 3
- asymptoticVariance, 3
- bindDatasets, 5, 9, 22, 52
- character, 31
- chgDefaults, 6, 11, 42, 46, 47
- chgDefaults, psi\_func\_rcpp-method
  - (chgDefaults), 6
- coef, 3, 49
- coef.rlmerMod (rlmerMod-class), 48
- compare, 7
- cPsi (psi-functions), 42
- createDatasetsFromList, 9, 19, 21
- createRhoFunction, 10, 14
- detectCores, 35
- deviance, 49
- deviance.rlmerMod (rlmerMod-class), 48
- dgCMatrix, 24
- extractAIC, 49
- extractAIC.rlmerMod (rlmerMod-class), 48
- extractPredefinedTuningParameter
  - (extractTuningParameter), 11
- extractTuningParameter, 10, 11, 14
- family, 49
- family.rlmerMod (rlmerMod-class), 48
- findTuningParameter
  - (asymptoticVariance), 3
- fitDatasets, 9, 22, 35, 36, 51
- fitDatasets (fitDatasets\_lmer), 12
- fitDatasets\_heavyLme
  - (fitDatasets\_lmer), 12
- fitDatasets\_lmer, 12
- fitDatasets\_lmer\_bobyqa
  - (fitDatasets\_lmer), 12
- fitDatasets\_lmer\_Nelder\_Mead
  - (fitDatasets\_lmer), 12
- fitDatasets\_lqmm (fitDatasets\_lmer), 12
- fitDatasets\_rlme (fitDatasets\_lmer), 12
- fitDatasets\_rlmer (fitDatasets\_lmer), 12
- fitDatasets\_rlmer\_DASTau
  - (fitDatasets\_lmer), 12
- fitDatasets\_rlmer\_DASTau\_k\_0\_5
  - (fitDatasets\_lmer), 12
- fitDatasets\_rlmer\_DASTau\_k\_0\_5\_noAdj
  - (fitDatasets\_lmer), 12
- fitDatasets\_rlmer\_DASTau\_k\_2
  - (fitDatasets\_lmer), 12
- fitDatasets\_rlmer\_DASTau\_k\_2\_noAdj
  - (fitDatasets\_lmer), 12
- fitDatasets\_rlmer\_DASTau\_k\_5
  - (fitDatasets\_lmer), 12
- fitDatasets\_rlmer\_DASTau\_k\_5\_noAdj
  - (fitDatasets\_lmer), 12
- fitDatasets\_rlmer\_DASTau\_lmerNoFit
  - (fitDatasets\_lmer), 12
- fitDatasets\_rlmer\_DASTau\_noAdj
  - (fitDatasets\_lmer), 12
- fitDatasets\_rlmer\_DASvar
  - (fitDatasets\_lmer), 12

- fitDatasets\_varComprob
  - (fitDatasets\_lmer), 12
- fitDatasets\_varComprob\_compositeS
  - (fitDatasets\_lmer), 12
- fitDatasets\_varComprob\_compositeS\_2SGS
  - (fitDatasets\_lmer), 12
- fitDatasets\_varComprob\_compositeS\_OGK
  - (fitDatasets\_lmer), 12
- fitDatasets\_varComprob\_compositeTau
  - (fitDatasets\_lmer), 12
- fitDatasets\_varComprob\_compositeTau\_2SGS
  - (fitDatasets\_lmer), 12
- fitDatasets\_varComprob\_compositeTau\_OGK
  - (fitDatasets\_lmer), 12
- fitDatasets\_varComprob\_S
  - (fitDatasets\_lmer), 12
- fitDatasets\_varComprob\_S\_2SGS
  - (fitDatasets\_lmer), 12
- fitDatasets\_varComprob\_S\_OGK
  - (fitDatasets\_lmer), 12
- fitted, 49
- fitted.rlmerMod (rlmerMod-class), 48
- fixef, 24, 26, 49
- fixef.rlmerMod (rlmerMod-class), 48
- formula, 49
- formula.rlmerMod (rlmerMod-class), 48
- generateAnovaDatasets, 5, 9, 17, 21, 22, 52
- generateMixedEffectDatasets, 9, 19, 20, 34
- generateSensitivityCurveDatasets, 21
- geom\_hline, 32
- geom\_qq\_line, 32
- getCall, 26
- getInfo, 49
- getInfo (compare), 7
- getME, 23, 33, 34
- ggplot, 33
- glmer, 25
- glmerControl, 25
- huberPsiRcpp (psi-functions), 42
- isGLMM, 49
- isGLMM.rlmerMod (rlmerMod-class), 48
- isLMM, 49
- isLMM.rlmerMod (rlmerMod-class), 48
- isNLMM, 49
- isNLMM.rlmerMod (rlmerMod-class), 48
- isREML, 49
- isREML.rlmerMod (rlmerMod-class), 48
- lapplyDatasets, 16, 27
- legend, 31
- list, 26
- lme4, 3
- lmer, 3, 14, 33, 34, 41, 45–47, 49
- lmerNoFit, 15
- lmerNoFit (rlmer), 44
- loadAndMergePartialResults, 28, 35
- logLik, 49
- logLik.rlmerMod (rlmerMod-class), 48
- lqmm, 16
- makeCluster, 35
- match.arg, 53
- matplot, 31
- mergeProcessedFits, 28, 28
- merMod, 23, 50
- model.frame, 49
- model.frame.rlmerMod (rlmerMod-class), 48
- model.matrix, 49
- model.matrix.rlmerMod (rlmerMod-class), 48
- name, 26
- nobs, 49
- nobs.rlmerMod (rlmerMod-class), 48
- other, 29
- partialMoment\_standardNormal, 30
- plot, 30, 49
- plot,Rcpp\_HuberPsi-method
  - (plot-methods), 30
- plot,Rcpp\_PsiFunction-method
  - (plot-methods), 30
- plot,Rcpp\_PsiFunctionToPropIIPsiFunctionWrapper-method
  - (plot-methods), 30
- plot,Rcpp\_SmoothPsi-method
  - (plot-methods), 30
- plot-methods, 30
- plot.rlmerMod, 32
- predict, 49
- predict.rlmerMod (rlmerMod-class), 48
- prepareMixedEffectDataset, 5, 20, 21, 33, 52

print.rlmerMod (rlmerMod-class), 48  
 print.rlmerMod\_plots (plot.rlmerMod), 32  
 print.summary.rlmer (rlmerMod-class), 48  
 print.VarCorr.rlmerMod  
     (rlmerMod-class), 48  
 print.xtable, 8  
 print.xtable.comparison.table  
     (compare), 7  
 proc.time, 41  
 processDatasetsInParallel, 28, 34  
 processFile, 35, 36, 36  
 processFit, 9, 22, 28, 35, 37, 37  
 psi-functions, 42  
 psi2propII, 42, 43, 45, 47  
 psi2propII, psi\_func\_rcpp-method  
     (psi2propII), 43  
 psi2propII, Rcpp\_SmoothPsi (psi2propII),  
     43  
 PsiFunction, 10, 11  
 PsiFunction (psi-functions), 42  
  
 ranef, 25, 26, 49  
 ranef.rlmerMod (rlmerMod-class), 48  
 resid, 3  
 resid.rlmerMod (rlmerMod-class), 48  
 residuals, 49  
 residuals.rlmerMod, 44  
 rlme, 16  
 rlmer, 3, 14, 15, 23, 41, 42, 44, 48–50  
 rlmerMod, 23  
 rlmerMod-class, 48  
 robustlmm (robustlmm-package), 3  
 robustlmm-package, 3  
  
 saveDatasets, 35, 36, 50  
 shortenLabelsKS2022, 51  
 show (other), 29  
 show, Rcpp\_HuberPsi-method (other), 29  
 show, Rcpp\_PsiFunction-method (other), 29  
 show, Rcpp\_PsiFunctionToPropIIPsiFunctionWrapper-method  
     (other), 29  
 show, Rcpp\_SmoothPsi-method (other), 29  
 show, rlmerMod-method (rlmerMod-class),  
     48  
 show.rlmerMod (rlmerMod-class), 48  
 show.summary.rlmerMod (rlmerMod-class),  
     48  
 sigma, 49  
 sigma.rlmerMod (rlmerMod-class), 48  
  
 SmoothPsi (psi-functions), 42  
 smoothPsi, 15, 45  
 smoothPsi (psi-functions), 42  
 splitDatasets, 5, 9, 22, 52  
 sprintf, 50  
 summary, 3, 49  
 summary.rlmerMod (rlmerMod-class), 48  
 summary.summary.rlmerMod  
     (rlmerMod-class), 48  
  
 terms, 49  
 terms.rlmerMod (rlmerMod-class), 48  
 theta (getME), 23  
 title, 31  
  
 uniroot, 4  
 update, 49  
 update.rlmerMod (rlmerMod-class), 48  
  
 VarCorr, 49  
 VarCorr.rlmerMod (rlmerMod-class), 48  
 VarCorr.summary.rlmerMod  
     (rlmerMod-class), 48  
 vcov, 26, 49  
 vcov.rlmerMod (rlmerMod-class), 48  
 vcov.summary.rlmerMod (rlmerMod-class),  
     48  
 viewCopyOfSimulationStudy, 53  
  
 weights, 49  
 weights.rlmerMod (rlmerMod-class), 48  
  
 xtable, 7, 8  
 xtable.comparison.table (compare), 7