

Package ‘mfx’

May 30, 2025

Type Package

Title Marginal Effects, Odds Ratios and Incidence Rate Ratios for GLMs

Version 1.2-4

Date 2025-05-30

Description Estimates probit, logit, Poisson, negative binomial, and beta regression models, returning their marginal effects, odds ratios, or incidence rate ratios as an output.

Greene (2008, pp. 780-7) provides a textbook introduction to this topic.

License GPL-2 | GPL-3

Depends stats, sandwich, lmtest, MASS, betareg

NeedsCompilation no

Author Alan Fernihough [aut, cre],
Arne Henningsen [ctb]

Maintainer Alan Fernihough <alan.fernighough@gmail.com>

Repository CRAN

Date/Publication 2025-05-30 10:50:02 UTC

Contents

betamfx	2
betaor	3
logitmfx	4
logitor	6
negbinirr	7
negbinmfx	8
poissonirr	9
poissonmfx	11
probitmfx	12

Index

14

betamfx*Marginal effects for a beta regression.*

Description

This function estimates a beta regression model and calculates the corresponding marginal effects.

Usage

```
betamfx(formula, data, atmean = TRUE, robust = FALSE,
        clustervar1 = NULL, clustervar2 = NULL,
        control = betareg.control(), link.phi = NULL, type = "ML")
```

Arguments

<code>formula</code>	an object of class “formula” (or one that can be coerced to that class).
<code>data</code>	the data frame containing these data. This argument must be used.
<code>atmean</code>	default marginal effects represent the partial effects for the average observation. If <code>atmean</code> = FALSE the function calculates average partial effects.
<code>robust</code>	if TRUE the function reports White/robust standard errors.
<code>clustervar1</code>	a character value naming the first cluster on which to adjust the standard errors.
<code>clustervar2</code>	a character value naming the second cluster on which to adjust the standard errors for two-way clustering.
<code>control</code>	a list of control arguments specified via betareg.control .
<code>link.phi</code>	as in the betareg function.
<code>type</code>	as in the betareg function.

Details

The underlying link function in the mean model (`mu`) is “logit”. If both `robust=TRUE` and `!is.null(clustervar1)` the function overrides the `robust` command and computes clustered standard errors.

Value

<code>mfxest</code>	a coefficient matrix with columns containing the estimates, associated standard errors, test statistics and p-values.
<code>fit</code>	the fitted betareg object.
<code>dcvar</code>	a character vector containing the variable names where the marginal effect refers to the impact of a discrete change on the outcome. For example, a factor variable.
<code>call</code>	the matched call.

References

Francisco Cribari-Neto, Achim Zeileis (2010). Beta Regression in R. *Journal of Statistical Software* 34(2), 1-24.

Bettina Gruen, Ioannis Kosmidis, Achim Zeileis (2012). Extended Beta Regression in R: Shaken, Stirred, Mixed, and Partitioned. *Journal of Statistical Software*, 48(11), 1-25.

See Also

[betaor](#), [betareg](#)

Examples

```
# simulate some data
set.seed(12345)
n = 1000
x = rnorm(n)

# beta outcome
y = rbeta(n, shape1 = plogis(1 + 0.5 * x), shape2 = (abs(0.2*x)))
# use Smithson and Verkuilen correction
y = (y*(n-1)+0.5)/n

data = data.frame(y,x)
betamfx(y~x|x, data=data)
```

betaor

Odds ratios for a beta regression.

Description

This function estimates a beta regression model and calculates the corresponding odds ratios.

Usage

```
betaor(formula, data, robust = FALSE, clustervar1 = NULL, clustervar2 = NULL,
       control = betareg.control(), link.phi = NULL, type = "ML")
```

Arguments

formula	an object of class “formula” (or one that can be coerced to that class).
data	the data frame containing these data. This argument must be used.
robust	if TRUE the function reports White/robust standard errors.
clustervar1	a character value naming the first cluster on which to adjust the standard errors.
clustervar2	a character value naming the second cluster on which to adjust the standard errors for two-way clustering.
control	a list of control arguments specified via betareg.control .
link.phi	as in the betareg function.
type	as in the betareg function.

Details

The underlying link function in the mean model (`mu`) is "logit". If both `robust=TRUE` and `!is.null(clustervar1)` the function overrides the `robust` command and computes clustered standard errors.

Value

<code>oddsratio</code>	a coefficient matrix with columns containing the estimates, associated standard errors, test statistics and p-values.
<code>fit</code>	the fitted betareg object.
<code>call</code>	the matched call.

References

Francisco Cribari-Neto, Achim Zeileis (2010). Beta Regression in R. *Journal of Statistical Software* 34(2), 1-24.

Bettina Gruen, Ioannis Kosmidis, Achim Zeileis (2012). Extended Beta Regression in R: Shaken, Stirred, Mixed, and Partitioned. *Journal of Statistical Software*, 48(11), 1-25.

See Also

[betamfx](#), [betareg](#)

Examples

```
# simulate some data
set.seed(12345)
n = 1000
x = rnorm(n)

# beta outcome
y = rbeta(n, shape1 = plogis(1 + 0.5 * x), shape2 = (abs(0.2*x)))
# use Smithson and Verkuilen correction
y = (y*(n-1)+0.5)/n

data = data.frame(y,x)
betaor(y~x|x, data=data)
```

logitmfx

Marginal effects for a logit regression.

Description

This function estimates a binary logistic regression model and calculates the corresponding marginal effects.

Usage

```
logitmfx(formula, data, atmean = TRUE, robust = FALSE, clustervar1 = NULL,  
         clustervar2 = NULL, start = NULL, control = list())
```

Arguments

formula	an object of class “formula” (or one that can be coerced to that class).
data	the data frame containing these data. This argument must be used.
atmean	default marginal effects represent the partial effects for the average observation. If atmean = FALSE the function calculates average partial effects.
robust	if TRUE the function reports White/robust standard errors.
clustervar1	a character value naming the first cluster on which to adjust the standard errors.
clustervar2	a character value naming the second cluster on which to adjust the standard errors for two-way clustering.
start	starting values for the parameters in the glm model.
control	see glm.control .

Details

If both robust=TRUE and !is.null(clustervar1) the function overrides the robust command and computes clustered standard errors.

Value

mxest	a coefficient matrix with columns containing the estimates, associated standard errors, test statistics and p-values.
fit	the fitted glm object.
dcvar	a character vector containing the variable names where the marginal effect refers to the impact of a discrete change on the outcome. For example, a factor variable.
call	the matched call.

References

William H. Greene (2008). Econometric Analysis (6th ed.). Prentice Hall, N.Y. pp 770-787.

See Also

[logitor](#), [glm](#)

Examples

```
# simulate some data
set.seed(12345)
n = 1000
x = rnorm(n)

# binary outcome
y = ifelse(pnorm(1 + 0.5*x + rnorm(n))>0.5, 1, 0)

data = data.frame(y,x)
logitmfx(formula=y~x, data=data)
```

logitor

Odds ratios for a logit regression.

Description

This function estimates a binary logistic regression model and calculates the corresponding odds ratios.

Usage

```
logitor(formula, data, robust = FALSE, clustervar1 = NULL, clustervar2 = NULL,
        start = NULL, control = list())
```

Arguments

formula	an object of class “formula” (or one that can be coerced to that class).
data	the data frame containing these data. This argument must be used.
robust	if TRUE the function reports White/robust standard errors.
clustervar1	a character value naming the first cluster on which to adjust the standard errors.
clustervar2	a character value naming the second cluster on which to adjust the standard errors for two-way clustering.
start	starting values for the parameters in the glm model.
control	see glm.control .

Details

If both `robust=TRUE` and `!is.null(clustervar1)` the function overrides the `robust` command and computes clustered standard errors.

Value

oddsratio	a coefficient matrix with columns containing the estimates, associated standard errors, test statistics and p-values.
fit	the fitted glm object.
call	the matched call.

See Also

[logitmfx](#), [glm](#)

Examples

```
# simulate some data
set.seed(12345)
n = 1000
x = rnorm(n)

# binary outcome
y = ifelse(rnorm(1 + 0.5*x + rnorm(n))>0.5, 1, 0)

data = data.frame(y,x)
logitor(formula=y~x, data=data)
```

negbinirr

Incidence rate ratios for a negative binomial regression.

Description

This function estimates a negative binomial regression model and calculates the corresponding incidence rate ratios.

Usage

```
negbinirr(formula, data, robust = FALSE, clustervar1 = NULL,
          clustervar2 = NULL, start = NULL, control = glm.control())
```

Arguments

- | | |
|-------------|--|
| formula | an object of class “formula” (or one that can be coerced to that class). |
| data | the data frame containing these data. This argument must be used. |
| robust | if TRUE the function reports White/robust standard errors. |
| clustervar1 | a character value naming the first cluster on which to adjust the standard errors. |
| clustervar2 | a character value naming the second cluster on which to adjust the standard errors for two-way clustering. |
| start | starting values for the parameters in the glm.nb model. |
| control | see glm.control . |

Details

If both `robust=TRUE` and `!is.null(clustervar1)` the function overrides the `robust` command and computes clustered standard errors.

Value

- irr** a coefficient matrix with columns containing the estimates, associated standard errors, test statistics and p-values.
fit the fitted [glm.nb](#) object.
call the matched call.

See Also

[negbinmfx](#), [glm.nb](#)

Examples

```
# simulate some data
set.seed(12345)
n = 1000
x = rnorm(n)
y = rnbinom(n, mu = exp(1 + 0.5 * x), theta = 0.5)

data = data.frame(y,x)

negbinirr(formula=y~x,data=data)
```

negbinmfx

Marginal effects for a negative binomial regression.

Description

This function estimates a negative binomial regression model and calculates the corresponding marginal effects.

Usage

```
negbinmfx(formula, data, atmean = TRUE, robust = FALSE, clustervar1 = NULL,
          clustervar2 = NULL, start = NULL, control = glm.control())
```

Arguments

- formula** an object of class “formula” (or one that can be coerced to that class).
data the data frame containing these data. This argument must be used.
atmean default marginal effects represent the partial effects for the average observation. If **atmean** = FALSE the function calculates average partial effects.
robust if TRUE the function reports White/robust standard errors.
clustervar1 a character value naming the first cluster on which to adjust the standard errors.
clustervar2 a character value naming the second cluster on which to adjust the standard errors for two-way clustering.
start starting values for the parameters in the [glm.nb](#) model.
control see [glm.control](#).

Details

If both `robust=TRUE` and `!is.null(clustervar1)` the function overrides the `robust` command and computes clustered standard errors.

Value

<code>mfest</code>	a coefficient matrix with columns containing the estimates, associated standard errors, test statistics and p-values.
<code>fit</code>	the fitted <code>glm.nb</code> object.
<code>dcvar</code>	a character vector containing the variable names where the marginal effect refers to the impact of a discrete change on the outcome. For example, a factor variable.
<code>call</code>	the matched call.

See Also

[negbinirr](#), [glm.nb](#)

Examples

```
# simulate some data
set.seed(12345)
n = 1000
x = rnorm(n)
y = rnbinom(n, mu = exp(1 + 0.5 * x), theta = 0.5)

data = data.frame(y,x)

negbinmfx(formula=y~x,data=data)
```

poissonirr

Incidence rate ratios for a Poisson regression.

Description

This function estimates a negative binomial regression model and calculates the corresponding incidence rate ratios.

Usage

```
poissonirr(formula, data, robust = FALSE, clustervar1 = NULL,
           clustervar2 = NULL, start = NULL, control = list())
```

Arguments

<code>formula</code>	an object of class “formula” (or one that can be coerced to that class).
<code>data</code>	the data frame containing these data. This argument must be used.
<code>robust</code>	if TRUE the function reports White/robust standard errors.
<code>clustervar1</code>	a character value naming the first cluster on which to adjust the standard errors.
<code>clustervar2</code>	a character value naming the second cluster on which to adjust the standard errors for two-way clustering.
<code>start</code>	starting values for the parameters in the <code>glm</code> model.
<code>control</code>	see <code>glm.control</code> .

Details

If both `robust=TRUE` and `!is.null(clustervar1)` the function overrides the `robust` command and computes clustered standard errors.

Value

<code>irr</code>	a coefficient matrix with columns containing the estimates, associated standard errors, test statistics and p-values.
<code>fit</code>	the fitted <code>glm</code> object.
<code>call</code>	the matched call.

See Also

`poissonmfx`, `glm`

Examples

```
# simulate some data
set.seed(12345)
n = 1000
x = rnorm(n)
y = rnbinom(n, mu = exp(1 + 0.5 * x), theta = 0.5)

data = data.frame(y,x)

poissonirr(formula=y~x,data=data)
```

poissonmfx*Marginal effects for a Poisson regression.*

Description

This function estimates a Poisson regression model and calculates the corresponding marginal effects.

Usage

```
poissonmfx(formula, data, atmean = TRUE, robust = FALSE, clustervar1 = NULL,  
clustervar2 = NULL, start = NULL, control = list())
```

Arguments

formula	an object of class “formula” (or one that can be coerced to that class).
data	the data frame containing these data. This argument must be used.
atmean	default marginal effects represent the partial effects for the average observation. If atmean = FALSE the function calculates average partial effects.
robust	if TRUE the function reports White/robust standard errors.
clustervar1	a character value naming the first cluster on which to adjust the standard errors.
clustervar2	a character value naming the second cluster on which to adjust the standard errors for two-way clustering.
start	starting values for the parameters in the glm model.
control	see glm.control .

Details

If both robust=TRUE and !is.null(clustervar1) the function overrides the robust command and computes clustered standard errors.

Value

mfxest	a coefficient matrix with columns containing the estimates, associated standard errors, test statistics and p-values.
fit	the fitted glm object.
dcvar	a character vector containing the variable names where the marginal effect refers to the impact of a discrete change on the outcome. For example, a factor variable.
call	the matched call.

See Also

[poissonirr](#), [glm](#)

Examples

```
# simulate some data
set.seed(12345)
n = 1000
x = rnorm(n)
y = rnbinom(n, mu = exp(1 + 0.5 * x), theta = 0.5)

data = data.frame(y,x)

poissonmfx(formula=y~x,data=data)
```

probitmfx

Marginal effects for a probit regression.

Description

This function estimates a probit regression model and calculates the corresponding marginal effects.

Usage

```
probitmfx(formula, data, atmean = TRUE, robust = FALSE, clustervar1 = NULL,
           clustervar2 = NULL, start = NULL, control = list())
```

Arguments

<code>formula</code>	an object of class “formula” (or one that can be coerced to that class).
<code>data</code>	the data frame containing these data. This argument must be used.
<code>atmean</code>	default marginal effects represent the partial effects for the average observation. If <code>atmean</code> = FALSE the function calculates average partial effects.
<code>robust</code>	if TRUE the function reports White/robust standard errors.
<code>clustervar1</code>	a character value naming the first cluster on which to adjust the standard errors.
<code>clustervar2</code>	a character value naming the second cluster on which to adjust the standard errors for two-way clustering.
<code>start</code>	starting values for the parameters in the <code>glm</code> model.
<code>control</code>	see <code>glm.control</code> .

Details

If both `robust=TRUE` and `!is.null(clustervar1)` the function overrides the `robust` command and computes clustered standard errors.

Value

mfest	a coefficient matrix with columns containing the estimates, associated standard errors, test statistics and p-values.
fit	the fitted glm object.
dcvar	a character vector containing the variable names where the marginal effect refers to the impact of a discrete change on the outcome. For example, a factor variable.
call	the matched call.

References

William H. Greene (2008). Econometric Analysis (6th ed.). Prentice Hall, N.Y. pp 770-787.

See Also

[glm](#)

Examples

```
# simulate some data
set.seed(12345)
n = 1000
x = rnorm(n)

# binary outcome
y = ifelse(pnorm(1 + 0.5*x + rnorm(n))>0.5, 1, 0)

data = data.frame(y,x)
probitmfx(formula=y~x, data=data)
```

Index

betamfx, 2, 4
betaor, 3, 3
betareg, 2–4
betareg.control, 2, 3

glm, 5–7, 10–13
glm.control, 5–8, 10–12
glm.nb, 7–9

logitmfx, 4, 7
logitor, 5, 6

negbinirr, 7, 9
negbinmfx, 8, 8

poissonirr, 9, 11
poissonmfx, 10, 11
print.betamfx (betamfx), 2
print.betaor (betaor), 3
print.logitmfx (logitmfx), 4
print.logitor (logitor), 6
print.negbinirr (negbinirr), 7
print.negbinmfx (negbinmfx), 8
print.poissonirr (poissonirr), 9
print.poissonmfx (poissonmfx), 11
print.probitmfx (probitmfx), 12
probitmfx, 12