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**Description** Double hierarchical generalized linear models in which the mean, dispersion parameters for variance of random effects, and residual variance (overdispersion) can be further modeled as random-effect models.

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**Description**

The dhglm package is used to fit double hierarchical generalized linear models (DHGLMs) in which random effects can be specified in both the mean and the dispersion components (Lee and Nelder, 2006; Lee, Nelder, and Pawitan, 2006). It can also be used to fit generalized linear models (GLMs) of Nelder and Wedderburn (1972), joint GLMs of Nelder and Lee (1991), and hierarchical GLMs (HGLMs) of Lee and Nelder (1996, 2001). Dispersion parameters of the random effects in the mean model can also be modeled with random effects (Noh, Lee and Pawitan, 2005). The response variable is allowed to follow a Gaussian, binomial, Poisson, or gamma distribution. The distribution of random effects can be specified as Gaussian, gamma, inverse-gamma or beta. It can handle complex structures such as crossed or nested designs in which various combinations of different distributions for random effects can be specified. Fixed effects in the mean can be estimated by maximizing the h-likelihood or a first-order Laplace approximation to the marginal likelihood. Dispersion parameters are estimated by using first-order adjusted profile likelihood, an extension of the restricted maximum likelihood; alternatively, these parameters can be assigned fixed values. The dhglm package also produces model-checking plots for various component of the model.

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### See Also

[<dhglmfit>](#)

### Examples

```
### DHGLM introducing random effects in the overdispersion for crack growth data
data(data_crack_growth)
model_mu<-DHGLMMODELING(Model="mean", Link="log", LinPred=y~crack0+(1|specimen),
RandDist="inverse-gamma")
model_phi<-DHGLMMODELING(Model="dispersion", Link="log",
LinPred=phi~cycle+(1|specimen), RandDist="gaussian")
res_crack<-dhglmfit(RespDist="gamma",DataMain=data_crack_growth,
MeanModel=model_mu,DispersionModel=model_phi,Maxiter=1)
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data_crack_growth	<i>Crack-growth Data</i>
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### Description

Hudak et al. (1978) presented data on crack growth data, which have been listed by Lu and Meeker (1993). There are 21 metallic specimens, each subjected to 120,000 loading cycles, with the crack lengths recorded every 10,000 cycles. We take  $t = \text{no. cycles}/100,000$  here, so  $t(j) = j/1000$  for  $j = 1, \dots, 12$  coded by cycle. The crack increment sequences look rather irregular. Let  $l(i, j)$  be the crack length of the  $i$ th specimen at the  $j$ th observation and let  $y(i, j) = l(i, j) - l(i, j-1)$  be the corresponding increment of crack length, which has always a positive value.  $l(i, j-1)$  is coded by crack0 to use as a covariate.

### Usage

```
data(data_crack_growth)
```

### Format

A data frame with 241 observations of the following 4 variables.

$y$  Increment in crack length,  $y(i, j) = l(i, j) - l(i, j-1)$ , where  $l(i, j)$  is the crack length of the  $i$ th specimen at the  $j$ th observation.

crack $\theta$  The previous crack length,  $l(i,j-1)$ .  
specimen The specimen number for 21 metallic specimens.  
cycle The number of cycles/100,000;  $t(j)=j/100$ ,  $j=1,\dots,12$ .

## References

Hudak, S. J., Saxena, A. Bucci, R. J. and Malcom, R. C. (1978). Development of standard methods of testing and analyzing fatigue crack growth rate data. Technical report. AFML-TR-78-40. Westinghouse R & D Center, Westinghouse Electric Corp., Pittsburgh, PA.

Lu, C. J. and Meeker, W. Q. (1993). Using degeneration measurements to estimate a time-to-failure distribution, *Technometrics* 35, 161–174.

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data\_epilepsy                      *Epilepsy Seizures Data*

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## Description

Thall and Vail (1990) presented longitudinal data from a clinical trial of 59 epileptics, who were randomized to a new drug or a placebo ( $T=0$  or  $T=1$ ). Baseline data were available at the start of the trial; the trial included the logarithm of the average number of epileptic seizures recorded in the 8-week period preceding the trial ( $B$ ), the logarithm of age ( $A$ ), and visit ( $V$ : a linear trend, coded  $(-3,-1,1,3)/10$ ). A multivariate response variable ( $y$ ) consists of the seizure counts during 2-week periods before each of four visits to the clinic.

## Usage

```
data(data_epilepsy)
```

## Format

A data frame with 236 observations of the following 7 variables.

$y$  The seizure counts during 2-week periods before each of four visits to the clinic.  
 $T$  Treatment(0=new drug, 1=placebo).  
 $B$  The average number of epileptic seizures in the 8-week period preceding the trial.  
 $A$  The logarithm of age (in years) of each patient.  
 $V$  Linear trend coded  $(-3, -1, 1, 3)/10$  for four visits of each patient.  
patient Patient number for 59 epileptics.  
id Observation number for 236 observations.

## References

Thall, P. F. and Vail, S. C. (1990). Some covariance models for longitudinal count data with overdispersion, *Biometrics* 46, 657–671.

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dhglmfit	<i>Fitting Double Hierarchical Generalized Linear Models using h-likelihood Approach</i>
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## Description

dhglmfit is used to fit a class of double hierarchical generalized linear models (DHGLMs) in which fixed and random effects can be specified in both the mean and the dispersion components. A variety of distributions and link functions for both the response variables and the random effects are allowed. Fixed and random effects can also be fitted in both the mean and the dispersion components. To call the fitting function dhglmfit, models for the mean and dispersion must be specified by DHGLMMODELING object preferably created by calling the DHGLMMODELING function.

## Usage

```
dhglmfit(RespDist="gaussian", BinomialDen=NULL, DataMain, MeanModel=,
DispersionModel=, BetaFix=NULL, PhiFix=NULL, LamFix=NULL, mord=0, dord=1,
REML=TRUE, MaxIter=200,
convergence=1e-06, EstCorr=TRUE, Dmethod="deviance")
```

## Arguments

RespDist	The distribution of the response is set by the option RespDist. The user can set it to: "gaussian" (default), "binomial", "poisson", or "gamma".
BinomialDen	When RespDist="binomial", one should use the option BinomialDen to specify the denominator for the binomial distribution. This should be "NULL" (default) or a numeric vector of length equal to the length of DataMain. When specified as BinomialDen=NULL and RespDist="binomial", the denominator is 1.
DataMain	The option DataMain determines the data frame to be used (non-optional).
MeanModel	For the mean model, this option requires DGHLMMODELING object which should be specified by the option Model="mean".
DispersionModel	For the overdispersion model, this option requires DGHLMMODELING object which should be specified by the option Model="dispersion".
BetaFix, PhiFix, LamFix	Three options that determine whether the mean parameters (beta), overdispersion parameters (phi) and random-effect variance (lambda) are to be estimated or maintained constant. Specifying defaults such as BetaFix=NULL (or PhiFix=NULL or LamFix=NULL) implies that beta (or phi or lambda) is to be estimated. If not, beta (or phi or lambda) is fixed at a value specified by BetaFix (or PhiFix or LamFix).
mord	The option mord specifies the order of Laplace approximation to the marginal likelihood for fitting the mean parameters. The choice is either 0 or 1 (default).
dord	The option dord specifies the order of Laplace approximation to the adjusted profile likelihood for fitting the dispersion parameters. The choice is either 1 (default) or 2.

REML	logical - indicating whether REML method if it is TRUE (default) or ML method if FALSE are used.
Maxiter	Maxiter determines the maximum number of iterations for estimating all parameters. The default number is 200 iterations.
convergence	Setting this option determines the criterion for convergence, which is computed as the absolute difference between the values of all the estimated parameters in the previous and current iterations. The default criterion is 1e-06.
EstCorr	logical - indicating whether correlations are estimated if it is TRUE (default) or not estimated if FALSE are used.
Dmethod	Method of fitting dispersion model; "deviance" (default) or "Pearson".

### Examples

```
#### Analysis of crack-growth data ####
data(data_crack_growth)
## GLM ##
model_mu<-DHGLMMODELING(Model="mean", Link="log",
LinPred=y~crack0)
model_phi<-DHGLMMODELING(Model="dispersion")
res_glm<-dhglmfit(RespDist="gamma",DataMain=data_crack_growth,
MeanModel=model_mu,DispersionModel=model_phi,Maxiter=1)
## JGLM ##
model_mu<-DHGLMMODELING(Model="mean", Link="log",
LinPred=y~crack0)
model_phi<-DHGLMMODELING(Model="dispersion", Link="log",
LinPred=phi~cycle)
res_jglm<-dhglmfit(RespDist="gamma",DataMain=data_crack_growth,
MeanModel=model_mu,DispersionModel=model_phi,Maxiter=1)
## HGLM I ##
model_mu<-DHGLMMODELING(Model="mean", Link="log",
LinPred=y~crack0+(1|specimen),RandDist="inverse-gamma")
model_phi<-DHGLMMODELING(Model="dispersion")
res_hglm1<-dhglmfit(RespDist="gamma",DataMain=data_crack_growth,
MeanModel=model_mu,DispersionModel=model_phi,Maxiter=1)
## HGLM II ##
model_mu<-DHGLMMODELING(Model="mean", Link="log",
LinPred=y~crack0+(1|specimen),RandDist="inverse-gamma")
model_phi<-DHGLMMODELING(Model="dispersion", Link="log",
LinPred=phi~cycle)
res_hglm2<-dhglmfit(RespDist="gamma",DataMain=data_crack_growth,
MeanModel=model_mu,DispersionModel=model_phi,Maxiter=1)
## DHGLM I ##
model_mu<-DHGLMMODELING(Model="mean", Link="log",
LinPred=y~crack0+(1|specimen),RandDist="inverse-gamma")
model_phi<-DHGLMMODELING(Model="dispersion", Link="log",
LinPred=phi~cycle+(1|specimen),RandDist="gaussian")
res_dhglm1<-dhglmfit(RespDist="gamma",DataMain=data_crack_growth,
MeanModel=model_mu,DispersionModel=model_phi,Maxiter=1)

#### Analysis of epilepsy data ####
data(data_epilepsy)
```

```

model_mu<-DHGLMMODELING(Model="mean", Link="log",
LinPred=y~B+T+A+T*B+V+(1|patient),
RandDist=c("gaussian"))
model_phi<-DHGLMMODELING(Model="dispersion")
# res_hglm<-dhglmfit(RespDist="poisson",DataMain=data_epilepsy,
# MeanModel=model_mu,DispersionModel=model_phi,Maxiter=1)

```

DHGLMMODELING

*Defining the Fixed and Random Models for the Mean and Dispersion parameters in DHGLMs*

## Description

DHGLMMODELING specifies a GLM, HGLM, DHGLM model for the mean parameters ( $\mu$ ), and a GLM, HGLM model for the overdispersion parameters ( $\phi$ ). GLM for  $\mu$ , and GLM for  $\phi$  are specified by adding only fixed terms to the linear predictors for the  $\mu$  and  $\phi$ , respectively. These are extended to HGLM for  $\mu$  and HGLM for  $\phi$  by adding some random terms. The DHGLM for  $\mu$  is specified by allowing random effects for the variance of random effects in HGLM for  $\mu$ . The LMatrix argument allows correlation structures to be defined for random terms. This is done by setting LMatrix to a matrix L that is used as a post-multiplier for the Z matrix of the corresponding random term.

## Usage

```

DHGLMMODELING(Model="mean",Link=NULL,LinPred="constant",RandDist=NULL,
Offset=NULL,LMatrix=NULL,LinkRandVariance=NULL,LinPredRandVariance=NULL,
RandDistRandVariance="gaussian",
LinkRandVariance2=NULL,LinPredRandVariance2=NULL)

```

## Arguments

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|---------|---|
| Model   | This option specifies a GLM, HGLM or DHGLM model for $\mu$ when Model="mean" (default), and a GLM or HGLM for $\phi$ when Model="dispersion".   |
| Link    | The link function for the linear predictor is specified by the option Link. For Model="mean", Link can be "identity", "logit", "probit", "cloglog", "log", or "inverse". For Model="dispersion", the choice is either "log" or "inverse". The default, specified as NULL link, is "identity" for Model="mean" and "log" for Model="dispersion".   |
| LinPred | The option LinPred specifies the fixed and random terms for the linear predictor for $\mu$ when specified as Model="mean" or for $\phi$ when Model="dispersion". For Model="mean", LinPred=y~x1+x2+(1 id1)+(1 id2) specifies y as the main response, x1 and x2 as fixed covariates and id1 and id2 as random terms. For Model="dispersion", the main response should be $\phi$ , e.g. $\phi \sim x_1 + x_2 + (1 id_1) + (1 id_2)$ . This option can specify the model without random effects, e.g., LinPred= $\phi \sim x_1 + x_2$ . The default is "constant", which is set to intercept only the model for the corresponding linear predictors. |

- RandDist** The option `RandDist` specifies the distributions of the random terms represented in the option `LinPred`. It is set as a vector of distribution names from "gaussian" (default), "beta", "gamma", or "inverse-gamma" when `Model="mean"`. For `Model="dispersion"`, the choice is "gaussian" (default), "gamma", or "inverse-gamma". When more than one random terms are specified, e.g.,  $y \sim x_1 + x_2 + (1 | id_1) + (1 | id_2)$  in the option `LinPred`, the different distributions for each random term can be specified, e.g., `c("gaussian", "gamma")`, which assumes normal distribution for the random term "id1" and gamma distribution for the random term "id2", respectively.
- Offset** The option `Offset` can be used to specify a known component to be included in the linear predictor specified by `LinPred` during fitting. This should be the default (NULL) or a numeric vector of length equal to that of the appropriate data.
- LMatrix** The option `LMatrix` sets a matrix that is used as a post-multiplier for the model matrix of the corresponding random effects. This option allows correlation structures to be defined for random effects. For example, when specified as `Model="mean"` and `Lmatrix=L1+L2`, the linear predictor for  $\mu$  takes  $X \beta + Z_1 L_1 r_1 + Z_2 L_2 r_2$ , where  $Z_1$  and  $Z_2$  are the model matrices for the random effects  $v_1 = L_1 r_1$  and  $v_2 = L_2 r_2$ , specified in the option `LinPred`.
- LinkRandVariance** The option `LinkRandVariance` specifies the link function for the linear predictor of the random-effect variances. The choice is either "log" (default) or "inverse". When more than two random terms are specified in the option `LinPred`, the user can set different link functions, e.g., `LinkRandVariance=c("log","inverse")` for each random term.
- LinPredRandVariance** The option `LinPredRandVariance` specifies the fixed and random terms for the linear predictor of the random-effect variances for `Model="mean"`. When  $y \sim x_1 + x_2 + (1 | id_1) + (1 | id_2)$  is specified in the option `LinPred`, `LinPredRandVariance=c(lambda~xx1+(1|id11),lambda~xx2+(1|id12))` specifies `xx1` and `xx2` as fixed covariates and `id11` and `id12` as random terms in the linear predictors for the variances of the random terms `id1` and `id2`, respectively. For `Model="dispersion"`, the random term is not allowed in the linear predictor of the random-effect variance. The default (NULL) is set to intercept only model for the corresponding linear predictors.
- RandDistRandVariance** The option `RandDistRandVariance` specifies the distributions for the random terms in the `LinPredRandVariance`. The choice is "gaussian" (default), "gamma", or "inverse-gamma".
- LinkRandVariance2** This option specifies the link function for the linear predictor of the variance of random effects, which are specified in the option `LinPredRandVariance`. The choice is either "log" (default) or "inverse".
- LinPredRandVariance2** This option specifies the fixed terms for the linear predictor of the variance of random effects, which is specified in the option `LinPredRandVariance`. For example, when `LinPredRandVariance=c(lambda~xx1+(1|id11),lambda~xx1+(1|id12))`



is specified, `LinPredRandVariance2=c(~xxx1,~xxx2)` specifies `xxx1` and `xxx2` as fixed covariates for the linear predictor of random-effect variances for `id11` and `id12`, respectively. The default (NULL) is set to constant variance for the random effects in `LinPredRandVariance`.

### See Also

[<dhglmfit>](#)

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plotdhglm	<i>Produce Model-Checking Plots for a Double Hierarchical Generalized Linear Model Analysis</i>
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### Description

Plots residuals for the mean and dispersion models

### Usage

```
plotdhglm(OUTPUT, type="mean", random=NULL)
```

### Arguments

OUTPUT	The <a href="#">&lt;dhglmfit&gt;</a> object to be plotted
type	Type of model required (mean, dispersion)
random	Random term whose residuals are to be plotted. Default (NULL) is the residuals from the full model

### Details

Four types of plot are available (normal probability plot for residuals, histogram of residuals, residuals versus fitted values and absolute values of residuals versus fitted values).

### See Also

[<dhglmfit>](#)

### Examples

```
#### Model checking plot for crack-growth data
data(data_crack_growth)
model_mu<-DHGLMMODELING(Model="mean", Link="log",
  LinPred=y~crack0+(1|specimen),RandDist="inverse-gamma")
model_phi<-DHGLMMODELING(Model="dispersion", Link="log",
  LinPred=phi~cycle+(1|specimen),RandDist="gaussian")
res_crack_dhglm1<-dhglmfit(RespDist="gamma", DataMain=data_crack_growth,
  MeanModel=model_mu, DispersionModel=model_phi,Maxiter=1)
plotdhglm(res_crack_dhglm1)
```

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