

# Package ‘dalmatian’

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**caterpillar** *Caterpillar (Generic)*

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## Description

Caterpillar (Generic)

## Usage

```
caterpillar(object, ...)
```

## Arguments

object	Object to assess.
...	Ignored

## Examples

```
## Load output from previously run model
load(system.file("Pied_Flycatchers_1", "pfresults.RData", package="dalmatian"))

## Generate caterpillar
pfcaterpillar <- caterpillar(pfresults, plot = FALSE)
```

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**caterpillar.dalmatian** *Caterpillar (dalmatian)*

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## Description

Construct caterpillar plots for key (or selected) parameters in a dalmatian object.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'dalmatian'
caterpillar(object, family = NULL,
            nstart = start(object$coda), nend = end(object$coda),
            nthin = thin(object$coda), plot = TRUE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	Object of class dalmatian created by dalmatian().
family	String defining selected family of variables (see help for ggs()).
nstart	Start point for computing summary statistics (relative to true start of chain).
nend	End point for computing summary statistics (relative to true start of chain).
nthin	Thinning factor for computing summary statsitics (relative to full chain and not previously thinned output).
plot	If TRUE then generate plots. Otherwise, a list of ggplot objects will be returned.
...	Ignored

**Value**

A list of ggplot objects that can be used to later reproduce the plots via print.

**Examples**

```
## Load output from previously run model
load(system.file("Pied_Flycatchers_1","pfresults.RData",package="dalmatian"))

## Generate caterpillar
pcf caterpillar <- caterpillar(pfresults,plot = FALSE)
```

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convergence

*Convergence Diagnostics (S3 Generic)*

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**Description**

Generic function for computing convergence diagnostics.

**Usage**

```
convergence(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	Object to asses.
...	Ignored

## Examples

```
## Load output from previously run model
load(system.file("Pied_Flycatchers_1", "pfresults.RData", package="dalmatian"))

## Compute convergence diagnostics
pfconvergence <- convergence(pfresults)
```

`convergence.dalmatian` *Convergence*

## Description

Compute convergence diagnostics for a dalmatian object.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'dalmatian'
convergence(object, pars = NULL,
            nstart = start(object$coda), nend = end(object$coda),
            nthin = coda:::thin(object$coda), raftery = NULL, ...)
```

## Arguments

<code>object</code>	Object of class <code>dalmatian</code> created by <code>dalmatian()</code> .
<code>pars</code>	List of parameters to assess. If <code>NULL</code> (default) then diagnostics are computed for the fixed effects and random effects standard deviations in both the mean and variance models.
<code>nstart</code>	Start point for computing summary statistics (relative to true start of chain).
<code>nend</code>	End point for computing summary statistics (relative to true start of chain).
<code>nthin</code>	Thinning factor for computing summary statsitics (relative to full chain and not previously thinned output).
<code>raftery</code>	List of arguments to be passed to <code>raftery.diag()</code> . Any values not provided will be set to their defaults (see <code>help(raftery.diag())</code> for details).
<code>...</code>	Ignored

## Value

List containing Gelman-Rubin and Raftery convergence diagnostics and effective sampel sizes for the selected parameters.

## Examples

```
## Load output from previously run model
load(system.file("Pied_Flycatchers_1","pfresults.RData",package="dalmatian"))

## Compute convergence diagnostics
pfconvergence <- convergence(pfresults)
```

dalmatian

*Run DGLM in JAGS via rjags*

## Description

The primary function which automates the running of JAGS.

## Usage

```
dalmatian(df, mean.model, variance.model, jags.model.args, coda.samples.args,
          response = NULL, rounding = FALSE, lower = NULL, upper = NULL,
          parameters = NULL, svd = TRUE, residuals = FALSE, gencode = NULL,
          drop.levels = TRUE, drop.missing = TRUE, overwrite = FALSE,
          debug = FALSE, saveJAGSinput = NULL)
```

## Arguments

<code>df</code>	Data frame containing the response and predictor values for each individual. ( <code>data.frame</code> )
<code>mean.model</code>	Model list specifying the structure of the mean. ( <code>list</code> )
<code>variance.model</code>	Model list specifying the structure of the variance. ( <code>list</code> )
<code>jags.model.args</code>	List containing named arguments of <code>jags.model</code> . ( <code>list</code> )
<code>coda.samples.args</code>	List containing named arguments of <code>coda.samples</code> . ( <code>list</code> )
<code>response</code>	Name of variable in the data frame representing the response. ( <code>character</code> )
<code>rounding</code>	Specifies that response has been rounded if TRUE. ( <code>logical</code> )
<code>lower</code>	Name of variable in the data frame representing the lower bound on the response if rounded. ( <code>character</code> )
<code>upper</code>	Name of variable in the data frame representing the upper bound on the response if rounded. ( <code>character</code> )
<code>parameters</code>	Names of parameters to monitor. If <code>NULL</code> then default values are selected. ( <code>character</code> )
<code>svd</code>	Compute Singular Value Decomposition of model matrices to improve convergence. ( <code>logical</code> )

residuals	If TRUE then compute residuals in output. (logical)
gencode	If TRUE then generate code potentially overwriting existing model file. By default generate code if the file does not exist and prompt user if it does. (logical)
drop.levels	If TRUE then drop unused levels from all factors in df. (logical)
drop.missing	If TRUE then remove records with missing response variable. (logical)
overwrite	If TRUE then overwrite existing JAGS files (non-interactive sessions only). (logical)
debug	If TRUE then enter debug model. (logical)
saveJAGSinput	Directory to which jags.model input is saved prior to calling <code>jags.model()</code> . This is useful for debugging. No files saved if NULL. (character)

## Details

The primary function in the package, `dalmatian` automates the generation of code, data, and initial values. These are then passed as arguments to function from the `rjags` package which automates the generation of samples from the posterior.

## Value

`samples` (`mcmc.list`)

## Author(s)

Simon Bonner

## Examples

```
## Not run:
## Load pied flycatcher data
data(pied_flycatchers_1)

## Create variables bounding the true load
pfdata$lower=ifelse(pfdata$load==0,log(.001),log(pfdata$load-.049))
pfdata$upper=log(pfdata$load+.05)
## Mean model
mymean=list(fixed=list(name="alpha",
                        formula=~ log(IVI) + broodsize + sex,
                        priors=list(c("dnorm",0,.001)))))

## Variance model
myvar=list(fixed=list(name="psi",
                      link="log",
                      formula=~broodsize + sex,
                      priors=list(c("dnorm",0,.001)))))

## Set working directory
## By default uses a system temp directory. You probably want to change this.
workingDir <- tempdir()
```

```

## Define list of arguments for jags.model()
jm.args <- list(file=file.path(workingDir,"pied_flycatcher_1_jags.R"),n.adapt=1000)

## Define list of arguments for coda.samples()
cs.args <- list(n.iter=5000)

## Run the model using dalmatian
pfresults <- dalmatian(df=pfdata,
                       mean.model=mymean,
                       variance.model=myvar,
                       jags.model.args=jm.args,
                       coda.samples.args=cs.args,
                       rounding=TRUE,
                       lower="lower",
                       upper="upper",
                       debug=FALSE)

## End(Not run)

```

**fitted.dalmatian***Prediction method for dalmatian Fitted Objects***Description**

Prediction method for dalmatian Fitted Objects

**Usage**

```

## S3 method for class 'dalmatian'
fitted(object, df = object$df, method = "mean",
       ci = TRUE, level = 0.95, ...)

```

**Arguments**

<b>object</b>	Object of class dalmatian created by dalmatian().
<b>df</b>	data frame containing predictor values to predict response variables. Defaults to data in object if not supplied. (data.frame)
<b>method</b>	Method to construct the fitted model. Either "mean" or "mode" (character)
<b>ci</b>	returning credible intervals for predictions if TRUE (logical)
<b>level</b>	level of credible intervals for predictions (numeric)
<b>...</b>	Ignored

**Value**

**predictions** (list)

## Examples

```

## Load pied flycatcher data
data(pied_flycatchers_1)

## Create variables bounding the true load
pfdata$lower=ifelse(pfdata$load==0,log(.001),log(pfdata$load-.049))
pfdata$upper=log(pfdata$load+.05)

## Add 'log(IVI)' variable in pfdata
pfdata$log(IVI) <- log(pfdata$IVI)

## Load output from previously run model
load(system.file("Pied_Flycatchers_1","pfresults.RData",package="dalmatian"))

## Compute fitted values
pred.pfresults <- fitted(object = pfresults,
                           df = pfdata,
                           method = "mean",
                           ci = TRUE,
                           level = 0.95)

```

**pfdata**

*Pied flycatcher feeding data*

### Description

Dataset containing 5795 records of 60 pied flycatchers from 33 nest boxes feeding their nestlings during a brood manipulation experiment.

### Usage

`pfdata`

### Format

A data frame containing 5795 rows and 17 variables

**print.dalmatian.summary**

*Print Summary (dalmatian)*

### Description

Print Summary (dalmatian)

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'dalmatian.summary'  
print(x, digits = 2, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	Object of class <code>dalamtion.summary</code> created by <code>summary.dalmatian()</code> .
digits	Number of digits to display after decimal.
...	Ignored

**Examples**

```
## Load output from previously run model  
load(system.file("Pied_Flycatchers_1","pfresults.RData",package="dalmatian"))  
  
## Compute numerical summaries  
print(summary(pfresults))
```

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**ranef***Random Effects (S3 Generic)*

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**Description**

Generic function for exporting summaries of random effects.

**Usage**

```
ranef(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	Input object
...	Ignored

**Examples**

```
## Load output from previously run model  
load(system.file("Pied_Flycatchers_1","pfresults.RData",package="dalmatian"))  
  
## Compute numerical summaries  
ranef(pfresults)
```

<code>ranef.dalmatian</code>	<i>Random Effects (dalmatian)</i>
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## Description

Compute posterior summary statistics for the individual random effects in each part of the model.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'dalmatian'
ranef(object, nstart = start(object$coda),
      nend = end(object$coda), nthin = thin(object$coda), ...)
```

## Arguments

<code>object</code>	Object of class <code>dalmatian</code> created by <code>dalmatian()</code> .
<code>nstart</code>	Start point for computing summary statistics (relative to true start of chain).
<code>nend</code>	End point for computing summary statistics (relative to true start of chain).
<code>nthin</code>	Thinning factor for computing summary statsitics (relative to full chain and not previously thinned output).
<code>...</code>	Ignored

## Value

`output` (list)

## Examples

```
## Load output from previously run model
load(system.file("Pied_Flycatchers_1", "pfresults.RData", package="dalmatian"))

## Compute numerical summaries
ranef(pfresults)
```

<code>setJAGSInits</code>	<i>Set initial values for dalmatian</i>
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## Description

Set initial values for `dalmatian`

**Usage**

```
setJAGSInits(mean.model, variance.model, fixed.mean = NULL,
  fixed.variance = NULL, y = NULL, random.mean = NULL, sd.mean = NULL,
  random.variance = NULL, sd.variance = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

mean.model	Model list specifying the structure of the mean. (list)
variance.model	Model list specifying the structure of the variance. (list)
fixed.mean	Initial values for the fixed effects of the mean. (numeric)
fixed.variance	Initial values for the fixed effects of the variance. (numeric)
y	Initial values for the true response. This should only be specified if the rounding = TRUE in the main call to dalmatian.
random.mean	Initial values for the random effects of the mean. (numeric)
sd.mean	Initial values for the standard deviation of the random effects of the mean. (numeric)
random.variance	Initial values for the random effects of the variance. (numeric)
sd.variance	Initial values for the standard deviation of the random effects of the variance. (numeric)

**Details**

Allows the user to set initial values for dalmatian. Any values not specified will be initialized by JAGS.

**Value**

inits (list)

**Author(s)**

Simon Bonner

**Examples**

```
## Load pied flycatcher data
data(pied_flycatchers_1)

## Create variables bounding the true load
pfdata$lower=ifelse(pfdata$load==0,log(.001),log(pfdata$load-.049))
pfdata$upper=log(pfdata$load+.05)

## Load output from previously run model
load(system.file("Pied_Flycatchers_1","pfresults.RData",package="dalmatian"))

## Set initial values for a new run of the same model
inits <- lapply(1:3,function(i){
```

```

setJAGSInits(pfresults$mean.model,
             pfresults$variance.model,
             y = runif(nrow(pfdta), pfdta$lower, pfdta$upper),
             fixed.mean = tail(pfresults$coda[[i]], 1)[1:4],
             fixed.variance = tail(pfresults$coda[[i]], 1)[5:7],
             sd.mean = 1)
})

```

**summary.dalmatian**      *Summary (dalmatian)*

## Description

Summary (dalmatian)

## Usage

```

## S3 method for class 'dalmatian'
summary(object, nstart = start(object$coda),
         nend = end(object$coda), nthin = thin(object$coda), ...)

```

## Arguments

object	Object of class dalmatian created by dalmatian().
nstart	Start point for computing summary statistics (relative to true start of chain).
nend	End point for computing summary statistics (relative to true start of chain).
nthin	Thinning factor for computing summary statsitics (relative to full chain and not previously thinned output).
...	Ignored

## Value

output (list)

## Examples

```

## Load output from previously run model
load(system.file("Pied_Flycatchers_1", "pfresults.RData", package="dalmatian"))

## Compute numerical summaries
summary(pfresults)

```

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**traceplots***Traceplots (Generic)*

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**Description**

Traceplots (Generic)

**Usage**

```
traceplots(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	Object to assess.
...	Ignored

**Examples**

```
## Load output from previously run model
load(system.file("Pied_Flycatchers_1","pfresults.RData",package="dalmatian"))

## Generate traceplots
pftraceplots <- traceplots(pfresults)
```

---

**traceplots.dalmatian** *Traceplots (dalmatian)*

---

**Description**

Construct traceplots for key (or selected) parameters in a dalmatian object.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'dalmatian'
traceplots(object, family = NULL,
           nstart = start(object$coda), nend = end(object$coda),
           nthin = thin(object$coda), plot = TRUE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>object</code>	Object of class <code>dalmatian</code> created by <code>dalmatian()</code> .
<code>family</code>	String defining selected family of variables (see help for <code>ggs()</code> ).
<code>nstart</code>	Start point for computing summary statistics (relative to true start of chain).
<code>nend</code>	End point for computing summary statistics (relative to true start of chain).
<code>nthin</code>	Thinning factor for computing summary statsitics (relative to full chain and not previously thinned output).
<code>plot</code>	If TRUE then generate plots. Otherwise, a list of <code>ggplot</code> objects will be returned.
<code>...</code>	Ignored

**Value**

A list of `ggplot` objects that can be used to later reproduce the plots via `print`.

**Examples**

```
## Load output from previously run model
load(system.file("Pied_Flycatchers_1", "pfresults.RData", package="dalmatian"))

## Generate traceplots
pftraceplots <- traceplots(pfresults)
```

`weights.df`

*Simulated data for illustrating the use of weights*

**Description**

Simulated data for illustrating the use of weights in the particular case when the responses are averages of observed with different denominators

**Usage**

`weights.df`

**Format**

An object of class `data.frame` with 100 rows and 3 columns.

**Details**

@format A data frame with 100 rows and 3 columns:

- n** The number of observations.
- x** The common predictor value.
- y** The mean response value.

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