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**Description** This package offers three important components: (1) to construct a use-defined linear mixed model, (2) to employ one of linear mixed model approaches: minimum norm quadratic unbiased estimation (MINQUE) (Rao, 1971) for variance component estimation and random effect prediction; and (3) to employ a jackknife resampling technique to conduct various statistical tests. In addition, this package provides the function for model or data evaluations. This R package offers fast computations for large data sets analyses for various irregular data structures.

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minque-package                      *An R Package for Various Linear Mixed Models Analyses*

## Description

The package can be used for various linear mixed linear model analyses.

## Details

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An overview of how to use the package, including the most important functions

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brate *Cotton boll retention rate data*

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### Description

This data set contains boll retention of 10 cotton plants for 5 genotypes and 13 nodes. This data set can be analyzed in many ways: factorial factor design (genotype and position) or as split-plot design. For example, this data set can be analyzed by user-defined model as shown in the example.

### Usage

```
data(brate)
```

### Format

A data frame with 338 observations on the following 5 variables.

Year year of 2009

Geno genotypes from 1 to 5

Pos plant nodes from 5 to 17

Rep field blocks from 1 to 4

Brate mean boll retention for the first position over 10 plants

### Details

No other details are needed

### Source

No references or URLs available.

### References

No reference available

### Examples

```
library(minque)

data(brate)
head(brate)
brate$Geno=factor(brate$Geno)
brate$Pos=factor(brate$Pos)
brate$Rep=factor(brate$Rep)
```

```

res=lmm(Brate~1|Geno*Pos+Rep,data=brate)
res[[1]]$Var
res[[1]]$FixedEffect
res[[1]]$RandomEffect

res=lmm.jack(Brate~1|Geno*Pos+Rep,data=brate,JacNum=10,JacRep=1,ALPHA=0.05)
res[[1]]$Var
res[[1]]$PVar
res[[1]]$FixedEffect
res[[1]]$RandomEffect
## end

```

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cot

*Twenty four cotton genotypes with four agronomic traits*


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### Description

Twenty four cotton genotypes were evaluated under two locations at the Mississippi State University Research Farm.

### Usage

```
data(cot)
```

### Format

A data frame with 288 observations on the following 7 variables.

LOC location

Geno genotypes

REP field blocks

BN Boll number

BS Boll size

LP Lint percentage

LY Lint yield

### Details

No other details are needed

### Source

Not available

### References

To be added

## Examples

```
##Sample R codes used to analyze the data set: cot
library(minque)
data(cot)
names(cot)
cot$Geno=factor(cot$Geno)
cot$Loc=factor(cot$LOC)
cot$Rep=factor(cot$REP)

res=lmm(LY~1|Geno*Loc+Loc:Rep,data=cot)
res[[1]]$Var
res[[1]]$FixedEffect
res[[1]]$RandomEffect

res=lmm.jack(LY~1|Geno*Loc+Loc:Rep,data=cot,JacNum=10,JacRep=1,ALPHA=0.05)
res[[1]]$Var
res[[1]]$PVar
res[[1]]$FixedEffect
res[[1]]$RandomEffect

##End
```

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 lmm

*An R function for linear mixed model analysis.*


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## Description

An R function for linear mixed model analysis with REML and/or MINQUE approaches

## Usage

```
lmm(formula,data = list(), method = NULL, ALPHA = NULL)
```

## Arguments

formula	A linear mixed model formula.
data	Data frame. It can be default.
method	The default linear mixed model approach is MINQUE. Users can choose both or one of two linear mixed model approaches, REML and MINQUE.
ALPHA	A preset nominal probability level.

## Details

No data frame is needed when more than one response variables are analyzed

**Value**

Return list of simulated results for variance components

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**Examples**

```
library(minque)
data(ncii)
res=lmm(Yld~1|Female*Male+Rep,data=ncii,method=c("reml","minque"))
res[[1]]$Var
res[[1]]$FixedEffect
res[[1]]$RandomEffect
#End
```

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 Imm.check

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*An R function to obtain information from a linear mixed model*


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**Description**

Sometimes users may need run some simulations for a given data structure and/or a model. This function will give users the information used for simulation.

**Usage**

```
Imm.check(formula, data = list())
```

**Arguments**

formula	A linear mixed model formula
data	A data frame used for modelling. It can be default

**Value**

Return the information that will be used to preset values for simulation

comp1	Number of variance components including one for random error
comp2	Names for all variance components not including the one for random error
comp3	Levels of effects for each fixed effect component
comp4	Names of all fixed effects

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**Examples**

```
library(minque)
data(ncii)
ncii$Female=factor(ncii$Female)
lmm.inf=lmm.check(Yld~Female|Female*Male+Rep,data=ncii)
lmm.inf

#End
```

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lmm.jack

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*An R function for linear mixed model analysis*


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**Description**

An R function for linear mixed model analysis with integration two linear mixed model approaches (REML and MINQUE) and a jackknife technique.

**Usage**

```
lmm.jack(formula, data=list(),method = NULL, JacNum = NULL,
          JacRep = NULL, ALPHA = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

formula	A linear mixed model formula.
data	A data frame used for analysis, it can be default.
method	The default linear mixed model approach is MINQUE. Users can choose both or one of two linear mixed model approaches, REML and MINQUE.
JacNum	The groups of jackknife to be used. The default number is 10.
JacRep	The times of jackknife process being repeated. The default is 1
ALPHA	The nominal alpha value being used for statistical tests. The default value is 0.05

**Value**

Return a list of matrices each including mean estimated variance components, standard error, and power

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**Examples**

```
library(minque)
data(ncii)
res=lmm.jack(Yld~1|Female*Male+Rep,data=ncii,
  JacNum=10, JacRep=1, ALPHA=0.05)
res$Var
res$PVar
res$FixedEffect
res$RandomEffect
#End
```



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`Imm.perm`*An R function for linear mixed model analysis and permutation test*

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**Description**

An R function for linear mixed model analysis with integration two linear mixed model approaches (REML and MINQUE) and a permutation test.

**Usage**

```
Imm.perm(formula, data = list(), method = NULL, PermNum = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

<code>formula</code>	A linear mixed model formula.
<code>data</code>	Data frame. It can be default.
<code>method</code>	The default linear mixed model approach is MINQUE. Users can choose both or one of two linear mixed model approaches, REML and MINQUE.
<code>PermNum</code>	Permutation number. The default number is 100

**Value**

Return a list of matrices each including mean estimated variance components, standard error, and power

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**Examples**

```
library(minque)
data(ncii)
res=lmm.perm(Yld~1|Female*Male+Rep,data=ncii,method=c("reml","minque"))
res[[1]]
res[[2]]
#End
```

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`Imm.simu`*An R function for linear mixed model simulation.*

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**Description**

An R function for linear mixed model simulation with generated data set and a given model.

**Usage**

```
Imm.simu(formula, method = NULL, ALPHA = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

<code>formula</code>	A linear mixed model formula.
<code>method</code>	The default linear mixed model approach is MINQUE. Users can choose both or one of two linear mixed model approaches, REML and MINQUE.
<code>ALPHA</code>	A preset nominal probability level.

**Details**

No data frame is needed when more than one response variables are analyzed

**Value**

Return list of simulated results for variance components

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Miller, R. G. 1974. The jackknife - a review. *Biometrika*, 61:1- 15.

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## Examples

```
library(minque)
data(ncii)

lmm.inf=lmm.check(Yld~1|Female*Male+Rep,data=ncii)

lmm.inf ##there are five variance components
v=c(20,20,20,20,20) ##there are five variance components
b=as.vector(100) ##there is only population mean as fixed effect
Y=lmm.simudata(Yld~1|Female*Male+Rep,data=ncii,v=v,b=b,SimuNum=50)
Female=factor(ncii$Female)
Male=factor(ncii$Male)
Rep=factor(ncii$Rep)
res=lmm.simu(Y~1|Female*Male+Rep)
res[[1]]
#End
```

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lmm.simu.jack

*An R function for linear mixed model simulation.*

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## Description

An R function for linear mixed model simulation with integration two linear mixed model approaches (REML and MINQUE) and a jackknife technique.

## Usage

```
lmm.simu.jack(formula, method = NULL, JacNum = NULL, JacRep = NULL, ALPHA = NULL)
```

## Arguments

formula	A linear mixed model formula.
method	The default linear mixed model approach is MINQUE. Users can choose both or one of two linear mixed model approaches, REML and MINQUE.
JacNum	The groups of jackknife to be used. The default number is 10.
JacRep	The times of jackknife process being repeated. The default is 1
ALPHA	The nomial alpha value being used for statistical tests. The default value is 0.05

**Value**

Return a list of matrices each including mean estimated variance components, standard error, and power

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**Examples**

```
library(minque)
data(ncii)

lmm.inf=lmm.check(Yld~1|Female*Male+Rep,data=ncii)

lmm.inf ##there are five variance components
v=c(20,20,20,20,20) ##there are five variance components
b=as.vector(100) ##there is only population mean as fixed effect
Y=lmm.simudata(Yld~1|Female*Male+Rep,data=ncii,v=v,b=b,SimuNum=50)
Female=factor(ncii$Female)
Male=factor(ncii$Male)
Rep=factor(ncii$Rep)
res=lmm.simu.jack(Y~1|Female*Male+Rep)
res[[1]]

#End
```

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`Imm.simudata`*An R function to generate a simulated data set*

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**Description**

An R function to generate a simulated data set with given parameters, model, and data structure.

**Usage**

```
Imm.simudata(formula, data = list(), v, b, SimuNum = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

<code>formula</code>	A linear mixed model formula
<code>data</code>	A data frame. It can be default.
<code>v</code>	A vector of preset variance components
<code>b</code>	A vector of present fixed effects.
<code>SimuNum</code>	The number of simulations. The default number is 200.

**Value**

Return a simulated data set which is a matrix.

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**References**

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**Examples**

```

library(minque)
data(ncii)

lmm.inf=lmm.check(Yld~1|Female*Male+Rep,data=ncii)

lmm.inf ##there are five variance components
v=c(20,20,20,20,20) ##there are five variance components
b=as.vector(100) ##there is only population mean as fixed effect
Y=lmm.simudata(Yld~1|Female*Male+Rep,data=ncii,v=v,b=b,SimuNum=50)

#End

```

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maize

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*Maize variety trial*


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**Description**

Maize variety trial with two years and multi-locations in China.

**Usage**

```
data(maize)
```

**Format**

A data frame with 260 observations (rows) on the following 4 variables (columns).

Cultivar cultivar names  
Year testing year  
Location testing locations  
Yld maize yield

**Details**

No other details available

**Source**

Fan X.M., Kang M.S., Chen H.M., Zhang Y.D., Tan J., Xu C.X. (2007) Yield stability of maize hybrids evaluated in multi-environment trials in Yunnan, China. *Agronomy Journal*.99:220-228

**References**

Fan X.M., Kang M.S., Chen H.M., Zhang Y.D., Tan J., Xu C.X. (2007) Yield stability of maize hybrids evaluated in multi-environment trials in Yunnan, China. *Agronomy Journal*.99:220-228

**Examples**

```
library(minque)
data(maize)
#names(maize)

res=lmm(Yld~1|Cultivar*Year+Cultivar*Location+Year*Location,data=maize)
res[[1]]$Var
res[[1]]$FixedEffect
res[[1]]$RandomEffect

res=lmm.jack(Yld~1|Cultivar*Year+Cultivar*Location+Year*Location,
  data=maize,JacNum=10,JacRep=1,ALPHA=0.05)
res[[1]]$Var
res[[1]]$PVar
res[[1]]$FixedEffect
res[[1]]$RandomEffect

##End
```

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ncii

*NC design II F1 data*

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**Description**

A genetic data set can be analyzed by ANOVA or MIQNUE approaches.

**Usage**

```
data(ncii)
```

**Format**

A data frame with 60 observations on the following 4 variables.

Female female parents

Male male parents

Rep replications

Yld yield

**Details**

No other details available

**Source**

Not available

**References**

To be added

**Examples**

```
library(minque)
data(ncii)

res=lmm(Yld~1|Female*Male+Rep,data=ncii)
res[[1]]$Var
res[[1]]$FixedEffect
res[[1]]$RandomEffect

res=lmm.jack(Yld~1|Female*Male+Rep,data=ncii,
  method=c("reml","minque"),JacNum=10,JacRep=1,ALPHA=0.05)
res[[1]]$Var
res[[1]]$PVar

res[[1]]$FixedEffect
res[[1]]$RandomEffect
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