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## **Description**

This package provides methods for obtaining estimated marginal means (EMMs, also known as least-squares means) for factor combinations in a variety of models. Supported models include [generalized linear] models, models for counts, multivariate, multinomial and ordinal responses, survival models, GEEs, and Bayesian models. For the latter, posterior samples of EMMs are provided. The package can compute contrasts or linear combinations of these marginal means with various multiplicity adjustments. One can also estimate and contrast slopes of trend lines. Some graphical displays of these results are provided.

#### Overview

**Vignettes** A number of vignettes are provided to help the user get acquainted with the **emmeans** package and see some examples.

**Concept** Estimated marginal means (see Searle *et al.* 1980 are popular for summarizing linear models that include factors. For balanced experimental designs, they are just the marginal means. For unbalanced data, they in essence estimate the marginal means you *would* have observed that the data arisen from a balanced experiment. Earlier developments regarding these techniques were developed in a least-squares context and are sometimes referred to as "least-squares means". Since its early development, the concept has expanded far beyond least-squares settings.

**Reference grids** The implementation in **emmeans** relies on our own concept of a *reference grid*, which is an array of factor and predictor levels. Predictions are made on this grid, and estimated marginal means (or EMMs) are defined as averages of these predictions over zero or more dimensions of the grid. The function <code>ref\_grid</code> explicitly creates a reference grid that can subsequently be used to obtain least-squares means. The object returned by <code>ref\_grid</code> is of class "emmGrid", the same class as is used for estimated marginal means (see below).

Our reference-grid framework expands slightly upon Searle *et al.*'s definitions of EMMs, in that it is possible to include multiple levels of covariates in the grid.

**Models supported** As is mentioned in the package description, many types of models are supported by the package. See vignette("models", "emmeans") for full details. Some models may require other packages be installed in order to access all of the available features. For models not explicitly supported, it may still be possible to do basic post hoc analyses of them via the qdrg function.

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Estimated marginal means The emmeans function computes EMMs given a fitted model (or a previously constructed emmGrid object), using a specification indicating what factors to include. The emtrends function creates the same sort of results for estimating and comparing slopes of fitted lines. Both return an emmGrid object.

- **Summaries and analysis** The summary.emmGrid method may be used to display an emmGrid object. Special-purpose summaries are available via confint.emmGrid and test.emmGrid, the latter of which can also do a joint test of several estimates. The user may specify by variables, multiplicity-adjustment methods, confidence levels, etc., and if a transformation or link function is involved, may reverse-transform the results to the response scale.
- Contrasts and comparisons The contrast method for emmGrid objects is used to obtain contrasts among the estimates; several standard contrast families are available such as deviations from the mean, polynomial contrasts, and comparisons with one or more controls. Another emmGrid object is returned, which can be summarized or further analyzed. For convenience, a pairs.emmGrid method is provided for the case of pairwise comparisons.
- **Graphs** The plot.emmGrid method will display side-by-side confidence intervals for the estimates, and/or "comparison arrows" whereby the \*P\* values of pairwise differences can be observed by how much the arrows overlap. The emmip function displays estimates like an interaction plot, multi-paneled if there are by variables. These graphics capabilities require the **lattice** package be installed.
- **MCMC support** When a model is fitted using MCMC methods, the posterior chains(s) of parameter estimates are retained and converted into posterior samples of EMMs or contrasts thereof. These may then be summarized or plotted like any other MCMC results, using tools in, say **coda** or **bayesplot**.
- multcomp interface The as.glht function and glht method for emmGrids provide an interface to the glht function in the multcomp package, thus providing for more exacting simultaneous estimation or testing. The package also provides an emm function that works as an alternative to mcp in a call to glht.

add\_grouping

Add a grouping factor

# **Description**

This function adds a grouping factor to an existing reference grid or other emmGrid object, such that the levels of an existing factor (call it the reference factor) are mapped to a smaller number of levels of the new grouping factor. The reference factor is then nested in the grouping factor. This facilitates obtaining marginal means of the grouping factor, and contrasts thereof.

#### Usage

add\_grouping(object, newname, refname, newlevs)

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# **Arguments**

object	An emmGrid object
newname	Character name of grouping factor to add (different from any existing factor in the grid)
refname	Character name of the reference factor
newlevs	Character vector or factor of the same length as that of the levels for refname. The grouping factor newname will have the unique values of newlevs as its levels.

#### Value

A revised emmGrid object having an additional factor named newname, and a new nesting structure refname %in% newname

#### Note

By default, the levels of newname will be ordered alphabetically. To dictate a different ordering of levels, supply newlevs as a factor having its levels in the required order.

# **Examples**

```
fiber.lm <- lm(strength ~ diameter + machine, data = fiber)</pre>
( frg <- ref_grid(fiber.lm) )</pre>
# Suppose the machines are two different brands
brands <- factor(c("FiberPro", "FiberPro", "Acme"), levels = c("FiberPro", "Acme"))</pre>
( gfrg <- add_grouping(frg, "brand", "machine", brands) )</pre>
emmeans(gfrg, "machine")
emmeans(gfrg, "brand")
```

as.list.emmGrid

Convert to and from emmGrid objects

## **Description**

These are useful utility functions for creating a compact version of an emmGrid object that may be saved and later reconstructed, or for converting old ref.grid or lsmobj objects into emmGrid objects.

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'emmGrid'
as.list(x, ...)
as.emm_list(object, ...)
as.emmGrid(object, ...)
```

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## Arguments

X	An emmGrid object
• • •	In as.emmGrid, additional arguments passed to update.emmGrid before returning the object. This argument is ignored in as.list.emmGrid
object	Object to be converted to class emmGrid. It may be a list returned by as.list.emmGrid, or a ref.grid or lsmobj object created by <b>emmeans</b> 's predecessor, the <b>lsmeans</b> package. An error is thrown if object cannot be converted.

## **Details**

An emmGrid object is an S4 object, and as such cannot be saved in a text format or saved without a lot of overhead. By using as.list, the essential parts of the object are converted to a list format that can be easily and compactly saved for use, say, in another session or by another user. Providing this list as the arguments for emmobj allows the user to restore a working emmGrid object.

#### Value

```
as.list.emmGrid returns an object of class list.

as.emm_list returns an object of class emm_list.

as.emmGrid returns an object of class emmGrid. However, in fact, both as.emmGrid and as.emm_list check for an attribute in object to decide whether to return an emmGrid or emm_list) object.
```

# See Also

emmobj

## **Examples**

```
pigs.lm <- lm(log(conc) ~ source + factor(percent), data = pigs)
pigs.sav <- as.list(ref_grid(pigs.lm))

pigs.anew <- as.emmGrid(pigs.sav)
emmeans(pigs.anew, "source")

## Not run:

## Convert an entire workspace saved from an old **lsmeans** session
a.problem <- lsmeans::lsmeans(pigs.lm, "source")

#- Now global env contains at least two ref.grid and lsmobj objects,
#- and the "lsmeans" namespace is loaded
emmeans:::convert_workspace()
class(a.problem)

"lsmeans" %in% loadedNamespaces()
#- It's all better now</pre>

## End(Not run)
```

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Support for MCMC-based estimation

# Description

When a model is fitted using Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) methods, its reference grid contains a post.beta slot. These functions transform those posterior samples to posterior samples of EMMs or related contrasts. They can then be summarized or plotted using, e.g., functions in the **coda** package.

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'emmGrid'
as.mcmc(x, names = TRUE, sep.chains = TRUE, likelihood,
    NE.include = FALSE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'emmGrid'
as.mcmc.list(x, names = TRUE, ...)
```

# **Arguments**

X	An object of class emmGrid
names	Logical scalar or vector specifying whether variable names are appended to levels in the column labels for the as.mcmc or as.mcmc.list result – e.g., column names of treat A and treat B versus just A and B. When there is more than one variable involved, the elements of names are used cyclically.
sep.chains	Logical value. If TRUE, and there is more than one MCMC chain available, an mcmc.list object is returned by as.mcmc, with separate EMMs posteriors in each chain.
likelihood	Character value or function. If given, simulations are made from the corresponding posterior predictive distribution. If not given, we obtain the posterior distribution of the parameters in object. See Prediction section below.
NE.include	Logical value. If TRUE, non-estimable columns are kept but returned as columns of NA values (this may create errors or warnings in subsequent analyses using, say, <b>coda</b> ). If FALSE, non-estimable columns are dropped, and a warning is issued. (If all are non-estimable, an error is thrown.)
	arguments passed to other methods

## Value

An object of class mcmc or mcmc.list.

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#### **Details**

When the object's post.beta slot is non-trivial, as.mcmc will return an mcmc or mcmc.list object that can be summarized or plotted using methods in the **coda** package. In these functions, post.beta is transformed by post-multiplying it by t(linfct), creating a sample from the posterior distribution of LS means. In as.mcmc, if sep.chains is TRUE and there is in fact more than one chain, an mcmc.list is returned with each chain's results. The as.mcmc.list method is guaranteed to return an mcmc.list, even if it comprises just one chain.

#### Prediction

When likelihood is specified, it is used to simulate values from the posterior predictive distribution corresponding to the given likelihood and the posterior distribution of parameter values. Denote the likelihood function as  $f(y|\theta,\phi)$ , where y is a response,  $\theta$  is the parameter estimated in object, and  $\phi$  comprises zero or more additional parameters to be specified. If likelihood is a function, that function should take as its first argument a vector of  $\theta$  values (each corresponding to one row of object@grid). Any  $\phi$  values should be specified as additional named function arguments, and passed to likelihood via . . . . This function should simulate values of y.

A few standard likelihoods are available by specifying likelihood as a character value. They are:

"normal" The normal distribution with mean  $\theta$  and standard deviation specified by additional argument sigma

"binomial" The binomial distribution with success probability *theta*, and number of trials specified by trials

"poisson" The Poisson distribution with mean theta (no additional parameters)

"gamma" The gamma distribution with scale parameter  $\theta$  and shape parameter specified by shape

## **Examples**

```
if(requireNamespace("coda")) {
    ### A saved reference grid for a mixed logistic model (see lme4::cbpp)
    cbpp.rg <- do.call(emmobj,
        readRDS(system.file("extdata", "cbpplist", package = "emmeans")))
    # Predictive distribution for herds of size 20
    # (perhaps a bias adjustment should be applied; see "sophisticated" vignette)
    pred.incidence <- coda::as.mcmc(regrid(cbpp.rg), likelihood = "binomial", trials = 20)
}</pre>
```

auto.noise

Auto Pollution Filter Noise

### Description

Three-factor experiment comparing pollution-filter noise for two filters, three sizes of cars, and two sides of the car.

## Usage

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#### **Format**

```
A data frame with 36 observations on the following 4 variables.

noise Noise level in decibels - a numeric vector.

size The size of the vehicle - an ordered factor with levels S, M, L.

type Type of anti-pollution filter - a factor with levels Std and Octel

side The side of the car where measurement was taken – a factor with levels L and R.
```

#### **Details**

The data are from a statement by Texaco, Inc., to the Air and Water Pollution Subcommittee of the Senate Public Works Committee on June 26, 1973. Mr. John McKinley, President of Texaco, cited an automobile filter developed by Associated Octel Company as effective in reducing pollution. However, questions had been raised about the effects of filters on vehicle performance, fuel consumption, exhaust gas back pressure, and silencing. On the last question, he referred to the data included here as evidence that the silencing properties of the Octel filter were at least equal to those of standard silencers.

#### Source

The dataset was obtained from the Data and Story Library (DASL) at Carnegie-Mellon University. Apparently it has since been removed. The original dataset was altered by assigning meaningful names to the factors and sorting the observations in random order as if this were the run order of the experiment.

## **Examples**

```
noise.lm <- lm(noise ~ size * type * side, data = auto.noise)
# Interaction plot of predictions
emmip(noise.lm, type ~ size | side)
# Confidence intervals
plot(emmeans(noise.lm, ~ size | side*type))</pre>
```

cld.emmGrid

Compact letter displays

## Description

A method for multicomp::cld() is provided for users desiring to produce compact-letter displays (CLDs). This method uses the Piepho (2004) algorithm (as implemented in the **multcompView** package) to generate a compact letter display of all pairwise comparisons of estimated marginal means. The function obtains (possibly adjusted) P values for all pairwise comparisons of means, using the contrast function with method = "pairwise". When a P value exceeds alpha, then the two means have at least one letter in common.

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## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'emmGrid'
cld(object, details = FALSE, sort = TRUE, by,
    alpha = 0.05, Letters = c("1234567890", LETTERS, letters),
    reversed = FALSE, ...)

CLD(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'emmGrid'
CLD(object, ...)
```

# **Arguments**

object	An object of class emmGrid
details	Logical value determining whether detailed information on tests of pairwise comparisons is displayed
sort	Logical value determining whether the EMMs are sorted before the comparisons are produced. When TRUE, the results are displayed according to reversed.
by	Character value giving the name or names of variables by which separate families of comparisons are tested. If NULL, all means are compared. If missing, the object's by.vars setting, if any, is used.
alpha	Numeric value giving the significance level for the comparisons
Letters	Character vector of letters to use in the display. Any strings of length greater than 1 are expanded into individual characters
reversed	Logical value (passed to multcompView::multcompLetters.) If TRUE, the order of use of the letters is reversed. In addition, if both sort and reversed are TRUE, the sort order of results is reversed.
	Arguments passed to contrast (for example, an adjust method)

## Note

We warn that such displays encourage a poor practice in interpreting significance tests. CLDs are misleading because they visually group means with comparisons P > alpha as though they are equal, when in fact we have only failed to prove that they differ. As alternatives, consider pwpp (graphical display of P values) or pwpm (matrix display).

The CLD generic function and methods are deprecated and will disappear in **emmeans** versions > 1.5.0. You should use multcomp::cld instead.

#### References

Piepho, Hans-Peter (2004) An algorithm for a letter-based representation of all pairwise comparisons, Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics, 13(2), 456-466.

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## **Examples**

```
if(requireNamespace("multcomp")) {
   pigs.lm <- lm(log(conc) ~ source + factor(percent), data = pigs)
   pigs.emm <- emmeans(pigs.lm, "percent", type = "response")
   multcomp::cld(pigs.emm, alpha = 0.10, Letters = LETTERS)
}</pre>
```

contrast

Contrasts and linear functions of EMMs

# **Description**

These methods provide for follow-up analyses of emmGrid objects: Contrasts, pairwise comparisons, tests, and confidence intervals. They may also be used to compute arbitrary linear functions of predictions or EMMs.

# Usage

```
contrast(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'emmGrid'
contrast(object, method = "eff", interaction = FALSE, by,
  offset = NULL, scale = NULL, name = "contrast",
  options = get_emm_option("contrast"), type, adjust, simple,
  combine = FALSE, ratios = TRUE, parens, ...)
## S3 method for class 'emmGrid'
pairs(x, reverse = FALSE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'emmGrid'
coef(object, ...)
```

= NULL to use no by groups at all.

# **Arguments**

object	An object of class emmGrid
• • •	Additional arguments passed to other methods
method	Character value giving the root name of a contrast method (e.g. "pairwise" – see emmc-functions). Alternatively, a function of the same form, or a named list of coefficients (for a contrast or linear function) that must each conform to the number of results in each by group. In a multi-factor situation, the factor levels are combined and treated like a single factor.
interaction	Character vector, logical value, or list. If this is specified, method is ignored. See the "Interaction contrasts" section below for details.
by	Character names of variable(s) to be used for "by" groups. The contrasts or joint tests will be evaluated separately for each combination of these variables. If object was created with by groups, those are used unless overridden. Use by

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offset, scale Numeric vectors of the same length as each by group. The scale values, if

supplied, multiply their respective linear estimates, and any offset values are added. Scalar values are also allowed. (These arguments are ignored when

interaction is specified.)

name Character name to use to override the default label for contrasts used in table

headings or subsequent contrasts of the returned object.

options If non-NULL, a named list of arguments to pass to update.emmGrid, just after

the object is constructed.

type Character: prediction type (e.g., "response") – added to options

adjust Character: adjustment method (e.g., "bonferroni") – added to options

simple Character vector or list: Specify the factor(s) *not* in by, or a list thereof. See the

section below on simple contrasts.

combine Logical value that determines what is returned when simple is a list. See the

section on simple contrasts.

ratios Logical value determining how log and logit transforms are handled. These

transformations are exceptional cases in that there is a valid way to back-transform contrasts: differences of logs are logs of ratios, and differences of logits are odds ratios. If ratios = TRUE and summarized with type = "response", contrast results are back-transformed to ratios whenever we have true contrasts (coefficients sum to zero). For other transformations, there is no natural way to back-transform contrasts, so even when summarized with type = "response", contrasts are computed and displayed on the linear-predictor scale. Similarly, if ratios = FALSE, log and logit transforms are treated in the same way as any

other transformation.

parens character or NULL. If a character value, the labels for levels being contrasted

are parenthesized if they match the regular expression in parens[1] (via grep). The default is emm\_option("parens"). Optionally, parens may contain second and third elements specifying what to use for left and right parentheses (default "(" and ")"). Specify parens = NULL or parens = "a^" (which won't match

anything) to disable all parenthesization.

x An emmGrid object

reverse Logical value - determines whether to use "pairwise" (if TRUE) or "revpairwise"

(if FALSE).

# Value

contrast and pairs return an object of class emmGrid. Its grid will correspond to the levels of the contrasts and any by variables. The exception is that an emm\_list object is returned if simple is a list and complete is FALSE.

coef returns a data.frame containing the object's grid, along with columns named c.1,c.2,... containing the contrast coefficients. If

## Pairs method

The call pairs(object) is equivalent to contrast(object, method = "pairwise"); and pairs(object, reverse = TRUE) is the same as contrast(object, method = "revpairwise").

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#### **Interaction contrasts**

When interaction is specified, interaction contrasts are computed. Specifically contrasts are generated for each factor separately, one at a time; and these contrasts are applied to the object (the first time around) or to the previous result (subsequently). (Any factors specified in by are skipped.) The final result comprises contrasts of contrasts, or, equivalently, products of contrasts for the factors involved. Any named elements of interaction are assigned to contrast methods; others are assigned in order of appearance in object@levels. The contrast factors in the resulting emmGrid object are ordered the same as in interaction.

interaction may be a character vector or list of valid contrast methods (as documented for the method argument). If the vector or list is shorter than the number needed, it is recycled. Alternatively, if the user specifies contrast = TRUE, the contrast specified in method is used for all factors involved.

## Simple contrasts

simple is essentially the complement of by: When simple is a character vector, by is set to all the factors in the grid *except* those in simple. If simple is a list, each element is used in turn as simple, and assembled in an "emm\_list". To generate *all* simple main effects, use simple = "each" (this works unless there actually is a factor named "each"). Note that a non-missing simple will cause by to be ignored.

Ordinarily, when simple is a list or "each", the return value is an emm\_list object with each entry in correspondence with the entries of simple. However, with combine = TRUE, the elements are all combined into one family of contrasts in a single emmGrid object using rbind.emmGrid. In that case, the adjust argument sets the adjustment method for the combined set of contrasts.

## Note

When object has a nesting structure (this can be seen via str(object)), then any grouping factors involved are forced into service as by variables, and the contrasts are thus computed separately in each nest. This in turn may lead to an irregular grid in the returned emmGrid object, which may not be valid for subsequent emmeans calls.

# **Examples**

```
warp.lm <- lm(breaks ~ wool*tension, data = warpbreaks)
warp.emm <- emmeans(warp.lm, ~ tension | wool)
contrast(warp.emm, "poly")  # inherits 'by = "wool"' from warp.emm
pairs(warp.emm)  # ditto
contrast(warp.emm, "eff", by = NULL) # contrasts of the 6 factor combs
pairs(warp.emm, simple = "wool") # same as pairs(warp.emm, by = "tension")
# Do all "simple" comparisons, combined into one family
pairs(warp.emm, simple = "each", combine = TRUE)
## Not run:
## Note that the following are NOT the same:
contrast(warp.emm, simple = c("wool", "tension"))
contrast(warp.emm, simple = list("wool", "tension"))</pre>
```

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```
## The first generates contrasts for combinations of wool and tension
## (same as by = NULL)
## The second generates contrasts for wool by tension, and for
   tension by wool, respectively.
## End(Not run)
# An interaction contrast for tension:wool
tw.emm <- contrast(warp.emm, interaction = c(tension = "poly", wool = "consec"),</pre>
                   by = NULL)
tw.emm
                # see the estimates
coef(tw.emm)
                # see the contrast coefficients
# Use of scale and offset
   an unusual use of the famous stack-loss data...
mod <- lm(Water.Temp ~ poly(stack.loss, degree = 2), data = stackloss)</pre>
(emm \leftarrow emmeans(mod, "stack.loss", at = list(stack.loss = 10 * (1:4))))
# Convert results from Celsius to Fahrenheit:
confint(contrast(emm, "identity", scale = 9/5, offset = 32))
```

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Contrast families

## Description

Functions with an extension of .emmc provide for named contrast families. One of the standard ones documented here may be used, or the user may write such a function.

## Usage

```
pairwise.emmc(levs, exclude = integer(0), include, ...)
revpairwise.emmc(levs, exclude = integer(0), include, ...)

tukey.emmc(levs, reverse = FALSE, ...)

poly.emmc(levs, max.degree = min(6, k - 1), ...)

trt.vs.ctrl.emmc(levs, ref = 1, reverse = FALSE, exclude = integer(0), include, ...)

trt.vs.ctrl1.emmc(levs, ref = 1, ...)

trt.vs.ctrlk.emmc(levs, ref = length(levs), ...)

dunnett.emmc(levs, ref = 1, ...)

eff.emmc(levs, exclude = integer(0), include, ...)
```

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```
del.eff.emmc(levs, exclude = integer(0), include, ...)
consec.emmc(levs, reverse = FALSE, exclude = integer(0), include, ...)
mean_chg.emmc(levs, reverse = FALSE, exclude = integer(0), include, ...)
identity.emmc(levs, exclude = integer(0), include, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

levs	Vector of factor levels
exclude	integer vector of indices, or character vector of levels to exclude from consideration. These levels will receive weight 0 in all contrasts. Character levels must exactly match elements of levs.
include	integer or character vector of levels to include (the complement of exclude). An error will result if the user specifies both exclude and include.
	Additional arguments, passed to related methods as appropriate
reverse	Logical value to determine the direction of comparisons
max.degree	Integer specifying the maximum degree of polynomial contrasts
ref	Integer(s) or character(s) specifying which level(s) to use as the reference. Character values must exactly match elements of levs.

#### **Details**

Each standard contrast family has a default multiple-testing adjustment as noted below. These adjustments are often only approximate; for a more exacting adjustment, use the interfaces provided to glht in the **multcomp** package.

pairwise.emmc, revpairwise.emmc, and tukey.emmc generate contrasts for all pairwise comparisons among estimated marginal means at the levels in levs. The distinction is in which direction they are subtracted. For factor levels A, B, C, D, pairwise.emmc generates the comparisons A-B, A-C, A-D, B-C, B-D, and C-D, whereas revpairwise.emmc generates B-A, C-A, C-B, D-A, D-B, and D-C. tukey.emmc invokes pairwise.emmc or revpairwise.emmc depending on reverse. The default multiplicity adjustment method is "tukey", which is only approximate when the standard errors differ.

poly.emmc generates orthogonal polynomial contrasts, assuming equally-spaced factor levels. These are derived from the poly function, but an *ad hoc* algorithm is used to scale them to integer coefficients that are (usually) the same as in published tables of orthogonal polynomial contrasts. The default multiplicity adjustment method is "none".

trt.vs.ctrl.emmc and its relatives generate contrasts for comparing one level (or the average over specified levels) with each of the other levels. The argument ref should be the index(es) (not the labels) of the reference level(s). trt.vs.ctrl1.emmc is the same as trt.vs.ctrl.emmc with a reference value of 1, and trt.vs.ctrlk.emmc is the same as trt.vs.ctrl with a reference value of length(levs). dunnett.emmc is the same as trt.vs.ctrl. The default multiplicity adjustment method is "dunnettx", a close approximation to the Dunnett adjustment. *Note* in all of

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these functions, it is illegal to have any overlap between the ref levels and the exclude levels. If any is found, an error is thrown.

consec.emmc and mean\_chg.emmc are useful for contrasting treatments that occur in sequence. For a factor with levels A, B, C, D, E, consec.emmc generates the comparisons B-A, C-B, and D-C, while mean\_chg.emmc generates the contrasts (B+C+D)/3 - A, (C+D)/2 - (A+B)/2, and D-(A+B+C)/3. With reverse = TRUE, these differences go in the opposite direction.

eff.emmc and del.eff.emmc generate contrasts that compare each level with the average over all levels (in eff.emmc) or over all other levels (in del.eff.emmc). These differ only in how they are scaled. For a set of k EMMs, del.eff.emmc gives weight 1 to one EMM and weight -1/(k-1) to the others, while eff.emmc gives weights (k-1)/k and -1/k respectively, as in subtracting the overall EMM from each EMM. The default multiplicity adjustment method is "fdr". This is a Bonferroni-based method and is slightly conservative; see p.adjust.

identity.emmc simply returns the identity matrix (as a data frame), minus any columns specified in exclude. It is potentially useful in cases where a contrast function must be specified, but none is desired.

#### Value

A data frame, each column containing contrast coefficients for levs. The "desc" attribute is used to label the results in emmeans, and the "adjust" attribute gives the default adjustment method for multiplicity.

## Note

Caution is needed in cases where the user alters the ordering of results (e.g., using the the "[...]" operator), because the contrasts generated depend on the order of the levels provided. For example, suppose trt.vs.ctrl1 contrasts are applied to two by groups with levels ordered (Ctrl, T1, T2) and (T1, T2, Ctrl) respectively, then the contrasts generated will be for (T1 - Ctrl, T2 - Ctrl) in the first group and (T2 - T1, Ctrl - T1) in the second group, because the first level in each group is used as the reference level.

# **Examples**

```
warp.lm <- lm(breaks ~ wool*tension, data = warpbreaks)
warp.emm <- emmeans(warp.lm, ~ tension | wool)
contrast(warp.emm, "poly")
contrast(warp.emm, "trt.vs.ctrl", ref = "M")

# Compare only low and high tensions
# Note pairs(emm, ...) calls contrast(emm, "pairwise", ...)
pairs(warp.emm, exclude = 2)
# (same results using exclude = "M" or include = c("L","H") or include = c(1,3))

### Setting up a custom contrast function
helmert.emmc <- function(levs, ...) {
    M <- as.data.frame(contr.helmert(levs))
    names(M) <- paste(levs[-1],"vs earlier")
    attr(M, "desc") <- "Helmert contrasts"
    M
}</pre>
```

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```
contrast(warp.emm, "helmert")
## Not run:
# See what is used for polynomial contrasts with 6 levels
emmeans:::poly.emmc(1:6)
## End(Not run)
```

eff\_size

Calculate effect sizes and confidence bounds thereof

# **Description**

Standardized effect sizes are typically calculated using pairwise differences of estimates, divided by the SD of the population providing the context for those effects. This function calculates effect sizes from an emmGrid object, and confidence intervals for them, accounting for uncertainty in both the estimated effects and the population SD.

## Usage

```
eff_size(object, sigma, edf, method = "pairwise", ...)
```

## **Arguments**

object	an emmGrid object, typically one defining the EMMs to be contrasted. If instead, class(object) == "emm_list", such as is produced by emmeans(model, pairwise ~ treatment), a message is displayed; the contrasts already therein are used; and method is replaced by "identity".
sigma	numeric scalar, value of the population SD.
edf	numeric scalar that specifies the equivalent degrees of freedom for the sigma. This is a way of specifying the uncertainty in sigma, in that we regard our estimate of sigma^2 as being proportional to a chi-square random variable with edf degrees of freedom. (edf should not be confused with the df argument that may be passed via to specify the degrees of freedom to use in $t$ statistics and confidence intervals.)
method	the contrast method to use to define the effects. This is passed to contrast after the elements of object are scaled.
	Additional arguments passed to contrast

## **Details**

Any by variables specified in object will remain in force in the returned effects, unless overridden in the optional arguments.

For models having a single random effect, such as those fitted using lm; in that case, the stats::sigma and stats::df.residual functions may be useful for specifying sigma and edf. For models with more than one random effect, sigma may be based on some combination of the random-effect variances.

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Specifying edf can be rather unintuitive but is also relatively uncritical; but the smaller the value, the wider the confidence intervals for effect size. The value of sqrt(2/edf) can be interpreted as the relative accuracy of sigma; for example, with edf = 50,  $\sqrt(2/50) = 0.2$ , meaning that sigma is accurate to plus or minus 20 percent. Note in an example below, we tried two different edf values as kind of a bracketing/sensitivity-analysis strategy. A value of Inf is allowable, in which case you are assuming that sigma is known exactly. Obviously, this narrows the confidence intervals for the effect sizes – unrealistically if in fact sigma is unknown.

### Value

an emmGrid object containing the effect sizes

## Computation

This function uses calls to regrid to put the estimated marginal means (EMMs) on the log scale. Then an extra element is added to this grid for the log of sigma and its standard error (where we assume that sigma is uncorrelated with the log EMMs). Then a call to contrast subtracts log{sigma} from each of the log EMMs, yielding values of log(EMM/sigma). Finally, the results are re-gridded back to the original scale and the desired contrasts are computed using method. In the log-scaling part, we actually rescale the absolute values and keep track of the signs.

#### Note

The effects are always computed on the scale of the *linear-predictor*; any response transformation or link function is completely ignored. If you wish to base the effect sizes on the response scale, it is *not* enough to replace object with regrid(object), because this back-transformation changes the SD required to compute effect sizes.

**Disclaimer:** There is substantial disagreement among practitioners on what is the appropriate sigma to use in computing effect sizes; or, indeed, whether *any* effect-size measure is appropriate for some situations. The user is completely responsible for specifying appropriate parameters (or for failing to do so).

## **Examples**

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```
# Combine variance estimates
 VarCorr(Oats.lme)
 totSD <- sqrt(214.4724 + 109.6931 + 162.5590)
 # I figure edf is somewhere between 5 (Blocks df) and 51 (Resid df)
 emmV <- emmeans(Oats.lme, ~ Variety)</pre>
 print(eff_size(emmV, sigma = totSD, edf = 5))
 print(eff_size(emmV, sigma = totSD, edf = 51))
}
# Multivariate model for the same data:
MOats.lm <- lm(yield ~ Variety, data = MOats)</pre>
 eff_size(emmeans(MOats.lm, "Variety"),
          sigma = sqrt(mean(sigma(MOats.lm)^2)),
                                                   # RMS of sigma()
          edf = df.residual(MOats.lm))
# These results illustrate a sobering message that effect sizes are often
# not nearly as accurate as you may think.
```

emm

Support for multcomp::glht

## **Description**

These functions and methods provide an interface between **emmeans** and the multcomp::glht function for simultaneous inference provided by the **multcomp** package.

## Usage

```
emm(...)
as.glht(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'emmGrid'
as.glht(object, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

In emm, the specs, by, and contr arguments you would normally supply to emmeans. Only specs is required. Otherwise, arguments that are passed to other methods.
 An object of class emmGrid or emm\_list

## **Details**

emm is meant to be called only *from* "glht" as its second (linfct) argument. It works similarly to multcomp::mcp, except with specs (and optionally by and contr arguments) provided as in a call to emmeans.

#### Value

emm returns an object of an intermediate class for which there is a multcomp::glht method.

as.glht returns an object of class glht or glht\_list according to whether object is of class emmGrid or emm\_list. See Details below for more on glht\_lists.

#### **Details**

A glht\_list object is simply a list of glht objects. It is created as needed – for example, when there is a by variable. Appropriate convenience methods coef, confint, plot, summary, and vcov are provided, which simply apply the corresponding glht methods to each member.

#### Note

The multivariate-t routines used by glht require that all estimates in the family have the same integer degrees of freedom. In cases where that is not true, a message is displayed that shows what df is used. The user may override this via the df argument.

## **Examples**

```
if(require(multcomp)) { # --- multcomp must be installed
warp.lm <- lm(breaks ~ wool*tension, data = warpbreaks)
# Using 'emm'
summary(glht(warp.lm, emm(pairwise ~ tension | wool)))
# Same, but using an existing 'emmeans' result
warp.emm <- emmeans(warp.lm, ~ tension | wool)
summary(as.glht(pairs(warp.emm)))
# Same contrasts, but treat as one family
summary(as.glht(pairs(warp.emm), by = NULL))
} # --- was tested only if multcomp is installed</pre>
```

emmeans

Estimated marginal means (Least-squares means)

## **Description**

Compute estimated marginal means (EMMs) for specified factors or factor combinations in a linear model; and optionally, comparisons or contrasts among them. EMMs are also known as least-squares means.

#### Usage

```
emmeans(object, specs, by = NULL, fac.reduce = function(coefs) apply(coefs,
  2, mean), contr, options = get_emm_option("emmeans"), weights, offset,
  trend, ..., tran)
```

#### **Arguments**

object An object of class emmGrid; or a fitted model object that is supported, such as

the result of a call to 1m or 1mer. Many fitted-model objects are supported; see

vignette("models", "emmeans") for details.

specs A character vector specifying the names of the predictors over which EMMs

are desired. specs may also be a formula or a list (optionally named) of valid

specs. Use of formulas is described in the Overview section below.

by A character vector specifying the names of predictors to condition on.

fac.reduce A function that combines the rows of a matrix into a single vector. This imple-

ments the "marginal averaging" aspect of EMMs. The default is the mean of the rows. Typically if it is overridden, it would be some kind of weighted mean of the rows. If fac.reduce is nonlinear, bizarre results are likely, and EMMs will not be interpretable. NOTE: If the weights argument is non-missing,

fac.reduce is ignored.

contr A character value or list specifying contrasts to be added. See contrast.

NOTE: contr is ignored when specs is a formula.

options If non-NULL, a named list of arguments to pass to update.emmGrid, just after

the object is constructed. (Options may also be included in . . . .)

weights Character value, numeric vector, or numeric matrix specifying weights to use in

averaging predictions. See "Weights" section below.

offset Numeric vector or scalar. If specified, this adds an offset to the predictions,

or overrides any offset in the model or its reference grid. If a vector of length differing from the number of rows in the result, it is subsetted or cyclically

recycled.

trend This is now deprecated. Use emtrends instead.

... When object is not already a "emmGrid" object, these arguments are passed to

ref\_grid. Common examples are at, cov.reduce, data, codetype, transform, df, nesting, and vcov.. Model-type-specific options (see vignette("models", "emmeans")), commonly mode, may be used here as well. In addition, if the model formula contains references to variables that are not predictors, you must

provide a params argument with a list of their names.

Arguments that could go in options may instead be included in ..., typically, arguments such as type, infer, etc. that in essence are passed to summary.emmGrid.

Arguments in both places are overridden by the ones in . . . .

There is a danger that ... arguments could partially match those used by both ref\_grid and update.emmGrid, creating a conflict. If these occur, usually they can be resolved by providing complete (or at least longer) argument names; or by isolating non-ref\_grid arguments in options; or by calling ref\_grid

separately and passing the result as object. See a not-run example below.

tran Placeholder to prevent it from being included in . . . . If non-missing, it is added

to 'options'

#### **Details**

Users should also consult the documentation for ref\_grid, because many important options for EMMs are implemented there, via the . . . argument.

#### Value

When specs is a character vector or one-sided formula, an object of class "emmGrid". A number of methods are provided for further analysis, including summary.emmGrid, confint.emmGrid, test.emmGrid, contrast.emmGrid, and pairs.emmGrid. When specs is a list or a formula having a left-hand side, the return value is an emm\_list object, which is simply a list of emmGrid objects.

#### Overview

Estimated marginal means or EMMs (sometimes called least-squares means) are predictions from a linear model over a *reference grid*; or marginal averages thereof. The ref\_grid function identifies/creates the reference grid upon which emmeans is based.

For those who prefer the terms "least-squares means" or "predicted marginal means", functions 1smeans and pmmeans are provided as wrappers. See wrappers.

If specs is a formula, it should be of the form ~ specs, ~ specs | by, contr ~ specs, or contr ~ specs | by. The formula is parsed and the variables therein are used as the arguments specs, by, and contr as indicated. The left-hand side is optional, but if specified it should be the name of a contrast family (e.g., pairwise). Operators like \* or : are needed in the formula to delineate names, but otherwise are ignored.

In the special case where the mean (or weighted mean) of all the predictions is desired, specify specs as  $\sim 1$  or "1".

A number of standard contrast families are provided. They can be identified as functions having names ending in .emmc – see the documentation for emmc-functions for details – including how to write your own .emmc function for custom contrasts.

#### Weights

If weights is a vector, its length must equal the number of predictions to be averaged to obtain each EMM. If a matrix, each row of the matrix is used in turn, wrapping back to the first row as needed. When in doubt about what is being averaged (or how many), first call emmeans with weights = "show.levels".

If weights is a string, it should partially match one of the following:

- "equal" Use an equally weighted average.
- "proportional" Weight in proportion to the frequencies (in the original data) of the factor combinations that are averaged over.
- "outer" Weight in proportion to each individual factor's marginal frequencies. Thus, the weights for a combination of factors are the outer product of the one-factor margins
- "cells" Weight according to the frequencies of the cells being averaged.
- "flat" Give equal weight to all cells with data, and ignore empty cells.
- "show.levels" This is a convenience feature for understanding what is being averaged over. Instead of a table of EMMs, this causes the function to return a table showing the levels that are averaged over, in the order that they appear.

Outer weights are like the 'expected' counts in a chi-square test of independence, and will yield the same results as those obtained by proportional averaging with one factor at a time. All except

"cells" uses the same set of weights for each mean. In a model where the predicted values are the cell means, cell weights will yield the raw averages of the data for the factors involved. Using "flat" is similar to "cells", except nonempty cells are weighted equally and empty cells are ignored.

## **Offsets**

Unlike in ref\_grid, an offset need not be scalar. If not enough values are supplied, they are cyclically recycled. For a vector of offsets, it is important to understand that the ordering of results goes with the first name in specs varying fastest. If there are any by factors, those vary slower than all the primary ones, but the first by variable varies the fastest within that hierarchy. See the examples.

#### See Also

```
ref_grid, contrast, vignette("models", "emmeans")
```

## **Examples**

```
warp.lm <- lm(breaks ~ wool * tension, data = warpbreaks)</pre>
emmeans (warp.lm, ~ wool | tension)
# or equivalently emmeans(warp.lm, "wool", by = "tension")
emmeans (warp.lm, poly ~ tension | wool)
## Not run:
 ### Offsets: Consider a silly example:
 emmeans(warp.lm, ~ tension | wool, offset = c(17, 23, 47)) @ grid
 # note that offsets are recycled so that each level of tension receives
 # the same offset for each wool.
 # But using the same offsets with ~ wool | tension will probably not
 # be what you want because the ordering of combinations is different.
 ### Conflicting arguments...
 # This will error because 'tran' is passed to both ref_grid and update
 emmeans(some.model, "treatment", tran = "log", type = "response")
 # Use this if the response was a variable that is the log of some other variable
 # (Keep 'tran' from being passed to ref_grid)
 emmeans(some.model, "treatment", options = list(tran = "log"), type = "response")
 # This will re-grid the result as if the response had been log-transformed
 # ('transform' is passed only to ref_grid, not to update)
 emmeans(some.model, "treatment", transform = "log", type = "response")
## End(Not run)
```

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The emmGrid class

## **Description**

The emmGrid class encapsulates linear functions of regression parameters, defined over a grid of predictors. This includes reference grids and grids of marginal means thereof (aka estimated marginal means). Objects of class 'emmGrid' may be used independently of the underlying model object. Instances are created primarily by ref\_grid and emmeans, and several related functions.

#### Slots

- model.info list. Contains the elements call (the call that produced the model), terms (its terms object), and xlev (factor-level information)
- roles list. Contains at least the elements predictors, responses, and multresp. Each is a character vector of names of these variables.
- grid data.frame. Contains the combinations of the variables that define the reference grid. In addition, there is an auxiliary column named ".wgt." holding the observed frequencies or weights for each factor combination (excluding covariates). If the model has one or more offset() calls, there is an another auxiliary column named ".offset.". Auxiliary columns are not considered part of the reference grid. (However, any variables included in offset calls are in the reference grid.)
- levels list. Each entry is a character vector with the distinct levels of each variable in the reference grid. Note that grid is obtained by applying the function expand. grid to this list
- matlevs list. Like levels but has the levels of any matrices in the original dataset. Matrix columns are always concatenated and treated as a single variable for purposes of the reference grid
- linfct matrix. Each row consists of the linear function of the regression coefficients for predicting its corresponding element of the reference grid. The rows of this matrix go in one-to-one correspondence with the rows of grid, and the columns with elements of bhat.
- bhat numeric. The regression coefficients. If there is a multivariate response, the matrix of coefficients is flattened to a single vector, and linfct and V redefined appropriately. Important: bhat must *include* any NA values produced as a result of collinearity in the predictors. These are taken care of later in the estimability check.
- nbasis matrix. The basis for the non-estimable functions of the regression coefficients. Every EMM will correspond to a linear combination of rows of linfct, and that result must be orthogonal to all the columns of nbasis in order to be estimable. If everything is estimable, nbasis should be a 1 x 1 matrix of NA.
- V matrix. The symmetric variance-covariance matrix of bhat
- dffun function having two arguments. dffun(k,dfargs) should return the degrees of freedom for the linear function sum(k\*bhat), or NA if unavailable
- dfargs list. Used to hold any additional information needed by dffun.
- misc list. Additional information used by methods. These include at least the following: estName (the label for the estimates of linear functions), and the default values of infer, level, and adjust to be used in the summary.emmGrid method. Elements in this slot may be modified if desired using the update.emmGrid method.

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post.beta matrix. A sample from the posterior distribution of the regression coefficients, if MCMC methods were used; or a 1 x 1 matrix of NA otherwise. When it is non-trivial, the as.mcmc.emmGrid method returns post.beta %\*% t(linfct), which is a sample from the posterior distribution of the EMMs.

#### Methods

All methods for these objects are S3 methods except for show. They include [.emmGrid, as.glht.emmGrid, as.mcmc.emmGrid, as.mcmc.list.emmGrid (see coda), cld.emmGrid (see multcomp), coef.emmGrid, confint.emmGrid, contrast.emmGrid, pairs.emmGrid, plot.emmGrid, predict.emmGrid, print.emmGrid, rbind.emmGrid, show.emmGrid, str.emmGrid, summary.emmGrid, test.emmGrid, update.emmGrid, vcov.emmGrid, and xtable.emmGrid

emmip

Interaction-style plots for estimated marginal means

# **Description**

Creates an interaction plot of EMMs based on a fitted model and a simple formula specification.

## Usage

```
emmip(object, formula, ...)
## Default S3 method:
emmip(object, formula, type, CIs = FALSE, PIs = FALSE,
    style, engine = get_emm_option("graphics.engine"), pch = c(1, 2, 6, 7, 9,
    10, 15:20), lty = 1, col = NULL, plotit = TRUE,
    nesting.order = FALSE, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

object	An object of class emmGrid, or a fitted model of a class supported by the <b>emmeans</b> package
formula	Formula of the form trace.factors $\sim$ x.factors   by.factors. The EMMs are plotted against x.factor for each level of trace.factors. by.factors is optional, but if present, it determines separate panels. Each element of this formula may be a single factor in the model, or a combination of factors using the $\star$ operator.
• • •	Additional arguments passed to emmeans (when object is not already an emmGrid object), predict.emmGrid, ggplot, or xyplot.
type	As in predict.emmGrid, this determines whether we want to inverse-transform the predictions (type = "response") or not (any other choice). The default is "link", unless the "predict.type" option is in force; see emm_options.
CIs	Logical value. If TRUE, confidence intervals (or HPD intervals for Bayesian models) are added to the plot (works only with engine = "ggplot").

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PIs	Logical value. If TRUE, prediction intervals are added to the plot (works only with engine = "ggplot"). If both CIs and CIs are TRUE, the prediction intervals will be somewhat longer, lighter, and thinner than the confidence intervals. Additional parameters to predict.emmGrid (e.g., sigma) may be passed via For Bayesian models, PIs require frequentist = TRUE and a value for sigma.
style	Optional character value. This has an effect only when the horizontal variable is a single numeric variable. If style is unspecified or "numeric", the horizontal scale will be numeric and curves are plotted using lines (and no symbols). With style = "factor", the horizontal variable is treated as the levels of a factor (equally spaced along the horizontal scale), and curves are plotted using lines and symbols. When the horizontal variable is character or factor, or a combination of more than one predictor, "factor" style is always used.
engine	Character value matching "ggplot" (default) or "lattice". The graphics engine to be used to produce the plot. These require, respectively, the <b>ggplot2</b> or <b>lattice</b> package to be installed.
pch	The plotting characters to use for each group (i.e., levels of trace.factors). They are recycled as needed.
lty	The line types to use for each group. Recycled as needed.
col	The colors to use for each group, recycled as needed. If not specified, the default trellis colors are used.
plotit	Logical value. If TRUE, a graphical object is returned; if FALSE, a data.frame is returned containing all the values used to construct the plot.
nesting.order	Logical value. If TRUE, factors that are nested are presented in order according to their nesting factors, even if those nesting factors are not present in formula. If FALSE, only the variables in formula are used to order the variables.

#### Value

If plotit = FALSE, a data.frame (actually, a summary\_emm object) with the table of EMMs that would be plotted. The variables plotted are named xvar and yvar, and the trace factor is named tvar. This data frame has an added "labs" attribute containing the labels xlab, ylab, and tlab for these respective variables. The confidence limits are also included, renamed LCL and UCL.

If plotit = TRUE, the function returns an object of class "ggplot" or a "trellis", depending on engine.

#### **Details**

If object is a fitted model, emmeans is called with an appropriate specification to obtain estimated marginal means for each combination of the factors present in formula (in addition, any arguments in ... that match at, trend, cov.reduce, or fac.reduce are passed to emmeans). Otherwise, if object is an emmGrid object, its first element is used, and it must contain one estimate for each combination of the factors present in formula.

#### Note

Conceptually, this function is equivalent to interaction.plot where the summarization function is thought to return the EMMs.

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## See Also

```
emmeans, interaction.plot.
```

#### **Examples**

```
#--- Three-factor example
noise.lm = lm(noise ~ size * type * side, data = auto.noise)
# Separate interaction plots of size by type, for each side
emmip(noise.lm, type ~ size | side)
# One interaction plot, using combinations of size and side as the x factor
# ... with added confidence intervals
emmip(noise.lm, type ~ side * size, CIs = TRUE)
# One interaction plot using combinations of type and side as the trace factor
emmip(noise.lm, type * side ~ size)
# Individual traces in panels
emmip(noise.lm, ~ size | type * side)
# Example for the 'style' argument
fib.lm = lm(strength ~ machine * sqrt(diameter), data = fiber)
fib.rg = ref_grid(fib.lm, at = list(diameter = c(3.5, 4, 4.5, 5, 5.5, 6)^2))
emmip(fib.rg, machine ~ diameter) # curves (because diameter is numeric)
emmip(fib.rg, machine ~ diameter, style = "factor") # points and lines
# For an example using extra ggplot2 code, see 'vignette("messy-data")',
# in the section on nested models.
```

 ${\tt emmobj}$ 

Construct an emmGrid object from scratch

### **Description**

This allows the user to incorporate results obtained by some analysis into an emmGrid object, enabling the use of emmGrid methods to perform related follow-up analyses.

## Usage

```
emmobj(bhat, V, levels, linfct = diag(length(bhat)), df = NA, dffun,
  dfargs = list(), post.beta = matrix(NA), ...)
```

# **Arguments**

bhat Numeric. Vector of regression coefficients

V Square matrix. Covariance matrix of bhat

levels Named list or vector. Levels of factor(s) that define the estimates defined by linfct. If not a list, we assume one factor named "level"

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linfct	Matrix. Linear functions of bhat for each combination of levels.
df	Numeric value or function with arguments $(x,dfargs)$ . If a number, that is used for the degrees of freedom. If a function, it should return the degrees of freedom for $sum(x*bhat)$ , with any additional parameters in dfargs.
dffun	Overrides df if specified. This is a convenience to match the slot names of the returned object.
dfargs	List containing arguments for df. This is ignored if df is numeric.
post.beta	Matrix whose columns comprise a sample from the posterior distribution of the regression coefficients (so that typically, the column averages will be bhat). A 1 x 1 matrix of NA indicates that such a sample is unavailable.
	Arguments passed to update.emmGrid

#### **Details**

The arguments must be conformable. This includes that the length of bhat, the number of columns of linfct, and the number of columns of post.beta must all be equal. And that the product of lengths in levels must be equal to the number of rows of linfct. The grid slot of the returned object is generated by expand.grid using levels as its arguments. So the rows of linfct should be in corresponding order.

The functions qdrg and emmobj are close cousins, in that they both produce emmGrid objects. When starting with summary statistics for an existing grid, emmobj is more useful, while qdrg is more useful when starting from an unsupported fitted model.

### Value

An emmGrid object

#### See Also

qdrg, an alternative that is useful when starting with a fitted model not supported in emmeans.

## **Examples**

```
\# Given summary statistics for 4 cells in a 2 x 2 layout, obtain
# marginal means and comparisons thereof. Assume heteroscedasticity
# and use the Satterthwaite method
levels \leftarrow list(trt = c("A", "B"), dose = c("high", "low"))
ybar <- c(57.6, 43.2, 88.9, 69.8)
        c(12.1, 19.5, 22.8, 43.2)
s <-
n <-
        c(44, 11, 37,
se2 = s^2 / n
Satt.df <- function(x, dfargs)</pre>
    sum(x * dfargs$v)^2 / sum((x * dfargs$v)^2 / (dfargs$n - 1))
expt.rg <- emmobj(bhat = ybar, V = diag(se2),</pre>
    levels = levels, linfct = diag(c(1, 1, 1, 1)),
    df = Satt.df, dfargs = list(v = se2, n = n), estName = "mean")
plot(expt.rg)
```

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```
( trt.emm <- emmeans(expt.rg, "trt") )
( dose.emm <- emmeans(expt.rg, "dose") )
rbind(pairs(trt.emm), pairs(dose.emm), adjust = "mvt")</pre>
```

emm\_list

The emm\_list class

# **Description**

An emm\_list object is simply a list of emmGrid objects. Such a list is returned, for example, by emmeans with a two-sided formula or a list as its specs argument.

#### **Details**

Methods for emm\_list objects include summary, coef, confint, contrast, pairs, plot, print, and test. These are all the same as those methods for emmGrid objects, with an additional which argument (integer) to specify which members of the list to use. The default is which = seq\_along(object); i.e., the method is applied to every member of the emm\_list object. The exception is plot, where only the which[1]th element is plotted.

As an example, to summarize a single member — say the second one — of an emm\_list, one may use summary(object, which = 2), but it is probably preferable to directly summarize it using summary(object[[2]]).

emm\_options

Set or change emmeans options

# Description

Use emm\_options to set or change various options that are used in the **emmeans** package. These options are set separately for different contexts in which emmGrid objects are created, in a named list of option lists.

## Usage

```
emm_options(..., disable)
get_emm_option(x, default = emm_defaults[[x]])
emm_defaults
```

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## Arguments

... Option names and values (see Details)

disable If non-missing, this will reset all options to their defaults if disable tests TRUE

(but first save them for possible later restoration). Otherwise, all previously saved options are restored. This is important for bug reporting; please see the section below on reproducible bugs. When disable is specified, the other argu-

ments are ignored.

x Character value - the name of an option to be queried

default Value to return if x is not found

#### **Format**

An object of class list of length 19.

#### **Details**

**emmeans**'s options are stored as a list in the system option "emmeans". Thus, emm\_options(foo = bar) is the same as options(emmeans = list(..., foo = bar)) where ... represents any previously existing options. The list emm\_defaults contains the default values in case the corresponding element of system option emmeans is NULL.

Currently, the following main list entries are supported:

ref\_grid A named list of defaults for objects created by ref\_grid. This could affect other objects as well. For example, if emmeans is called with a fitted model object, it calls ref\_grid and this option will affect the resulting emmGrid object.

emmeans A named list of defaults for objects created by emmeans or emtrends.

contrast A named list of defaults for objects created by contrast.emmGrid or pairs.emmGrid.

- summary A named list of defaults used by the methods summary.emmGrid, predict.emmGrid, test.emmGrid, confint.emmGrid, and emmip. The only option that can affect the latter four is "predict.method".
- sep A character value to use as a separator in labeling factor combinations. Such labels are potentially used in several places such as contrast and plot.emmGrid when combinations of factors are compared or plotted. The default is " ".
- parens Character vector that determines which labels are parenthesized when they are contrasted. The first element is a regular expression, and the second and third elements are used as left and right parentheses. See details for the parens argument in contrast. The default will parenthesize labels containing the four arithmetic operators, using round parentheses.
- cov.keep The default value of cov.keep in ref\_grid. Defaults to "2", i.e., two-level covariates are treated like factors.
- graphics.engine A character value matching c("ggplot", "lattice"), setting the default engine to use in emmip and plot.emmGrid. Defaults to "ggplot".
- msg.interaction A logical value controlling whether or not a message is displayed when emmeans averages over a factor involved in an interaction. It is probably not appropriate to do this, unless the interaction is weak. Defaults to TRUE.

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msg.nesting A logical value controlling whether or not to display a message when a nesting structure is auto-detected. The existence of such a structure affects computations of EMMs. Sometimes, a nesting structure is falsely detected – namely when a user has omitted some main effects but included them in interactions. This does not change the model fit, but it produces a different parameterization that is picked up when the reference grid is constructed. Defaults to TRUE.

- simplify.names A logical value controlling whether to simplify (when possible) names in the model formula that refer to datasets for example, should we simplify a predictor name like "data\$trt" to just "trt"? Defaults to TRUE.
- opt.digits A logical value controlling the precision with which summaries are printed. If TRUE (default), the number of digits displayed is just enough to reasonably distinguish estimates from the ends of their confidence intervals; but always at least 3 digits. If FALSE, the system value getOption("digits") is used.
- back.bias.adj A logical value controlling whether we try to adjust bias when back-transforming. If FALSE, we use naive back transformation. If TRUE *and* sigma *is available*, a second-order adjustment is applied to estimate the mean on the response scale.

Some other options have more specific purposes:

- estble.tol Tolerance for determining estimability in rank-deficient cases. If absent, the value in emm\_defaults\$estble.tol) is used.
- save.ref\_grid Logical value of TRUE if you wish the latest reference grid created to be saved in .Last.ref\_grid
- **Options for** lme4::lmerMod **models** Options lmer.df, disable.pbkrtest, pbkrtest.limit, disable.lmerTest, and lmerTest.limit options affect how degrees of freedom are computed for lmerMod objects produced by the **lme4** package). See that section of the "models" vignette for details.

#### Value

emm\_options returns the current options (same as the result of 'getOption("emmeans")') – invisibly, unless called with no arguments.

get\_emm\_option returns the currently stored option for x, or its default value if not found.

## Reproducible bugs

Most options set display attributes and such that are not likely to be associated with bugs in the code. However, some other options (e.g., cov.keep) are essentially configuration settings that may affect how/whether the code runs, and the settings for these options may cause subtle effects that may be hard to reproduce. Therefore, when sending a bug report, please create a reproducible example and make sure the bug occurs with all options set at their defaults. This is done by preceding it with emm\_options(disable = TRUE).

By the way, disable works like a stack (LIFO buffer), in that disable = TRUE is equivalent to emm\_options(saved.opts = emm\_options()) and emm\_options(disable = FALSE) is equivalent to options(emmeans = get\_emm\_option("saved.opts")). To completely erase all options, use options(emmeans = NULL)

## See Also

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# **Examples**

```
## Not run:
emm_options(ref_grid = list(level = .90),
            contrast = list(infer = c(TRUE, FALSE)),
            estble.tol = 1e-6)
# Sets default confidence level to .90 for objects created by ref.grid
# AS WELL AS emmeans called with a model object (since it creates a
# reference grid). In addition, when we call 'contrast', 'pairs', etc.,
# confidence intervals rather than tests are displayed by default.
## End(Not run)
## Not run:
emm_options(disable.pbkrtest = TRUE)
# This forces use of asymptotic methods for lmerMod objects.
# Set to FALSE or NULL to re-enable using pbkrtest.
## End(Not run)
# See tolerance being used for determining estimability
get_emm_option("estble.tol")
## Not run:
# Set all options to their defaults
emm_options(disable = TRUE)
# ... and perhaps follow with code for a minimal reproducible bug,
     which may include emm_options() clls if they are pertinent ...
# restore options that had existed previously
emm_options(disable = FALSE)
## End(Not run)
```

emtrends

Estimated marginal means of linear trends

# **Description**

The emtrends function is useful when a fitted model involves a numerical predictor x interacting with another predictor a (typically a factor). Such models specify that x has a different trend depending on a; thus, it may be of interest to estimate and compare those trends. Analogous to the emmeans setting, we construct a reference grid of these predicted trends, and then possibly average them over some of the predictors in the grid.

# Usage

```
emtrends(object, specs, var, delta.var = 0.001 * rng, max.degree = 1, ...)
```

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## Arguments

object	A supported model object (not a reference grid)
specs	Specifications for what marginal trends are desired – as in emmeans. If specs is missing or NULL, emmeans is not run and the reference grid for specified trends is returned.
var	Character value giving the name of a variable with respect to which a difference quotient of the linear predictors is computed. In order for this to be useful, var should be a numeric predictor that interacts with at least one factor in specs. Then instead of computing EMMs, we compute and compare the slopes of the var trend over levels of the specified other predictor(s). As in EMMs, marginal averages are computed for the predictors in specs and by. See also the "Generalizations" section below.
delta.var	The value of $h$ to use in forming the difference quotient $(f(x+h)-f(x))/h$ . Changing it (especially changing its sign) may be necessary to avoid numerical problems such as logs of negative numbers. The default value is $1/1000$ of the range of var over the dataset.
max.degree	Integer value. The maximum degree of trends to compute (this is capped at 5). If greater than 1, an additional factor degree is added to the grid, with corresponding numerical derivatives of orders 1, 2,, max. degree as the estimates.
• • •	Additional arguments passed to ref_grid or emmeans as appropriate. See Details.

## **Details**

The function works by constructing reference grids for object with various values of var, and then calculating difference quotients of predictions from those reference grids. Finally, emmeans is called with the given specs, thus computing marginal averages as needed of the difference quotients. Any ... arguments are passed to the ref\_grid and emmeans; examples of such optional arguments include optional arguments (often mode) that apply to specific models; ref\_grid options such as data, at, cov.reduce, mult.names, nesting, or transform; and emmeans options such as weights (but please avoid trend or offset.

## Value

An emmGrid or emm\_list object, according to specs. See emmeans for more details on when a list is returned.

# Generalizations

Instead of a single predictor, the user may specify some monotone function of one variable, e.g., var = "log(dose)". If so, the chain rule is applied. Note that, in this example, if object contains log(dose) as a predictor, we will be comparing the slopes estimated by that model, whereas specifying var = "dose" would perform a transformation of those slopes, making the predicted trends vary depending on dose.

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#### Note

In earlier versions of emtrends, the first argument was named model rather than object. (The name was changed because of potential mis-matching with a mode argument, which is an option for several types of models.) For backward compatibility, model still works *provided all arguments are named*.

It is important to understand that trends computed by emtrends are *not* equivalent to polynomial contrasts in a parallel model where var is regarded as a factor. That is because the model object here is assumed to fit a smooth function of var, and the estimated trends reflect *local* behavior at particular value(s) of var; whereas when var is modeled as a factor and polynomial contrasts are computed, those contrasts represent the *global* pattern of changes over *all* levels of var.

See the pigs.poly and pigs.fact examples below for an illustration. The linear and quadratic trends depend on the value of percent, but the cubic trend is constant (because that is true of a cubic polynomial, which is the underlying model). The cubic contrast in the factorial model has the same P value as for the cubic trend, again because the cubic trend is the same everywhere.

#### See Also

```
emmeans, ref_grid
```

## **Examples**

```
fiber.lm <- lm(strength ~ diameter*machine, data=fiber)</pre>
# Obtain slopes for each machine ...
( fiber.emt <- emtrends(fiber.lm, "machine", var = "diameter") )</pre>
# ... and pairwise comparisons thereof
pairs(fiber.emt)
# Suppose we want trends relative to sgrt(diameter)...
emtrends(fiber.lm, ~ machine | diameter, var = "sqrt(diameter)",
         at = list(diameter = c(20, 30))
# Obtaining a reference grid
mtcars.lm <- lm(mpg ~ poly(disp, degree = 2) * (factor(cyl) + factor(am)), data = mtcars)</pre>
# Center trends at mean disp for each no. of cylinders
mtcTrends.rg <- emtrends(mtcars.lm, var = "disp",</pre>
                           cov.reduce = disp ~ factor(cyl))
summary(mtcTrends.rg) # estimated trends at grid nodes
emmeans(mtcTrends.rg, "am", weights = "prop")
### Higher-degree trends ...
pigs.poly <- lm(conc ~ poly(percent, degree = 3), data = pigs)</pre>
emt <- emtrends(pigs.poly, ~ degree | percent, "percent", max.degree = 3,</pre>
                at = list(percent = c(9, 13.5, 18)))
       # note: 'degree' is an extra factor created by 'emtrends'
summary(emt, infer = c(TRUE, TRUE))
```

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```
# Compare above results with poly contrasts when 'percent' is modeled as a factor ...
pigs.fact <- lm(conc ~ factor(percent), data = pigs)
emm <- emmeans(pigs.fact, "percent")

contrast(emm, "poly")
# Some P values are comparable, some aren't! See Note in documentation</pre>
```

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Support functions for model extensions

# **Description**

This documents the methods that ref\_grid calls. A user or package developer may add **emmeans** support for a model class by writing recover\_data and emm\_basis methods for that class. (Users in need for a quick way to obtain results for a model that is not supported may be better served by the qdrg function.)

## Usage

```
recover_data(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'call'
recover_data(object, trms, na.action, data = NULL, params = "pi", ...)
emm_basis(object, trms, xlev, grid, ...)
.recover_data(object, ...)
.emm_basis(object, trms, xlev, grid, ...)
.emm_register(classes, pkgname)
```

## **Arguments**

object	An object of the same class as is supported by a new method.
	Additional parameters that may be supported by the method.
trms	The terms component of object (typically with the response deleted, e.g. via delete.response)
na.action	Integer vector of indices of observations to ignore; or NULL if none
data	Data frame. Usually, this is NULL. However, if non-null, this is used in place of the reconstructed dataset. It must have all of the predictors used in the model, and any factor levels must match those used in fitting the model.
params	Character vector giving the names of any variables in the model formula that are <i>not</i> predictors. For example, a spline model may involve a local variable knots that is not a predictor, but its value is needed to fit the model. Names of parameters not actually used are harmless, and the default value "pi" (the

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	only numeric constant in base R) is provided in case the model involves it. An example involving splines may be found at https://github.com/rvlenth/emmeans/issues/180.
xlev	Named list of factor levels ( <i>excluding</i> ones coerced to factors in the model formula)
grid	A data.frame (provided by $ref\_grid$ ) containing the predictor settings needed in the reference grid
classes	Character names of one or more classes to be registered. The package must contain the functions recover_data.foo and emm_basis.foo for each class foo listed in classes.
pkgname	Character name of package providing the methods (usually should be the second argument of .onLoad)

### Value

The recover\_data method must return a data.frame containing all the variables that appear as predictors in the model, and attributes "call", "terms", "predictors", and "responses". (recover\_data.call will provide these attributes.)

The emm\_basis method should return a list with the following elements:

X The matrix of linear functions over grid, having the same number of rows as grid and the number of columns equal to the length of bhat.

**bhat** The vector of regression coefficients for fixed effects. This should *include* any NAs that result from rank deficiencies.

**nbasis** A matrix whose columns form a basis for non-estimable functions of beta, or a 1x1 matrix of NA if there is no rank deficiency.

V The estimated covariance matrix of bhat.

**dffun** A function of (k,dfargs) that returns the degrees of freedom associated with sum(k \* bhat).

dfargs A list containing additional arguments needed for dffun.

.recover\_data and .emm\_basis are hidden exported versions of recover\_data and emm\_basis, respectively. They run in **emmeans**'s namespace, thus providing access to all existing methods.

## Details

To create a reference grid, the ref\_grid function needs to reconstruct the data used in fitting the model, and then obtain a matrix of linear functions of the regression coefficients for a given grid of predictor values. These tasks are performed by calls to recover\_data and emm\_basis respectively. A vignette giving details and examples is available via vignette("xtending", "emmeans")

To extend **emmeans**'s support to additional model types, one need only write S3 methods for these two functions. The existing methods serve as helpful guidance for writing new ones. Most of the work for recover\_data can be done by its method for class "call", providing the terms component and na.action data as additional arguments. Writing an emm\_basis method is more involved, but the existing methods (e.g., emmeans:::emm\_basis.lm) can serve as models. Certain recover\_data and emm\_basis methods are exported from **emmeans**. (To find out, do methods ("recover\_data").)

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If your object is based on another model-fitting object, it may be that all that is needed is to call one of these exported methods and perhaps make modifications to the results. Contact the developer if you need others of these exported.

If the model has a multivariate response, bhat needs to be "flattened" into a single vector, and X and V must be constructed consistently.

In models where a non-full-rank result is possible (often, you can tell by seeing if there is a singular.ok argument in the model-fitting function), summary.emmGrid and its relatives check the estimability of each prediction, using the nonest.basis function in the **estimability** package.

The models already supported are detailed in the "models" vignette. Some packages may provide additional **emmeans** support for its object classes.

#### **Communication between methods**

If the recover\_data method generates information needed by emm\_basis, that information may be incorporated by creating a "misc" attribute in the returned recovered data. That information is then passed as the misc argument when ref\_grid calls emm\_basis.

# **Optional hooks**

Some models may need something other than standard linear estimates and standard errors. If so, custom functions may be pointed to via the items misc\$estHook, misc\$vcovHook and misc\$postGridHook. If just the name of the hook function is provided as a character string, then it is retrieved using get.

The estHook function should have arguments '(object,do.se,tol,...)' where object is the emmGrid object, do.se is a logical flag for whether to return the standard error, and tol is the tolerance for assessing estimability. It should return a matrix with 3 columns: the estimates, standard errors (NA when do.se==FALSE), and degrees of freedom (NA for asymptotic). The number of rows should be the same as 'object@linfct'. The vcovHook function should have arguments '(object,tol,...)' as described. It should return the covariance matrix for the estimates. Finally, postGridHook, if present, is called at the very end of ref\_grid; it takes one argument, the constructed object, and should return a suitably modified emmGrid object.

#### Registering S3 methods for a model class

The .emm\_register function is provided as a convenience to conditionally register your S3 methods for a model class, recover\_data.foo and emm\_basis.foo, where foo is the class name. Your package should implement an .onLoad function and call .emm\_register if **emmeans** is installed. See the example.

# Note

Without an explicit data argument, recover\_data returns the *current version* of the dataset. If the dataset has changed since the model was fitted, then this will not be the data used to fit the model. It is especially important to know this in simulation studies where the data are randomly generated or permuted, and in cases where several datasets are processed in one step (e.g., using dplyr). In those cases, users should be careful to provide the actual data used to fit the model in the data argument.

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# **Examples**

```
## Not run:
#--- If your package provides recover_data and emm_grid methods for class 'mymod',
#--- put something like this in your package code -- say in zzz.R:
    .onLoad = function(libname, pkgname) {
        if (requireNamespace("emmeans", quietly = TRUE))
            emmeans::.emm_register("mymod", pkgname)
    }
## End(Not run)
```

feedlot

Feedlot data

# Description

This is an unbalanced analysis-of-covariance example, where one covariate is affected by a factor. Feeder calves from various herds enter a feedlot, where they are fed one of three diets. The weight of the animal at entry is the covariate, and the weight at slaughter is the response.

# Usage

feedlot

#### **Format**

A data frame with 67 observations and 4 variables:

herd a factor with levels 9 16 3 32 24 31 19 36 34 35 33, designating the herd that a feeder calf came from.

diet a factor with levels Low Medium High: the energy level of the diet given the animal.

swt a numeric vector: the weight of the animal at slaughter.

ewt a numeric vector: the weight of the animal at entry to the feedlot.

# **Details**

The data arise from a Western Regional Research Project conducted at New Mexico State University. Calves born in 1975 in commercial herds entered a feedlot as yearlings. Both diets and herds are of interest as factors. The covariate, ewt, is thought to be dependent on herd due to different genetic backgrounds, breeding history, etc. The levels of herd ordered to similarity of genetic background.

Note: There are some empty cells in the cross-classification of herd and diet.

#### Source

Urquhart NS (1982) Adjustment in covariates when one factor affects the covariate. *Biometrics* 38, 651-660.

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# **Examples**

```
feedlot.lm <- lm(swt ~ ewt + herd*diet, data = feedlot)
# Obtain EMMs with a separate reference value of ewt for each
# herd. This reproduces the last part of Table 2 in the reference
emmeans(feedlot.lm, ~ diet | herd, cov.reduce = ewt ~ herd)</pre>
```

fiber

Fiber data

# **Description**

Fiber data from Montgomery Design (8th ed.), p.656 (Table 15.10). Useful as a simple analysis-of-covariance example.

# Usage

fiber

#### **Format**

A data frame with 15 observations and 3 variables:

machine a factor with levels A B C. This is the primary factor of interest.

strength a numeric vector. The response variable.

diameter a numeric vector. A covariate.

# **Details**

The goal of the experiment is to compare the mean breaking strength of fibers produced by the three machines. When testing this, the technician also measured the diameter of each fiber, and this measurement may be used as a concomitant variable to improve precision of the estimates.

# Source

Montgomery, D. C. (2013) *Design and Analysis of Experiments* (8th ed.). John Wiley and Sons, ISBN 978-1-118-14692-7.

```
fiber.lm <- lm(strength ~ diameter + machine, data=fiber)
ref_grid(fiber.lm)
# Covariate-adjusted means and comparisons
emmeans(fiber.lm, pairwise ~ machine)</pre>
```

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hpd.summary	Summarize an emmGrid from a Bayesian model	
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# Description

This function computes point estimates and HPD intervals for each factor combination in object@emmGrid. While this function may be called independently, it is called automatically by the S3 method summary.emmGrid when the object is based on a Bayesian model. (Note: the level argument, or its default, is passed as prob).

# Usage

```
hpd.summary(object, prob, by, type, point.est = median,
  bias.adjust = get_emm_option("back.bias.adj"), sigma, ...)
```

# **Arguments**

object	an emmGrid object having a non-missing post.beta slot
prob	numeric probability content for HPD intervals (note: when not specified, the current level option is used; see emm_options)
by	factors to use as by variables
type	prediction type as in summary.emmGrid
point.est	function to use to compute the point estimates from the posterior sample for each grid point
bias.adjust	Logical value for whether to adjust for bias in back-transforming (type = "response"). This requires a value of sigma to exist in the object or be specified.
sigma	Error SD assumed for bias correction (when type = "response". If not specified, object@misc\$sigma is used, and an error is thrown if it is not found. <i>Note:</i> sigma may be a vector, as long as it conforms to the number of observations in the posterior sample.
	required but not used

# Value

an object of class summary\_emm

# See Also

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# **Examples**

```
if(require("coda")) {
    # Create an emmGrid object from a system file
    cbpp.rg <- do.call(emmobj,
        readRDS(system.file("extdata", "cbpplist", package = "emmeans")))
    hpd.summary(emmeans(cbpp.rg, "period"))
}</pre>
```

joint\_tests

Compute joint tests of the terms in a model

# **Description**

This function produces an analysis-of-variance-like table based on linear functions of predictors in a model or emmGrid object. Specifically, the function constructs, for each combination of factors (or covariates reduced to two or more levels), a set of (interaction) contrasts via contrast, and then tests them using test with joint = TRUE. Optionally, one or more of the predictors may be used as by variable(s), so that separate tables of tests are produced for each combination of them.

# Usage

```
joint_tests(object, by = NULL, show0df = FALSE, cov.reduce = range, ...)
```

# **Arguments**

```
object, cov.reduce
object is a fitted model or an emmGrid. If a fitted model, it is replaced by ref_grid(object,cov.reduce = cov.reduce,...)

by character names of by variables. Separate sets of tests are run for each combination of these.

show@df logical value; if TRUE, results with zero numerator degrees of freedom are displayed, if FALSE they are skipped
... additional arguments passed to ref_grid and emmeans
```

#### **Details**

In models with only factors, no covariates, we believe these tests correspond to "type III" tests a la SAS, as long as equal-weighted averaging is used and there are no estimability issues. When covariates are present and interact with factors, the results depend on how the covariate is handled in constructing the reference grid. See the example at the end of this documentation. The point that one must always remember is that joint\_tests always tests contrasts among EMMs, in the context of the reference grid, whereas type III tests are tests of model coefficients – which may or may not have anything to do with EMMs or contrasts.

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### Value

a summary\_emm object (same as is produced by summary.emmGrid). All effects for which there are no estimable contrasts are omitted from the results.

#### See Also

test

```
pigs.lm <- lm(log(conc) ~ source * factor(percent), data = pigs)</pre>
joint_tests(pigs.lm)
                                        ## will be same as type III ANOVA
joint_tests(pigs.lm, weights = "outer") ## differently weighted
joint_tests(pigs.lm, by = "source")
                                        ## separate joint tests of 'percent'
### Comparisons with type III tests
toy = data.frame(
   treat = rep(c("A", "B"), c(4, 6)),
   female = c(1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0),
   resp = c(17, 12, 14, 19, 28, 26, 26, 34, 33, 27))
toy.fac = lm(resp ~ treat * factor(female), data = toy)
toy.cov = lm(resp ~ treat * female, data = toy)
# (These two models have identical fitted values and residuals)
joint_tests(toy.fac)
                      # female is regarded as a 2-level factor by default
joint_tests(toy.cov)
joint_tests(toy.cov, at = list(female = 0.5))
joint_tests(toy.cov, cov.keep = 0) # i.e., female = mean(toy$female)
joint_tests(toy.cov, at = list(female = 0))
# -- Compare with SAS output -- female as factor --
## Source
                  DF
                        Type III SS
                                                     F Value
                                                               Pr > F
                                       Mean Square
## treat
                        488.8928571
                                                      404.60
                                                               <.0001
                   1
                                       488.8928571
                         78.8928571
                                                       65.29
## female
                   1
                                        78.8928571
                                                               0.0002
## treat*female
                   1
                          1.7500000
                                         1.7500000
                                                        1.45
                                                               0.2741
# -- Compare with SAS output -- female as covariate --
## Source
                  DF
                        Type III SS Mean Square F Value
                                                               Pr > F
## treat
                  1
                        252.0833333
                                       252.0833333
                                                    208.62
                                                               < .0001
                        78.8928571
## female
                  1
                                      78.8928571
                                                       65.29
                                                               0.0002
## female*treat
                         1.7500000
                                        1.7500000
                                                       1.45
                 1
                                                               0.2741
```

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# **Description**

These are wrappers for emmeans and related functions to provide backward compatibility, or for users who may prefer to use other terminology than "estimated marginal means" – namely "least-squares means" or "predicted marginal means".

# Usage

```
lsmeans(...)
pmmeans(...)
lstrends(...)
pmtrends(...)
lsmip(...)
pmmip(...)
lsm(...)
pmm(...)
lsmobj(...)
pmmobj(...)
lsm.options(...)
get.lsm.option(x, default = emm_defaults[[x]])
```

# **Arguments**

... Arguments passed to the corresponding emxxxx function

x Character name of desired option default default value to return if x not found

# **Details**

For each function with 1sxxxx or pmxxxx in its name, the same function named emxxxx is called. Any estimator names or list items beginning with "em" are replaced with "ls" or "pm" before the results are returned

# Value

The result of the call to emxxxx, suitably modified.

get.lsm.option and lsm.options remap options from and to corresponding options in the **Ismeans** options system.

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### See Also

```
emmeans, emtrends, emmip, emm, emmobj, emm_options, get_emm_option
```

#### **Examples**

```
pigs.lm <- lm(log(conc) ~ source + factor(percent), data = pigs)
lsmeans(pigs.lm, "source")</pre>
```

make.tran

Response-transformation extensions

# Description

The make.tran function creates the needed information to perform transformations of the response variable, including inverting the transformation and estimating variances of back-transformed predictions via the delta method. make.tran is similar to make.link, but it covers additional transformations. The result can be used as an environment in which the model is fitted, or as the tran argument in update.emmGrid (when the given transformation was already applied in an existing model).

# Usage

```
make.tran(type = c("genlog", "power", "boxcox", "sympower", "asin.sqrt",
   "bcnPower", "scale"), param = 1, y, ...)
```

### **Arguments**

type	The name of the transformation. See Details.
param	Numeric parameter needed for the transformation. Optionally, it may be a vector of two numeric values; the second element specifies an alternative base or origin for certain transformations. See Details.
у,	Used only with type = "scale". These parameters are passed to scale to determine param.

### **Details**

The functions emmeans, ref\_grid, and related ones automatically detect response transformations that are recognized by examining the model formula. These are log, log2, log10, sqrt, logit, probit, cauchit, cloglog; as well as (for a response variable y) asin(sqrt(y)), asinh(sqrt(y)), and sqrt(y) + sqrt(y+1). In addition, any constant multiple of these (e.g., 2\*sqrt(y)) is autodetected and appropriately scaled (see also the tran.mult argument in update.emmGrid).

A few additional character strings may be supplied as the tran argument in update.emmGrid: "identity", "1/mu^2", "inverse", "reciprocal", "asin.sqrt", and "asinh.sqrt".

More general transformations may be provided as a list of functions and supplied as the tran argument as documented in update.emmGrid. The make.tran function returns a suitable list of functions for several popular transformations. Besides being usable with update, the user may use

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this list as an enclosing environment in fitting the model itself, in which case the transformation is auto-detected when the special name linkfun (the transformation itself) is used as the response transformation in the call. See the examples below.

Most of the transformations available in "make.tran" require a parameter, specified in param; in the following discussion, we use p to denote this parameter, and y to denote the response variable. The type argument specifies the following transformations:

- "genlog" Generalized logarithmic transformation: log(y+p), where y>-p
- "power" Power transformation:  $y^p$ , where y > 0. When p = 0, "log" is used instead
- "boxcox" The Box-Cox transformation (unscaled by the geometric mean):  $(y^p 1)/p$ , where y > 0. When p = 0, log(y) is used.
- "sympower" A symmetrized power transformation on the whole real line:  $abs(y)^p * sign(y)$ . There are no restrictions on y, but we require p > 0 in order for the transformation to be monotone and continuous.
- "asin.sqrt" Arcsin-square-root transformation:  $sin^{(-1)}(y/p)^{1/2}$ . Typically, the parameter p is equal to 1 for a fraction, or 100 for a percentage.
- "bcnPower" Box-Cox with negatives allowed, as described for the bcnPower function in the **car** package. It is defined as the Box-Cox transformation  $(z^p 1)/p$  of the variable  $z = y + (y^2 + g^2)(1/2)$ . This requires param to have two elements: the power p and the offset g > 0.
- "scale" This one is a little different than the others, in that param is ignored; instead, param is determined by calling scale(y,...). The user should give as y the response variable in the model to be fitted to its scaled version.

The user may include a second element in param to specify an alternative origin (other than zero) for the "power", "boxcox", or "sympower" transformations. For example, 'type = "power", param = c(1.5,4)' specifies the transformation  $(y-4)^1.5$ . In the "genpower" transformation, a second param element may be used to specify a base other than the default natural logarithm. For example, 'type = "genlog", param = c(.5,10)' specifies the log10(y+.5) transformation. In the "bcnPower" transformation, the second element is required and must be positive.

For purposes of back-transformation, the 'sqrt(y) + sqrt(y+1)' transformation is treated exactly the same way as '2\*sqrt(y)', because both are regarded as estimates of  $2\sqrt{\mu}$ .

### Value

A list having at least the same elements as those returned by make.link. The linkfun component is the transformation itself.

#### Note

The genlog transformation is technically unneeded, because a response transformation of the form log(y + c) is now auto-detected by  $ref\_grid$ .

We modify certain make.link results in transformations where there is a restriction on valid prediction values, so that reasonable inverse predictions are obtained, no matter what. For example, if a sqrt transformation was used but a predicted value is negative, the inverse transformation is zero rather than the square of the prediction. A side effect of this is that it is possible for one or both confidence limits, or even a standard error, to be zero.

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# **Examples**

```
# Fit a model using an oddball transformation:
bctran <- make.tran("boxcox", 0.368)</pre>
warp.bc <- with(bctran,</pre>
    lm(linkfun(breaks) ~ wool * tension, data = warpbreaks))
# Obtain back-transformed LS means:
emmeans(warp.bc, ~ tension | wool, type = "response")
### Using a scaled response...
# Case where it is auto-detected:
fib.lm <- lm(scale(strength) ~ diameter + machine, data = fiber)</pre>
ref_grid(fib.lm)
# Case where scaling is not auto-detected -- and what to do about it:
fib.aov <- aov(scale(strength) ~ diameter + Error(machine), data = fiber)</pre>
fib.rg <- suppressWarnings(ref_grid(fib.aov, at = list(diameter = c(20, 30))))
# Scaling was not retrieved, so we can do:
fib.rg = update(fib.rg, tran = make.tran("scale", y = fiber$strength))
emmeans(fib.rg, "diameter")
## Not run:
### An existing model 'mod' was fitted with a y^(2/3) transformation...
  ptran = make.tran("power", 2/3)
  emmeans(mod, "treatment", tran = ptran)
## End(Not run)
```

M0ats

Oats data in multivariate form

# **Description**

This is the Oats dataset provided in the **nlme** package, but it is rearranged as one multivariate observation per plot.

# Usage

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# **Format**

A data frame with 18 observations and 3 variables

Variety a factor with levels Golden Rain, Marvellous, Victory

Block an ordered factor with levels VI < V < III < IV < II < I

yield a matrix with 4 columns, giving the yields with nitrogen concentrations of 0, .2, .4, and .6.

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#### **Details**

These data arise from a split-plot experiment reported by Yates (1935) and used as an example in Pinheiro and Bates (2000) and other texts. Six blocks were divided into three whole plots, randomly assigned to the three varieties of oats. The whole plots were each divided into 4 split plots and randomized to the four concentrations of nitrogen.

#### Source

The dataset Oats in the nlme package.

#### References

Pinheiro, J. C. and Bates D. M. (2000) *Mixed-Effects Models in S and S-PLUS*, Springer, New York. (Appendix A.15)

Yates, F. (1935) Complex experiments, Journal of the Royal Statistical Society Suppl. 2, 181-247

# **Examples**

```
MOats.lm <- lm (yield ~ Block + Variety, data = MOats)
MOats.rg <- ref_grid (MOats.lm, mult.name = "nitro")
emmeans(MOats.rg, ~ nitro | Variety)</pre>
```

models

Models supported in emmeans

# **Description**

Documentation for models has been moved to a vignette. To access it, use vignette("models", "emmeans").

neuralgia

Neuralgia data

# **Description**

These data arise from a study of analgesic effects of treatments of elderly patients who have neuralgia. Two treatments and a placebo are compared. The response variable is whether the patient reported pain or not. Researchers recorded the age and gender of 60 patients along with the duration of complaint before the treatment began.

# Usage

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#### **Format**

A data frame with 60 observations and 5 variables:

Treatment Factor with 3 levels A, B, and P. The latter is placebo

Sex Factor with two levels F and M

Age Numeric covariate - patient's age in years

Duration Numeric covariate – duration of the condition before beginning treatment

Pain Binary response factor with levels No and Yes

# Source

Cai, Weijie (2014) Making Comparisons Fair: How LS-Means Unify the Analysis of Linear Models, SAS Institute, Inc. Technical paper 142-2014, page 12, http://support.sas.com/resources/papers/proceedings14/SAS060-2014.pdf

# **Examples**

```
# Model and analysis shown in the SAS report:
neuralgia.glm <- glm(Pain ~ Treatment * Sex + Age, family = binomial(),
   data = neuralgia)
pairs(emmeans(neuralgia.glm, ~ Treatment, at = list(Sex = "F")),
   reverse = TRUE, type = "response", adjust = "bonferroni")</pre>
```

nutrition

Nutrition data

# **Description**

This observational dataset involves three factors, but where several factor combinations are missing. It is used as a case study in Milliken and Johnson, Chapter 17, p.202. (You may also find it in the second edition, p.278.)

# Usage

nutrition

# **Format**

A data frame with 107 observations and 4 variables:

age a factor with levels 1, 2, 3, 4. Mother's age group.

group a factor with levels FoodStamps, NoAid. Whether or not the family receives food stamp assistance.

race a factor with levels Black, Hispanic, White. Mother's race.

gain a numeric vector (the response variable). Gain score (posttest minus pretest) on knowledge of nutrition.

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#### **Details**

A survey was conducted by home economists "to study how much lower-socioeconomic-level mothers knew about nutrition and to judge the effect of a training program designed to increase their knowledge of nutrition." This is a messy dataset with several empty cells.

#### Source

Milliken, G. A. and Johnson, D. E. (1984) *Analysis of Messy Data – Volume I: Designed Experiments*. Van Nostrand, ISBN 0-534-02713-7.

# **Examples**

```
nutr.aov <- aov(gain ~ (group + age + race)^2, data = nutrition)

# Summarize predictions for age group 3
nutr.emm <- emmeans(nutr.aov, ~ race * group, at = list(age="3"))
emmip(nutr.emm, race ~ group)

# Hispanics seem exceptional; but this doesn't test out due to very sparse data pairs(nutr.emm, by = "group")
pairs(nutr.emm, by = "race")</pre>
```

oranges

Sales of oranges

# **Description**

This example dataset on sales of oranges has two factors, two covariates, and two responses. There is one observation per factor combination.

# Usage

oranges

#### **Format**

A data frame with 36 observations and 6 variables:

```
store a factor with levels 1 2 3 4 5 6. The store that was observed.

day a factor with levels 1 2 3 4 5 6. The day the observation was taken (same for each store).

price1 a numeric vector. Price of variety 1.

price2 a numeric vector. Price of variety 2.

sales1 a numeric vector. Sales (per customer) of variety 1.

sales2 a numeric vector. Sales (per customer) of variety 2.
```

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# **Source**

This is (or once was) available as a SAS sample dataset.

#### References

Littell, R., Stroup W., Freund, R. (2002) SAS For Linear Models (4th edition). SAS Institute. ISBN 1-59047-023-0.

# Examples

pigs

Effects of dietary protein on free plasma leucine concentration in pigs

# **Description**

A two-factor experiment with some observations lost

# Usage

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#### **Format**

A data frame with 29 observations and 3 variables:

```
source Source of protein in the diet (factor with 3 levels: fish meal, soybean meal, dried skim milk) percent Protein percentage in the diet (numeric with 4 values: 9, 12, 15, and 18) conc Concentration of free plasma leucine, in mcg/ml
```

# **Source**

Windels HF (1964) PhD thesis, Univ. of Minnesota. (Reported as Problem 10.8 in Oehlert G (2000) A First Course in Design and Analysis of Experiments, licensed under Creative Commons, http://users.stat.umn.edu/~gary/Book.html.) Observations 7, 22, 23, 31, 33, and 35 have been omitted, creating a more notable imbalance.

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# **Examples**

```
pigs.lm <- lm(log(conc) ~ source + factor(percent), data = pigs)
emmeans(pigs.lm, "source")</pre>
```

plot.emmGrid

Plot an emmGrid or summary\_emm object

# Description

Methods are provided to plot EMMs as side-by-side CIs, and optionally to display "comparison arrows" for displaying pairwise comparisons.

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'emmGrid'
plot(x, y, type, CIs = TRUE, PIs = FALSE,
  comparisons = FALSE, colors = c("black", "blue", "blue", "red"),
  alpha = 0.05, adjust = "tukey", int.adjust = "none", intervals,
  frequentist, ...)

## S3 method for class 'summary_emm'
plot(x, y, horizontal = TRUE, CIs = TRUE, xlab, ylab,
  layout, colors = c("black", "blue", "blue", "red"), intervals,
  plotit = TRUE, ...)
```

even if a single color is specified.

# Arguments

X	Object of class emmGrid or summary_emm
У	(Required but ignored)
type	Character value specifying the type of prediction desired (matching "linear.predictor", "link", or "response"). See details under summary.emmGrid.
CIs	Logical value. If TRUE, confidence intervals are plotted for each estimate.
PIs	Logical value. If TRUE, prediction intervals are plotted for each estimate. If objecct is a Bayesian model, this requires frequentist = TRUE and sigma = (some value). Note that the PIs option is <i>not</i> available with summary_emm objects — only for emmGrid objects. Also, prediction intervals are not available with engine = "lattice".
comparisons	Logical value. If TRUE, "comparison arrows" are added to the plot, in such a way that the degree to which arrows overlap reflects as much as possible the significance of the comparison of the two estimates. (A warning is issued if this can't be done.)
colors	Character vector of color names to use for estimates, CIs, PIs, and comparison arrows, respectively. CIs and PIs are rendered with some transparency, and colors are recycled if the length is less than four; so all plot elements are visible

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The significance level to use in constructing comparison arrows
Character value: Multiplicity adjustment method for comparison arrows only.
Character value: Multiplicity adjustment method for the plotted confidence intervals <i>only</i> .
If specified, it is used to set CIs. This is the previous name of CIs and is provided for backward compatibility.
Logical value. If there is a posterior MCMC sample and frequentist is non-missing and TRUE, a frequentist summary is used for obtaining the plot data, rather than the posterior point estimate and HPD intervals. This argument is ignored when it is not a Bayesian model.
$Additional\ arguments\ passed\ to\ update.\ emmGrid,\ predict.\ emmGrid,\ or\ dotplot$
Logical value specifying whether the intervals should be plotted horizontally or vertically
Character label for horizontal axis
Character label for vertical axis
Numeric value passed to dotplot
Logical value. If TRUE, a graphical object is returned; if FALSE, a data.frame is returned containing all the values used to construct the plot.

# Value

If plotit = TRUE, a graphical object is returned.

If plotit = FALSE, a data.frame with the table of EMMs that would be plotted. In the latter case, the estimate being plotted is named the.emmean, and any factors involved have the same names as in the object. Confidence limits are named lower.CL and upper.CL, prediction limits are named lpl and upl, and comparison-arrow limits are named lcmpl and ucmpl. There is also a variable named pri.fac which contains the factor combinations that are *not* among the by variables.

#### **Details**

If any by variables are in force, the plot is divided into separate panels. These functions use the dotplot function, and thus require that the **lattice** package be installed. For "summary\_emm" objects, the ... arguments in plot are passed *only* to dotplot, whereas for "emmGrid" objects, the object is updated using ... before summarizing and plotting.

In plots with comparisons = TRUE, the resulting arrows are only approximate, and in some cases may fail to accurately reflect the pairwise comparisons of the estimates — especially when estimates having large and small standard errors are intermingled in just the wrong way. Note that the maximum and minimum estimates have arrows only in one direction, since there is no need to compare them with anything higher or lower, respectively. See the vignette("xplanations", "emmeans") for details on how these are derived.

If adjust or int.adjust are not supplied, they default to the internal adjust setting saved in pairs(x) and x respectively (see update.emmGrid).

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# **Examples**

pwpm

Pairwise P-value matrix (plus other statistics)

# Description

This function presents results from emmeans and pairwise comparisons thereof in a compact way. It displays a matrix (or matrices) of estimates, pairwise differences, and P values. The user may opt to exclude any of these via arguments means, diffs, and pvals, respectively. To control the direction of the pairwise differences, use reverse; and to control what appears in the upper and lower triangle(s), use flip. Optional arguments are passed to contrast.emmGrid and/or summary.emmGrid, making it possible to control what estimates and tests are displayed.

# Usage

```
pwpm(emm, by, reverse = FALSE, pvals = TRUE, means = TRUE,
  diffs = TRUE, flip = FALSE, digits, ...)
```

# **Arguments**

emm	An emmGrid object
by	Character vector of variable(s) in the grid to condition on. These will create different matrices, one for each level or level-combination. If missing, by is set to emm@misc\$by.vars. Grid factors not in by are the <i>primary</i> factors: whose levels or level combinations are compared pairwise.
reverse	Logical value passed to pairs.emmGrid. Thus, FALSE specifies "pairwise" comparisons (earlier vs. later), and TRUE specifies "revpairwise" comparisons (later vs. earlier).
pvals	Logical value. If TRUE, the pairwise differences of the EMMs are included in each matrix according to flip.
means	Logical value. If TRUE, the estimated marginal means (EMMs) from emm are included in the matrix diagonal(s).
diffs	Logical value. If TRUE, the pairwise differences of the EMMs are included in each matrix according to flip.
flip	Logical value that determines where P values and differences are placed. FALSE places the P values in the upper triangle and differences in the lower, and TRUE does just the opposite.
digits	Integer. Number of digits to display. If missing, an optimal number of digits is determined.
•••	Additional arguments passed to contrast.emmGrid and summary.emmGrid. You should <i>not</i> include method here, because pairwise comparisons are always used.

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#### Value

A matrix or 'list' of matrices, one for each 'by' level.

#### See Also

A graphical display of essentially the same results is available from pwpp

# **Examples**

```
warp.lm <- lm(breaks ~ wool * tension, data = warpbreaks)</pre>
warp.emm <- emmeans(warp.lm, ~ tension | wool)</pre>
pwpm(warp.emm)
# use dot options to specify noninferiority tests
pwpm(warp.emm, by = NULL, side = ">", delta = 5, adjust = "none")
```

pwpp

Pairwise P-value plot

# **Description**

Constructs a plot of P values associated with pairwise comparisons of estimated marginal means.

# Usage

```
pwpp(emm, method = "pairwise", by, sort = TRUE, values = TRUE,
  rows = ".", xlab, ylab, xsub = "", plim = numeric(0), add.space = 0,
```

# **Arguments** emm

by

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method	Character or list. Passed to contrast, and defines the contrasts to be dis-
	played. Any contrast method may be used, provided that each contrast in-
	cludes one coefficient of 1, one coefficient of -1, and the rest 0. That is, calling

An emmGrid object

provided that each contrast in-, and the rest 0. That is, calling contrast(object, method) produces a set of comparisons, each with one estimate minus another estimate.

Character vector of variable(s) in the grid to condition on. These will create different panels, one for each level or level-combination. Grid factors not in by are the *primary* factors: whose levels or level combinations are compared

pairwise.

Logical value. If TRUE, levels of the factor combinations are ordered by their sort marginal means. If FALSE, they appear in order based on the existing ordering

of the factor levels involved. Note that the levels are ordered the same way in all panels, and in many cases this implies that the means in any particular panel

will not be ordered even when sort = TRUE.

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values	Logical value. If TRUE, the values of the EMMs are included in the plot. When there are several side-by-side panels due to by variable(s), the labels showing values start stealing a lot of space from the plotting area; in those cases, it may be desirable to specify FALSE or use rows so that some panels are vertically stacked.
rows	Character vector of which by variable(s) are used to define rows of the panel layout. Those variables in by not included in rows define columns in the array of panels. A "." indicates that only one row is used, so all panels are stacked side-by-side.
xlab	Character label to use in place of the default for the P-value axis.
ylab	Character label to use in place of the default for the primary-factor axis.
xsub	Character label used as caption at the lower right of the plot.
plim	numeric vector of value(s) between 0 and 1. These are included among the observed p values so that the range of tick marks includes at least the range of plim. Choosing plim = $c(0,1)$ will ensure the widest possible range.
add.space	Numeric value to adjust amount of space used for value labels. Positioning of value labels is tricky, and depends on how many panels and the physical size of the plotting region. This parameter allows the user to adjust the position. Changing it by one unit should shift the position by about one character width (right if positive, left if negative).
	Additional arguments passed to contrast and summary.emmGrid

### **Details**

Factor levels (or combinations thereof) are plotted on the vertical scale, and P values are plotted on the horizontal scale. Each P value is plotted twice – at vertical positions corresponding to the levels being compared – and connected by a line segment. Thus, it is easy to visualize which P values are small and large, and which levels are compared. In addition, factor levels are color-coded, and the points and half-line segments appear in the color of the other level. The P-value scale is nonlinear, so as to stretch-out smaller P values and compress larger ones. P values smaller than 0.0004 are altered and plotted in a way that makes them more distinguishable from one another.

If xlab, ylab, and xsub are not provided, reasonable labels are created. xsub is used to note special features; e.g., equivalence thresholds or one-sided tests.

#### Note

The **ggplot2** and **scales** packages must be installed in order for pwpp to work.

# See Also

A numerical display of essentially the same results is available from pwpm

```
pigs.lm <- lm(log(conc) ~ source * factor(percent), data = pigs)
emm = emmeans(pigs.lm, ~ percent | source)
pwpp(emm)
pwpp(emm, method = "trt.vs.ctrl1", type = "response", side = ">")
```

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qdrg Quick and dirty reference grid	
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# **Description**

This function may make it possible to compute a reference grid for a model object that is otherwise not supported.

# Usage

```
qdrg(formula, data, coef, mcmc, vcov, object, df, subset, weights, contrasts,
  link, qr, ...)
```

# **Arguments**

formula	Formula for the fixed effects
data	Dataset containing the variables in the model
coef	Fixed-effect regression coefficients (must conform to formula)
mcmc	Posterior sample of fixed-effect coefficients
vcov	Variance-covariance matrix of the fixed effects
object	Optional model object. If provided, it is used to set certain other arguments, if not specified. See Details.
df	Error degrees of freedom
subset	Subset of data used in fitting the model
weights	Weights used in fitting the model
contrasts	List of contrasts specified in fitting the model
link	Link function (character or list) used, if a generalized linear model. (Note: response transformations are auto-detected from formula)
qr	QR decomposition of the model matrix; needed only if there are NAs in coef.
	Optional arguments passed to ref_grid

# **Details**

If object is specified, it is used to try to obtain certain other arguments, as detailed below. The user should ensure that these defaults will work. The default values for the arguments are as follows:

- formula: Required unless obtainable via formula(object)
- data: Required if variables are not in parent.frame() or obtainable via object\$data
- coef: coef(object)
- mcmc: object\$sample
- vcov: vcov(object)
- df: Set to Inf if not available in object\$df.residual

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- subset: NULL (so that all observations in data are used)
- contrasts: NULL (so that getOption("contrasts") is used)

The functions qdrg and emmobj are close cousins, in that they both produce emmGrid objects. When starting with summary statistics for an existing grid, emmobj is more useful, while qdrg is more useful when starting from a fitted model.

#### Value

An emmGrid object constructed from the arguments

# See Also

emmobj for an alternative way to construct an emmGrid.

### **Examples**

```
if (require(biglm)) {
    # Post hoc analysis of a "biglm" object -- not supported by emmeans
    bigmod <- biglm(log(conc) ~ source + factor(percent), data = pigs)

    rg2 <- qdrg(object = bigmod, data = pigs)
    summary(emmeans(rg2, "source"), type = "response")
}
if(require(coda) && require(lme4)) {
    # Use a stored example having a posterior sample
    # Model is based on the data in lme4::cbpp

    post <- readRDS(system.file("extdata", "cbpplist", package = "emmeans"))$post.beta
    rg1 <- qdrg(~ size + period, data = lme4::cbpp, mcmc = post, link = "logit")
    summary(rg1, type = "response")
}</pre>
```

rbind.emmGrid

Combine or subset emmGrid objects

# **Description**

These functions provide methods for rbind and [ that may be used to combine emmGrid objects together, or to extract a subset of cases. The primary reason for doing this would be to obtain multiplicity-adjusted results for smaller or larger families of tests or confidence intervals.

# Usage

```
## $3 method for class 'emmGrid'
rbind(..., deparse.level = 1, adjust = "bonferroni")
## $3 method for class 'emmGrid'
```

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```
e1 + e2
## S3 method for class 'emmGrid'
x[i, adjust, drop.levels = TRUE, ...]
```

# **Arguments**

... In rbind, object(s) of class emmGrid. In "[", it is ignored.

deparse.level (required but not used)

adjust Character value passed to update.emmGrid

e1 An emmGrid object

e2 Another emmGrid object

x An emmGrid object to be subsetted

i Integer vector of indexes

drop.levels Logical value. If TRUE, the "levels" slot in the returned object is updated to

hold only the predictor levels that actually occur

# Value

A revised object of class emmGrid

The result of e1 + e2 is the same as rbind(e1, e2)

# Note

rbind throws an error if there are incompatibilities in the objects' coefficients, covariance structures, etc. But they are allowed to have different factors; a missing level '.' is added to factors as needed.

```
warp.lm <- lm(breaks ~ wool * tension, data = warpbreaks)
warp.rg <- ref_grid(warp.lm)

# Show only 3 of the 6 cases
summary(warp.rg[c(2,4,5)])

# Do all pairwise comparisons within rows or within columns,
# all considered as one faily of tests:
w.t <- pairs(emmeans(warp.rg, ~ wool | tension))
t.w <- pairs(emmeans(warp.rg, ~ tension | wool))
rbind(w.t, t.w, adjust = "mvt")
update(w.t + t.w, adjust = "fdr") ## same as abve except for adjustment</pre>
```

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# Description

Using a fitted model object, determine a reference grid for which estimated marginal means are defined. The resulting ref\_grid object encapsulates all the information needed to calculate EMMs and make inferences on them.

# Usage

```
ref_grid(object, at, cov.reduce = mean,
  cov.keep = get_emm_option("cov.keep"), mult.names, mult.levs,
  options = get_emm_option("ref_grid"), data, df, type, transform, nesting,
  offset, sigma, ...)
```

# **Arguments**

object	An object produced by a supported model-fitting function, such as lm. Many models are supported. See vignette("models", "emmeans").
at	Optional named list of levels for the corresponding variables
cov.reduce	A function, logical value, or formula; or a named list of these. Each covariate <i>not</i> specified in cov.keep or at is reduced according to these specifications. See the section below on "Using cov.reduce and cov.keep".
cov.keep	Character vector: names of covariates that are <i>not</i> to be reduced; these are treated as factors and used in weighting calculations. cov.keep may also include integer value(s), and if so, the maximum of these is used to set a threshold such that any covariate having no more than that many unique values is automatically included in cov.keep.
mult.names	Character value: the name(s) to give to the pseudo-factor(s) whose levels delineate the elements of a multivariate response. If this is provided, it overrides the default name(s) used for class(object) when it has a multivariate response (e.g., the default is "rep.meas" for "mlm" objects).
mult.levs	A named list of levels for the dimensions of a multivariate response. If there is more than one element, the combinations of levels are used, in expand.grid order. The (total) number of levels must match the number of dimensions. If mult.name is specified, this argument is ignored.
options	If non-NULL, a named list of arguments to pass to update.emmGrid, just after the object is constructed.
data	A data.frame to use to obtain information about the predictors (e.g. factor levels). If missing, then recover_data is used to attempt to reconstruct the data. See the note with recover_data for an important precaution.
df	Numeric value. This is equivalent to specifying options(df = df). See update.emmGrid.
type	Character value. If provided, this is saved as the "predict.type" setting. See update.emmGrid and the section below on prediction types and transformations.

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transform Character, logical, or list. If non-missing, the reference grid is reconstructed via regrid with the given transform argument. See the section below on prediction types and transformations. If the model has nested fixed effects, this may be specified here via a character nesting vector or named list specifying the nesting structure. Specifying nesting overrides any nesting structure that is automatically detected. See the section below on Recovering or Overriding Model Information. offset Numeric scalar value (if a vector, only the first element is used). This may be used to add an offset, or override offsets based on the model. A common usage would be to specify offset = 0 for a Poisson regression model, so that predictions from the reference grid become rates relative to the offset that had been specified in the model. sigma Numeric value to use for subsequent predictions or back-transformation bias adjustments. If not specified, we use sigma(object), if available, and NULL otherwise. Optional arguments passed to summary.emmGrid, emm\_basis, and recover\_data, such as params, vcov. (see **Covariance matrix** below), or options such as mode for specific model types (see vignette("models", "emmeans")).

#### **Details**

To users, the ref\_grid function itself is important because most of its arguments are in effect arguments of emmeans and related functions, in that those functions pass their ... arguments to ref\_grid.

The reference grid consists of combinations of independent variables over which predictions are made. Estimated marginal means are defined as these predictions, or marginal averages thereof. The grid is determined by first reconstructing the data used in fitting the model (see recover\_data), or by using the data. frame provided in data. The default reference grid is determined by the observed levels of any factors, the ordered unique values of character-valued predictors, and the results of cov.reduce for numeric predictors. These may be overridden using at. See also the section below on recovering/overriding model information.

#### Value

An object of the S4 class "emmGrid" (see emmGrid-class). These objects encapsulate everything needed to do calculations and inferences for estimated marginal means, and contain nothing that depends on the model-fitting procedure.

# Using cov. reduce and cov. keep

The cov.keep argument was not available in **emmeans** versions 1.4.1 and earlier. Any covariates named in this list are treated as if they are factors: all the unique levels are kept in the reference grid. The user may also specify an integer value, in which case any covariate having no more than that number of unique values is implicitly included in cov.keep. The default for cove.keep is set and retrieved via the <code>emm\_options</code> framework, and the system default is "2", meaning that covariates having only two unique values are automatically treated as two-level factors. See also the Note below on backward compatibility.

There is a subtle distinction between including a covariate in cov.keep and specifying its values manually in at: Covariates included in cov.keep are treated as factors for purposes of weighting, while specifying levels in at will not include the covariate in weighting. See the mtcars.lm example below for an illustration.

cov. reduce may be a function, logical value, formula, or a named list of these. If a single function, it is applied to each covariate. If logical and TRUE, mean is used. If logical and FALSE, it is equivalent to including all covariates in cov.keep. Use of 'cov.reduce = FALSE' is inadvisable because it can result in a huge reference grid; it is far better to use cov.keep.

If a formula (which must be two-sided), then a model is fitted to that formula using 1m; then in the reference grid, its response variable is set to the results of predict for that model, with the reference grid as newdata. (This is done *after* the reference grid is determined.) A formula is appropriate here when you think experimental conditions affect the covariate as well as the response.

If cov.reduce is a named list, then the above criteria are used to determine what to do with covariates named in the list. (However, formula elements do not need to be named, as those names are determined from the formulas' left-hand sides.) Any unresolved covariates are reduced using "mean".

Any cov. reduce of cov. keep specification for a covariate also named in at is ignored.

#### **Interdependent covariates**

Care must be taken when covariate values depend on one another. For example, when a polynomial model was fitted using predictors x, x2 (equal to  $x^2$ ), and x3 (equal to  $x^3$ ), the reference grid will by default set x2 and x3 to their means, which is inconsistent. The user should instead use the at argument to set these to the square and cube of mean(x). Better yet, fit the model using a formula involving poly(x, 3) or  $I(x^2)$  and  $I(x^3)$ ; then there is only x appearing as a covariate; it will be set to its mean, and the model matrix will have the correct corresponding quadratic and cubic terms.

# Matrix covariates

Support for covariates that appear in the dataset as matrices is very limited. If the matrix has but one column, it is treated like an ordinary covariate. Otherwise, with more than one column, each column is reduced to a single reference value – the result of applying cov.reduce to each column (averaged together if that produces more than one value); you may not specify values in at; and they are not treated as variables in the reference grid, except for purposes of obtaining predictions.

### Recovering or overriding model information

Ability to support a particular class of object depends on the existence of recover\_data and emm\_basis methods – see extending-emmeans for details. The call methods("recover\_data") will help identify these.

**Data.** In certain models, (e.g., results of glmer.nb), it is not possible to identify the original dataset. In such cases, we can work around this by setting data equal to the dataset used in fitting the model, or a suitable subset. Only the complete cases in data are used, so it may be necessary to exclude some unused variables. Using data can also help save computing, especially when the dataset is large. In any case, data must represent all factor levels used in fitting the model. It *cannot* be used as an alternative to at. (Note: If there is a pattern of NAs that caused one or more factor levels to be excluded when fitting the model, then data should also exclude those levels.)

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**Covariance matrix.** By default, the variance-covariance matrix for the fixed effects is obtained from object, usually via its vcov method. However, the user may override this via a vcov. argument, specifying a matrix or a function. If a matrix, it must be square and of the same dimension and parameter order of the fixed effects. If a function, must return a suitable matrix when it is called with object as its only argument.

**Nested factors.** Having a nesting structure affects marginal averaging in emmeans in that it is done separately for each level (or combination thereof) of the grouping factors. ref\_grid tries to discern which factors are nested in other factors, but it is not always obvious, and if it misses some, the user must specify this structure via nesting; or later using update.emmGrid. The nesting argument may be a character vector, a named list, or NULL. If a list, each name should be the name of a single factor in the grid, and its entry a character vector of the name(s) of its grouping factor(s). nested may also be a character value of the form "factor1%in% (factor2\*factor3)" (the parentheses are optional). If there is more than one such specification, they may be appended separated by commas, or as separate elements of a character vector. For example, these specifications are equivalent: nesting = list(state = "country", city = c("state", "country"), nesting = "state %in% country, city %in% (state\*country)", and nesting = c("state %in% country", "city %in% state\*country").

# Predictors with subscripts and data-set references

When the fitted model contains subscripts or explicit references to data sets, the reference grid may optionally be post-processed to simplify the variable names, depending on the simplify.names option (see emm\_options), which by default is TRUE. For example, if the model formula is data1\$resp ~ data1\$trt + data2[[3]] + data2[["cov"]], the simplified predictor names (for use, e.g., in the specs for emmeans) will be trt, data2[[3]], and cov. Numerical subscripts are not simplified; nor are variables having simplified names that coincide, such as if data2\$trt were also in the model.

Please note that this simplification is performed *after* the reference grid is constructed. Thus, non-simplified names must be used in the at argument (e.g., at = list( $\adgle at 2["cov"] = 2:4$ ).

If you don't want names simplified, use emm\_options(simplify.names = FALSE).

# Prediction types and transformations

Transformations can exist because of a link function in a generalized linear model, or as a response transformation, or even both. In many cases, they are auto-detected, for example a model formula of the form  $sqrt(y) \sim \ldots$ . Even transformations containing multiplicative or additive constants, such as  $2*sqrt(y+pi) \sim \ldots$ , are auto-detected. A response transformation of  $y+1 \sim \ldots$  is *not* auto-detected, but  $I(y+1) \sim \ldots$  is interpreted as  $identity(y+1) \sim \ldots$ . A warning is issued if it gets too complicated. Complex transformations like the Box-Cox transformation are not auto-detected; but see the help page for make.tran for information on some advanced methods.

There is a subtle difference between specifying 'type = "response"' and 'transform = "response"'. While the summary statistics for the grid itself are the same, subsequent use in emmeans will yield different results if there is a response transformation or link function. With 'type = "response"', EMMs are computed by averaging together predictions on the *linear-predictor* scale and then backtransforming to the response scale; while with 'transform = "response"', the predictions are already on the response scale so that the EMMs will be the arithmetic means of those response-scale predictions. To add further to the possibilities, *geometric* means of the response-scale predictions are obtainable via 'transform = "log", type = "response"'. See also the help page for regrid.

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#### Side effect

The most recent result of ref\_grid, whether called directly or indirectly via emmeans, emtrends, or some other function that calls one of these, is saved in the user's environment as .Last.ref\_grid.

This facilitates checking what reference grid was used, or reusing the same reference grid for further calculations. This automatic saving is enabled by default, but may be disabled via 'emm\_options(save.ref\_grid = FALSE)', and re-enabled by specifying TRUE.

#### Note

The system default for cov.keep causes models containing indicator variables to be handled differently than in **emmeans** version 1.4.1 or earlier. To replicate older analyses, change the default via 'emm\_options(cov.keep = character(0))'.

Some earlier versions of **emmeans** offer a covnest argument. This is now obsolete; if covnest is specified, it is harmlessly ignored. Cases where it was needed are now handled appropriately via the code associated with cov.keep.

# See Also

Reference grids are of class emmGrid, and several methods exist for them – for example summary.emmGrid. Reference grids are fundamental to emmeans. Supported models are detailed in vignette("models", "emmeans"). See update.emmGrid for details of arguments that can be in options (or in ...).

```
fiber.lm <- lm(strength ~ machine*diameter, data = fiber)</pre>
ref_grid(fiber.lm)
summary(.Last.ref_grid)
ref_grid(fiber.lm, at = list(diameter = c(15, 25)))
## Not run:
# We could substitute the sandwich estimator vcovHAC(fiber.lm)
summary(ref_grid(fiber.lm, vcov. = sandwich::vcovHAC))
## End(Not run)
# If we thought that the machines affect the diameters
# (admittedly not plausible in this example), then we should use:
ref_grid(fiber.lm, cov.reduce = diameter ~ machine)
### Model with indicator variables as predictors:
mtcars.lm <- lm(mpg ~ disp + wt + vs * am, data = mtcars)</pre>
(rg.default <- ref_grid(mtcars.lm))</pre>
(rg.nokeep <- ref_grid(mtcars.lm, cov.keep = character(0)))</pre>
(rg.at <- ref_grid(mtcars.lm, at = list(vs = 0:1, am = 0:1)))</pre>
# Two of these have the same grid but different weights:
rg.default@grid
rg.at@grid
```

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```
# Multivariate example
MOats.lm = lm(yield ~ Block + Variety, data = MOats)
ref_grid(MOats.lm, mult.names = "nitro")
# Silly illustration of how to use 'mult.levs' to make comb's of two factors
ref_grid(MOats.lm, mult.levs = list(T=LETTERS[1:2], U=letters[1:2]))
# Using 'params'
require("splines")
my.knots = c(2.5, 3, 3.5)
mod = lm(Sepal.Length ~ Species * ns(Sepal.Width, knots = my.knots), data = iris)
## my.knots is not a predictor, so need to name it in 'params'
ref_grid(mod, params = "my.knots")
```

regrid

Reconstruct a reference grid with a new transformation or posterior sample

# **Description**

The typical use of this function is to cause EMMs to be computed on a different scale, e.g., the back-transformed scale rather than the linear-predictor scale. In other words, if you want back-transformed results, do you want to average and then back-transform, or back-transform and then average?

#### Usage

```
regrid(object, transform = c("response", "mu", "unlink", "none", "pass",
  links), inv.link.lbl = "response", predict.type,
  bias.adjust = get_emm_option("back.bias.adj"), sigma, N.sim,
  sim = mvtnorm::rmvnorm, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

object

An object of class emmGrid

transform

Character, list, or logical value. If "response", "mu", or TRUE, the inverse transformation is applied to the estimates in the grid (but if there is both a link function and a response transformation, "mu" back-transforms only the link part); if "none" or FALSE, object is re-gridded so that its bhat slot contains predict(object) and its linfct slot is the identity. Any internal transformation information is preserved. If transform = "pass", the object is not regridded in any way (this may be useful in conjunction with N.sim).

If transform is a character value in links (which is the set of valid arguments for the make.link function, excepting "identity"), or if transform is a list of the same form as returned by make.links or make.tran, the results are formulated as if the response had been transformed with that link function.

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Character value. This applies only when transform is in Links, and is used to

inv.link.lbl	Character value. This applies only when transform is in links, and is used to label the predictions if subsequently summarized with type = "response".
predict.type	Character value. If provided, the returned object is updated with the given type to use by default by summary.emmGrid (see update.emmGrid). This may be useful if, for example, when one specifies transform = "log" but desires summaries to be produced by default on the response scale.
bias.adjust	Logical value for whether to adjust for bias in back-transforming (transform = "response"). This requires a value of sigma to exist in the object or be specified.
sigma	Error SD assumed for bias correction (when transform = "response" and a transformation is in effect). If not specified, object@misc\$sigma is used, and an error is thrown if it is not found.
N.sim	Integer value. If specified and object is based on a frequentist model (i.e., does not have a posterior sample), then a fake posterior sample is generated using the function sim.
sim	A function of three arguments (no names are assumed). If N. sim is supplied with a frequentist model, this function is called with respective arguments N. sim, object@bhat, and object@V. The default is the multivariate normal distribution.
	Ignored.

# **Details**

The regrid function reparameterizes an existing ref.grid so that its linfct slot is the identity matrix and its bhat slot consists of the estimates at the grid points. If transform is TRUE, the inverse transform is applied to the estimates. Outwardly, when transform = "response", the result of summary.emmGrid after applying regrid is identical to the summary of the original object using 'type="response". But subsequent EMMs or contrasts will be conducted on the new scale – which is the reason this function exists.

This function may also be used to convert a reference grid for a frequentist model to one for a Bayesian model. To do so, specify a value for N. sim and a posterior sample is simulated using the function sim. The grid may be further processed in accordance with the other arguments; or if transform = "pass", it is simply returned with the only change being the addition of the posterior sample.

#### Value

An emmGrid object with the requested changes

# Degrees of freedom

In cases where the degrees of freedom depended on the linear function being estimated (e.g., Satterthwaite method), the d.f. from the reference grid are saved, and a kind of "containment" method is substituted in the returned object, whereby the calculated d.f. for a new linear function will be the minimum d.f. among those having nonzero coefficients. This is kind of an *ad hoc* method, and it can over-estimate the degrees of freedom in some cases. An annotation is displayed below any subsequent summary results stating that the degrees-of-freedom method is inherited from the previous method at the time of re-gridding.

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# Note

Another way to use regrid is to supply a transform argument to ref\_grid (either directly of indirectly via emmeans). This is often a simpler approach if the reference grid has not already been constructed.

# **Examples**

```
pigs.lm <- lm(log(conc) ~ source + factor(percent), data = pigs)
rg <- ref_grid(pigs.lm)

# This will yield EMMs as GEOMETRIC means of concentrations:
(emm1 <- emmeans(rg, "source", type = "response"))
pairs(emm1) ## We obtain RATIOS

# This will yield EMMs as ARITHMETIC means of concentrations:
(emm2 <- emmeans(regrid(rg, transform = "response"), "source"))
pairs(emm2) ## We obtain DIFFERENCES
# Same result, useful if we hadn't already created 'rg'
# emm2 <- emmeans(pigs.lm, "source", transform = "response")

# Simulate a posterior sample
set.seed(2.71828)
rgb <- regrid(rg, N.sim = 200, transform = "pass")
emmeans(rgb, "source", type = "response") ## similar to emm1</pre>
```

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Miscellaneous methods for emmGrid objects

# Description

Miscellaneous methods for emmGrid objects

#### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'emmGrid'
str(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'emmGrid'
print(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'emmGrid'
vcov(object, ...)
```

# Arguments

```
object An emmGrid object
... (required but not used)
x An emmGrid object
```

#### Value

The vcov method returns a symmetric matrix of variances and covariances for predict.emmGrid(object, type = "lp")

summary.emmGrid

Summaries, predictions, intervals, and tests for emmGrid objects

# **Description**

These are the primary methods for obtaining numerical or tabular results from an emmGrid object. summary.emmGrid is the general function for summarizing emmGrid objects. It also serves as the print method for these objects; so for convenience, summary() arguments may be included in calls to functions such as emmeans and contrast that construct emmGrid objects. Note that by default, summaries for Bayesian models are diverted to hpd.summary.

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'emmGrid'
summary(object, infer, level, adjust, by, type, df, calc,
  null, delta, side, frequentist,
  bias.adjust = get_emm_option("back.bias.adj"), sigma, ...)
## S3 method for class 'emmGrid'
confint(object, parm, level = 0.95, ...)
test(object, null, ...)
## S3 method for class 'emmGrid'
test(object, null = 0, joint = FALSE, verbose = FALSE,
  rows, by, status = FALSE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'emmGrid'
predict(object, type, interval = c("none", "confidence",
  "prediction"), level = 0.95,
  bias.adjust = get_emm_option("back.bias.adj"), sigma, ...)
## S3 method for class 'emmGrid'
as.data.frame(x, row.names = NULL, optional = FALSE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'summary_emm'
x[..., as.df = TRUE]
```

# **Arguments**

object

An object of class "emmGrid" (see emmGrid-class)

infer A vector of one or two logical values. The first determines whether confidence intervals are displayed, and the second determines whether *t* tests and *P* values

are displayed. If only one value is provided, it is used for both.

level Numerical value between 0 and 1. Confidence level for confidence intervals, if

infer[1] is TRUE.

adjust Character value naming the method used to adjust p values or confidence limits;

or to adjust comparison arrows in plot. See the P-value adjustments section

below.

by Character name(s) of variables to use for grouping into separate tables. This

affects the family of tests considered in adjusted *P* values.

type Character: type of prediction desired. This only has an effect if there is a

known transformation or link function. "response" specifies that the inverse transformation be applied. "mu" (or equivalently, "unlink") is usually the same as "response", but in the case where the model has both a link function and a response transformation, only the link part is back-transformed. Other valid values are "link", "lp", and "linear.predictor"; these are equivalent, and request that results be shown for the linear predictor, with no back-transformation. The default is "link", unless the "predict.type" option is in force; see emm\_options, and also the section below on transformations and

links.

df Numeric. If non-missing, a constant number of degrees of freedom to use in

constructing confidence intervals and P values (NA specifies asymptotic results).

Named list of character value(s) or formula(s). The expressions in char are evaluated and appended to the summary, just after the df column. The expression

may include any names up through df in the summary, any additional names in object@grid (such as .wgt. or .offset.), or any earlier elements of calc.

null Numeric. Null hypothesis value(s), on the linear-predictor scale, against which

estimates are tested. May be a single value used for all, or a numeric vector of length equal to the number of tests in each family (i.e., by group in the displayed

table).

delta Numeric value (on the linear-predictor scale). If zero, ordinary tests of signif-

icance are performed. If positive, this specifies a threshold for testing equivalence (using the TOST or two-one-sided-test method), non-inferiority, or nonsuperiority, depending on side. See Details for how the test statistics are de-

fined.

Numeric or character value specifying whether the test is left-tailed (-1, "-",

code"<", "left", or "nonsuperiority"); right-tailed (1, "+", ">", "right", or

"noninferiority"); or two-sided (0, 2, "!=", "two-sided", "both", "equivalence",

or "="). See the special section below for more details.

frequentist Ignored except if a Bayesian model was fitted. If missing or FALSE, the object is

passed to hpd. summary. Otherwise, a logical value of TRUE will have it return a

frequentist summary.

bias.adjust Logical value for whether to adjust for bias in back-transforming (type = "response").

This requires a value of sigma to exist in the object or be specified.

sigma	Error SD assumed for bias correction (when type = "response" and a transformation is in effect), or for constructing prediction intervals. If not specified, object@misc\$sigma is used, and an error is thrown if it is not found. <i>Note:</i> sigma may be a vector, as long as it conforms to the number of rows of the reference grid.
	Optional arguments such as scheffe.rank (see "P-value adjustments"). In as.data.frame.emmGrid, confint.emmGrid, predict.emmGrid, and test.emmGrid, these arguments are passed to summary.emmGrid.
parm	(Required argument for confint methods, but not used)
joint	Logical value. If FALSE, the arguments are passed to summary.emmGrid with infer=c(FALSE,TRUE). If joint = TRUE, a joint test of the hypothesis L beta = null is performed, where L is object@linfct and beta is the vector of fixed effects estimated by object@betahat. This will be either an F test or a chi-square (Wald) test depending on whether degrees of freedom are available. See also joint_tests.
verbose	Logical value. If TRUE and joint = TRUE, a table of the effects being tested is printed.
rows	Integer values. The rows of L to be tested in the joint test. If missing, all rows of L are used. If not missing, by variables are ignored.
status	logical. If TRUE, a note column showing status flags (for rank deficiencies and estimability issues) is displayed even when empty. If FALSE, the column is included only if there are such issues.
interval	Type of interval desired (partial matching is allowed): "none" for no intervals, otherwise confidence or prediction intervals with given arguments, via confint.emmGrid.
x	object of the given class
row.names	passed to as.data.frame
optional	passed to as.data.frame
as.df	Logical value. With $x[,as.df = TRUE]$ , the result is object is coerced to an ordinary data. frame; otherwise, it is left as a summary_emm object.

### **Details**

confint.emmGrid is equivalent to summary.emmGrid with infer = c(TRUE, FALSE). When called with joint = FALSE, test.emmGrid is equivalent to summary.emmGrid with infer = c(FALSE, TRUE).

With joint = TRUE, test.emmGrid calculates the Wald test of the hypothesis linfct %\*% bhat = null, where linfct and bhat refer to slots in object (possibly subsetted according to by or rows). An error is thrown if any row of linfct is non-estimable. It is permissible for the rows of linfct to be linearly dependent, as long as null == 0, in which case a reduced set of contrasts is tested. Linear dependence and nonzero null cause an error.

### Value

summary.emmGrid, confint.emmGrid, and test.emmGrid return an object of class "summary\_emm", which is an extension of data.frame but with a special print method that displays it with custom

formatting. For models fitted using MCMC methods, the call is diverted to hpd.summary (with prob set to level, if specified); one may alternatively use general MCMC summarization tools with the results of as.mcmc.

predict returns a vector of predictions for each row of object@grid.

The as.data.frame method returns a plain data frame, equivalent to as.data.frame(summary(.)).

#### **Defaults**

The misc slot in object may contain default values for by, calc, infer, level, adjust, type, null, side, and delta. These defaults vary depending on the code that created the object. The update method may be used to change these defaults. In addition, any options set using 'emm\_options(summary = ...)' will trump those stored in the object's misc slot.

### Transformations and links

With type = "response", the transformation assumed can be found in 'object@misc\$tran', and its label, for the summary is in 'object@misc\$inv.lbl'. Any t or z tests are still performed on the scale of the linear predictor, not the inverse-transformed one. Similarly, confidence intervals are computed on the linear-predictor scale, then inverse-transformed.

When bias adjust is TRUE, then back-transformed estimates are adjusted by adding  $0.5h''(u)\sigma^2$ , where h is the inverse transformation and u is the linear predictor. This is based on a second-order Taylor expansion. There are better or exact adjustments for certain specific cases, and these may be incorporated in future updates.

# P-value adjustments

The adjust argument specifies a multiplicity adjustment for tests or confidence intervals. This adjustment always is applied *separately* to each table or sub-table that you see in the printed output (see rbind.emmGrid for how to combine tables).

The valid values of adjust are as follows:

- "tukey" Uses the Studentized range distribution with the number of means in the family. (Available for two-sided cases only.)
- "scheffe" Computes p values from the F distribution, according to the Scheffe critical value of  $\sqrt{rF(\alpha;r,d)}$ , where d is the error degrees of freedom and r is the rank of the set of linear functions under consideration. By default, the value of r is computed from object@linfct for each by group; however, if the user specifies an argument matching scheffe.rank, its value will be used instead. Ordinarily, if there are k means involved, then r=k-1 for a full set of contrasts involving all k means, and r=k for the means themselves. (The Scheffe adjustment is available for two-sided cases only.)
- "sidak" Makes adjustments as if the estimates were independent (a conservative adjustment in many cases).
- "bonferroni" Multiplies p values, or divides significance levels by the number of estimates. This is a conservative adjustment.
- "dunnettx" Uses our ownad hoc approximation to the Dunnett distribution for a family of estimates having pairwise correlations of 0.5 (as is true when comparing treatments with a control with equal sample sizes). The accuracy of the approximation improves with the number of simultaneous estimates, and is much faster than "mvt". (Available for two-sided cases only.)

"mvt" Uses the multivariate t distribution to assess the probability or critical value for the maximum of k estimates. This method produces the same p values and intervals as the default summary or confint methods to the results of as.glht. In the context of pairwise comparisons or comparisons with a control, this produces "exact" Tukey or Dunnett adjustments, respectively. However, the algorithm (from the **mvtnorm** package) uses a Monte Carlo method, so results are not exactly repeatable unless the same random-number seed is used (see set.seed). As the family size increases, the required computation time will become noticeable or even intolerable, making the "tukey", "dunnettx", or others more attractive.

"none" Makes no adjustments to the p values.

For tests, not confidence intervals, the Bonferroni-inequality-based adjustment methods in p.adjust are also available (currently, these include "holm", "hochberg", "hommel", "bonferroni", "BH", "BY", "fdr", and "none"). If a p.adjust.methods method other than "bonferroni" or "none" is specified for confidence limits, the straight Bonferroni adjustment is used instead. Also, if an adjustment method is not appropriate (e.g., using "tukey" with one-sided tests, or with results that are not pairwise comparisons), a more appropriate method (usually "sidak") is substituted.

In some cases, confidence and p-value adjustments are only approximate – especially when the degrees of freedom or standard errors vary greatly within the family of tests. The "mvt" method is always the correct one-step adjustment, but it can be very slow. One may use as .glht with methods in the **multcomp** package to obtain non-conservative multi-step adjustments to tests.

# Tests of significance, nonsuperiority, noninferiority, or equivalence

When delta = 0, test statistics are the usual tests of significance. They are of the form '(estimate -null)/SE'. Notationally:

```
Significance H_0: \theta = \theta_0 versus H_1: \theta < \theta_0 (left-sided), or H_1\theta > \theta_0 (right-sided), or H_1: \theta \neq \theta_0 (two-sided)

The test statistic is t = (Q - \theta_0)/SE where Q is our estimate of \theta; then left, right, or the significant of \theta is one states of \theta.
```

where Q is our estimate of  $\theta$ ; then left, right, or two-sided p values are produced, depending on side.

When delta is positive, the test statistic depends on side as follows.

**Left-sided (nonsuperiority)** 
$$H_0: \theta \ge \theta_0 + \delta$$
 versus  $H_1: \theta < \theta_0 + \delta$   $t = (Q - \theta_0 - \delta)/SE$ 

The p value is the lower-tail probability.

**Right-sided (noninferiority)** 
$$H_0: \theta \leq \theta_0 - \delta$$
 versus  $H_1: \theta > \theta_0 - \delta$   $t = (Q - \theta_0 + \delta)/SE$ 

The p value is the upper-tail probability.

**Two-sided (equivalence)** 
$$H_0: |\theta - \theta_0| \ge \delta$$
 versus  $H_1: |\theta - \theta_0| < \delta$   $t = (|Q - \theta_0| - \delta)/SE$ 

The p value is the *lower*-tail probability.

Note that t is the maximum of  $t_{nonsup}$  and  $-t_{noninf}$ . This is equivalent to choosing the less significant result in the two-one-sided-test (TOST) procedure.

#### Non-estimable cases

When the model is rank-deficient, each row x of object's linfct slot is checked for estimability. If sum(x\*bhat) is found to be non-estimable, then the string NonEst is displayed for the estimate, and associated statistics are set to NA. The estimability check is performed using the orthonormal basis N in the nbasis slot for the null space of the rows of the model matrix. Estimability fails when  $||Nx||^2/||x||^2$  exceeds to 1, which by default is 1e-8. You may change it via emm\_options by setting estble. to 1 to the desired value.

#### Warning about potential misuse of P values

A growing consensus in the statistical and scientific community is that the term "statistical significance" should be completely abandoned, and that criteria such as "p < 0.05" never be used to assess the importance of an effect. These practices are just too misleading and prone to abuse. See the "basics" vignette for more discussion.

#### Note

In doing testing and a transformation and/or link is in force, any null and/or delta values specified must always be on the scale of the linear predictor, regardless of the setting for 'type'. If type = "response", the null value displayed in the summary table will be back-transformed from the value supplied by the user. But the displayed delta will not be changed, because there (usually) is not a natural way to back-transform it.

The default show method for emmGrid objects (with the exception of newly created reference grids) is print(summary()). Thus, with ordinary usage of emmeans and such, it is unnecessary to call summary unless there is a need to specify other than its default options.

#### See Also

hpd.summary

```
warp.lm <- lm(breaks ~ wool * tension, data = warpbreaks)
warp.emm <- emmeans(warp.lm, ~ tension | wool)
warp.emm  # implicitly runs 'summary'

confint(warp.emm, by = NULL, level = .90)

# ------
pigs.lm <- lm(log(conc) ~ source + factor(percent), data = pigs)
pigs.emm <- emmeans(pigs.lm, "percent", type = "response")
summary(pigs.emm)  # (inherits type = "response")
summary(pigs.emm, calc = c(n = ".wgt."))  # Show sample size

# For which percents is EMM non-inferior to 35, based on a 10% threshold?
# Note the test is done on the log scale even though we have type = "response"
test(pigs.emm, null = log(35), delta = log(1.10), side = ">")

con <- contrast(pigs.emm, "consec")
test(con)</pre>
```

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```
test(con, joint = TRUE)
# default Scheffe adjustment - rank = 3
summary(con, infer = c(TRUE, TRUE), adjust = "scheffe")
# Consider as some of many possible contrasts among the six cell means
summary(con, infer = c(TRUE, TRUE), adjust = "scheffe", scheffe.rank = 5)
```

ubds

Unbalanced dataset

# **Description**

This is a simulated unbalanced dataset with three factors and two numeric variables. There are true relationships among these variables. This dataset can be useful in testing or illustrating messy-data situations. There are no missing data, and there is at least one observation for every factor combination; however, the "cells" attribute makes it simple to construct subsets that have empty cells.

# Usage

ubds

### Format

A data frame with 100 observations, 5 variables, and a special "cells" attribute:

- A Factor with levels 1, 2, and 3
- **B** Factor with levels 1, 2, and 3
- C Factor with levels 1, 2, and 3
- x A numeric variable
- y A numeric variable

In addition, attr(ubds,"cells") consists of a named list of length 27 with the row numbers for each combination of A,B,C. For example, attr(ubds,"cells")[["213"]] has the row numbers corresponding to levels A == 2,B == 1,C == 3. The entries are ordered by length, so the first entry is the cell with the lowest frequency.

```
# Omit the three lowest-frequency cells
low3 <- unlist(attr(ubds, "cells")[1:3])
messy.lm <- lm(y ~ (x + A + B + C)^3, data = ubds, subset = -low3)</pre>
```

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update.emmGrid Update an emmGrid object

# **Description**

Objects of class emmGrid contain several settings that affect such things as what arguments to pass to summary.emmGrid. The update method allows safer management of these settings than by direct modification of its slots.

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'emmGrid'
update(object, ..., silent = FALSE)
```

# **Arguments**

object An emmGrid object

... Options to be set. These must match a list of known options (see Details)

silent Logical value. If FALSE (the default), a message is displayed if any options are

not matched. If TRUE, no messages are shown.

#### Value

an updated emmGrid object.

#### **Details**

The names in . . . are partially matched against those that are valid, and if a match is found, it adds or replaces the current setting. The valid names are

tran, tran2 (list or character) specifies the transformation which, when inverted, determines the results displayed by summary.emmGrid, predict.emmGrid, or emmip when type="response". The value may be the name of a standard transformation from make.link or additional ones supported by name, such as "log2"; or, for a custom transformation, a list containing at least the functions linkinv (the inverse of the transformation) and mu.eta (the derivative thereof). The make.tran function returns such lists for a number of popular transformations. See the help page of make.tran for details as well as information on the additional named transformations that are supported. tran2 is just like tran except it is a second transformation (i.e., a response transformation in a generalized linear model).

tran.mult Multiple for tran. For example, for the response transformation '2\*sqrt(y)' (or 'sqrt(y) + sqrt(y + 1)', for that matter), we should have tran = "sqrt" and tran.mult = 2. If absent, a multiple of 1 is assumed.

tran.offset Additive constant before a transformation is applied. For example, a response transformation of log(y + pi) has tran.offset = pi. If no value is present, an offset of 0 is assumed.

estName (character) is the column label used for displaying predictions or EMMs.

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- inv.lbl (character)) is the column label to use for predictions or EMMs when type="response".
- by.vars (character) vector or NULL) the variables used for grouping in the summary, and also for defining subfamilies in a call to contrast.
- pri.vars (character vector) are the names of the grid variables that are not in by.vars. Thus, the combinations of their levels are used as columns in each table produced by summary.emmGrid.
- alpha (numeric) is the default significance level for tests, in summary.emmGrid as well as plot.emmGrid when 'CIs = TRUE'. Be cautious that methods that depend on specifying alpha are prone to abuse. See the discussion in vignette("basics", "emmeans").
- adjust (character)) is the default for the adjust argument in summary.emmGrid.
- famSize (integer) is the number of means involved in a family of inferences; used in Tukey adjustment
- infer (logical vector of length 2) is the default value of infer in summary.emmGrid.
- level (numeric) is the default confidence level, level, in summary.emmGrid. *Note:* You must specify all five letters of 'level' to distinguish it from the slot name 'levels'.
- df (numeric) overrides the default degrees of freedom with a specified single value.
- calc (list) additional calculated columns. See summary.emmGrid.
- null (numeric) null hypothesis for summary or test (taken to be zero if missing).
- side (numeric or character) side specification for for summary or test (taken to be zero if missing).
- sigma (numeric) Error SD to use in predictions and for bias-adjusted back-transformations
- delta (numeric) delta specification for summary or test (taken to be zero if missing).
- bias.adjust, frequentist (character) These are used by summary if the value of these arguments are not specified.
- estType (character) is used internally to determine what adjust methods are appropriate. It
  should match one of 'c("prediction", "contrast", "pairs")'. As an example of why this
  is needed, the Tukey adjustment should only be used for pairwise comparisons (estType =
   "pairs"); if estType is some other string, Tukey adjustments are not allowed.
- avgd.over (character) vector) are the names of the variables whose levels are averaged over in obtaining marginal averages of predictions, i.e., estimated marginal means. Changing this might produce a misleading printout, but setting it to character(0) will suppress the "averaged over" message in the summary.
- initMesg (character) is a string that is added to the beginning of any annotations that appear below the summary.emmGrid display.
- methDesc (character) is a string that may be used for creating names for a list of emmGrid objects.
- nesting (Character or named list) specifies the nesting structure. See "Recovering or overriding model information" in the documentation for ref\_grid. The current nesting structure is displayed by str.emmGrid.

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levels named list of new levels for the elements of the current emmGrid. The list name(s) are used as new variable names, and if needed, the list is expanded using expand.grid. These results replace current variable names and levels. This specification changes the levels, grid, roles, and misc slots in the updated emmGrid, and resets pri.vars, by.vars, adjust, famSize, avgd.over, and nesting. *Note:* All six letters of levels is needed in order to distinguish it from level.

submodel formula or character value specifying a submodel (requires this feature being supported by underlying methods for the model class). When specified, the linfct slot is replaced by its aliases for the specified sub-model. Any factors in the sub-model that do not appear in the model matrix are ignored, as are any interactions that are not in the main model, and any factors associate with multivariate responses. The estimates displayed are then computed as if the sub-model had been fitted. (However, the standard errors will be based on the error variance(s) of the full model.) *Note:* The formula should refer only to predictor names, *excluding* any function calls (such as factor or poly) that appear in the original model formula. See the example.

The character values allowed should partially match "minimal" or "type2". With "minimal", the sub-model is taken to be the one only involving the surviving factors in object (the ones averaged over being omitted). Specifying "type2" is the same as "minimal" except only the highest-order term in the submodel is retained, and all effects not containing it are orthogonalized-out. Thus, in a purely linear situation such as an 1m model, the joint test of the modified object is in essence a type-2 test as in car::Anova.

For some objects such as generalized linear models, specifying submodel will typically not produce the same estimates or type-2 tests as would be obtained by actually fitting a separate model with those specifications. The reason is that those models are fitted by iterative-reweighting methods, whereas the submodel calculations preserve the final weights used in fitting the full model.

(any other slot name) If the name matches an element of slotNames (object) other than levels, that slot is replaced by the supplied value, if it is of the required class (otherwise an error occurs).

The user must be very careful in replacing slots because they are interrelated; for example, the lengths and dimensions of grid, linfct, bhat, and V must conform.

# Note

When it makes sense, an option set by update will persist into future results based on that object. But some options are disabled as well. For example, a calc option will be nulled-out if contrast is called, because it probably will not make sense to do the same calculations on the contrast results, and in fact the variable(s) needed may not even still exist. factor(percent).

# See Also

```
emm_options
```

```
# Using an already-transformed response:
pigs.lm <- lm(log(conc) ~ source * factor(percent), data = pigs)</pre>
```

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xtable.emmGrid

Using xtable for EMMs

# **Description**

These methods provide support for the **xtable** package, enabling polished presentations of tabular output from emmeans and other functions.

#### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'emmGrid'
xtable(x, caption = NULL, label = NULL, align = NULL,
    digits = 4, display = NULL, auto = FALSE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'summary_emm'
xtable(x, caption = NULL, label = NULL,
    align = NULL, digits = 4, display = NULL, auto = FALSE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'xtable_emm'
print(x, type = getOption("xtable.type", "latex"),
    include.rownames = FALSE, sanitize.message.function = footnotesize, ...)
```

# **Arguments**

X	Object of class emmGrid
caption	Passed to xtableList
label	Passed to xtableList
align	Passed to xtableList
digits	Passed to xtableList
display	Passed to xtableList
auto	Passed to xtableList
	$Arguments\ passed\ to\ summary.\ emmGrid$

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### **Details**

The methods actually use xtableList, because of its ability to display messages such as those for P-value adjustments. These methods return an object of class "xtable\_emm" – an extension of "xtableList". Unlike other xtable methods, the number of digits defaults to 4; and degrees of freedom and t ratios are always formatted independently of digits. The print method uses print.xtableList, and any ... arguments are passed there.

#### Value

The xtable methods return an  $xtable\_emm$  object, for which its print method is  $print.xtable\_emm$ .

```
pigsint.lm <- lm(log(conc) ~ source * factor(percent), data = pigs)
pigsint.emm <- emmeans(pigsint.lm, ~ percent | source)
xtable::xtable(pigsint.emm, type = "response")</pre>
```

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