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**Description** When samples contain missing data, are small, or are suspected of bias, estimation of scale reliability may not be trustworthy. A recommended solution for this common problem has been Bayesian model estimation. Bayesian methods rely on user specified information from historical data or researcher intuition to more accurately estimate the parameters. This package provides a user friendly interface for estimating test reliability. Here, reliability is modeled as a beta distributed random variable with shape parameters  $\alpha$ =true score variance and  $\beta$ =error variance (Tanzer, 2020) <<https://smep.org/>>.

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bcor	<i>bcor: Bayesian Estimation of The Correlation Matrix</i>
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## Description

This function estimates coefficient omega internal consistency reliability.

## Usage

```
bcor(data, iter, burn, seed, CI, S0, nu0, mu0)
```

## Arguments

data	N by P data matrix.
iter	Number of iterations for the Gibbs sampler.
burn	Number of samples to burn in.
seed	Seed for the Gibbs sampler
CI	Credible interval quantile, as a decimal (ie, for 95 percent, 0.95).
S0	Prior variance covariance matrix.
nu0	Prior degrees of freedom for inverse Wishart prior distribution.
mu0	Prior means for each column.

## Value

Returns median posterior estimates of the correlation matrix.

## Examples

```
set.seed(999)
your_data=mvnrm(n=15,mu=c(0,0),Sigma=matrix(c(4,3,3,9),nrow=2,ncol=2))
Mu0=c(0,0)
Sigma0=matrix(c(1,0.6,0.6,4),nrow=2,ncol=2)
Nu0=1
bcor(data=your_data,iter=5000,burn=2500,seed=999,CI=0.95,
      mu0=Mu0,S0=Sigma0,nu0=Nu0)
```

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`bcov`*bcov: Bayesian Estimation of the Variance Covariance Matrix*

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## Description

This function estimates the variance covariance matrix for a

## Usage

```
bcov(data, iter, burn, seed, CI, S0, nu0, mu0)
```

## Arguments

<code>data</code>	N by P data matrix.
<code>iter</code>	Number of iterations for the Gibbs sampler.
<code>burn</code>	Number of samples to burn in.
<code>seed</code>	Seed for the Gibbs sampler
<code>CI</code>	Credible interval quantile, as a decimal (ie, for 95 percent, 0.95).
<code>S0</code>	Prior variance covariance matrix.
<code>nu0</code>	Prior degrees of freedom for inverse Wishart prior distribution. #’ @import MCMCpack
<code>mu0</code>	Prior means for each column.

## Value

Returns median posterior estimates of the variance covariance matrix.

## Examples

```
set.seed(999)
your_data=mvnrm(n=15,mu=c(0,0),Sigma=matrix(c(4,3,3,9),nrow=2,ncol=2))
Mu0=c(0,0)
Sigma0=matrix(c(1,0.6,0.6,4),nrow=2,ncol=2)
Nu0=3-1
bcov(data=your_data,iter=5000,burn=2500,seed=999,CI=0.95,
      mu0=Mu0,S0=Sigma0,nu0=Nu0)
```

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 bomega

*bomega: Bayesian Estimation of Coefficient Omega*


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## Description

This function estimates coefficient omega internal consistency reliability.

## Usage

```
bomega(K, mod, alpha, beta, CI)
```

## Arguments

K	The number of test items.
mod	A measurement model estimated as a bsem object by blavaan.
alpha	Prior true score variance.
beta	Prior error variance.
CI	Credible interval quantile, as a decimal (ie, for 95 percent, 0.95).

## Value

Returns estimated median and quantile based credible limits for omega.

## Examples

```
your_data=data.frame(mvrnorm(n=20,mu=c(0,0,0,0,0),
Sigma=matrix(c(4,2,2,2,2,
                2,4,2,2,2,
                2,2,4,2,2,
                2,2,2,4,2,
                2,2,2,2,4),
                nrow=5, ncol=5)))
colnames(your_data)=c("x1","x2","x3","x4","x5")
mod='tau~x1+x2+x3+x4+x5'
fit=bsem(mod,data=your_data)
bomega(K=5,mod=mod,alpha=3.51,beta=1.75,CI=0.95)
```

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bomega_general	<i>bomega_general: Bayesian Estimation of Coefficient Omega, General Form</i>
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**Description**

This function estimates coefficient omega internal consistency reliability.

**Usage**

```
bomega_general(lambda, psi, alpha, beta, CI)
```

**Arguments**

lambda	vector of item loadings.
psi	vector of item variances.
alpha	Prior true score variance.
beta	Prior error variance.
CI	Credible interval quantile, as a decimal (ie, for 95 percent, 0.95).

**Value**

Returns estimated median and quantile based credible limits for omega.

**Examples**

```
lambda=c(0.7,0.5,0.6,0.7)
psi=c(0.2,0.4,0.3)
alpha=3.51
beta=1.75
bomega_general(lambda=lambda,psi=psi,alpha=alpha,beta=beta,CI=0.95)
```

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brxx_Cor	<i>brxx_Cor: Bayesian Estimation of Reliability from Correlation</i>
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**Description**

This function estimates reliability from a correlation

**Usage**

```
brxx_Cor(x, y, alpha, beta, iter, burn, seed, CI, S0, nu0, mu0, items)
```

**Arguments**

x	First variable.
y	Second variable.
alpha	Prior true score variance (covariance between tests)
beta	Prior error variance (product of standard deviations minus covariance)
iter	Number of iterations for the Gibbs sampler.
burn	Number of samples to burn in.
seed	Seed for the Gibbs sampler
CI	Credible interval quantile, as a decimal (ie, for 95 percent, 0.95).
S0	Prior variance covariance matrix.
nu0	Prior degrees of freedom for inverse Wishart prior distribution.
mu0	Prior means for each column.
items	Number of test items.

**Value**

Returns median posterior estimates of the variance covariance matrix.

**Examples**

```
set.seed(999)
your_data=mvnrm(n=15,mu=c(0,0),Sigma=matrix(c(4,5,5,9),nrow=2,ncol=2))
x=your_data[,1]
y=your_data[,2]
Mu0=c(0,0)
Sigma0=matrix(c(1,0.6,0.6,4),nrow=2,ncol=2)
Nu0=3-1
brxx_Cor(x=x,y=y,iter=5000,burn=2500,seed=999,CI=0.95,
mu0=Mu0,S0=Sigma0,nu0=Nu0,items=10)
```

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brxx\_Cor\_general

*brxx\_Cor\_general: Bayesian Estimation of Reliability from Correlation, General Form*


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**Description**

This function estimates reliability from correlation given the correlation estimate.

**Usage**

```
brxx_Cor_general(cor, alpha, beta, CI, items)
```

**Arguments**

cor	Correlation estimate.
alpha	Prior true score variance.
beta	Prior error variance.
CI	Credible interval quantile, as a decimal (ie, for 95 percent, 0.95).
items	Number of test items.

**Value**

Returns estimated median and quantile based credible limits for reliability.

**Examples**

```
brxx_Cor_general(cor=0.85,alpha=3.51,beta=1.75,CI=0.95,items=10)
```

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brxx_general	<i>brxx_general: Bayesian Estimation of Reliability from Variance Estimates</i>
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**Description**

This function estimates reliability from given true and error variance estimates.

**Usage**

```
brxx_general(a, b, alpha, beta, CI)
```

**Arguments**

a	True score variance estimate.
b	Error variance estimate.
alpha	Prior true score variance.
beta	Prior error variance.
CI	Credible interval quantile, as a decimal (ie, for 95 percent, 0.95).

**Value**

Returns estimated median and quantile based credible limits for reliability.

**Examples**

```
a=18.7
b=3.3
alpha=3.51
beta=1.75
brxx_general(a=a,b=b,alpha=alpha,beta=beta,CI=0.95)
```

brxx\_ICC

*brxx\_ICC: Bayesian Estimation of Reliability from ICC***Description**

This function estimates reliability from intraclass correlation coefficient

**Usage**

```
brxx_ICC(mod, alpha, beta, CI)
```

**Arguments**

mod	A mixed effects model object estimated by blmer.
alpha	Prior true score variance (subject variance)
beta	Prior error variance (residual variance)
CI	Credible interval quantile, as a decimal (ie, for 95 percent, 0.95).

**Value**

Returns estimated median and quantile based credible limits for ICC.

**Examples**

```
your_data_wide=mvrnorm(20,c(0,0),matrix(c(1,0.8,0.8,1),nrow=2,ncol=2))
your_data_long=c(as.vector(your_data_wide[,1]),as.vector(your_data_wide[,2]))
time=c(rep(0,20),rep(1,20))
id=c(rep(1:20,2))
mod=blmer(your_data_long~time+(1|id))
brxx_ICC(mod=mod,alpha=3.51,beta=1.75,CI=0.95)
```

brxx\_ICC\_general

*brxx\_ICC\_general: Bayesian Estimation of Reliability from ICC, General Form***Description**

This function estimates reliability from intraclass correlation given correlation.

**Usage**

```
brxx_ICC_general(WS, Resid, alpha, beta, CI)
```



**Arguments**

WS	Within subjects variance estimate.
Resid	Residual variance estimate.
alpha	Prior true score variance.
beta	Prior error variance.
CI	Credible interval quantile, as a decimal (ie, for 95 percent, 0.95).

**Value**

Returns estimated median and quantile based credible limits for reliability.

**Examples**

```
WS=20.4
Resid=3.6
alpha=3.51
beta=1.75
brxx_ICC_general(WS=WS,Resid=Resid,alpha=alpha,beta=beta,CI=0.95)
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standardize

*standardize: Standardization of Data Matrix*

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**Description**

This function standardizes an N by P data matrix, as is strongly recommended before using any of the brxx reliability estimation functions

**Usage**

```
standardize(data)
```

**Arguments**

data	N by P data matrix.
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**Value**

Returns an item level standardized data matrix.

**Examples**

```
set.seed(999)
your_data=data.frame(mvrnorm(n=20,mu=c(0,0,0,0,0,0,0),
                           Sigma=matrix(c(4,2,2,2,2,2,2,
                                           2,4,2,2,2,2,2,
                                           2,2,4,2,2,2,2,
                                           2,2,2,4,2,2,2,
                                           2,2,2,2,4,2,2,
                                           2,2,2,2,2,4,2,
                                           2,2,2,2,2,2,4),
                                       nrow=7, ncol=7)))
standardize(your_data)
```

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