

# Package ‘BFM’

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## Description

Provides tools for factor analysis in financial and econometric settings under Beta factor models. It includes functions to simulate factor-model data with Beta-distributed idiosyncratic components (e.g., standard Beta, scaled Beta, and truncated Beta distributions) and to conduct model diagnostic assessments such as likelihood ratio tests for factor number selection and goodness-of-fit tests for Beta distribution assumptions. Estimation routines encompass maximum likelihood estimation for finite-dimensional Beta factor models, regularized Beta factor analysis for high-dimensional datasets, and shrinkage-based estimation for robust Beta factor loading recovery in noisy or incomplete data environments. The package's methodological framework is detailed in Guo G. (2023) <[doi:10.1007/s00180-022-01270-z](https://doi.org/10.1007/s00180-022-01270-z)>.

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AlcoholUse	<i>California Alcohol Use Data</i>
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### Description

A county-level monthly alcohol use dataset from California students (grades 7-11, 2008-2010). The response variable Percentage is a proportion ( $0 < \text{Percentage} < 1$ ), suitable for zero-inflated beta regression.

### Usage

AlcoholUse

### Format

A data frame with multiple rows and variables:

**Percentage** numeric: percentage of students who drank alcohol

**Grade** factor: student grade level

**Gender** factor: student gender

**MedDays** numeric: mid-point of days bucket

**Days** numeric: days bucket

**County** factor: county identifier

A data frame with 44 rows and 4 variables:

**accuracy** numeric: proportion of correct responses in a reading task

**accuracy1** numeric: transformed accuracy measure

**dyslexia** factor: dyslexia status (levels: "yes", "no")

**iq** numeric: IQ score

**Source**

<http://www.kidsdata.org> Reading Skills Data

A dataset from Smithson and Verkuilen (2006) on reading accuracy, dyslexia status, and IQ scores. The response variable accuracy is a proportion ( $0 < \text{accuracy} < 1$ ), suitable for beta regression.

Smithson, M. & Verkuilen, J. (2006). *A better lemon squeezer? Maximum-likelihood regression with beta-distributed dependent variables*. <https://psycnet.apa.org/doi/10.1037/1082-989X.11.1.54>

**Examples**

```
data(AlcoholUse)
str(AlcoholUse)
```

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 BFM

*The BFM function is to generate Beta Factor Models data.*

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**Description**

The function supports various distribution types for generating the data.

**Usage**

```
BFM(n, p, m, mub, phib, distribution_type)
```

**Arguments**

n	Sample size.
p	Sample dimensionality.
m	Number of factors.
mub	Mean parameter for Beta distribution (numeric vector or scalar, $0 < \text{mub} < 1$ ).
phib	Precision parameter for Beta distribution (positive numeric vector or scalar).
distribution_type	Type of Beta distribution.

**Value**

A list containing:

data	Generated BFM data matrix (n rows, p columns).
A	A matrix representing the factor loadings.
D	Diagonal matrix of unique variances.
kmo	Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin sampling adequacy measure.
bartlett	Bartlett's test of sphericity.

## Examples

```
n <- 1000
p <- 10
m <- 5
mub <- runif(p, 0.2, 0.8)
phib <- runif(p, 5, 30)
dist_type <- "Elliptical Distribution"
X <- BFM(n, p, m, mub, phib, dist_type)
```

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calculate\_errors

*Calculate Errors for Factor Analysis Estimates*

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## Description

This function calculates the Mean Squared Error (MSE) and relative error for factor loadings and uniqueness estimates.

## Usage

```
calculate_errors(data, A, D, estimation_results)
```

## Arguments

data	Matrix of BFM data.
A	Matrix of true factor loadings.
D	Matrix of true uniquenesses (diagonal matrix).
estimation_results	A list containing A_hat (estimated loadings) and D_hat (estimated uniquenesses).

## Value

A named vector containing:

MSEA	Mean Squared Error for factor loadings.
MSED	Mean Squared Error for uniqueness estimates.
LSA	Relative error for factor loadings.
LSD	Relative error for uniqueness estimates.

### Examples

```
set.seed(123)
n <- 10
p <- 5
A <- matrix(runif(p * p, -1, 1), nrow = p)
D <- diag(runif(p, 1, 2))
data <- matrix(runif(n * p), nrow = n)
estimation_results <- list(A_hat = A, D_hat = D)
errors <- calculate_errors(data, A, D, estimation_results)
print(errors)
```

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FoodExpenditure

*Household Food Expenditure Data*

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### Description

A dataset from Griffiths, Hill, and Judge (1993) on household food expenditure, income, and household size. The response variable `food` is a proportion ( $0 < \text{food} < 1$ ), suitable for beta regression.

### Usage

```
FoodExpenditure
```

### Format

A data frame with 38 rows and 3 variables:

**food** numeric: proportion of household income spent on food

**income** numeric: household income (in thousands of dollars)

**persons** numeric: number of persons living in the household

### Source

Griffiths, W. E., Hill, R. C., & Judge, G. G. (1993). *Learning and Practicing Econometrics*. Wiley.

### Examples

```
data(FoodExpenditure)
str(FoodExpenditure)
```

GasolineYield

*Gasoline Yield Data from Prater (1956)*

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**Description**

A dataset containing 32 observations on gasoline yield under different experimental conditions. The response variable yield is a proportion ( $0 < \text{yield} < 1$ ), making it suitable for beta regression.

**Usage**

```
GasolineYield
```

**Format**

A data frame with 32 rows and 6 variables:

**yield** numeric: proportion of crude oil converted to gasoline

**batch** factor: 10 unique batches of crude oil

**temp** numeric: temperature (Fahrenheit)

**gravity** numeric: crude oil gravity

**pressure** numeric: pressure

**temp10** numeric: temperature (scaled)

**Source**

Prater (1956), as cited in Ferrari and Cribari-Neto (2004) *Beta Regression for Modelling Rates and Proportions* <https://www.jstor.org/stable/4110074>

**Examples**

```
data(GasolineYield, package = "betareg")  
str(GasolineYield)
```

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ReadingSkills*Reading Skills Data*

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**Description**

A dataset from Smithson and Verkuilen (2006) on reading accuracy, dyslexia status, and IQ scores. The response variable accuracy is a proportion ( $0 < \text{accuracy} < 1$ ), suitable for beta regression.

**Usage**

```
ReadingSkills
```

### Format

A data frame with 44 rows and 4 variables:

**accuracy** numeric: proportion of correct responses in a reading task

**accuracy1** numeric: transformed accuracy measure

**dyslexia** factor: dyslexia status (levels: "yes", "no")

**iq** numeric: IQ score

### Source

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### Examples

```
data(ReadingSkills)
str(ReadingSkills)
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