

# Package ‘nonnest2’

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**Description**

Testing non-nested models via theory supplied by Vuong (1989) <[DOI:10.2307/1912557](https://doi.org/10.2307/1912557)>. Includes tests of model distinguishability and of model fit that can be applied to both nested and non-nested models. Also includes functionality to obtain confidence intervals associated with AIC and BIC. This material is partially based on work supported by the National Science Foundation under Grant Number SES-1061334.

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`icci`*Information Criteria Confidence Intervals*

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**Description**

Calculate confidence intervals of AIC and BIC for non-nested models.

**Usage**

```
icci(object1, object2, conf.level = 0.95, ll1 = llcont, ll2 = llcont)
```

**Arguments**

<code>object1</code>	a model object
<code>object2</code>	a model object
<code>conf.level</code>	confidence level of the interval
<code>ll1</code>	an optional function for computing log-likelihood contributions of object1
<code>ll2</code>	an optional function for computing log-likelihood contributions of object2

**Details**

Functionality is currently available for models of classes `lm`, `glm`, `glm.nb`, `clm`, `hurdle`, `zeroinfl`, `mlogit`, `nls`, `polr`, `rlm`, and `lavaan`.

Users should take care to ensure that the two models have the same dependent variable (or, for `lavaan` objects, identical modeled variables), with observations ordered identically within each model object. Assuming the same data matrix is used to fit each model, observation ordering should generally be identical. There are currently no checks for this, however.

Note: if models are nested or if the "variance test" from `vuongtest()` indicates models are indistinguishable, then the intervals returned from `icci()` will be incorrect.

**Value**

an object of class `icci` containing test results.

**Author(s)**

Ed Merkle and Dongjun You

**References**

Vuong, Q. H. (1989). Likelihood ratio tests for model selection and non-nested hypotheses. *Econometrica*, *57*, 307-333. <DOI:10.2307/1912557>

Merkle, E. C., You, D., & Preacher, K. (2016). Testing non-nested structural equation models. *Psychological Methods*, *21*, 151-163. <DOI:10.1037/met0000038>

## Examples

```
## Not run:
## Count regression comparisons
require(MASS)
house1 <- glm(Freq ~ Infl + Type + Cont, family=poisson, data=housing)
house2 <- glm(Freq ~ Infl + Sat, family=poisson, data=housing)

## CI for BIC
icci(house2, house1)

## Further comparisons to hurdle, zero-inflated models
require(pscl)
bio1 <- glm(art ~ fem + mar + phd + ment, family=poisson, data=bioChemists)
bio2 <- hurdle(art ~ fem + mar + phd + ment, data=bioChemists)
bio3 <- zeroinfl(art ~ fem + mar + phd + ment, data=bioChemists)
icci(bio2, bio1)
icci(bio3, bio1)
icci(bio3, bio2)

## Latent variable model comparisons
require(lavaan)
HS.model <- 'visual =~ x1 + x2 + x3
            textual =~ x4 + x5 + x6
            speed  =~ x7 + x8 + x9 '
fit1 <- cfa(HS.model, data=HolzingerSwineford1939, meanstructure=TRUE)
fit2 <- cfa(HS.model, data=HolzingerSwineford1939, group="school")
icci(fit1, fit2)

## End(Not run)
```

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llcont

*Individual Log-Likelihoods*

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## Description

Obtain log-likelihood values associated with individual observations, evaluated at the ML estimates.

## Usage

```
llcont(x, ...)
```

## Arguments

x                    a model object  
...                   arguments passed to specific methods

**Details**

This is a S3 generic function. Currently, the method is defined for `lm`, `glm`, `glm.nb`, `clm`, `hurdle`, `zeroinfl`, `mlogit`, `nls`, `polr`, `rlm`, `lavaan`, `vglm`, `mirt`, and `OpenMx` objects.

**Value**

An object of class `numeric` containing individuals' contributions to the log-likelihood. The sum of these contributions equals the model log-likelihood.

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
## Fit gamma glm, check that sum of llcont() equals
## the model loglikelihood:
clotting <- data.frame(u = c(5,10,15,20,30,40,60,80,100),
                      lot1 = c(118,58,42,35,27,25,21,19,18),
                      lot2 = c(69,35,26,21,18,16,13,12,12))
gam1 <- glm(lot1 ~ log(u), data = clotting, family = Gamma)
sum(llcont(gam1))
logLik(gam1)
```

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 vuongtest

*Vuong Tests for Model Comparison*


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**Description**

Test pairs of models using Vuong's (1989) <DOI:10.2307/1912557> theory. This includes a test of model distinguishability and a test of model fit.

**Usage**

```
vuongtest(
  object1,
  object2,
  nested = FALSE,
  adj = "none",
  ll1 = llcont,
  ll2 = llcont,
  score1 = NULL,
  score2 = NULL,
  vc1 = vcov,
  vc2 = vcov
)
```

**Arguments**

object1	a model object
object2	a model object
nested	if TRUE, models are assumed to be nested
adj	Should an adjusted test statistic be calculated? Defaults to “none”, with possible adjustments being “aic” and “bic”
l11	an optional function for computing log-likelihood contributions of object1
l12	an optional function for computing log-likelihood contributions of object2
score1	an optional function for computing scores of object 1
score2	an optional function for computing scores of object 2
vc1	an optional function for computing the asymptotic covariance matrix of the object1 parameters
vc2	an optional function for computing the asymptotic covariance matrix of the object2 parameters

**Details**

For non-nested models, the test of distinguishability indicates whether or not the models can possibly be distinguished on the basis of the observed data. The LRT then indicates whether or not one model fits better than another.

For nested models (nested=TRUE), both tests serve as robust alternatives to the classical likelihood ratio tests. In this case, the adj argument is ignored.

Users should take care to ensure that the two models have the same dependent variable (or, for lavaan objects, identical modeled variables), with observations ordered identically within each model object. Assuming the same data matrix is used to fit each model, observation ordering should generally be identical. There are currently no checks for this, however.

**Value**

an object of class `vuongtest` containing test results.

**Author(s)**

Ed Merkle and Dongjun You

**References**

- Vuong, Q. H. (1989). Likelihood ratio tests for model selection and non-nested hypotheses. *Econometrica*, *57*, 307-333. <DOI:10.2307/1912557>
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**Examples**

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house2 <- glm(Freq ~ Infl + Sat, family=poisson, data=housing)
house3 <- glm(Freq ~ Infl, family=poisson, data=housing)
## house3 is nested within house1 and house2
anova(house3, house1, test="Chisq")
anova(house3, house2, test="Chisq")

## house 2 is not nested in house1, so this test is invalid
anova(house2, house1, test="Chisq")

## Use vuongtest() instead
vuongtest(house2, house1)

## Application to models with different distributional assumptions
require(pscl)
bio1 <- glm(art ~ fem + mar + phd + ment, family=poisson, data=bioChemists)
bio2 <- hurdle(art ~ fem + mar + phd + ment, data=bioChemists)
bio3 <- zeroinfl(art ~ fem + mar + phd + ment, data=bioChemists)
vuongtest(bio2, bio1)
vuongtest(bio3, bio1)
vuongtest(bio1, bio2)
vuongtest(bio1, bio3)
vuongtest(bio3, bio2)

## Application to latent variable models
require(lavaan)
HS.model <- 'visual =~ x1 + x2 + x3
            textual =~ x4 + x5 + x6
            speed  =~ x7 + x8 + x9 '
fit1 <- cfa(HS.model, data=HolzingerSwineford1939)
fit2 <- cfa(HS.model, data=HolzingerSwineford1939, group="school")
vuongtest(fit1, fit2)

## Supplying custom vcov function
require(lme4)
require(merDeriv)

fm1 <- lmer(Reaction ~ Days + (Days | Subject), sleepstudy, REML=FALSE)
fm2 <- lmer(Reaction ~ Days + (Days || Subject), sleepstudy, REML=FALSE)

vc1 <- function(obj) vcov(obj, full=TRUE)
vuongtest(fm1, fm2, vc1=vc1, vc2=vc1, nested=TRUE)

## End(Not run)

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