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compute\_statistics      *Compute Power, Type I Error, or Precision Statistics*

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**Description**

Compute Power, Type I Error, or Precision Statistics

**Usage**

```
compute_statistics(
  data,
  sim_args,
  power = TRUE,
  type_1_error = TRUE,
  precision = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

data	A list of model results generated by <code>replicate_simulation</code> function.
sim_args	A named list with special model formula syntax. See details and examples for more information. The named list may contain the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• fixed: This is the fixed portion of the model (i.e. covariates)</li> <li>• random: This is the random portion of the model (i.e. random effects)</li> <li>• error: This is the error (i.e. residual term).</li> </ul>
power	TRUE/FALSE flag indicating whether power should be computed. Defaults to TRUE.
type_1_error	TRUE/FALSE flag indicating whether type I error rate should be computed. Defaults to TRUE.
precision	TRUE/FALSE flag indicating whether precision should be computed. Defaults to TRUE.

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correlate\_variables    *Correlate elements*

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**Description**

Correlate elements

**Usage**

```
correlate_variables(data, sim_args, ...)
```

**Arguments**

data	Data simulated from other functions to pass to this function.
sim_args	A named list with special model formula syntax. See details and examples for more information. The named list may contain the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• fixed: This is the fixed portion of the model (i.e. covariates)</li> <li>• random: This is the random portion of the model (i.e. random effects)</li> <li>• error: This is the error (i.e. residual term).</li> <li>• correlate: These are the correlations for random effects and/or fixed effects.</li> </ul>
...	Additional arguments, currently not used.

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desireVar	<i>Computes mixture normal variance</i>
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### Description

Input the desired variance, number of distributions, and mean of the distributions, returns a value of the variance of each mixture distribution.

### Usage

```
desireVar(desVar, num_dist, means, equalWeight = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

desVar	Desired overall variance of mixture normal distribution.
num_dist	Number of normal distributions.
means	Vector of means for each normal distribution. Must equal num_dist.
equalWeight	Should equal weights be used, only TRUE is currently supported.

### Details

This function can be used to generate the inputs for the [rbimod](#) variances when a specific variance is desired. Especially useful when attempting to simulate a mixture normal/bimodal distribution.

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extract_coefficients	<i>Extract Coefficients</i>
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### Description

Extract Coefficients

### Usage

```
extract_coefficients(model, extract_function = NULL)
```

### Arguments

model	A returned model object from a fitted model.
extract_function	A function that extracts model results. The function must take the model object as the only argument.

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generate_missing	<i>Tidy Missing Data Function</i>
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**Description**

Tidy Missing Data Function

**Usage**

```
generate_missing(data, sim_args)
```

**Arguments**

data	Data simulated from other functions to pass to this function.
sim_args	A named list with special model formula syntax. See details and examples for more information. The named list may contain the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• fixed: This is the fixed portion of the model (i.e. covariates)</li> <li>• random: This is the random portion of the model (i.e. random effects)</li> <li>• error: This is the error (i.e. residual term).</li> </ul>

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generate_response	<i>Simulate response variable</i>
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**Description**

Simulate response variable

**Usage**

```
generate_response(data, sim_args, keep_intermediate = TRUE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

data	Data simulated from other functions to pass to this function.
sim_args	A named list with special model formula syntax. See details and examples for more information. The named list may contain the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• fixed: This is the fixed portion of the model (i.e. covariates)</li> <li>• random: This is the random portion of the model (i.e. random effects)</li> <li>• error: This is the error (i.e. residual term).</li> </ul>
keep_intermediate	TRUE/FALSE flag indicating whether intermediate steps should be kept. This would include fixed effects times regression weights, random effect summations, etc. Default is TRUE.
...	Other arguments to pass to error simulation functions.

**Description**

Function that inputs simulated data and returns data frame with new response variable that includes missing data. Missing data types incorporated include dropout missing data, missing at random, and random missing data.

**Usage**

```
missing_data(  
  sim_data,  
  resp_var = "sim_data",  
  new_outcome = "sim_data2",  
  clust_var = NULL,  
  within_id = NULL,  
  miss_prop = NULL,  
  dropout_location = NULL,  
  type = c("dropout", "random", "mar"),  
  miss_cov,  
  mar_prop  
)
```

```
dropout_missing(  
  sim_data,  
  resp_var = "sim_data",  
  new_outcome = "sim_data2",  
  clust_var = "clustID",  
  within_id = "withinID",  
  miss_prop = NULL,  
  dropout_location = NULL  
)
```

```
random_missing(  
  sim_data,  
  resp_var = "sim_data",  
  new_outcome = "sim_data2",  
  miss_prop,  
  clust_var = NULL,  
  within_id = "withinID"  
)
```

```
mar_missing(  
  sim_data,  
  resp_var = "sim_data",  
  new_outcome = "sim_data2",
```

```

    miss_cov,
    mar_prop
  )

```

### Arguments

sim_data	Simulated data frame
resp_var	Character string of response variable with complete data.
new_outcome	Character string of new outcome variable name that includes the missing data.
clust_var	Cluster variable used for the grouping, set to NULL by default which means no clustering.
within_id	ID variable within each cluster.
miss_prop	Proportion of missing data overall
dropout_location	A vector the same length as the number of clusters representing the number of data observations for each individual.
type	The type of missing data to generate, currently supports dropout, random, or missing at random (mar) missing data.
miss_cov	Covariate that the missing values are based on.
mar_prop	Proportion of missing data for each unique value specified in the miss_cov argument.

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 model\_fit

*Tidy Model Fitting Function*


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### Description

Tidy Model Fitting Function

### Usage

```
model_fit(data, sim_args, ...)
```

### Arguments

data	A data object, most likely generated from within simglm
sim_args	A named list with special model formula syntax. See details and examples for more information. The named list may contain the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>fixed: This is the fixed portion of the model (i.e. covariates)</li> <li>random: This is the random portion of the model (i.e. random effects)</li> <li>error: This is the error (i.e. residual term).</li> <li>model_fit: These are arguments passed to the <code>model_fit</code> function.</li> </ul>
...	Currently not used.

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parse\_correlation      *Parse correlation arguments*

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### Description

This function is used to parse user specified correlation attributes. The correlation attributes need to be in a dataframe to be processed internally. Within the dataframe, there are expected to be 3 columns, 1) names of variable/attributes, 2) the variable/attribute pair for 1, 3) the correlation.

### Usage

```
parse_correlation(sim_args)
```

### Arguments

sim\_args      A named list with special model formula syntax. See details and examples for more information. The named list may contain the following:

- fixed: This is the fixed portion of the model (i.e. covariates)
- random: This is the random portion of the model (i.e. random effects)
- error: This is the error (i.e. residual term).
- correlate: These are the correlations for random effects and/or fixed effects.

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parse\_crossclass      *Parse Cross-classified Random Effects*

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### Description

Parse Cross-classified Random Effects

### Usage

```
parse_crossclass(sim_args, random_formula_parsed)
```

### Arguments

sim\_args      Simulation arguments

random\_formula\_parsed  
This is the output from [parse\\_randomeffect](#).

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parse_formula	<i>Parses tidy formula simulation syntax</i>
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**Description**

A function that parses the formula simulation syntax in order to simulate data.

**Usage**

```
parse_formula(sim_args)
```

**Arguments**

sim_args	<p>A named list with special model formula syntax. See details and examples for more information. The named list may contain the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• fixed: This is the fixed portion of the model (i.e. covariates)</li> <li>• random: This is the random portion of the model (i.e. random effects)</li> <li>• error: This is the error (i.e. residual term).</li> </ul>
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parse_power	<i>Parse power specifications</i>
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**Description**

Parse power specifications

**Usage**

```
parse_power(sim_args, samp_size)
```

**Arguments**

sim_args	<p>A named list with special model formula syntax. See details and examples for more information. The named list may contain the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• fixed: This is the fixed portion of the model (i.e. covariates)</li> <li>• random: This is the random portion of the model (i.e. random effects)</li> <li>• error: This is the error (i.e. residual term).</li> </ul>
samp_size	The sample size pulled from the simulation arguments or the power model results when vary_arguments is used.

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parse\_randomeffect     *Parses random effect specification*

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**Description**

Parses random effect specification

**Usage**

```
parse_randomeffect(formula)
```

**Arguments**

formula             Random effect formula already parsed by [parse\\_formula](#)

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parse\_varyarguments     *Parse varying arguments*

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**Description**

Parse varying arguments

**Usage**

```
parse_varyarguments(sim_args)
```

**Arguments**

sim\_args             A named list with special model formula syntax. See details and examples for more information. The named list may contain the following:

- fixed: This is the fixed portion of the model (i.e. covariates)
- random: This is the random portion of the model (i.e. random effects)
- error: This is the error (i.e. residual term).

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rbimod	<i>Simulating mixture normal distributions</i>
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**Description**

Input simulation metrics returns mixture normal random variable.

**Usage**

```
rbimod(n, mean, var, num_dist)
```

**Arguments**

n	Number of random draws. Optionally can be a vector with number in each simulated normal distribution.
mean	Vector of mean values for each normal distribution. Must be the same length as num_dist.
var	Vector of variance values for each normal distribution. Must be the same length as num_dist.
num_dist	Number of normal distributions to use when simulating mixture normal distribution.

**Details**

Function to simulate mixture normal distributions. The function computes adds the specified number of normal distributions into a single vector.

Use of the function [desireVar](#) can be used to generate a mixture normal distribution with a specific global variance.

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replicate_simulation	<i>Replicate Simulation</i>
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**Description**

Replicate Simulation

**Usage**

```
replicate_simulation(sim_args, return_list = FALSE, future.seed = TRUE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

sim_args	A named list with special model formula syntax. See details and examples for more information. The named list may contain the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• fixed: This is the fixed portion of the model (i.e. covariates)</li> <li>• random: This is the random portion of the model (i.e. random effects)</li> <li>• error: This is the error (i.e. residual term).</li> </ul>
return_list	TRUE/FALSE indicating whether a full list output should be returned. If TRUE, the nested list is returned. If FALSE, replications are combined with a replication id appended.
future.seed	TRUE/FALSE or numeric. Default value is true, see <a href="#">future_replicate</a> .
...	Currently not used.

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run_shiny	<i>Run Shiny Application Demo</i>
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**Description**

Function runs Shiny Application Demo

**Usage**

```
run_shiny()
```

**Details**

This function does not take any arguments and will run the Shiny Application. If running from RStudio, will open the application in the viewer, otherwise will use the default internet browser.

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simglm	<i>simglm: A package to simulate and perform power by simulation for models based on the generalized linear model.</i>
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**Description**

The simglm package provides two categories of important functions: simulation functions and power functions. The package follows a tidy framework where functions are designed to be similar, do one thing, and stack on top of each other to build more complex systems. #'

This function is most useful to pass to [replicate\\_simulation](#). The function attempts to determine automatically which aspects to add to the simulation/power generation based on the elements found in the sim\_args argument.

**Usage**

```
simglm(sim_args)
```

**Arguments**

- sim\_args      A named list with special model formula syntax. See details and examples for more information. The named list may contain the following:
- fixed: This is the fixed portion of the model (i.e. covariates)
  - random: This is the random portion of the model (i.e. random effects)
  - error: This is the error (i.e. residual term).

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simulate\_error      *Tidy error simulation*

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**Description**

Tidy error simulation

**Usage**

```
simulate_error(data, sim_args, ...)
```

**Arguments**

- data      Data simulated from other functions to pass to this function.
- sim\_args      A named list with special model formula syntax. See details and examples for more information. The named list may contain the following:
- fixed: This is the fixed portion of the model (i.e. covariates)
  - random: This is the random portion of the model (i.e. random effects)
  - error: This is the error (i.e. residual term).
- ...      Other arguments to pass to error simulation functions.

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simulate\_fixed      *Tidy fixed effect formula simulation*

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**Description**

This function simulates the fixed portion of the model using a formula syntax.

**Usage**

```
simulate_fixed(data, sim_args, ...)
```

**Arguments**

data	Data simulated from other functions to pass to this function. Can pass NULL if first in simulation string.
sim_args	A named list with special model formula syntax. See details and examples for more information. The named list may contain the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• fixed: This is the fixed portion of the model (i.e. covariates)</li> <li>• random: This is the random portion of the model (i.e. random effects)</li> <li>• error: This is the error (i.e. residual term).</li> </ul>
...	Other arguments to pass to error simulation functions.

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simulate\_heterogeneity

*Tidy heterogeneity of variance simulation*

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**Description**

This function simulates heterogeneity of level one error variance.

**Usage**

```
simulate_heterogeneity(data, sim_args, ...)
```

**Arguments**

data	Data simulated from other functions to pass to this function. This function needs to be specified after ‘simulate_fixed’ and ‘simulate_error’.
sim_args	A named list with special model formula syntax. See details and examples for more information. The named list may contain the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• fixed: This is the fixed portion of the model (i.e. covariates)</li> <li>• random: This is the random portion of the model (i.e. random effects)</li> <li>• error: This is the error (i.e. residual term).</li> </ul>
...	Other arguments to pass to error simulation functions.

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simulate_knot	<i>Simulate knot locations</i>
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**Description**

Function that generates knot locations. An example of usefulness of this function would be with generation of interrupted time series data. Another application may be with simulation of piecewise linear data structures.

**Usage**

```
simulate_knot(data, sim_args)
```

**Arguments**

data	Mostly internal argument.
sim_args	A named list with special model formula syntax. See details and examples for more information. The named list may contain the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• fixed: This is the fixed portion of the model (i.e. covariates)</li> <li>• random: This is the random portion of the model (i.e. random effects)</li> <li>• error: This is the error (i.e. residual term).</li> </ul>

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simulate_randomeffect	<i>Tidy random effect formula simulation</i>
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**Description**

This function simulates the random portion of the model using a formula syntax.

**Usage**

```
simulate_randomeffect(data, sim_args, ...)
```

**Arguments**

data	Data simulated from other functions to pass to this function. Can pass NULL if first in simulation string.
sim_args	A named list with special model formula syntax. See details and examples for more information. The named list may contain the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• fixed: This is the fixed portion of the model (i.e. covariates)</li> <li>• random: This is the random portion of the model (i.e. random effects)</li> <li>• error: This is the error (i.e. residual term).</li> </ul>
...	Other arguments to pass to error simulation functions.

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sim\_continuous2      *Simulate continuous variables*

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### Description

Function that simulates continuous variables. Any distribution function in R is supported.

### Usage

```
sim_continuous2(
  n,
  dist = "rnorm",
  var_level = 1,
  variance = NULL,
  ther_sim = FALSE,
  ther_val = NULL,
  ...
)
```

### Arguments

n	A list of sample sizes.
dist	A distribution function. This argument takes a quoted R distribution function (e.g. 'rnorm'). Default is 'rnorm'.
var_level	The level the variable should be simulated at. This can either be 1, 2, or 3 specifying a level 1, level 2, or level 3 variable respectively.
variance	The variance for random effect simulation.
ther_sim	A TRUE/FALSE flag indicating whether the error simulation function should be simulated, that is should the mean and standard deviation used for standardization be simulated.
ther_val	A vector of 2 that should include the theoretical mean and standard deviation of the generating function.
...	Additional parameters to pass to the dist_fun argument.

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sim\_factor2      *Simulate categorical, factor, or discrete variables*

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### Description

Function that simulates discrete, factor, or categorical variables. Is essentially a wrapper around the sample function from base R.

**Usage**

```
sim_factor2(n, levels, var_level = 1, replace = TRUE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

n	A list of sample sizes.
levels	Scalar indicating the number of levels for categorical, factor, or discrete variable. Can also specify levels as a character vector.
var_level	The level the variable should be simulated at. This can either be 1, 2, or 3 specifying a level 1, level 2, or level 3 variable respectively.
replace	TRUE/FALSE indicating whether levels should be sampled with replacement. Default is TRUE.
...	Additional parameters passed to the sample function.

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sim_time	<i>Simulate Time</i>
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**Description**

This function simulates data for the time variable of longitudinal data.

**Usage**

```
sim_time(n, time_levels = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

n	Sample size of the levels.
time_levels	The values the time variable should take. If NULL (default), the time values are discrete integers starting at 0 and going to n - 1.
...	Currently not used.

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transform_outcome	<i>Transform response variable</i>
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**Description**

Transform response variable

**Usage**

```
transform_outcome(outcome, type, ...)
```

**Arguments**

outcome	The outcome variable to transform.
type	Type of transformation to apply.
...	Additional arguments passed to distribution functions.

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