

# Package ‘em’

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cstep	<i>C-Step of EM algorithm</i>
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**Description**

Given the posterior probability, generate a matrix to assign each individual to a class. The assignment is based on which probability is the largest.

**Usage**

```
cstep(postpr)
```

**Arguments**

postpr	('matrix()') The matrix of the posterior probability
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em	<i>A Generic EM Algorithm</i>
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**Description**

This is a generic EM algorithm that can work on specific models/objects. Currently, it supports 'lm', 'glm', 'gnm' in package gnm, 'clogit' in package survival and 'multinom' in package nnet. Use '?em.default' to check the manual of the default function of 'em'.

**Usage**

```
em(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	the model used, e.g. 'lm', 'glm', 'gnm', 'clogit', 'multinom'
...	arguments used in the 'model'.

**Value**

An object of class 'em' is a list containing at least the following components: `models` a list of models/objects whose class are determined by a model fitting from the previous step. `pi` the prior probabilities. `latent` number of the latent classes. `algorithm` the algorithm used (could be either 'em', 'sem' or 'cem'). `obs` the number of observations. `post_pr` the posterior probabilities. `concomitant` a list of the concomitant model. It is empty if no concomitant model is used. `init.method` the initialization method used. `call` the matched call. `terms` the codeterms object used.

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**Examples**

```
fit.lm <- lm(yn ~ x, data = simreg)
results <- em(fit.lm, latent = 2, verbose = FALSE)
fmm_fit <- predict(results)
fmm_fit_post <- predict(results, prob = "posterior")
```

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`em.clogit`*The em function for 'survival::clogit'.*

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**Description**

The em function for 'survival::clogit'.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'clogit'
em(
  object,
  latent = 2,
  verbose = FALSE,
  init.method = c("random", "kmeans", "hc"),
  init.prob = NULL,
  algo = c("em", "cem", "sem"),
  cluster.by = NULL,
  max_iter = 500,
  abs_tol = 1e-04,
  concomitant = list(...),
  use.optim = FALSE,
  optim.start = c("random", "sample5"),
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>object</code>	the model used, e.g. 'lm', 'glm', 'gnm'.
<code>latent</code>	the number of latent classes.
<code>verbose</code>	'True' to print the process of convergence.
<code>init.method</code>	the initialization method used in the model. The default method is 'random'. 'kmeans' is K-means clustering. 'hc' is model-based agglomerative hierarchical clustering.

<code>init.prob</code>	the starting prior probabilities used in classification based method.
<code>algo</code>	the algorithm used in em: 'em' the default EM algorithm, the classification em 'cem', or the stochastic em 'sem'.
<code>cluster.by</code>	a variable to define the level of clustering.
<code>max_iter</code>	the maximum iteration for em algorithm.
<code>abs_tol</code>	absolute accuracy requested.
<code>concomitant</code>	the formula to define the concomitant part of the model. The default is NULL.
<code>use.optim</code>	maximize the complete log likelihood (MLE) by using 'optim' and 'rcpp' code. The default value is 'FALSE'.
<code>optim.start</code>	the initialization method of generating the starting value for MLE.
<code>...</code>	arguments used in the 'model'.

### Value

An object of class 'em' is a list containing at least the following components: `models` a list of models/objects whose class are determined by a model fitting from the previous step. `pi` the prior probabilities. `latent` number of the latent classes. `algorithm` the algorithm used (could be either 'em', 'sem' or 'cem'). `obs` the number of observations. `post_pr` the posterior probabilities. `concomitant` a list of the concomitant model. It is empty if no concomitant model is used. `init.method` the initialization method used. `call` the matched call. `terms` the codeterms object used.

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<code>em.default</code>	<i>The default em function</i>
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### Description

The default em function

### Usage

```
## Default S3 method:
em(
  object,
  latent = 2,
  verbose = FALSE,
  init.method = c("random", "kmeans", "hc"),
  init.prob = NULL,
  algo = c("em", "cem", "sem"),
  cluster.by = NULL,
  max_iter = 500,
  abs_tol = 1e-04,
  concomitant = list(...),
  use.optim = FALSE,
  optim.start = c("random", "sample5"),
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

object	the model used, e.g. 'lm', 'glm', 'gnm'.
latent	the number of latent classes.
verbose	'True' to print the process of convergence.
init.method	the initialization method used in the model. The default method is 'random'. 'kmeans' is K-means clustering. 'hc' is model-based agglomerative hierarchical clustering.
init.prob	the starting prior probabilities used in classification based method.
algo	the algorithm used in em: 'em' the default EM algorithm, the classification em 'cem', or the stochastic em 'sem'.
cluster.by	a variable to define the level of clustering.
max_iter	the maximum iteration for em algorithm.
abs_tol	absolute accuracy requested.
concomitant	the formula to define the concomitant part of the model. The default is NULL.
use.optim	maximize the complete log likelihood (MLE) by using 'optim' and 'rcpp' code. The default value is 'FALSE'.
optim.start	the initialization method of generating the starting value for MLE.
...	arguments used in the 'model'.

**Value**

An object of class 'em' is a list containing at least the following components: `models` a list of models/objects whose class are determined by a model fitting from the previous step. `pi` the prior probabilities. `latent` number of the latent classes. `algorithm` the algorithm used (could be either 'em', 'sem' or 'cem'). `obs` the number of observations. `post_pr` the posterior probabilities. `concomitant` a list of the concomitant model. It is empty if no concomitant model is used. `init.method` the initialization method used. `call` the matched call. `terms` the codeterms object used.

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em.fitdist

*The default em function*


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**Description**

The default em function

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'fitdist'
em(
  object,
  latent = 2,
  verbose = FALSE,
```

```

    init.method = c("random", "kmeans", "hc"),
    init.prob = NULL,
    algo = c("em", "cem", "sem"),
    max_iter = 500,
    ...
  )

```

### Arguments

object	the model used, e.g. 'lm', 'glm', 'gnm'.
latent	the number of latent classes.
verbose	'True' to print the process of convergence.
init.method	the initialization method used in the model. The default method is 'random'. 'kmeans' is K-means clustering. 'hc' is model-based agglomerative hierarchical clustering.
init.prob	the starting prior probabilities used in classification based method.
algo	the algorithm used in em: 'em' the default EM algorithm, the classification em 'cem', or the stochastic em 'sem'.
max_iter	the maximum iteration for em algorithm.
...	arguments used in the 'model'.

### Value

An object of class 'em' is a list containing at least the following components: `models` a list of models/objects whose class are determined by a model fitting from the previous step. `pi` the prior probabilities. `latent` number of the latent classes. `algorithm` the algorithm used (could be either 'em', 'sem' or 'cem'). `obs` the number of observations. `post_pr` the posterior probabilities. `concomitant` a list of the concomitant model. It is empty if no concomitant model is used. `init.method` the initialization method used. `call` the matched call. `terms` the codeterms object used.

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em.glmMod

*The em function for glmMod*


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### Description

The em function for glmMod

### Usage

```

## S3 method for class 'glmMod'
em(
  object,
  latent = 2,
  verbose = FALSE,

```

```

init.method = c("random", "kmeans", "hc"),
algo = c("em", "cem", "sem"),
max_iter = 500,
concomitant = list(...),
...
)

```

### Arguments

object	the model used, e.g. 'lm', 'glm', 'gnm'.
latent	the number of latent classes.
verbose	'True' to print the process of convergence.
init.method	the initialization method used in the model. The default method is 'random'. 'kmeans' is K-means clustering. 'hc' is model-based agglomerative hierarchical clustering.
algo	the algorithm used in em: 'em' the default EM algorithm, the classification em 'cem', or the stochastic em 'sem'.
max_iter	the maximum iteration for em algorithm.
concomitant	the formula to define the concomitant part of the model. The default is NULL.
...	arguments used in the 'model'.

### Value

An object of class 'em' is a list containing at least the following components: models a list of models/objects whose class are determined by a model fitting from the previous step. pi the prior probabilities. latent number of the latent classes. algorithm the algorithm used (could be either 'em', 'sem' or 'cem'). obs the number of observations. post\_pr the posterior probabilities. concomitant a list of the concomitant model. It is empty if no concomitant model is used. init.method the initialization method used. call the matched call. terms the codeterms object used.

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em.panelmodel

*The em function for 'panelmodel' such as 'plm'.*


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### Description

The em function for 'panelmodel' such as 'plm'.

### Usage

```

## S3 method for class 'panelmodel'
em(
  object,
  latent = 2,
  verbose = FALSE,

```



```

    init.method = c("random", "kmeans"),
    algo = c("em", "cem", "sem"),
    max_iter = 500,
    concomitant = list(...),
    ...
)

```

### Arguments

object	the model used, e.g. 'lm', 'glm', 'gnm', 'plm'.
latent	the number of latent classes.
verbose	'True' to print the process of convergence.
init.method	the initialization method used in the model. The default method is 'random'.
algo	the algorithm used in em: the default EM algorithm, the classification em 'cem', or the stochastic em 'sem'.
max_iter	the maximum iteration for em algorithm.
concomitant	the formula to define the concomitant part of the model. The default is NULL.
...	arguments used in the 'model'.

### Value

An object of class 'em' is a list containing at least the following components: `models` a list of models/objects whose class are determined by a model fitting from the previous step. `pi` the prior probabilities. `latent` number of the latent classes. `algorithm` the algorithm used (could be either 'em', 'sem' or 'cem'). `obs` the number of observations. `post_pr` the posterior probabilities. `concomitant` a list of the concomitant model. It is empty if no concomitant model is used. `init.method` the initialization method used. `call` the matched call. `terms` the codeterms object used.

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estep

*This function performs an E-Step of EM Algorithm.*

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### Description

This function performs an E-Step of EM Algorithm.

### Usage

```
estep(models, pi_matrix)
```

### Arguments

models	models used in the EM algorithm,
pi_matrix	the pi matrix.

**Value**

the fitting result for the model.

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fit.den	<i>Fit the density function for a fitted model.</i>
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**Description**

This function generates the probability density of given models.

**Usage**

```
fit.den(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	the fitted model such as 'lm'.
...	other used arguments.

**Value**

the density function.

---

fit.den.coxph	<i>Fit the density for the survival::clogit</i>
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**Description**

Fit the density for the survival::clogit

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'coxph'
fit.den(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	the fitted model.
...	other used arguments.

**Value**

the density function.

---

fit.den.fitdist	<i>Fitting the density function using in 'fitdistrplus::fitdist()'</i>
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---

**Description**

Fitting the density function using in 'fitdistrplus::fitdist()'

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'fitdist'  
fit.den(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	the fitted model.
...	other used arguments.

**Value**

the density function.

---

fit.den.glm	<i>Fit the density function for a generalized linear regression model.</i>
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**Description**

Fit the density function for a generalized linear regression model.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'glm'  
fit.den(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	the fitted model.
...	other used arguments.

**Value**

the density function.

---

fit.den.glmerMod	<i>Fit the density function for a generalized linear mixed effect model.</i>
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**Description**

Fit the density function for a generalized linear mixed effect model.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'glmerMod'  
fit.den(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	the fitted model.
...	other used arguments.

**Value**

the density function.

---

fit.den.gnm	<i>Fit the density function for a generalized non-linear regression model.</i>
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---

**Description**

Fit the density function for a generalized non-linear regression model.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'gnm'  
fit.den(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	the fitted model.
...	other used arguments.

**Value**

the density function.

---

fit.den.lm	<i>Fit the density function for a linear regression model.</i>
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**Description**

Fit the density function for a linear regression model.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'lm'  
fit.den(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	the fitted model.
...	other used arguments.

**Value**

the density function.

---

fit.den.multinom	<i>Fit the density function for a multinomial regression model.</i>
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**Description**

Fit the density function for a multinomial regression model.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'multinom'  
fit.den(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	the fitted model.
...	other used arguments.

**Value**

the density function.

---

fit.den.nnet	<i>Fit the density function for a 'nnet' model.</i>
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**Description**

Fit the density function for a 'nnet' model.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'nnet'  
fit.den(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	the fitted model.
...	other used arguments.

**Value**

the density function.

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fit.den.plm	<i>Fit the density function for a panel regression model.</i>
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**Description**

Fit the density function for a panel regression model.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'plm'  
fit.den(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	the fitted model.
...	other used arguments.

**Value**

the density function.

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flatten	<i>Flatten a data.frame or matrix by column or row with its name. The name will be transformed into the number of row/column plus the name of column/row separated by ‘.’.</i>
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**Description**

Flatten a data.frame or matrix by column or row with its name. The name will be transformed into the number of row/column plus the name of column/row separated by ‘.’.

**Usage**

```
flatten(x, by = c("col", "row"))
```

**Arguments**

x	a data.frame or matrix.
by	either by column or by row.

**Value**

a flattened vector with names

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init.em	<i>Initialization of EM algorithm</i>
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**Description**

Given a matrix with number of rows equal to the number of observation and number of columns equal to the number of latent classes, function ‘init.em’ generate the posterior probability using that matrix based on the method set by the user.

**Usage**

```
init.em(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	A matrix.
...	other used arguments.

**Value**

The posterior probability matrix

---

init.em.hc	<i>model-based agglomerative hierarchical clustering</i>
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**Description**

model-based agglomerative hierarchical clustering

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'hc'  
init.em(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	A matrix.
...	other used arguments.

**Value**

The posterior probability matrix

---

init.em.kmeans	<i>K-mean initialization</i>
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**Description**

K-mean initialization

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'kmeans'  
init.em(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	A matrix.
...	other used arguments.

**Value**

The posterior probability matrix



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init.em.random	<i>Random initialization</i>
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---

**Description**

Random initialization

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'random'  
init.em(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	A matrix.
...	other used arguments.

**Value**

The posterior probability matrix

---

init.em.random.weights	<i>Random initialization with weights</i>
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**Description**

Random initialization with weights

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'random.weights'  
init.em(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	A matrix.
...	other used arguments.

**Value**

The posterior probability matrix

---

init.em.sample5	<i>Initialization using sampling 5 times.</i>
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**Description**

Initialization using sampling 5 times.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'sample5'  
init.em(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	A matrix.
...	other used arguments.

**Value**

The posterior probability matrix

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logLik.em	<i>This function computes logLik of EM Algorithm.</i>
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**Description**

This function computes logLik of EM Algorithm.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'em'  
logLik(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	an object of 'em'.
...	other used arguments.

**Value**

the log-likelihood value

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mstep	<i>M-Step of EM algorithm</i>
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**Description**

This function performs an M-Step of EM Algorithm.

**Usage**

```
mstep(models, post_pr = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

models	the models used in the EM algorithm
post_pr	the posterior probability.

**Value**

the fitting result for the model.

---

mstep.concomitant	<i>The mstep for the concomitant model.</i>
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**Description**

This section was inspired by Flexmix.

**Usage**

```
mstep.concomitant(formula, data, postpr)
```

**Arguments**

formula	the formula of the concomitant model.
data	the data or model.frame related to the concomitant model.
postpr	the posterior probability matrix.

**Value**

the function returns a fitted nnet object.

---

```
mstep.concomitant.refit
```

*The refit of for the concomitant model. This section was inspired by Flexmix.*

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### Description

The refit of for the concomitant model. This section was inspired by Flexmix.

### Usage

```
mstep.concomitant.refit(formula, data, postpr)
```

### Arguments

formula	the formula of the concomitant model.
data	the data or model.frame related to the concomitant model.
postpr	the posterior probability matrix.

### Value

the function returns a fitted multinom object.

---

```
multi.em
```

*Multiple run of EM algorithm*

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### Description

Multiple run of EM algorithm

### Usage

```
multi.em(object, ...)
```

### Arguments

object	the model to use in em, e.g. 'lm', 'glm', 'gnm'
...	arguments used in em.

### Value

return the 'em' object with the maximum log-likelihood.

---

multi.em.default	<i>Default generic for multi.em</i>
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**Description**

Default generic for multi.em

**Usage**

```
## Default S3 method:
multi.em(
  object,
  iter = 10,
  parallel = FALSE,
  num.cores = 2,
  random.init = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

object	the model to use in em, e.g. 'lm', 'glm', 'gnm'
iter	number of iterations for running EM algorithm.
parallel	whether to use the parallel computing.
num.cores	number of cores used in the parallel computing.
random.init	whether to use a random initialization.
...	arguments used in em.

**Value**

return the 'em' object with the maximum log-likelihood.

---

plot.em	<i>Plot the fitted results of EM algorithm</i>
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---

**Description**

This is the generic plot function for 'em' project. One can produce three types of graphs using this function 1. A graph of the predicted value distribution for each component. 2. A histogram of posterior probability distributions

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'em'
plot(
  x,
  by = c("component", "prob"),
  prior = FALSE,
  cols = rep(1, length(x$models)),
  lwds = rep(3, length(x$models)),
  ltys = c(seq_len(length(x$models))),
  ranges = NULL,
  main = NULL,
  lgd = list(),
  lgd.loc = "topleft",
  hist.args = list(main = "Histograms of posterior probabilities", xlab =
    "Posterior Probabilities"),
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

x	the 'em' model to plot
by	the type of the graph to produce. The default is 'component'.
prior	whether fit the model using prior probabilities.
cols	lines' colors.
lwds	Lines' widths.
ltys	lines' types.
ranges	the ranges of the x-axis and the y-axis limits of plots. It should be a vector of four numeric values. The first two represent the x-axis limits. The last two represent the y-axis limits
main	the main title.
lgd	a list for legend related arguments.
lgd.loc	the location of the legend. The default is "topleft".
hist.args	The list of arguments for the histogram.
...	other arguments.

**Value**

'NULL'

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predict.em	<i>Predict the fitted finite mixture models</i>
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**Description**

Predict the fitted finite mixture models

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'em'
predict(object, prob = c("prior", "posterior"), ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	Output from em, representing a fitted model using EM algorithm.
prob	the probabilities used to compute the fitted value. It can be either prior probability ('prior') or posterior probability ('posterior'). The default value is 'prior'.
...	other arguments.

**Value**

An object of class 'predict.em' is a list containing at least the following components: components a list of fitted values by components with each element a matrix/vector of fitted values. mean a matrix of predicted values computed by weighted sum of fitted values by components. The weights used in the computation can be either prior probabilities or posterior probabilities depending on the parameter 'prob'. prob the value used in the parameter 'prob'.

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print.em	<i>Print the 'em' object</i>
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**Description**

Print the 'em' object

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'em'
print(x, digits = max(3L, getOption("digits") - 3L), ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	the 'em' object.
digits	the maximum digits printed, the default is '3L'.
...	other arguments used.

**Value**

print the 'em' object on the screen.

---

print.summary.em	<i>Print the 'summary.em' object</i>
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**Description**

Print the 'summary.em' object

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'summary.em'
print(
  x,
  digits = max(3L, getOption("digits") - 3L),
  signif.stars = getOption("show.signif.stars"),
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

x	the 'summary.em' object.
digits	the maximum digits printed, the default is '3L'.
signif.stars	logical; if 'TRUE', P-values are additionally encoded visually as 'significance stars' in order to help scanning of long coefficient tables. It defaults to the 'show.signif.stars' slot of options.
...	other arguments used in 'printCoefmat'.

**Value**

print the 'summary.em' object on the screen.

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simbinom	<i>Simulated Data from a logistic regression</i>
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**Description**

A data set with simulated data from a mixture of a logistic regression.

**Usage**

```
simbinom
```



**Format**

A data frame with 10000 rows and 2 variables:

**y** A dependent variable generated from a mixture of a logistic regression with **x**

**x** An independent variable

**Source**

<<https://www.github.com/wudongjie/em>>

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simclogit

*Simulated Data from a conditional logistic regression*

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**Description**

A data set with simulated data from a mixture of a conditional logistic regression.

**Usage**

```
simclogit
```

**Format**

A data frame with 10000 rows and 4 variables:

**x2** A dummy variable showing whether **x** is equal to level 2

**x3** A dummy variable showing whether **x** is equal to level 3

**a2** Whether the alternative choice 2 is chosen

**a2\_x2** Interaction between **a2** and **x2**

**a2\_x3** Interaction between **a2** and **x3**

**a3** Whether the alternative choice 3 is chosen

**a3\_x2** Interaction between **a3** and **x2**

**a3\_x3** Interaction between **a3** and **x3**

**chosen1** Whether the observation-alternative combination is chosen (Generated by a one-class regression).

**chosen2** Whether the observation-alternative combination is chosen (Generated by a two-class mixed regression).

**fid** Family ID

**id** Individual ID

**z** Other variables

**Source**

<<https://www.github.com/wudongjie/em>>

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 simreg

*Simulated Regression Data*


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**Description**

A data set with simulated data from mixture regression models.

**Usage**

```
simreg
```

**Format**

A data frame with 1000 rows and 5 variables:

**yp** A dependent variable generated from a mixture of a poisson regression with x

**yn** A dependent variable generated from a mixture of a linear regression with x

**yc** A dependent variable generated from a mixture of a linear regression with x and a concomitant variable of z

**x** An independent variable

**z** A concomitant variable

**Source**

<<https://www.github.com/wudongjie/em>>

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 sstep

*S-step of EM algorithm*


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**Description**

Given the posterior probability, generate a matrix to assign each individual to a class. The assignment is randomly sampled based on the posterior probability.

**Usage**

```
sstep(postpr)
```

**Arguments**

postpr ('matrix()')  
The matrix of the posterior probability

summary.em

*Summaries of fitted finite mixture models using EM algorithm***Description**

Summaries of fitted finite mixture models using EM algorithm

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'em'
summary(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object            Output from em, representing a fitted model using EM algorithm.  
...                other arguments used.

**Value**

An object of class 'summary.em' is a list containing at least the following components: call the matched call. coefficients pi the prior probabilities. latent number of the latent classes. ll log-likelihood value. sum.models summaries of models generated by 'summary()' of models from each class. df degree of freedom. obs number of observations. AIC the Akaike information criterion. BIC the Bayesian information criterion. concomitant a list of the concomitant model. It is empty if no concomitant model is used. concomitant.summary summaries of the concomitant model generated by 'summary()'.

vdummy

*Transform a factor variable to a matrix of dummy variables***Description**

Transform a factor variable to a matrix of dummy variables

**Usage**

```
vdummy(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    a factor vector

**Value**

a matrix of dummy variables

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