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**Description** A suite of methods for powerful and robust microbiome data analysis addressing zero-inflation, phylogenetic structure and compositional effects. Includes the LinDA method for differential abundance analysis (Zhou et al. (2022)<[doi:10.1186/s13059-022-02655-5](https://doi.org/10.1186/s13059-022-02655-5)>), the BMDD (Bimodal Dirichlet Distribution) method for accurate modeling and imputation of zero-inflated microbiome sequencing data (Zhou et al. (2025)<[doi:10.1371/journal.pcbi.1013124](https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pcbi.1013124)>) and compositional sparse CCA methods for microbiome multi-omics data integration (Deng et al. (2024) <[doi:10.3389/fgene.2024.1489694](https://doi.org/10.3389/fgene.2024.1489694)>).

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|------|--------------------------------------------------|
| bmdd | <i>Bimodal Dirichlet Distribution Estimation</i> |
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Description

Estimates parameters of the bimodal Dirichlet distribution using a variational EM algorithm. Automatically selects the optimal implementation: high-performance C++ (NLOpt) when possible, or R when covariates are needed.

Usage

```
bmdd(W, type = c("count", "proportion"),
      Z = NULL, formula.Z = NULL, U = NULL, formula.U = NULL,
      Z.standardizing = TRUE, U.standardizing = TRUE,
      alp.eta = FALSE, alp.kap = FALSE,
      pi.xi = FALSE, pi.zeta = FALSE,
      para.alp.init = NULL, para.pi.init = NULL, gam.init = NULL,
      iterlim = 500, tol = 1e-6, trace = FALSE,
      method = c("auto", "nlopt", "R"),
      inner.loop = TRUE, inner.iterlim = 20, inner.tol = 1e-6,
      alp.iterlim = 100, alp.tol = 1e-6,
      alp.min = 1e-3, alp.max = 1e3, ...)
```

Arguments

|                 |                                                                   |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| W               | Matrix of observed data (m taxa × n samples)                      |
| type            | Data type: "count" or "proportion"                                |
| Z               | Optional matrix of covariates for alpha (forces R implementation) |
| formula.Z       | Optional formula for Z covariates                                 |
| U               | Optional matrix of covariates for pi (forces R implementation)    |
| formula.U       | Optional formula for U covariates                                 |
| Z.standardizing | Standardize Z covariates (default TRUE)                           |

|                 |                                                        |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| U.standardizing | Standardize U covariates (default TRUE)                |
| alp.eta         | Model alpha0 as function of Z (default FALSE)          |
| alp.kap         | Model alpha1 as function of Z (default FALSE)          |
| pi.xi           | Model pi as function of U (default FALSE)              |
| pi.zeta         | Model pi variance as function of U (default FALSE)     |
| para.alp.init   | Initial alpha values                                   |
| para.pi.init    | Initial pi values                                      |
| gam.init        | Initial gamma values                                   |
| iterlim         | Maximum iterations (default 500)                       |
| tol             | Convergence tolerance (default 1e-6)                   |
| trace           | Print progress (default FALSE)                         |
| method          | Force method: "auto", "nlopt", or "R" (default "auto") |
| inner.loop      | Use inner loop for NLopt (default TRUE)                |
| inner.iterlim   | Inner loop max iterations (default 20)                 |
| inner.tol       | Inner loop tolerance (default 1e-6)                    |
| alp.iterlim     | Alpha optimization iterations (default 100)            |
| alp.tol         | Alpha tolerance (default 1e-6)                         |
| alp.min         | Minimum alpha (default 1e-3)                           |
| alp.max         | Maximum alpha (default 1e3)                            |
| ...             | Additional arguments (ignored)                         |

## Details

Automatically chooses best implementation:

- **NLopt C++:** When no covariates. 50-90x faster using L-BFGS-B with analytical gradients. Scientifically equivalent to R ( $r > 0.999$ ).
- **R:** When covariates needed or explicitly requested. Supports full covariate modeling.

Requires NLopt library for high-performance mode:

- macOS: `brew install nlopt`
- Linux: `sudo apt-get install libnlopt-dev`

Refer to <https://github.com/zhouhj1994/BMDD> for detailed examples about zero imputation and posterior sample generation.

**Value**

A list containing:

|          |                                                    |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------|
| gamma    | Estimated gamma parameters (bimodality indicators) |
| pi       | Estimated pi parameters (mixing proportions)       |
| beta     | Estimated posterior Dirichlet parameters           |
| alpha0   | Estimated alpha0 parameters (mode 0)               |
| alpha1   | Estimated alpha1 parameters (mode 1)               |
| converge | Logical indicating convergence                     |
| iter     | Number of iterations                               |
| method   | Method used: "nlopt" or "R"                        |

**References**

Zhou, H., Chen, J., & Zhang, X. (2025). BMDD: A probabilistic framework for accurate imputation of zero-inflated microbiome sequencing data. *PLoS Computational Biology*, 21(10), e1013124.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
# Simulate data
m <- 100 # taxa
n <- 50  # samples
W <- matrix(rpois(m*n, 100), m, n)

# Auto-select method (uses NLOpt for speed)
result <- bmdd(W, type = "count")

# Access results
head(result$beta)    # Posterior parameters
head(result$gamma)   # Bimodality indicators
result$method        # Shows which method was used

# Force specific method
result_nlopt <- bmdd(W, method = "nlopt") # Force NLOpt
result_r <- bmdd(W, method = "R")         # Force R

# With covariates (automatically uses R)
Z <- matrix(rnorm(m * 2), m, 2)
result_cov <- bmdd(W, Z = Z, alp.eta = TRUE)

## End(Not run)
```

**Description**

High-performance implementation using NLopt L-BFGS-B optimizer in C++. Provides 50-90x speedup over R implementation for cases without covariates. This is a low-level function; most users should use `bmdd()` instead.

**Usage**

```
bmdd.nlopt(W, type = c("count", "proportion"),
           para.alp.init = NULL, para.pi.init = NULL, gam.init = NULL,
           iterlim = 500, tol = 1e-6, trace = FALSE,
           inner.loop = TRUE, inner.iterlim = 20, inner.tol = 1e-6,
           alp.iterlim = 100, alp.tol = 1e-6,
           alp.min = 1e-3, alp.max = 1e3)
```

**Arguments**

|                            |                                                     |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| <code>W</code>             | Matrix of observed data (m taxa $\times$ n samples) |
| <code>type</code>          | Data type: "count" or "proportion"                  |
| <code>para.alp.init</code> | Initial alpha values                                |
| <code>para.pi.init</code>  | Initial pi values                                   |
| <code>gam.init</code>      | Initial gamma values                                |
| <code>iterlim</code>       | Maximum iterations (default 500)                    |
| <code>tol</code>           | Convergence tolerance (default 1e-6)                |
| <code>trace</code>         | Print progress (default FALSE)                      |
| <code>inner.loop</code>    | Use inner loop optimization (default TRUE)          |
| <code>inner.iterlim</code> | Inner loop max iterations (default 20)              |
| <code>inner.tol</code>     | Inner loop tolerance (default 1e-6)                 |
| <code>alp.iterlim</code>   | Alpha optimization iterations (default 100)         |
| <code>alp.tol</code>       | Alpha tolerance (default 1e-6)                      |
| <code>alp.min</code>       | Minimum alpha (default 1e-3)                        |
| <code>alp.max</code>       | Maximum alpha (default 1e3)                         |

**Details**

This function provides direct access to the NLopt C++ implementation. Most users should use `bmdd()` instead, which automatically selects the optimal implementation.

Does not support covariates. For covariate modeling, use `bmdd()` with `method="R"`.

**Value**

A list containing estimated parameters (same as `bmdd`)

**References**

Zhou, H., Chen, J., & Zhang, X. (2025). BMDD: A probabilistic framework for accurate imputation of zero-inflated microbiome sequencing data. *PLoS Computational Biology*, 21(10), e1013124.

**See Also**

[bmdd](#) for the main user interface

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
# Simulate data
m <- 100
n <- 50
W <- matrix(rpois(m*n, 100), m, n)

# Direct NLOpt usage (advanced)
result <- bmdd.nlopt(W, type = "count")

# Recommended: use bmdd() instead
result <- bmdd(W, type = "count") # auto-selects NLOpt

## End(Not run)
```

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cscca

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*Compositional Sparse Canonical Correlation Analysis*


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**Description**

A compositional sparse canonical correlation analysis (csCCA) framework for integrating microbiome data with other high-dimensional omics data.

**Usage**

```
cscca(
  Y,
  View.ind,
  lambda.seq,
  a.old = NULL,
  View.type = NULL,
  eps.stop = 1e-04,
  max.step = 30,
  eps = 1e-04,
  T.step = 1
)
```

## Arguments

|                         |                                                                                                                                            |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>Y</code>          | a $n \times (K \times p)$ matrix representing the observations.                                                                            |
| <code>View.ind</code>   | a $(K \times p)$ integer vector indicating the classes of features. The features with the same <code>View.ind</code> is in the same class. |
| <code>lambda.seq</code> | a $K$ vector consisting of hyper-parameters.                                                                                               |
| <code>a.old</code>      | Optional initial value for the coefficient vector <code>a.new</code> .                                                                     |
| <code>View.type</code>  | a $K$ vector encoding the structure type of each feature class. There are two choices: "O" (Omics Data), "C" (Compositional Data).         |
| <code>eps.stop</code>   | a numerical value controlling the convergence.                                                                                             |
| <code>max.step</code>   | an integer controlling the maximum step for interaction.                                                                                   |
| <code>eps</code>        | a numerical value controlling the convergence.                                                                                             |
| <code>T.step</code>     | an integer controlling the maximum step for interaction.                                                                                   |

## Value

`a.new` the estimated coefficient vector.

## References

1. Deng, L., Tang, Y., Zhang, X., et al. (2024). Structure-adaptive canonical correlation analysis for microbiome multi-omics data. *Frontiers in Genetics*, 15, 1489694.
2. Chen, J., Bushman, F. D., Lewis, J. D., et al. (2013). Structure-constrained sparse canonical correlation analysis with an application to microbiome data analysis. *Biostatistics*, 14(2), 244–258.

## Examples

```
## Not run:
library(dplyr)

n <- 200
p <- q <- 100
sigma.nu <- 5
sigma.eps <- 1
omega_X <- 0.85*c(rep(1/10,9),-9/10,rep(0,p-10))
omega_Y <- 0.85*c(seq(0.08,0.12,length = 10),rep(0,q-10))
Data1 <- DGP_OC(seed=10,n,p,q,sigma.nu,sigma.eps,omega_X,omega_Y)

library(mlrMBO)
Res.sCCA.CV <- cscca.CV(Y=Data1$Y,View.ind=Data1$View.ind,
                        View.type=c("O","O"),
                        show.info = TRUE)

Res.CsCCA.CV <- cscca.CV(Y=Data1$Y,View.ind=Data1$View.ind,
                        View.type=c("O","C"),
                        show.info = TRUE)

Res.sCCA <- cscca(Y=Data1$Y,View.ind=Data1$View.ind,
```

```

lambda.seq=Res.sCCA.CV$lam.opt.trgt,
View.type=c("0","0"))
Res.CsCCA <- cscca(Y=Data1$Y,View.ind=Data1$View.ind,
lambda.seq=Res.CsCCA.CV$lam.opt.trgt,
View.type=c("0","C"))

## End(Not run)

```

cscca.CV

*Compositional Sparse Canonical Correlation Analysis (Cross Valication Version)*

## Description

The cross validation version of a compositional sparse canonical correlation analysis (sCCA) framework for integrating microbiome data with other high-dimensional omics data.

## Usage

```

cscca.CV(
  Y,
  View.ind,
  View.type = NULL,
  eps.stop = 1e-04,
  max.step = 30,
  eps = 1e-04,
  T.step = 10,
  n_fold = 5,
  seed.sam.ind = NULL,
  show.info = FALSE,
  hp.lower = NULL,
  hp.upper = NULL,
  hp.eta.lower = NULL,
  hp.eta.upper = NULL,
  eta.warm.stat.mat = NULL,
  opt_n_design = 30,
  opt_n_iter = 20,
  Criterion = "cov",
  des.init = NULL,
  is.refit = F,
  is.refix.eta = T,
  opt_n_design.eta_warm = 30,
  opt_n_iter.eta_warm = 20,
  is.opt.hyper = TRUE,
  hyper_n_grid = 20,
  ...
)

```

**Arguments**

|                                    |                                                                                                                                            |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>Y</code>                     | a $n \times (K \times p)$ matrix representing the observations.                                                                            |
| <code>View.ind</code>              | a $(K \times p)$ integer vector indicating the classes of features. The features with the same <code>View.ind</code> is in the same class. |
| <code>View.type</code>             | a $K$ vector encoding the structure type of each feature class. There are two choices: "O" (Omics Data), "C" (Compositional Data).         |
| <code>eps.stop</code>              | a numerical value controlling the convergence.                                                                                             |
| <code>max.step</code>              | an integer controlling the maximum step for interaction.                                                                                   |
| <code>eps</code>                   | a numerical value controlling the convergence.                                                                                             |
| <code>T.step</code>                | an integer controlling the maximum step for interaction.                                                                                   |
| <code>n_fold</code>                | an integer representing the number of folds for cross validation.                                                                          |
| <code>seed.sam.ind</code>          | a vector of the seeds for sampling.                                                                                                        |
| <code>show.info</code>             | a bool suggesting whether to show information through the hyperparameter optimization.                                                     |
| <code>hp.lower</code>              | a numerical value or $K$ vector specifying the lower bound of the hyper-parameter.                                                         |
| <code>hp.upper</code>              | a numerical value or $K$ vector specifying the upper bound of the hyper-parameter.                                                         |
| <code>hp.eta.lower</code>          | a numerical value or $K$ vector specifying the lower bound of the hyper-parameter for eta.                                                 |
| <code>hp.eta.upper</code>          | a numerical value or $K$ vector specifying the upper bound of the hyper-parameter for eta.                                                 |
| <code>eta.warm.stat.mat</code>     | a matrix providing statistics for warm start of eta.                                                                                       |
| <code>opt_n_design</code>          | an integer controlling the number of design points in the hyperparameter optimization.                                                     |
| <code>opt_n_iter</code>            | an integer controlling the number of iterations in the hyperparameter optimization.                                                        |
| <code>Criterion</code>             | a character indicating the criterion we choose for cross validation.                                                                       |
| <code>des.init</code>              | an initial design for hyperparameter optimization.                                                                                         |
| <code>is.refit</code>              | a bool suggesting whether to refit the model using the optimal hyper-parameters.                                                           |
| <code>is.refix.eta</code>          | a bool suggesting whether eta is fixed during refitting.                                                                                   |
| <code>opt_n_design.eta_warm</code> | an integer controlling the number of design points for eta warm-start optimization.                                                        |
| <code>opt_n_iter.eta_warm</code>   | an integer controlling the number of iterations for eta warm-start optimization.                                                           |
| <code>is.opt.hyper</code>          | a bool suggesting whether to optimize the hyper-parameters.                                                                                |
| <code>hyper_n_grid</code>          | an integer controlling the grid size for hyperparameter search.                                                                            |
| <code>...</code>                   | additional arguments passed to the internal optimization procedures.                                                                       |

**Value**

A list containing the following elements: (1) `a.hat.opt.trgt`: The coefficient vector estimated with the optimal hyper-parameter vector; (2) `lam.opt.trgt`: The optimal hyper-parameter vector.

## References

1. Deng, L., Tang, Y., Zhang, X., et al. (2024). Structure-adaptive canonical correlation analysis for microbiome multi-omics data. *Frontiers in Genetics*, 15, 1489694.
2. Chen, J., Bushman, F. D., Lewis, J. D., et al. (2013). Structure-constrained sparse canonical correlation analysis with an application to microbiome data analysis. *Biostatistics*, 14(2), 244–258.

## Examples

```
## Not run:
library(dplyr)

n <- 200
p <- q <- 100
sigma.nu <- 5
sigma.eps <- 1
omega_X <- 0.85*c(rep(1/10,9),-9/10,rep(0,p-10))
omega_Y <- 0.85*c(seq(0.08,0.12,length = 10),rep(0,q-10))
Data1 <- DGP_OC(seed=10,n,p,q,sigma.nu,sigma.eps,omega_X,omega_Y)

library(mlrMBO)
Res.sCCA.CV <- cscqa.CV(Y=Data1$Y,View.ind=Data1$View.ind,
                        View.type=c("O","O"),
                        show.info = TRUE)

Res.CsCCA.CV <- cscqa.CV(Y=Data1$Y,View.ind=Data1$View.ind,
                        View.type=c("O","C"),
                        show.info = TRUE)

Res.sCCA <- cscqa(Y=Data1$Y,View.ind=Data1$View.ind,
                  lambda.seq=Res.sCCA.CV$lam.opt.trgt,
                  View.type=c("O","O"))
Res.CsCCA <- cscqa(Y=Data1$Y,View.ind=Data1$View.ind,
                  lambda.seq=Res.CsCCA.CV$lam.opt.trgt,
                  View.type=c("O","C"))
print(Res.sCCA.CV$Cri.opt.trgt)
print(Res.CsCCA.CV$Cri.opt.trgt)

## End(Not run)
```

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DGP\_OC

*Data Generating Process (Omics Data versus Compositional data)*


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## Description

Data Generating Process (Omics Data versus Compositional data)

## Usage

```
DGP_OC(seed = 10, n, p, q, sigma.nu, sigma.eps, omega_X, omega_Y)
```

**Arguments**

|           |                                                                        |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| seed      | an integer for the initial seed.                                       |
| n         | an integer representing the sample size.                               |
| p         | an integer representing the feature size of the omics dataset.         |
| q         | an integer representing the feature size of the compositional dataset. |
| sigma.nu  | a numerical value representing the strength of correlation.            |
| sigma.eps | a numerical value representing the strength of noise.                  |
| omega_X   | a p vector representing the coefficient for the omics data.            |
| omega_Y   | a q vector representing the coefficient for the compositional data.    |

**Value**

A list containing the following elements: (a) Y: a  $n \times (2p)$  matrix representing the full observations; (b) View.ind: a  $2p$  integer vector indicating the classes of features. The features with the same View.ind is in the same class; (c) omega a  $2p$  vector representing the true coefficients.

**Examples**

```
library(dplyr)
n <- 200
p <- q <- 100
sigma.nu <- 5
sigma.eps <- 1
omega_X <- 0.85*c(rep(1/10,9),-9/10,rep(0,p-10))
omega_Y <- 0.85*c(seq(0.08,0.12,length = 10),rep(0,q-10))
Data1 <- DGP_OC(seed=10,n,p,q,sigma.nu,sigma.eps,omega_X,omega_Y)
```

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|-------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| linda | <i>Linear (Lin) Model for Differential Abundance (DA) Analysis of High-dimensional Compositional Data</i> |
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**Description**

The function implements a simple, robust and highly scalable approach to tackle the compositional effects in differential abundance analysis of high-dimensional compositional data. It fits linear regression models on the centered log2-ratio transformed data, identifies a bias term due to the transformation and compositional effect, and corrects the bias using the mode of the regression coefficients. It could fit mixed-effect models for analysis of correlated data.

**Usage**

```
linda(
  feature.dat,
  meta.dat,
  formula,
```

```

feature.dat.type = c('count', 'proportion'),
prev.filter = 0,
mean.abund.filter = 0,
max.abund.filter = 0,
is.winsor = TRUE,
outlier.pct = 0.03,
adaptive = TRUE,
zero.handling = c('pseudo-count', 'imputation'),
pseudo.cnt = 0.5,
corr.cut = 0.1,
p.adj.method = "BH",
alpha = 0.05,
n.cores = 1,
verbose = TRUE
)

```

### Arguments

|                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>feature.dat</code>       | a matrix of counts/proportions, row - features (OTUs, genes, etc) , column - samples.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <code>meta.dat</code>          | a data frame containing the sample meta data. If there are NAs, the corresponding samples will be removed in the analysis.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <code>formula</code>           | a character string for the formula. The formula should conform to that used by <code>lm</code> (independent data) or <code>lmer</code> (correlated data). For example: <code>formula = '~x1*x2+x3+(1 id)'</code> . At least one fixed effect is required.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <code>feature.dat.type</code>  | the type of the feature data. It could be "count" or "proportion".                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <code>prev.filter</code>       | the prevalence (percentage of non-zeros) cutoff, under which the features will be filtered. The default is 0.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <code>mean.abund.filter</code> | the mean relative abundance cutoff, under which the features will be filtered. The default is 0.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <code>max.abund.filter</code>  | the max relative abundance cutoff, under which the features will be filtered. The default is 0.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <code>is.winsor</code>         | a logical value indicating whether winsorization should be performed to replace outliers (high values). The default is TRUE.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <code>outlier.pct</code>       | the expected percentage of outliers. These outliers will be winsorized. The default is 0.03.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <code>adaptive</code>          | a logical value indicating whether the approach to handle zeros (pseudo-count or imputation) will be determined based on the correlations between the log(sequencing depth) and the explanatory variables in <code>formula</code> when <code>feature.dat</code> is 'count'. If TRUE and the correlation p-value for any explanatory variable is smaller than or equal to <code>corr.cut</code> , the imputation approach will be used; otherwise, the pseudo-count approach will be used. |

|                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>zero.handling</code> | a character string of 'pseudo-count' or 'imputation' indicating the zero handling method used when <code>feature.dat</code> is 'count'. If 'pseudo-count', <code>apseudo.cnt</code> will be added to each value in <code>feature.dat</code> . If 'imputation', then we use the imputation approach using the formula in the referenced paper. Basically, zeros are imputed with values proportional to the sequencing depth. When <code>feature.dat</code> is 'proportion', this parameter will be ignored and zeros will be imputed by half of the minimum for each feature. |
| <code>pseudo.cnt</code>    | a positive numeric value for the pseudo-count to be added if <code>zero.handling</code> is 'pseudo-count'. Default is 0.5.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <code>corr.cut</code>      | a numerical value between 0 and 1, indicating the significance level used for determining the zero-handling approach when <code>adaptive</code> is TRUE. Default is 0.1.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <code>p.adj.method</code>  | a character string indicating the p-value adjustment approach for addressing multiple testing. See R function <code>p.adjust</code> . Default is 'BH'.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <code>alpha</code>         | a numerical value between 0 and 1 indicating the significance level for declaring differential features. Default is 0.05.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <code>n.cores</code>       | a positive integer. If <code>n.cores</code> > 1 and formula is in a form of mixed-effect model, <code>n.cores</code> parallels will be conducted. Default is 1.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <code>verbose</code>       | a logical value indicating whether the trace information should be printed out.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

## Value

A list with the elements

|                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>variables</code> | A vector of variable names of all fixed effects in formula. For example: formula = '~x1*x2+x3+(1 id)'. Suppose x1 and x2 are numerical, and x3 is a categorical variable of three levels: a, b and c. Then the elements of <code>variables</code> would be ('x1', 'x2', 'x3b', 'x3c', 'x1:x2').                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <code>bias</code>      | numeric vector; each element corresponds to one variable in <code>variables</code> ; the estimated bias of the regression coefficients due to the compositional effect.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <code>output</code>    | a list of data frames with columns 'baseMean', 'log2FoldChange', 'lfcSE', 'stat', 'pvalue', 'padj', 'reject', 'df'; <code>names(output)</code> is equal to <code>variables</code> ; the rows of the data frame corresponds to taxa. Note: if there are taxa being excluded due to <code>prev.cut</code> , the number of the rows of the output data frame will be not equal to the number of the rows of <code>otu.tab</code> . Taxa are identified by the rownames. If the rownames of <code>otu.tab</code> are NULL, then <code>1 : nrow(otu.tab)</code> is set as the rownames of <code>otu.tab</code> . |

**baseMean:** 2 to the power of the intercept coefficients (normalized by one million)

**log2FoldChange:** bias-corrected coefficients

**lfcSE:** standard errors of the coefficients

**stat:** `log2FoldChange / lfcSE`

**pvalue:** `2 * pt(-abs(stat), df)`

**padj:** `p.adjust(pvalue, method = p.adj.method)`

**reject:** `padj <= alpha`

|                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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|                          | <b>df:</b> degrees of freedom. The number of samples minus the number of explanatory variables (intercept included) for fixed-effect models; estimates from R package <code>lmerTest</code> with Satterthwaite method of approximation for mixed-effect models.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <code>covariance</code>  | a list of data frames; the data frame records the covariances between a regression coefficient with other coefficients; <code>names(covariance)</code> is equal to <code>variables</code> ; the rows of the data frame corresponds to taxa. If the length of <code>variables</code> is equal to 1, then the covariance is <code>NULL</code> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <code>otu.tab.use</code> | the OTU table used in the abundance analysis (the <code>otu.tab</code> after the preprocessing: samples that have NAs in the variables in formula or have less than <code>lib.cut</code> read counts are removed; taxa with prevalence less than <code>prev.cut</code> are removed and data is winsorized if <code>!is.null(winsor.quan)</code> ; and zeros are treated, i.e., imputed or pseudo-count added).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <code>meta.use</code>    | the meta data used in the abundance analysis (only variables in formula are stored; samples that have NAs or have less than <code>lib.cut</code> read counts are removed; numerical variables are scaled).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <code>wald</code>        | <p>a list for use in Wald test. If the fitting model is a linear model, then it includes</p> <p><b>beta:</b> a matrix of the biased regression coefficients including intercept and all fixed effects; the columns correspond to taxa</p> <p><b>sig:</b> the standard errors; the elements corresponding to taxa</p> <p><b>X:</b> the design matrix of the fitting model</p> <p><b>bias:</b> the estimated biases of the regression coefficients including intercept and all fixed effects</p> <p>If the fitting model is a linear mixed-effect model, then it includes</p> <p><b>beta:</b> a matrix of the biased regression coefficients including intercept and all fixed effects; the columns correspond to taxa</p> <p><b>beta.cov:</b> a list of covariance matrices of <code>beta</code>; the elements corresponding to taxa</p> <p><b>rand.cov:</b> a list with covariance matrices of variance parameters of random effects; the elements corresponding to taxa; see more details in the paper of 'lmerTest'</p> <p><b>Joc.beta.cov.rand:</b> a list of a list of Jacobian matrices of <code>beta.cov</code> with respect to the variance parameters; the elements corresponding to taxa</p> <p><b>bias:</b> the estimated biases of the regression coefficients including intercept and all fixed effects</p> |

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#### References

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**Examples**

```

data(smokers)

ind <- smokers$meta$AIRWAYSITE == 'Throat'
otu.tab <- as.data.frame(smokers$otu[, ind])
depth <- colSums(otu.tab)
meta <- cbind.data.frame(Smoke = factor(smokers$meta$SMOKER[ind]),
                        Sex = factor(smokers$meta$SEX[ind]),
                        Site = factor(smokers$meta$SIDE OF BODY[ind]),
                        SubjectID = factor(smokers$meta$HOST_SUBJECT_ID[ind]))

# Differential abundance analysis using the left throat data
ind1 <- meta$Site == 'Left' & depth >= 1000
linda.obj <- linda(otu.tab[, ind1], meta[ind1, ], formula = '~Smoke+Sex',
                  feature.dat.type = 'count',
                  prev.filter = 0.1, is.winsor = TRUE, outlier.pct = 0.03,
                  p.adj.method = "BH", alpha = 0.1)

linda.plot(linda.obj, c('Smokey', 'Sexmale'),
           titles = c('Smoke: n v.s. y', 'Sex: female v.s. male'),
           alpha = 0.1, lfc.cut = 1, legend = TRUE, directory = NULL,
           width = 11, height = 8)

rownames(linda.obj $output[[1]])[which(linda.obj $output[[1]]$reject)]

# Differential abundance analysis pooling both the left and right throat data
# Mixed effects model is used

ind <- depth >= 1000
linda.obj <- linda(otu.tab[, ind], meta[ind, ], formula = '~Smoke+Sex+(1|SubjectID)',
                  feature.dat.type = 'count',
                  prev.filter = 0.1, is.winsor = TRUE, outlier.pct = 0.03,
                  p.adj.method = "BH", alpha = 0.1)

# For proportion data
otu.tab.p <- t(t(otu.tab) / colSums(otu.tab))
ind1 <- meta$Site == 'Left' & depth >= 1000
lind.obj <- linda(otu.tab[, ind1], meta[ind1, ], formula = '~Smoke+Sex',
                 feature.dat.type = 'proportion',
                 prev.filter = 0.1, is.winsor = TRUE, outlier.pct = 0.03,
                 p.adj.method = "BH", alpha = 0.1)

```

**Description**

The function produces the effect size plot of the differential features and volcano plot based on the output from `linda`.

**Usage**

```
linda.plot(
  linda.obj,
  variables.plot,
  titles = NULL,
  alpha = 0.05,
  lfc.cut = 1,
  legend = FALSE,
  directory = NULL,
  width = 11,
  height = 8
)
```

**Arguments**

|                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>linda.obj</code>      | return from function <code>linda</code> .                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <code>variables.plot</code> | vector; variables whose results are to be plotted. For example, suppose the return value <code>variables</code> is equal to <code>( 'x1', 'x2', 'x3b', 'x3c', 'x1:x2' )</code> , then one could set <code>variables.plot = c('x3b', 'x1:x2')</code> . |
| <code>titles</code>         | vector; titles of the effect size plot and volcano plot for each variable in <code>variables.plot</code> . Default is <code>NULL</code> . If <code>NULL</code> , the titles will be set as <code>variables.plot</code> .                              |
| <code>alpha</code>          | a numerical value between 0 and 1; cutoff for <code>padj</code> .                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <code>lfc.cut</code>        | a positive numerical value; cutoff for <code>log2FoldChange</code> .                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <code>legend</code>         | <code>TRUE</code> or <code>FALSE</code> ; whether to show the legends of the effect size plot and volcano plot.                                                                                                                                       |
| <code>directory</code>      | character; the directory to save the figures, e.g., <code>getwd()</code> . Default is <code>NULL</code> . If <code>NULL</code> , figures will not be saved.                                                                                           |
| <code>width</code>          | the width of the graphics region in inches. See R function <code>pdf</code> .                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <code>height</code>         | the height of the graphics region in inches. See R function <code>pdf</code> .                                                                                                                                                                        |

**Value**

A list of `ggplot2` objects.

|                           |                                                                                                     |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>plot.lfc</code>     | a list of effect size plots. Each plot corresponds to one variable in <code>variables.plot</code> . |
| <code>plot.volcano</code> | a list of volcano plots. Each plot corresponds to one variable in <code>variables.plot</code> .     |

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## References

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## Examples

```
data(smokers)
ind <- smokers$meta$AIRWAYSITE == 'Throat' & smokers$meta$SIDEOFBODY == 'Left'
otu.tab <- as.data.frame(smokers$otu[, ind])
depth <- colSums(otu.tab)
meta <- cbind.data.frame(Smoke = factor(smokers$meta$SMOKER[ind]),
                        Sex = factor(smokers$meta$SEX[ind]))

ind <- depth >= 1000
linda.obj <- linda(otu.tab[, ind], meta[ind, ], formula = '~Smoke+Sex',
                  feature.dat.type = 'count',
                  prev.filter = 0.1, is.winsor = TRUE, outlier.pct = 0.03,
                  p.adj.method = "BH", alpha = 0.1)

linda.plot(linda.obj, c('Smokey', 'Sexmale'),
           titles = c('Smoke: n v.s. y', 'Sex: female v.s. male'),
           alpha = 0.1, lfc.cut = 1, legend = TRUE, directory = NULL,
           width = 11, height = 8)
```

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linda.wald.test

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*Wald test for bias-corrected regression coefficients*


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## Description

The function implements Wald test for bias-corrected regression coefficients generated from the `linda` function. One can utilize the function to perform ANOVA-type analyses. For example, if you have a categorical variable with three levels, you can test whether all levels have the same effect.

## Usage

```
linda.wald.test(
  linda.obj,
  L,
  model = c("LM", "LMM"),
  alpha = 0.05,
  p.adj.method = "BH"
)
```

## Arguments

`linda.obj`      return from the `linda` function.

|              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| L            | A matrix for testing $Lb = 0$ , where b includes the intercept and all fixed effects from running linda. Thus the number of columns of L must be equal to $\text{length}(\text{variables})+1$ , where variables is from linda.obj, which does not include the intercept. |
| model        | 'LM' or 'LMM' indicating the model fitted in {linda} is linear model or linear mixed-effect model.                                                                                                                                                                       |
| alpha        | significance level for testing $Lb = 0$ .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| p.adj.method | P-value adjustment approach. See R function p.adjust. The default is 'BH'.                                                                                                                                                                                               |

### Value

A data frame with columns

|        |                                                                       |
|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Fstat  | Wald statistics for each taxon                                        |
| df1    | The numerator degrees of freedom                                      |
| df2    | The denominator degrees of freedom                                    |
| pvalue | $1 - \text{pf}(\text{Fstat}, \text{df1}, \text{df2})$                 |
| padj   | $\text{p.adjust}(\text{pvalue}, \text{method} = \text{p.adj.method})$ |
| reject | $\text{padj} \leq \alpha$                                             |

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### References

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### Examples

```
data(smokers)

ind <- smokers$meta$AIRWAYSITE == 'Throat'
otu.tab <- as.data.frame(smokers$otu[, ind])
depth <- colSums(otu.tab)
meta <- cbind.data.frame(Smoke = factor(smokers$meta$SMOKER[ind]),
                        Sex = factor(smokers$meta$SEX[ind]),
                        Site = factor(smokers$meta$SIDEOFBODY[ind]),
                        SubjectID = factor(smokers$meta$HOST_SUBJECT_ID[ind]))

ind <- depth >= 1000
linda.obj <- linda(otu.tab[, ind], meta[ind, ], formula = '~Smoke+Sex+(1|SubjectID)',
                  feature.dat.type = 'count',
                  prev.filter = 0.1, is.winsor = TRUE, outlier.pct = 0.03,
                  p.adj.method = "BH", alpha = 0.1)
# L matrix (2x3) is designed to test the second (Smoke) and the third (Sex) coefficient to be 0.
# For a categorical variable > two levels, similar L can be designed to do ANOVA-type test.
```

```
L <- matrix(c(0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1), nrow = 2, byrow = TRUE)
result <- linda.wald.test(linda.obj, L, 'LMM', alpha = 0.1)
```

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|         |                                                                                       |
|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| smokers | <i>Microbiome data from the human upper respiratory tract (left and right throat)</i> |
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**Description**

A dataset containing "otu", "tax", "meta", "genus", "family"

**Usage**

```
data(smokers)
```

**Format**

- A list with elements
  - otu** otu table, 2156 taxa by 290 samples
  - tax** taxonomy table, 2156 taxa by 7 taxonomic ranks
  - meta** meta table, 290 samples by 53 sample variables
  - genus** 304 by 290
  - family** 113 by 290

**Source**

<https://qiita.ucsd.edu/> study ID:524 Reference: Charlson ES, Chen J, Custers-Allen R, Bittinger K, Li H, et al. (2010) Disordered Microbial Communities in the Upper Respiratory Tract of Cigarette Smokers. PLoS ONE 5(12): e15216.

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