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<code>b_coding&lt;-</code>	<i>The Coding of the Boundaries</i>
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## Description

Functions to get or set the "boundary coding" of an object.

## Usage

```

b_coding(object, ...) <- value

## S3 replacement method for class 'drift_dm'
b_coding(object, ...) <- value

b_coding(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'drift_dm'
b_coding(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'fits_ids_dm'
b_coding(object, ...)

```

## Arguments

<code>object</code>	an object of type <code>drift_dm</code> or <code>fits_ids_dm</code> (see <a href="#">load_fits_ids</a> ).
<code>...</code>	additional arguments.
<code>value</code>	a named list, specifying how boundaries are coded (see <a href="#">Details</a> ).

## Details

`b_coding()` is a generic accessor function, and `b_coding<-()` a generic replacement function. The default methods get and set the "boundary coding", which is an attribute of `drift_dm` model.

The boundary coding summarizes which response time belongs to which boundary and how the boundaries shall be "labeled". The list specifies three entries:

- `column`, contains a single character string, indicating which column in an observed data set codes the boundaries.
- `u_name_value`, contains a numeric or character vector of length 1. The name of this vector gives a label for the upper boundary, and the entry gives the value stored in `obs_data[[column]]` coding the upper boundary.
- `l_name_value`, contains a numeric or character vector of length 1. The name of this vector gives a label for the lower boundary, and the entry gives the value stored in `obs_data[[column]]` coding the lower boundary.

The package dRiftDM has a default boundary coding:

- column = "Error"
- u\_name\_value = c("corr" = 0)
- l\_name\_value = c("err" = 1)

Thus, per default, dRiftDM assumes that any observed data set has a column "Error", providing the values 0 and 1 for the upper and lower boundary, respectively. The upper and lower boundaries are labeled "corr" and "err", respectively. These labels are used, for example, when calculating statistics (see [calc\\_stats](#)).

When calling `b_coding<-()` with `value = NULL`, the default "accuracy" coding is evoked

### Value

For `b_coding()` a list containing the boundary coding For `b_coding<-()` the updated `drift_dm` or `fits_ids_dm` object

### See Also

[drift\\_dm\(\)](#)

### Examples

```
# show the default accuracy coding of dRiftDM
my_model <- ratcliff_dm() # get a pre-built model
b_coding(my_model)

# can be modified/replaced
b_coding(my_model)[["column"]] <- "Response"

# accessor method also available for fits_ids_dm objects
# get an exemplary fits_ids_dm object (see estimate_model_ids)
fits <- get_example_fits_ids()
names(b_coding(fits))
```

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calc\_stats

*Calculate Statistics*

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### Description

`calc_stats` provides an interface for calculating statistics/metrics on model predictions and/or observed data. Supported statistics include Conditional Accuracy Functions (CAFs), Quantiles, Delta Functions, and Fit Statistics. Results can be aggregated across individuals.

**Usage**

```
calc_stats(object, type, ...)

## S3 method for class 'data.frame'
calc_stats(
  object,
  type,
  ...,
  conds = NULL,
  verbose = 0,
  average = FALSE,
  split_by_ID = TRUE,
  b_coding = NULL
)

## S3 method for class 'drift_dm'
calc_stats(object, type, ..., conds = NULL)

## S3 method for class 'fits_ids_dm'
calc_stats(object, type, ..., verbose = 1, average = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

object	an object for which statistics are calculated. This can be a <a href="#">data.frame</a> of observed data, a <a href="#">drift_dm</a> object, or a <a href="#">fits_ids_dm</a> object (see <a href="#">estimate_model_ids</a> ).
type	a character vector, specifying the statistics to calculate. Supported values include "cafs", "quantiles", "delta_funs", and "fit_stats".
...	additional arguments passed to the respective method and the underlying calculation functions (see Details for mandatory arguments).
conds	optional character vector specifying conditions to include. Conditions must match those found in the object.
verbose	integer, indicating if information about the progress should be displayed. 0 -> no information, 1 -> a progress bar. Default is 0.
average	logical. If TRUE, averages the statistics across individuals where applicable. Default is FALSE.
split_by_ID	logical. If TRUE, statistics are calculated separately for each individual ID in object (when object is a <a href="#">data.frame</a> ). Default is TRUE.
b_coding	a list for boundary coding (see <a href="#">b_coding</a> ). Only relevant when object is a <a href="#">data.frame</a> . For other object types, the b_coding of the Object is used.

**Details**

calc\_stats is a generic function to handle the calculation of different statistics/metrics for the supported object types. Per default, it returns the requested statistics/metrics.

**Conditional Accuracy Function (CAFs):**

CAFs are a way to quantify response accuracy against speed. To calculate CAFs, RTs (whether correct or incorrect) are first binned and then the percent correct responses per bin is calculated. When calculating model-based CAFs, a joint CDF combining both the pdf of correct and incorrect responses is calculated. Afterwards, this CDF is separated into even-spaced segments and the contribution of the pdf associated with a correct response relative to the joint CDF is calculated. The number of bins can be controlled by passing the argument `n_bins`. The default is 5.

### Quantiles:

For observed response times, the function `stats::quantile` is used with default settings.

Which quantiles are calculated can be controlled by providing the probabilities, `probs`, with values in  $[0, 1]$ . Default is `seq(0.1, 0.9, 0.1)`.

### Delta Functions:

Delta functions calculate the difference between quantiles of two conditions against their mean:

- $Delta_i = Q_{i,j} - Q_{i,k}$
- $Avg_i = 0.5 \cdot Q_{i,j} + 0.5 \cdot Q_{i,k}$

With  $i$  indicating a quantile, and  $j$  and  $k$  two conditions.

To calculate delta functions, users have to specify:

- `minuends`: character vector, specifying condition(s)  $j$ . Must be in `conds(drift_dm_obj)`.
- `subtrahends`: character vector, specifying condition(s)  $k$ . Must be in `conds(drift_dm_obj)`.
- `dvs`: character, indicating which quantile columns to use. Default is `"Quant_<u_label>"`. If multiple `dvs` are provided, then `minuends` and `subtrahends` must have the same length, and matching occurs pairwise. In this case, if only one `minuend`/`subtrahend` is specified, `minuend` and `subtrahend` are recycled to the necessary length.

### Fit Statistics:

Calculates the Akaike and Bayesian Information Criteria (AIC and BIC). Users can provide a `k` argument to penalize the AIC statistic (see `stats::AIC` and `AIC.fits_ids_dm`)

### Value

If `type` is a single character string, then a `data.frame` is returned. If `type` contains multiple character strings (i.e., is a character vector) a list with the calculated statistics (with entries being `data.frames`) is returned.

Each returned `data.frame` has a certain class label and may store additional attributes required for the custom `plot()` functions. If a list is returned, then that list will have the class label `list_stats_dm` (to easily create multiple panels using the respective `plot()` method).

### Examples

```
# Example 1: Calculate CAFs and Quantiles from a model -----
# get a model for demonstration purpose
a_model <- ssp_dm(dx = .0025, dt = .0025, t_max = 2)
# and then calculate cafs and quantiles
some_stats <- calc_stats(a_model, type = c("cafs", "quantiles"))
head(some_stats$cafs)
head(some_stats$quantiles)
```

```

# Example 2: Calculate a Delta Function from a data.frame -----
# get a data set for demonstration purpose
some_data <- ulrich_simon_data
conds(some_data) # relevant for minuends and subtrahends
some_stats <- calc_stats(
  a_model,
  type = "delta_funs",
  minuends = "incomp",
  subtrahends = "comp"
)
head(some_stats)

# Example 3: Calculate Quantiles from a fits_ids_dm object -----
# get an auxiliary fits_ids_dm object
all_fits <- get_example_fits_ids()
some_stats <- calc_stats(all_fits, type = "quantiles")
head(some_stats) # note the ID column

# one can also request that the statistics are averaged across individuals
head(
  calc_stats(all_fits, type = "quantiles", average = TRUE)
)

```

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coef<-

*Convenient Coefficients Access*


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## Description

Extract or set the coefficients/parameters of [drift\\_dm](#) or [fits\\_ids\\_dm](#) objects

## Usage

```

coef(object, ...) <- value

## S3 replacement method for class 'drift_dm'
coef(object, ..., eval_model = FALSE) <- value

## S3 method for class 'drift_dm'
coef(object, ..., select_unique = TRUE)

## S3 method for class 'fits_ids_dm'
coef(object, ...)

```

## Arguments

**object**            an object of type [drift\\_dm](#) or [fits\\_ids\\_dm](#) (see [load\\_fits\\_ids](#)).

...	additional arguments passed to the respective method
value	numerical, a vector with valid values to update the model's parameters. Must match with the number of (unique and free) parameters.
eval_model	logical, indicating if the model should be re-evaluated or not when updating the parameters (see <a href="#">re_evaluate_model</a> ). Default is FALSE.
select_unique	logical, indicating if only those parameters shall be returned that are considered unique (e.g., when a parameter is set to be identical across three conditions, then the parameter is only returned once). Default is TRUE. This will also return only those parameters that are estimated.

### Details

coef() are methods for the generic coef function; coefs<-() is a generic replacement function, currently supporting objects of type [drift\\_dm](#).

The argument value supplied to the coefs<-() function must match with the vector returned from coef(<object>). It is possible to update just part of the (unique) parameters.

Whenever the argument select\_unique = TRUE, dRiftDM tries to provide unique parameter labels.

### Value

For objects of type [drift\\_dm](#), coefs() returns either a named numeric vector for select\_unique = TRUE, or the prms\_matrix matrix for select\_unique = FALSE. If custom parameters exist, they are added to the matrix.

For objects of type fits\_ids\_dm, coefs() returns a [data.frame](#). If select\_unique = TRUE, the columns will be the (unique, free) parameters, together with a column coding IDs. If select\_unique = FALSE, the columns will be the parameters as listed in the columns of prms\_matrix (see [drift\\_dm](#)), together with columns coding the conditions and IDs. The returned [data.frame](#) has the class label coefs\_dm to easily plot histograms for each parameter (see [hist.coefs\\_dm](#)).

### See Also

[drift\\_dm\(\)](#)

### Examples

```
# get a pre-built model and a data set for demonstration purpose
# (when creating the model, set the discretization to reasonable values)
a_model <- dmc_dm(t_max = 1.5, dx = .0025, dt = .0025)
coef(a_model) # gives the free and unique parameters
coef(a_model, select_unique = FALSE) # gives the entire parameter matrix
```



## Description

This function is meant as a convenient way to access pre-built model component functions.

## Usage

```
component_shelf()
```

## Details

The function provides the following functions:

- `mu_constant`, provides the component function for a constant drift rate with parameter `muc`.
- `mu_dmc`, provides the drift rate of the superimposed diffusion process of DMC. Necessary parameters are `muc` (drift rate of the controlled process), `a` (shape.), `A` (amplitude...), `tau` (scale of the automatic process).
- `mu_ssp`, provides the drift rate for SSP. Necessary parameters are `p` (perceptual input of flankers and target), `sd_0` (initial spotlight width), `r` (shrinking rate of the spotlight) and 'sign' (an auxiliary parameter for controlling the contribution of the flanker stimuli). Note that no `mu_int_ssp` exists.
- `mu_int_constant`, provides the complementary integral to `mu_constant`.
- `mu_int_dmc`, provides the complementary integral to `mu_dmc`.
- `x_dirac_0`, provides a dirac delta for a starting point centered between the boundaries (no parameter required).
- `x_uniform`, provides a uniform distribution for a start point centered between the boundaries. Requires a parameter `range_start` (between 0 and 2).
- `x_beta`, provides the function component for a symmetric beta-shaped starting point distribution with parameter `alpha`.
- `b_constant`, provides a constant boundary with parameter `b`.
- `b_hyperbol`, provides a collapsing boundary in terms of a hyperbolic ratio function with parameters `b0` as the initial value of the (upper) boundary, `kappa` the size of the collapse, and `t05` the point in time where the boundary has collapsed by half.
- `b_weibull`, provides a collapsing boundary in terms of a Weibull distribution with parameters `b0` as the initial value of the (upper) boundary, `lambda` controlling the time of the collapse, `k` the shape of the collapse, and `kappa` the size of the collapse.
- `dt_b_constant`, the first derivative of `b_constant`.
- `dt_b_hyperbol`, the first derivative of `b_hyperbol`.
- `nt_constant`, provides a constant non-decision time with parameter `non_dec`.
- `nt_uniform`, provides a uniform distribution for the non-decision time. Requires the parameters `non_dec` and `range_non_dec`.

- `nt_truncated_normal`, provides the component function for a normally distributed non-decision time with parameters `non_dec`, `sd_non_dec`. The Distribution is truncated to  $[0, t_{max}]$ .
- `dummy_t` a function that accepts all required arguments for `mu_fun` or `mu_int_fun` but which throws an error. Might come in handy when a user doesn't require the integral of the drift rate.

See `vignette("use_ddm_models", "dRiftDM")` for more information on how to set/modify/customize the components of a diffusion model.

## Value

A list of the respective functions; each entry/function can be accessed by "name" (see the Example and Details).

## Examples

```
pre_built_functions <- component_shelf()
names(pre_built_functions)
```

---

comp\_funs<-

*The Component Functions of A Model*

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## Description

Functions to get or set the "component functions" of an object. The component functions are a list of functions providing the drift rate, boundary, starting point distribution, and non-decision time distribution. They are at the heart of the package and shape the model's behavior.

## Usage

```
comp_funs(object, ...) <- value

## S3 replacement method for class 'drift_dm'
comp_funs(object, ..., eval_model = FALSE) <- value

comp_funs(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'drift_dm'
comp_funs(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'fits_ids_dm'
comp_funs(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	an object of type <code>drift_dm</code> or <code>fits_ids_dm</code> (see <code>load_fits_ids</code> ).
...	additional arguments passed down to the specific method.
value	a named list which provides the component functions to set (see Details)
eval_model	logical, indicating if the model should be re-evaluated or not when updating the component funtions (see <code>re_evaluate_model</code> ). Default is <code>False</code> .

**Details**

`comp_funs()` is a generic accessor function, and `comp_funs<-()` is a generic replacement function. The default methods get and set the "component functions". The component functions are a list of functions, with the following names (see also `vignette("use_ddm_models", "dRiftDM")` for examples):

- `mu_fun` and `mu_int_fun`, provide the drift rate and its integral, respectively, across the time space.
- `x_fun` provides a distribution of the starting point across the evidence space.
- `b_fun` and `dt_b_fun` provide the values of the upper decision boundary and its derivative, respectively, across the time space. It is assumed that boundaries are symmetric.
- `nt_fun` provides a distribution of the non-decision component across the time space.

All of the listed functions are stored in the list `comp_funs` of the respective model (see also `drift_dm()`).

Each component function must take the model's parameters (i.e., one row of `prms_matrix`), the parameters for deriving the PDFs, the time or evidence space, a condition, and a list of optional values as arguments. These arguments are provided with values when `dRiftDM` internally calls them.

In order to work with `dRiftDM`, `mu_fun`, `mu_int_fun`, `b_fun`, `dt_b_fun`, and `nt_fun` must have the following declaration: `my_fun = function(prms_model, prms_solve, t_vec, one_cond, dmm_opts)`. Here, `prms_model` is one row of `prms_matrix`, `prms_solve` the parameters relevant for deriving the PDFs, `t_vec` the time space, going from 0 to `t_max` with length `nt + 1` (see `drift_dm`), and `one_cond` a single character string, indicating the current condition. Finally `dmm_opts` may contain additional values. Each function must return a numeric vector of the same length as `t_vec`. For `mu_fun`, `mu_int_fun`, `b_fun`, `dt_b_fun` the returned values provide the respective boundary/drift rate (and their derivative/integral) at every time step  $t$ . For `nt_fun` the returned values provide the density of the non-decision time across the time space (which get convoluted with the pdfs when solving the model)

In order to work with `dRiftDM`, `x_fun` must have the following declaration: `my_fun = function(prms_model, prms_solve, x_vec)`. Here, `x_vec` is the evidence space, going from -1 to 1 with length `nx + 1` (see `drift_dm`). Each function must return a numeric vector of the same length as `x_vec`, providing the density values of the starting points across the evidence space.

**Drift rate and its integral::**

The drift rate is the first derivative of the expected time-course of the diffusion process. For instance, if we assume that the diffusion process  $X$  is linear with a slope of  $v$ ...

$$E(X) = v \cdot t$$

...then the drift rate at every time step  $t$  is the constant  $v$ , obtained by taking the derivative of the expected time-course with respect to  $t$ :

$$\mu(t) = v$$

Conversely, the integral of the drift rate is identical to the expected time-course:

$$\mu_{int}(t) = v \cdot t$$

For the drift rate `mu_fun`, the default function when calling `drift_dm()` is a numeric vector containing the number 3. Its integral counterpart `mu_int_fun` will return a numeric vector containing the values `t_vec*3`.

### Starting Point Distribution::

The starting point of a diffusion model refers to the initial value taken by the evidence accumulation process at time  $t = 0$ . This is a PDF over the evidence space.

The default function when calling `drift_dm()` will be a function returning a dirac delta on zero, meaning that every potential diffusion process starts at 0.

### Boundary::

The Boundary refers to the values of the absorbing boundaries at every time step  $t$  in a diffusion model. In most cases, this will be a constant. For instance:

$$b(t) = b$$

In this case, its derivative with respect to  $t$  is 0.

The default function when calling `drift_dm()` will be function for `b_fun` returning a numeric vector of length `length(t_vec)` containing the number 0.5. Its counterpart `dt_b` will return a numeric vector of the same length containing its derivative, namely,  $\emptyset$ .

### Non-Decision Time::

The non-decision time refers to an additional time-requirement. Its distribution across the time space will be convoluted with the PDFs derived from the diffusion process.

In psychology, the non-decision time captures time-requirements outside the central decision process, such as stimulus perception and motor execution.

The default function when calling `drift_dm()` returns a dirac delta on  $t = 0.3$ .

### Value

For `comp_funs()` the list of component functions.

For `comp_funs<-()` the updated `drift_dm` object.

### Note

There is only a replacement function for `drift_dm` objects. This is because replacing the component functions after the model has been fitted (i.e., for a `fits_ids_dm` object) doesn't make sense.

### See Also

`drift_dm()`

**Examples**

```

# get a pre-built model for demonstration
my_model <- ratcliff_dm()
names(comp_funs(my_model))

# direct replacement (see the pre-print/vignette for a more information on
# how to write custom component functions)
# 1. Choose a uniform non-decision time from the pre-built component_shelf()
nt_uniform <- component_shelf()$nt_uniform
# swap it in
comp_funs(my_model)[["nt_fun"]] <- nt_uniform

# now update the flex_prms object to ensure that this model has the required
# parameters
prms <- c(muc = 3, b = 0.6, non_dec = 0.3, range_non_dec = 0.05)
conds <- "null"
new_flex_prms <- flex_prms(prms, conds = conds)
flex_prms(my_model) <- new_flex_prms

# accessor method also available for fits_ids_dm objects
# (see estimate_model_ids)
# get an exemplary fits_ids_dm object
fits <- get_example_fits_ids()
names(comp_funs(fits))

```

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conds

*The Conditions of an Object*


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**Description**

Extract the conditions from a (supported) object.

**Usage**

```

conds(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'drift_dm'
conds(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'fits_ids_dm'
conds(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'data.frame'
conds(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'traces_dm_list'
conds(object, ...)

```

## Arguments

object            an R object, see details  
...                additional arguments.

## Details

conds() is a generic accessor function. The default methods get the "conditions" that are present in an object. Currently supported objects:

- [drift\\_dm](#)
- [fits\\_ids\\_dm](#) (see [load\\_fits\\_ids](#))
- [data.frame](#)
- [traces\\_dm\\_list](#) (see [simulate\\_traces](#))

## Value

NULL or a character vector with the conditions. NULL is given if the object has no conditions (e.g., when a data.frame has no Cond column).

## Note

There is no respective replacement function for conds(). If users want to modify the conditions of a [drift\\_dm](#) model, they should create a new [flex\\_prms](#) object and subsequently set it to the model. This is because there is no meaningful way to know for the package how the model shall behave for the newly introduced condition(s).

## See Also

[drift\\_dm\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
# get a pre-built model to demonstrate the conds() function
my_model <- dmc_dm()
conds(my_model)

# accessor functions also work with other object types provided by dRiftDM
# (simulated traces; see the documentation of the respective function)
some_traces <- simulate_traces(my_model, k = 1)
conds(some_traces)

# get an exemplary fits_ids_dm object (see estimate_model_ids)
fits <- get_example_fits_ids()
conds(fits)

# also works with data.frames that have a "Cond" column
conds(dmc_synth_data)
```

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dmc_dm	<i>Create the Diffusion Model for Conflict Tasks</i>
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### Description

This function creates a [drift\\_dm](#) object that corresponds to the Diffusion Model for Conflict Tasks by Ulrich et al. (2015).

### Usage

```
dmc_dm(
  var_non_dec = TRUE,
  var_start = TRUE,
  instr = NULL,
  obs_data = NULL,
  sigma = 1,
  t_max = 3,
  dt = 0.001,
  dx = 0.001,
  b_coding = NULL
)
```

### Arguments

var_non_dec, var_start	logical, indicating whether the model should have a normally-distributed non-decision time or beta-shaped starting point distribution, respectively. (see <code>nt_truncated_normal</code> and <code>x_beta</code> in <a href="#">component_shelf</a> ). Defaults are TRUE. If FALSE, a constant non-decision time and starting point is set (see <code>nt_constant</code> and <code>x_dirac_0</code> in <a href="#">component_shelf</a> ).
instr	optional string with additional "instructions", see <a href="#">modify_flex_prms()</a> and the Details below.
obs_data	data.frame, an optional data.frame with the observed data. See <a href="#">obs_data</a> .
sigma, t_max, dt, dx	numeric, providing the settings for the diffusion constant and discretization (see <a href="#">drift_dm</a> )
b_coding	list, an optional list with the boundary encoding (see <a href="#">b_coding</a> )

### Details

The Diffusion Model for Conflict Tasks is a model for describing conflict tasks like the Stroop, Simon, or flanker task.

It has the following properties (see [component\\_shelf](#)):

- a constant boundary (parameter `b`)
- an evidence accumulation process that results from the sum of two subprocesses:

- a controlled process with drift rate  $\mu c$
- a gamma-shaped process with a scale parameter  $\tau$ , a shape parameter  $a$ , and an amplitude  $A$ .

If `var_non_dec = TRUE`, a (truncated) normally distributed non-decision with mean `non_dec` and standard deviation `sd_non_dec` is assumed. If `var_start = TRUE`, a beta-shaped starting point distribution is assumed with shape and scale parameter `alpha`.

If `var_non_dec = TRUE`, a constant non-decision time at `non_dec` is set. If `var_start = FALSE`, a starting point centered between the boundaries is assumed (i.e., a dirac delta over 0).

Per default the shape parameter  $a$  is set to 2 and not allowed to vary. The model assumes the amplitude  $A$  to be negative for incompatible trials. Also, the model contains the custom parameter `peak_l`, containing the peak latency  $((a-2)*\tau)$ .

### Value

An object of type `drift_dm` (parent class) and `dmc_dm` (child class), created by the function `drift_dm()`.

### References

Ulrich R, Schröter H, Leuthold H, Birngruber T (2015). “Automatic and controlled stimulus processing in conflict tasks: Superimposed diffusion processes and delta functions.” *Cognitive Psychology*, **78**, 148–174. doi:10.1016/j.cogpsych.2015.02.005.

### Examples

```
# the model with default settings
my_model <- dmc_dm()

# the model with no variability in the starting point and with a more coarse
# discretization
my_model <- dmc_dm(
  var_start = FALSE,
  t_max = 1.5,
  dx = .0025,
  dt = .0025
)
```

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dmc\_synth\_data      *A synthetic data set with two conditions*

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### Description

This dataset was simulated by using the Diffusion Model for Conflict tasks (see `dmc_dm()`) with parameter settings that are typical for a Simon task.

### Usage

```
dmc_synth_data
```



**Format**

A data frame with 600 rows and 3 columns:

**RT** Response Times

**Error** Error Coding (Error Response = 1; Correct Response = 0)

**Cond** Condition ('comp' and 'incomp')

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drift_dm	<i>Create a drift_dm object</i>
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**Description**

This function creates an object of type `drift_dm`, which serves as the parent class for all further created drift diffusion models. Its structure is the backbone of the `dRiftDM` package and every child of the `drift_dm` class must have the attributes of the parent class. Typically, users will not want to create an object of `drift_dm` alone, as its use is very limited. Rather, they will want an object of one of its child classes. See `vignette("use_ddm_models", "dRiftDM")` for more information on how to create/use/modify child classes.

**Usage**

```
drift_dm(
  prms_model,
  conds,
  subclass,
  instr = NULL,
  obs_data = NULL,
  sigma = 1,
  t_max = 3,
  dt = 0.001,
  dx = 0.001,
  solver = "kfe",
  mu_fun = NULL,
  mu_int_fun = NULL,
  x_fun = NULL,
  b_fun = NULL,
  dt_b_fun = NULL,
  nt_fun = NULL,
  b_coding = NULL
)

## S3 method for class 'drift_dm'
print(x, ..., round_digits = drift_dm_default_rounding())
```

**Arguments**

prms_model	a named numeric vector of the model parameters. The names indicate the model's parameters, and the numeric entries provide the current parameter values.
conds	a character vector, giving the names of the model's conditions. values within conds will be used when addressing the data and when deriving the model's predictions.
subclass	a character string, with a name for the newly created diffusion model (e.g., dmc_dm). This will be the child class.
instr	an optional character string, providing "instructions" for the underlying <a href="#">flex_prms</a> object.
obs_data	an optional data.frame, providing a data set (see <a href="#">obs_data()</a> for more information).
sigma	the diffusion constant. Default is 1.
t_max	the maximum of the time space. Default is set 3 (seconds).
dt, dx	the step size of the time and evidence space discretization, respectively. Default is set to .001 (which refers to seconds for dt). Note that these values are set conservatively per default. In many cases, users can increase the discretization.
solver	a character string, specifying which approach to use for deriving the first passage time. Default is kfe, which provides access to the numerical discretization of the Kolmogorov Forward Equation.
mu_fun, mu_int_fun, x_fun, b_fun, dt_b_fun, nt_fun	Optional custom functions defining the components of a diffusion model. See <a href="#">comp_funs()</a> . If an argument is NULL, dRiftDM falls back to the respective default function, which are document in <a href="#">comp_funs()</a> .
b_coding	an optional list, specifying how boundaries are coded. See <a href="#">b_coding()</a> . Default refers to accuracy coding.
x	an object of type drift_dm
...	additional parameters
round_digits	integer, controls the number of digits shown for <a href="#">print.drift_dm()</a> . Default is 3.

**Details**

To modify the entries of a model users can use the replacement methods and the [modify\\_flex\\_prms\(\)](#) method. See [vignette\("use\\_ddm\\_models", "dRiftDM"\)](#) and [vignette\("use\\_ddm\\_models", "dRiftDM"\)](#) for more information.

**Value**

For [drift\\_dm\(\)](#), a list with the parent class label "drift\_dm" and the child class label <subclass>. The list contains the following entries:

- An instance of the class [flex\\_prms](#) for controlling the model parameters. Provides information about the number of parameters, conditions etc.

- Parameters used for deriving the model predictions, `prms_solve`, containing the diffusion constant (`sigma`), the maximum of the time space (`t_max`), the evidence and space discretization (`dt` and `dx`, respectively), and the resulting number of steps for the time and evidence space discretization (`nt` and `nx`, respectively).
- A character string `solver`, indicating the method for deriving the model predictions.
- A list of functions called `comp_funs`, providing the components of the diffusion model (i.e., `mu_fun`, `mu_int_fun`, `x_fun`, `b_fun`, `dt_b_fun`, `nt_fun`). These functions are called in the depths of the package and will determine the behavior of the model

If (optional) observed data were passed via `obs_data()`, the list will contain an entry `obs_data`. This is a (nested) list with stored response times for the upper and lower boundary and with respect to each condition.

If the model has been evaluated (see `re_evaluate_model()`), the list will additionally contain...

- ... the log likelihood; can be addressed via `logLik.drift_dm()`.
- ... the PDFs of the first passage time; can be addressed via `drift_dm_obj$pdfs`.

Every model also has the attribute `b_coding`, which summarizes how the boundaries are labeled.

For `print.drift_dm()`, the supplied `drift_dm` object `x` (invisible return).

### See Also

`conds()`, `flex_prms()`, `prms_solve()`, `solver()`, `obs_data()`, `comp_funs()`, `b_coding()`, `coef()`

### Examples

```
# Plain call, with default component functions -----
# create parameter and condition vectors
prms <- c(muc = 4, b = 0.5)
conds <- c("one", "two")

# then call the backbone function (note that we don't provide any component
# functions, so dRiftDM uses the default functions as documented in
# comp_funs())
my_model <- drift_dm(prms_model = prms, conds = conds, subclass = "example")
print(my_model)
```

### Description

Find the 'best' parameter settings by fitting a `drift_dm` models' predicted probability density functions (PDFs) to the observed data stored within the respective object. The fitting procedure is done by minimizing the negative log-likelihood of the model.

Users have three options:

- Estimate the parameters via Differential Evolution (Default)
- Estimate the parameters via (bounded) Nelder-Mead
- Use Differential Evolution followed by Nelder-Mead.

See also `vignette("use_ddm_models", "dRiftDM")`

## Usage

```
estimate_model(
  drift_dm_obj,
  lower,
  upper,
  verbose = 0,
  use_de_optim = TRUE,
  use_nmkb = FALSE,
  seed = NULL,
  de_n_cores = 1,
  de_control = list(reltol = 1e-08, steptol = 50, itermax = 200, trace = FALSE),
  nmkb_control = list(tol = 1e-06)
)
```

## Arguments

<code>drift_dm_obj</code>	an object inheriting from <a href="#">drift_dm</a>
<code>lower, upper</code>	numeric vectors or lists, specifying the lower and upper bounds on each parameter to be optimized (see Details).
<code>verbose</code>	numeric, indicating the amount of information displayed. If 0, no information is displayed (default). If 1, basic information about the start of Differential Evolution or Nelder-Mead and the final estimation result is given. If 2, each evaluation of the log-likelihood function is shown. Note that <code>verbose</code> is independent of the information displayed by <a href="#">DEoptim::DEoptim</a> .
<code>use_de_optim</code>	logical, indicating whether Differential Evolution via <a href="#">DEoptim::DEoptim</a> should be used. Default is TRUE
<code>use_nmkb</code>	logical, indicating whether Nelder-Mead via <a href="#">dfoptim::nmkb</a> should be used. Default is FALSE.
<code>seed</code>	a single numeric, providing a seed for the Differential Evolution algorithm
<code>de_n_cores</code>	a single numeric, indicating the number of cores to use. Run <a href="#">parallel::detectCores()</a> to see how many cores are available on your machine. Note that it is generally not recommended to use all of your cores as this will drastically slow down your machine for any additional task.
<code>de_control, nmkb_control</code>	lists of additional control parameters passed to <a href="#">DEoptim::DEoptim</a> and <a href="#">dfoptim::nmkb</a> .

## Details

### Specifying lower/upper:

the function `estimate_model` provides a flexible way of specifying the search space; identical to specifying the parameter simulation space in [simulate\\_data.drift\\_dm](#).

Users have three options to specify the simulation space:

- Plain numeric vectors (not very much recommended). In this case, `lower/upper` must be sorted in accordance with the parameters in the `flex_prms_obj` object that vary for at least one condition (call `print(drift_dm_obj)` and have a look at the Unique Parameters output)
- Named numeric vectors. In this case `lower/upper` have to provide labels in accordance with the parameters that are considered "free" at least once across conditions.
- The most flexible way is when `lower/upper` are lists. In this case, the list requires an entry called "default\_values" which specifies the named or plain numeric vectors as above. If the list only contains this entry, then the behavior is as if `lower/upper` were already numeric vectors. However, the `lower/upper` lists can also provide entries labeled as specific conditions, which contain named (!) numeric vectors with parameter labels. This will modify the value for the upper/lower parameter space with respect to the specified parameters in the respective condition.

### Details on Nelder-Mead and Differential Evolution:

If both `use_de_optim` and `use_nmkb` are TRUE, then Nelder-Mead follows Differential Evolution. Note that Nelder-Mead requires a set of starting parameters for which either the parameter values of `drift_dm_obj` or the estimated parameter values by Differential Evolution are used.

Default settings will lead `DEoptim::DEoptim` to stop if the algorithm is unable to reduce the negative log-likelihood by a factor of `reltol * (abs(val) + reltol)` after `steptol = 50` steps, with `reltol = 1e-8` (or if the default `itermax` of 200 steps is reached). Similarly, `dfoptim::nmkb` will stop if the absolute difference of the log-likelihood between successive iterations is below `tol = 1e-6`. See [DEoptim::DEoptim.control](#) and the details of [dfoptim::nmkb](#) for further information.

## Value

the updated `drift_dm_obj` (with the estimated parameter values, log-likelihood, and probability density functions of the first passage time)

## See Also

[estimate\\_model\\_ids](#)

## Examples

```
# the example uses a simple model and the Nelder-Mead minimization
# routine to ensure that it runs in a couple of seconds.

# get a model and attach data to the model
my_model <- ratcliff_dm(t_max = 1.5, dx = .005, dt = .005)
obs_data(my_model) <- ratcliff_synth_data # this data set comes with dRiftDM
```

```

# set the search space
lower <- c(muc = 1, b = 0.2, non_dec = 0.1)
upper <- c(muc = 7, b = 1.0, non_dec = 0.6)

# then fit the data to the model using Nelder-Mead after setting some start
# values
coef(my_model) <- c(muc = 2, b = 0.5, non_dec = 0.4)
my_model <- estimate_model(
  drift_dm_obj = my_model, # (starting values are those set to the model)
  lower = lower, # lower and upper parameter ranges
  upper = upper,
  use_de_optim = FALSE, # don't use the default diff. evol. algorithm
  use_nmkb = TRUE # but Nelder-Mead (faster, but way less robust)
)

# show the result
print(my_model)

```

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estimate\_model\_ids      *Fit Multiple Individuals and Save Results*

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## Description

Provides a wrapper around [estimate\\_model](#) to fit multiple individuals. Each individual will be stored in a folder. This folder will also contain a file `drift_dm_fit_info.rds`, containing the main arguments of the function call. One call to this function is considered a "fit procedure". Fit procedures can be loaded via [load\\_fits\\_ids](#).

## Usage

```

estimate_model_ids(
  drift_dm_obj,
  obs_data_ids,
  lower,
  upper,
  fit_procedure_name,
  fit_path,
  fit_dir = "drift_dm_fits",
  folder_name = fit_procedure_name,
  seed = NULL,
  force_refit = FALSE,
  progress = 2,
  start_vals = NULL,
  ...
)

```

**Arguments**

<code>drift_dm_obj</code>	an object inheriting from <code>drift_dm</code> that will be estimated for each individual in <code>obs_data_ids</code> .
<code>obs_data_ids</code>	<code>data.frame</code> , see <code>obs_data</code> . An additional column ID necessary, to identify a single individual.
<code>lower, upper</code>	numeric vectors or lists, providing the parameter space, see <code>estimate_model</code> .
<code>fit_procedure_name</code>	character, providing a name of the fitting procedure. This name will be stored in <code>drift_dm_fit_info.rds</code> to identify the fitting procedure, see also <code>load_fits_ids</code> .
<code>fit_path</code>	character, a path, pointing to the location where all fits shall be stored (i.e., <code>fit_dir</code> will be created in this location). From the user perspective, the path will likely be identical to the current working directory.
<code>fit_dir</code>	character, a directory where (multiple) fitting procedures can be stored. If the directory does not exist yet, it will be created via <code>base::create.dir(fit_dir, recursive = TRUE)</code> in the location provided by <code>fit_path</code> . Default is <code>"drift_dm_fits"</code> .
<code>folder_name</code>	character, a folder name for storing all the individual model fits. This variable should just state the name, and should not be a path. Per default <code>folder_name</code> is identical to <code>fit_procedure_name</code> .
<code>seed</code>	numeric, a seed to make the fitting procedure reproducible (only relevant for differential evolution, see <code>estimate_model</code> ). Default is <code>NULL</code> which means no seed.
<code>force_refit</code>	logical, if <code>TRUE</code> each individual of a fitting routine will be fitted once more. Default is <code>FALSE</code> which indicates that saved files
<code>progress</code>	numerical, indicating if and how progress shall be displayed. If 0, no progress is shown. If 1, the currently fitted individual is printed out. If 2, a progressbar is shown. Default is 2.
<code>start_vals</code>	optional <code>data.frame</code> , providing values to be set before calling <code>estimate_model</code> . Can be used to control the starting values for each individual when calling Nelder-Mead. Note that this will only have an effect if <code>DEoptim</code> is not used (i.e., when setting <code>use_de_optim = FALSE</code> ; see <code>estimate_model</code> ). The <code>data.frame</code> must provide a column ID whose entries match the ID column in <code>obs_data_ids</code> , as well as a column for each parameter of the model matching with <code>coef(drift_dm_obj, select_unique = TRUE)</code> .
<code>...</code>	additional arguments passed down to <code>estimate_model</code> .

**Details**

Examples and more information can be found here `vignette("use_ddm_models", "dRiftDM")`.

When developing the fitting routine we had three levels of files/folders in mind:

- In a directory/folder named `fit_dir` multiple fitting routines can be stored (default is `"drift_dm_fits"`)
- Each fitting routine has its own folder with a name as given by `folder_name` (e.g., `"ulrich_flanker"`, `"ulrich_simon"`, ...)

- Within each folder, a file called `drift_dm_fit_info.rds` contains the main information about the function call. That is, the time when last modifying/calling a fitting routine, the lower and upper parameter boundaries, the `drift_dm_object` that was fitted to each individual, the original data set `obs_data_ids`, and the identifier `fit_procedure_name`. In the same folder each individual has its own `<individual>.rds` file containing the modified `drift_dm_object`.

### Value

nothing (NULL; invisibly)

### See Also

[load\\_fits\\_ids](#)

### Examples

```
# We'll provide a somewhat unrealistic example, trimmed for speed.
# In practice, users likely employ more complex models and more individuals.
# However, a more realistic example would take minutes (and maybe even hours)
# and is therefore not suitable for an example.

# Fit the Ratcliff model to synthetic data -----
# get the model (pre-built by dRiftDM)
model <- ratcliff_dm(t_max = 2.0, dx = .005, dt = .005)

# define an upper and lower boundary for the parameter space
lower <- c(muc = 1, b = 0.2, non_dec = 0.1)
upper <- c(muc = 7, b = 1.0, non_dec = 0.6)

# simulate synthetic data for demonstration purpose
synth_data_prms <- simulate_data(
  model,
  n = 100, k = 2, lower = lower, upper = upper, seed = 1
)
synth_data <- synth_data_prms$synth_data

# finally, call the fit procedure. To increase speed, we'll use the
# Nelder-Mead minimization routine. Note: We'll save the fits in tempdir()
# to avoid writing to a user's file directory without explicit permission.
estimate_model_ids(
  drift_dm_obj = model, # which model (the Ratcliff model)
  obs_data_ids = synth_data, # which data (the synthetic data set)
  lower = lower, # the lower and upper parameter/search space
  upper = upper,
  fit_procedure_name = "example", # a label for the fit procedure
  fit_path = tempdir(), # temporary directory (replace, e.g., with getwd())
  use_nmkb = TRUE, # use Nelder-Mead (fast, but less robust)
  use_de_optim = FALSE # and not differential evolution
)
```



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```
flex_prms<-          Flex_Prms
```

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### Description

Functions for creating, accessing replacing, or printing a flex\_prms object. Any object of type flex\_prms provides a user-friendly way to specify dependencies, parameter values etc. for a model.

### Usage

```
flex_prms(object, ...) <- value

## S3 replacement method for class 'drift_dm'
flex_prms(object, ..., eval_model = FALSE) <- value

flex_prms(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'numeric'
flex_prms(object, ..., conds, instr = NULL, messaging = NULL)

## S3 method for class 'flex_prms'
flex_prms(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'drift_dm'
flex_prms(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'flex_prms'
print(
  x,
  ...,
  round_digits = drift_dm_default_rounding(),
  dependencies = TRUE,
  cust_parameters = TRUE
)
```

### Arguments

object	an R object (see Details)
...	additional arguments passed on to the specific method.
value	an object of type flex_prms.
eval_model	logical, indicating if the model should be re-evaluated or not when replacing the flex_prms object (see <a href="#">re_evaluate_model</a> ).
conds	A character vector, giving the names of the model's conditions. values within conds will be used when addressing the data and when deriving the model's predictions.

instr	optional string with "instructions", see <a href="#">modify_flex_prms()</a> .
messaging	optional logical, indicates if messages shall be ushered when processing instr.
x	an object of type flex_prms
round_digits	integer, controls the number of digits shown when printing out a flex_prms object. Default is 3.
dependencies	logical, controlling if a summary of the special dependencies shall be printed.
cust_parameters	logical, controlling if a summary of the custom parameters shall be printed.

## Details

Objects of type flex\_prms can be modified using the generic [modify\\_flex\\_prms\(\)](#) function and a corresponding set of "instructions" (see the respective function for more details).

flex\_prms() is a generic function. If called with a named numeric vector, then this will create an object of type flex\_prms (requires conds to be specified). If called with other data types, gives the respective flex\_prms object

flex\_prms<-() is a generic replacement function. Currently this only supports objects of type [drift\\_dm](#). It will replace/update the model with a new instance of type flex\_prms.

## Value

The specific value returned depends on which method is called

### Creating an object of type flex\_prms:

Can be achieved by calling flex\_prms() with a named numeric vector, thus when calling the underlying method flex\_prms.numeric (see the example below). In this case a list with the class label "flex\_prms" is returned. It contains three entries:

- A nested list internal\_list. This list specifies the dependencies and restraints enforced upon the parameters across conditions. Integers  $\geq 1$  indicate that this parameter will be estimated for a specific condition, and conditions with the same number refer to a single parameter. Integers  $= 0$  indicate that this parameter will not be estimated for a specific condition (i.e., it is considered "fixed"). Expressions will be evaluated at run time and specify special dependencies among parameters.
- A nested list linear\_internal\_list. This list essentially contains the same information as internal\_list, but the parameters are sorted so that they can be mapped to an integer vector (relevant only in the depths of the package for the minimization routines).
- A numeric matrix prms\_matrix which contains the currently set values for each parameter across all conditions. Per default, the values of each parameter are set equal across all conditions. Additionally, each parameter is assumed to be restrained as equal across all conditions. The values for all parameters given a condition will be passed to the component functions (see [comp\\_funs](#)).
- (optional) A list of additional parameters cust\_prms that are derived from the parameters in prms\_matrix.

### Accessing an object of type flex\_prms:

Users can access/get the flex\_prms object when calling flex\_prms() with an object of type [drift\\_dm](#), [fits\\_ids\\_dm](#) (see [estimate\\_model\\_ids\(\)](#)), or flex\_prms. In this case, the stored flex\_prms object is returned.

**Replacing an object of type flex\_prms:**

The flex\_prms object stored within an object of type `drift_dm` can be replaced by calling the generic `flex_prms<-` replacement function. In this case, the modified `drift_dm` object is returned.

**Printing an object of type flex\_prms:**

The `print.flex_prms()` method invisibly returns the supplied flex\_prms object.

**Note**

There is only a replacement function for `drift_dm` objects. This is because replacing the solver settings after the model has been fitted (i.e., for a `fits_ids_dm` object) doesn't make sense.

**See Also**

`estimate_model_ids()`, `drift_dm()`, `summary.flex_prms()`, `modify_flex_prms()`

**Examples**

```
# Create a flex_prms object -----
conds <- c("one", "two")
prms <- c(muc = 3, b = 0.5)
one_instr <- "muc ~ one + two"
flex_prms_obj <- flex_prms(
  prms,
  conds = conds,
  instr = one_instr
)
print(flex_prms_obj)

# Access a flex_prms object of a model -----
my_model <- ratcliff_dm() # the Ratcliff DDM comes with dRiftDM
print(flex_prms(my_model))

# Replace the flex_prms object of a model -----
# create a new flex_prms object
conds <- c("one", "two")
prms <- c(muc = 3, b = 0.6, non_dec = 0.3)
new_flex_prms_obj <- flex_prms(
  prms,
  conds = conds
)

flex_prms(my_model) <- new_flex_prms_obj

# access the new flex_prms object
print(flex_prms(my_model))

# Control the print method -----
dmc_model <- dmc_dm() # another, more complex, model; comes with dRiftDM
```

```
print(flex_prms(dmc_model), round_digits = 1, cust_parameters = FALSE)
```

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`get_example_fits_ids`    *Auxiliary Function to create a fits\_ids object*

---

### Description

This function is merely a helper function to create an object of type `fits_ids_dm`. It is used for example code.

### Usage

```
get_example_fits_ids()
```

### Details

The returned fit object comprises DMC (see [dmc\\_dm\(\)](#)) fitted to three subjects of the `ulrich_flanker_data`.

### Value

An object of type `fits_ids_dm`, mimicking a result from calling [load\\_fits\\_ids\(\)](#).

### Examples

```
fits <- get_example_fits_ids()
```

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`hist.coefs_dm`    *Plot Parameter Distribution(s)*

---

### Description

This function creates a histogram for each parameter in a `coefs_dm` object, resulting from a call to [coef.fits\\_ids\\_dm](#).

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'coefs_dm'
hist(
  x,
  ...,
  separate_plots = TRUE,
  alpha = 0.5,
  main = NULL,
  colors = NULL,
  xlab = "values"
)
```

**Arguments**

x	an object of class <code>coefs_dm</code> (see <a href="#">coef.fits_ids_dm</a> )
...	additional arguments passed to the <code>graphics::hist</code> function.
separate_plots	logical, indicating whether to display separate panels for each parameter in a single plot layout (TRUE), or to plot them sequentially (FALSE).
alpha	numeric, specifying the transparency level for histogram colors when conditions are present, with values between 0 (fully transparent) and 1 (fully opaque).
main	character vector, specifying titles for each parameter histogram. Defaults to parameter names.
colors	character vector, specifying colors for each condition if conditions are present. Defaults to a rainbow color palette. If NULL and no conditions are present, the default color is "skyblue".
xlab	character, specifying the label for the x-axis.

**Details**

The `hist.coefs_dm` function is designed for visualizing parameter distributions for a single fit procedure.

If multiple conditions are present, it overlays histograms for each condition with adjustable transparency.

When `separate_plots` is set to TRUE, histograms for each parameter are displayed in a grid layout within a single graphics device.

**Value**

Nothing (NULL; invisibly)

**Examples**

```
# get an auxiliary fit procedure result (see the function load_fits_ids)
all_fits <- get_example_fits_ids()
hist(coef(all_fits)) # only three participants in this fit_ids object

# allows for some customization
hist(coef(all_fits), colors = "lightgreen")
```

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load\_fits\_ids

*Load Estimates of a Fit Procedure*


---

**Description**

This function loads the results of a fit procedure where a model was fitted to multiple individuals (see [estimate\\_model\\_ids](#)). It is also the function that creates an object of type `fits_ids_dm`.

**Usage**

```
load_fits_ids(
  path = "drift_dm_fits",
  fit_procedure_name = "",
  detailed_info = FALSE,
  check_data = TRUE,
  progress = 2
)

## S3 method for class 'fits_ids_dm'
print(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

path	character, a path pointing to a folder or directory containing the individual model fits.
fit_procedure_name	character, an optional name that identifies the fit procedure that should be loaded
detailed_info	logical, controls the amount of information displayed in case multiple fit procedures were found and the user is prompted to explicitly choose one
check_data	logical, should the data be checked before passing them back? This checks the observed data and the properties of the model. Default is TRUE
progress	numerical, indicating if and how progress shall be depicted. If 0, no progress is shown. If 1, basic infos about the checking progress is shown. If 2, multiple progressbars are shown. Default is 2.
x	an object of type fits_ids_dm, created when calling load_fits_ids
...	additional arguments

**Details**

with respect to the logic outlined in the details of [estimate\\_model\\_ids](#) on the organization of fit procedures, path could either point to a directory with (potentially) multiple fit routines or to a specific folder with the individual fits. In either case the intended location is recursively searched for files named drift\_dm\_fit\_info.rds.

If the fit procedure was uniquely located, either because only one fit routine was found in the intended location or because only one drift\_dm\_fit\_info.rds contains the optional identifier specified in fit\_procedure\_name, then all individual model fits including the information fit\_procedure\_name are loaded and returned.

In case multiple fit procedures are identified, the user is prompted with a [utils::menu](#), listing information about the possible candidates. The intended fit procedure can then interactively be chosen by the user. The amount of displayed information is controlled via detailed\_info.

The print() method for objects of type fits\_ids\_dm prints out basic information about the fit procedure name, the fitted model, time of (last) call, and the number of individual data sets.

**Value**

For `load_fits_ids()`, an object of type `fits_ids_dm`, which essentially is a list with two entries:

- `drift_dm_fit_info`, containing a list of the main arguments when `estimate_model_ids` was originally called, including a time-stamp.
- `all_fits`, containing a list of all the modified/fitted `drift_dm` objects. The list's entry are named according to the individuals' identifier (i.e., ID).

For `print.fits_ids_dm()`, the supplied `fit_ids_dm` object `x` (invisible return).

**See Also**

[estimate\\_model\\_ids\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
# -----
# We stored a fit procedure (matching with the example for
# estimate_model_ids()) within the package to easily access it here.
# -----

# get the path to the fit procedures' location
# -> if a user saved fit procedures in their working directory,
#   path_to would just be "drift_dm_fits" (see the default value of path)
path_to <- file.path(
  system.file(package = "dRiftDM"), "drift_dm_fits"
)

# then load all the fits of a fit procedure
all_fits <- load_fits_ids(path = path_to, fit_procedure_name = "example")
print(all_fits)
summary(all_fits)
```

---

logLik.drift\_dm

*Extract Log-Likelihood for a drift\_dm Object*

---

**Description**

This method extracts the log-likelihood for a `drift_dm` object, ensuring data is available and evaluating the model if necessary.

**Usage**

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

**Arguments**

object            a [drift\\_dm](#) object containing observed data  
 ...                additional arguments

**Value**

A logLik object containing the log-likelihood value for the [drift\\_dm](#) object. This value has attributes for the number of observations (nobs) and the number of model parameters (df).

Returns NULL if observed data is not available.

**Examples**

```
# get a pre-built model and a data set for demonstration purpose
# (when creating the model, set the discretization to reasonable values)
a_model <- dmc_dm(t_max = 1.5, dx = .0025, dt = .0025)
obs_data(a_model) <- dmc_synth_data

# calculate the log-likelihood
logLik(a_model)
```

---

logLik.fits\_ids\_dm      *Extract Model Statistics for fits\_ids\_dm Object*

---

**Description**

These methods are wrappers to extract specific model fit statistics (log-likelihood, AIC, BIC) for each model in a fits\_ids\_dm object.

**Usage**

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

## S3 method for class 'fits_ids_dm'
AIC(object, ..., k = 2)

## S3 method for class 'fits_ids_dm'
BIC(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object            a fits\_ids\_dm object (see [estimate\\_model\\_ids](#))  
 ...                additional arguments  
 k                 numeric; penalty parameter for the AIC calculation. Defaults to 2 (standard AIC).



**Details**

Each function retrieves the relevant statistics by calling `calc_stats` with `type = "fit_stats"` and selects the columns for ID and the required statistic.

**Value**

A data.frame containing the respective statistic in one column (named `Log_Like`, `AIC`, or `BIC`) and a corresponding ID column.

**See Also**

`stats::AIC()`, `stats::BIC()`, `logLik.drift_dm`

**Examples**

```
# get an auxiliary fits_ids object for demonstration purpose;
# such an object results from calling load_fits_ids
all_fits <- get_example_fits_ids()

# AICs
AIC(all_fits)

# BICs
BIC(all_fits)

# Log-Likelihoods
logLik(all_fits)

# All unique and free parameters
coef(all_fits)

# Or all parameters across all conditions
coef(all_fits, select_unique = FALSE)
```

---

modify\_flex\_prms

*Set Instructions to a flex\_prms object*

---

**Description**

Functions to carry out the "instructions" on how to modify a `flex_prms` object, specified as a string.

**Usage**

```
modify_flex_prms(object, instr, ...)

## S3 method for class 'drift_dm'
modify_flex_prms(object, instr, ..., eval_model = FALSE)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'flex_prms'
modify_flex_prms(object, instr, ..., messaging = NULL)
```

### Arguments

object	an object of type <code>drift_dm</code> or <code>flex_prms</code> .
instr	a character string, specifying a set of instructions (see Details).
...	further arguments passed forward to the respective method.
eval_model	logical, indicating if the model should be re-evaluated or not when updating modifying the <code>flex_prms</code> object (see <a href="#">re_evaluate_model</a> ). Default is <code>FALSE</code> .
messaging	logical, indicating if messages shall be ushered or not. Can happen, for example, when setting a parameter value for a specific condition, although the parameter values are assumed to be the identical across conditions.

### Details

`modify_flex_prms` is a generic function. The default methods pass forward a set of "instructions" to modify the (underlying) `flex_prms` object.

These instructions are inspired by the model syntax of the `lavaan` package. Note that specifying multiple instructions is possible, but each instruction has to be defined in its own line. Comments with `'#'` are possible, also line continuations are possible, if the last symbol is a `"+"`, `"-"`, `"*"`, `"/"`, `"("`, or `"["`. The following instructions are implemented:

The **"vary"** instruction:

- Looks something like `"a ~ foo + bar"`
- This means that the parameter `'a'` is allowed to vary independently for the conditions `'foo'` and `'bar'`
- Thus, when estimating the model, the user will have independent values for `'a'` in conditions `'foo'` and `'bar'`

The **"restrain"** instruction:

- Looks something like `"a ~! foo + bar "`
- This means that the parameter `'a'` is assumed to be identical for the conditions `'foo'` and `'bar'`
- Thus, when estimating the model, the user will have only a single value for `'a'` in conditions `'foo'` and `'bar'`

The **"set"** instruction:

- Users may not always estimate a model directly but rather explore the model behavior. In this case setting the value of a parameter is necessary.
- The corresponding instruction looks something like `"a ~ foo => 0.3"`
- This will set the value for `'a'` in condition `'foo'` to the value of 0.3

The **"fix"** instruction:

- Oftentimes, certain parameters of a model are considered "fixed", so that they don't vary while the remaining parameters are estimated. An example would be the shape parameter `'a'` of `DMC` (see [dmc\\_dm](#)).

- The corresponding instruction looks something like "a <!=> foo + bar"
- Usually, users want to call the "set" instruction prior or after the "fix" instruction, to set the corresponding parameter to a certain value.

The "**special dependency**" instruction:

- Sometimes, users wish to allow one parameter to depend on another. For instance, in DMC (see [dmc\\_dm](#)), the parameter A is positive in the congruent condition, but negative in the incongruent condition. Thus, parameters may have a 'special dependency' which can be expressed as an equation.
- To define a special dependency, users can use the operation "==". The parameter that should have the dependency is on the left-hand side, while the mathematical relationship to other parameters is defined on the right-hand side.
- This then looks something like "a ~ foo == -(a ~ bar)".
- This means that the parameter a in condition foo will always be -1 \* the parameter a in condition bar. Thus, if a in condition bar has the value 5, then a in condition foo will be -5.
- The expression on the right-side can refer to any arbitrary mathematical relation.
- Important: Make sure that each 'parameter ~ condition' combination are set in brackets.
- Another example: Parameter a in condition foo should be the mean of the parameter b in conditions bar and baz; this would be the instruction "a ~ foo == 0.5\*(b ~ bar) + 0.5\*(b ~ baz)"

The "**additional/custom parameter combination**" instruction:

- Sometimes, users may wish to combine multiple parameters to summarize a certain property of the model. For example, in DMC (see [dmc\\_dm](#)), the shape and rate parameter jointly determine the peak latency.
- To avoid to manually calculate this, users can define "custom" parameter combinations with the "!=" operation:
- An exemplary instruction might look like this: "peak\_1 := (a - 2) \* tau"
- Expressions and values that provide calculations for those parameters are stored in a separate list `cust_prms`.

## Value

For [drift\\_dm](#) objects, the updated [drift\\_dm](#) object.

For [flex\\_prms](#), the updated [flex\\_prms](#) object.

## See Also

[flex\\_prms\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
# Example 1: Modify a flex_prms object directly -----
# create an auxiliary flex_prms object
a_flex_prms_obj <- flex_prms(
  c(muc = 3, b = 0.5, non_dec = 0.3),
  conds = c("foo", "bar")
)

# then carry out some "instructions". Here (arbitrary operations):
# 1.) Consider b as fixed
# 2.) Let muc vary independently for the conditions foo and bar
# 3.) Set non_dec in condition bar to be half as large as non_dec in
#     condition bar
instr <-
  "b <|>
  muc ~
  non_dec ~ bar == (non_dec ~ foo) / 2
"

modify_flex_prms(object = a_flex_prms_obj, instr = instr)

# Example 2: Modify a flex_prms object stored inside a drift_dm object -----
a_model <- ratcliff_dm() # get a model for demonstration purpose
modify_flex_prms(object = a_model, instr = "muc ~ => 4")
```

---

nobs.drift\_dm

*Get the Number of Observations for a drift\_dm Object*


---

## Description

This method retrieves the total number of observations in the `obs_data` list of a `drift_dm` object.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'drift_dm'
nobs(object, ...)
```

## Arguments

`object` a [drift\\_dm](#) object, which contains the observed data in `object$obs_data`.  
`...` additional arguments

## Details

The function iterates over each element in `object$obs_data`, counts the entries in each nested component, and returns the cumulative sum as the total observation count.

It was written to provide an `nobs` method for calculating the log-likelihood ([logLik](#)), AIC ([stats::AIC](#)), and BIC ([stats::BIC](#)) statistics for objects of type [drift\\_dm](#).

**Value**

An integer representing the total number of observations across all conditions in `object$obs_data`.

**Examples**

```
# get a pre-built model and data set for demonstration purpose
a_model <- dmc_dm()
obs_data(a_model) <- dmc_synth_data

# then get the number of observations by accessing the model
nobs(a_model)

# same number of observations as in the original data set
nrow(dmc_synth_data)
```

---

obs\_data<-

*The Observed Data*


---

**Description**

Functions to get or set the "observed data" of an object.

**Usage**

```
obs_data(object, ...) <- value

## S3 replacement method for class 'drift_dm'
obs_data(object, ..., eval_model = FALSE) <- value

obs_data(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'drift_dm'
obs_data(object, ..., messaging = TRUE)

## S3 method for class 'fits_ids_dm'
obs_data(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>object</code>	an object of type <code>drift_dm</code> or <code>fits_ids_dm</code> (see <code>load_fits_ids</code> ).
<code>...</code>	additional arguments passed down to the specific method.
<code>value</code>	a <code>data.frame</code> which provides three columns: (1) RT for the response times, (2) a column for boundary coding according to the model's <code>b_coding()</code> , (3) Cond for specifying the conditions.
<code>eval_model</code>	logical, indicating if the model should be re-evaluated or not when updating the solver settings (see <code>re_evaluate_model</code> ). Default is <code>False</code> .
<code>messaging</code>	logical, indicating if messages shall be ushered or not.

## Details

obs\_data() is a generic accessor function, and obs\_data<-() is a generic replacement function. The default methods get and set the "observed data". Their behavior, however, may be a bit unexpected.

In `drift_dm` objects, the observed data are not stored as a `data.frame`. Instead, any supplied observed data set is disassembled into RTs for the upper and lower boundary and with respect to the different conditions (ensures more speed and easier programming in the depths of the package). Yet, obs\_data() returns a `data.frame` for `drift_dm` objects. This implies that obs\_data() does not merely access the observed data, but re-assembles it. Consequently, a returned `data.frame` for the observed data is likely sorted differently than the `data.frame` that was originally set to the model via obs\_data<-(). Also, when the originally supplied data set provided more conditions than the model, the unused conditions will not be part of the returned `data.frame`.

For `fits_ids_dm` (see `load_fits_ids`), the observed data are stored as a `data.frame` in the general fit procedure info. This is the `data.frame` that obs\_data() will return. Thus, the returned `data.frame` will match with the `data.frame` that was initially supplied to `estimate_model_ids`, although with unused conditions being dropped.

In theory, it is possible to update parts of the "observed data". However, because obs\_data() returns a re-assembled `data.frame` for `drift_dm` objects, great care has to be taken with respect to the ordering of the argument value. A message is ushered to remind the user that the returned `data.frame` may be sorted differently than expected.

## Value

For obs\_data() a (re-assembled) `data.frame` of the observed data. A message is ushered to remind the user that the returned `data.frame` may be sorted differently than expected.

For obs\_data<-() the updated `drift_dm` object.

## Note

There is only a replacement function for `drift_dm` objects. This is because replacing the observed data after the model has been fitted (i.e., for a `fits_ids_dm` object) doesn't make sense.

## See Also

`drift_dm()`

## Examples

```
# Set some data to a model -----
my_model <- dmc_dm() # DMC is pre-built and directly available
# synthetic data suitable for DMC; comes with dRiftDM
some_data <- dmc_synth_data
obs_data(my_model) <- some_data

# Extract data from a model -----
head(obs_data(my_model))

# Important: -----
```

```

# The returned data.frame may be sorted differently than the one initially
# supplied.
some_data <- some_data[sample(1:nrow(some_data)), ] #' # shuffle the data set
obs_data(my_model) <- some_data
all.equal(obs_data(my_model), some_data)
# so don't do obs_data(my_model)["Cond"] <- ...

# Addition: -----
# accessor method also available for fits_ids_dm objects
# (see estimate_model_ids)
# get an exemplary fits_ids_dm object
fits <- get_example_fits_ids()
head(obs_data(fits))

```

---

plot.cafs

*Plot Conditional Accuracy Functions (CAFs)*


---

## Description

This function generates a plot of Conditional Accuracy Functions (CAFs). It can display observed and predicted values, making it useful for assessing model fit or exploring observed data.

## Usage

```

## S3 method for class 'cafs'
plot(
  x,
  ...,
  conds = NULL,
  col = NULL,
  xlim = NULL,
  ylim = c(0, 1),
  xlab = "Bins",
  ylab = NULL,
  pch = 21,
  lty = 1,
  type = "l",
  legend = NULL,
  legend_pos = "bottomright"
)

```

## Arguments

**x** a `data.frame`, containing CAFs, typically resulting from a call to `calc_stats`.

**...** additional arguments passed to the `plot`, `graphics::points`, and `graphics::legend` functions. Oftentimes, this will (unfortunately) lead to an error due to a clash of arguments.

conds	character vector, specifying the conditions to plot. Defaults to all unique conditions.
col	Character vector, specifying colors for each condition. If a single color is provided, it will be repeated for each condition.
xlim, ylim	numeric vectors of length 2, specifying the x and y axis limits.
xlab, ylab	character, labels for the x and y axes.
pch	integer, specifying the plotting symbol for observed data points.
lty	integer, line type for the predicted CAFs.
type	character, type of plot for the predicted CAFs.
legend	character vector, specifying legend labels corresponding to the conditions in the CAFs. Defaults to the condition names.
legend_pos	character, specifying the position of the legend on the plot.

### Details

The `plot.cafs` function allows for a quick investigation of CAFs, including options for color, symbols, and line types for different data sources (observed vs. predicted). When the supplied [data.frame](#) includes multiple IDs, CAFs are aggregated across IDs before plotting.

### Value

Nothing (NULL; invisibly)

### Examples

```
# Example 1: Only model predictions -----
# get a cafs data.frame for demonstration purpose
a_model <- dmc_dm(t_max = 1.5, dt = .0025, dx = .0025)
cafs <- calc_stats(a_model, type = "cafs")

# call the plot function with default values
plot(cafs)

# make the plot a little bit more pretty
plot(cafs,
      col = c("green", "red"),
      ylim = c(0.5, 1)
)

# Example 2: Model predictions and observed data -----
obs_data(a_model) <- dmc_synth_data
cafs <- calc_stats(a_model, type = "cafs")
plot(cafs)
# Note: The model was not fitted to the data set, thus observed data and
# model predictions don't match

# Example 3: Only observed data -----
cafs <- calc_stats(dmc_synth_data, type = "cafs")
```



```
plot(cafs)
```

---

plot.delta\_funs      *Plot Delta Functions*

---

## Description

This function generates a plot of delta functions, displaying observed and predicted values, which can be useful for evaluating model fit or exploring data characteristics.

If the data contains multiple IDs, delta functions are aggregated across IDs before plotting.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'delta_funs'
plot(
  x,
  ...,
  dv = NULL,
  col = NULL,
  xlim = NULL,
  ylim = NULL,
  xlab = "RT [s]",
  ylab = expression(Delta),
  pch = 21,
  lty = 1,
  type = "l",
  legend = NULL,
  legend_pos = "topright"
)
```

## Arguments

x	a <a href="#">data.frame</a> , containing delta functions, typically resulting from a call to <a href="#">calc_stats</a> .
...	additional arguments passed to the <a href="#">plot</a> , <a href="#">graphics::points</a> , and <a href="#">graphics::legend</a> functions. Oftentimes, this will (unfortunately) lead to an error due to a clash of arguments.
dv	character vector, specifying the delta functions to plot. Defaults to all columns beginning with "Delta_" in x.
col	character vector, specifying colors for each delta function. If a single color is provided, it will be repeated for each function.
xlim, ylim	numeric vectors of length 2, specifying the x and y axis limits.
xlab, ylab	character, labels for the x and y axes.
pch	integer, specifying the plotting symbol for observed data points.
lty	integer, line type for the predicted delta functions.

type	character, type of plot for the predicted delta functions.
legend	character vector, specifying legend labels corresponding to the delta functions. Defaults to the way functions were derived.
legend_pos	character, specifying the position of the legend on the plot.

### Details

The `plot.delta_funs` function provides an easy way to investigate delta functions, allowing for customization in color, symbols, and line types for different data sources (observed vs. predicted). If multiple IDs are present in the data, delta functions are aggregated across IDs before plotting. By default, `ylim` is set to twice the range of the delta values to provide more context.

### Value

Nothing (NULL; invisibly)

### Examples

```
# Example 1: Only model predictions -----
# get a delta function data.frame for demonstration purpose
a_model <- dmc_dm(t_max = 1.5, dt = .0025, dx = .0025)
deltas <- calc_stats(
  a_model,
  type = "delta_funs",
  minuends = "incomp",
  subtrahends = "comp"
)

# call the plot function with default values
plot(deltas)

# modify the plot
plot(deltas,
  col = c("black"),
  lty = 2,
  xlim = c(0.2, 0.65)
)

# Example 2: Model predictions and observed data -----
obs_data(a_model) <- dmc_synth_data
deltas <- calc_stats(
  a_model,
  type = "delta_funs",
  minuends = "incomp",
  subtrahends = "comp"
)
plot(deltas)
# Note: The model was not fitted to the data set, thus observed data and
# model predictions don't match
```

```
# Example 3: Only observed data -----
deltas <- calc_stats(
  dmc_synth_data,
  type = "delta_funs",
  minuends = "incomp",
  subtrahends = "comp"
)
plot(deltas)
```

---

plot.drift\_dm

*Plot Components of a Drift Diffusion Model*


---

## Description

This function generates plots for all components of a drift diffusion model (DDM), such as drift rate, boundary, and starting condition. Each component is plotted against the time or evidence space, allowing for visual inspection of the model's behavior across different conditions.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'drift_dm'
plot(
  x,
  ...,
  conds = NULL,
  col = NULL,
  xlim = NULL,
  legend = NULL,
  legend_pos = "topright"
)
```

## Arguments

x	an object of class <a href="#">drift_dm</a>
...	additional arguments passed forward.
conds	character vector, specifying conditions to plot. Defaults to all conditions in x.
col	character vector, specifying colors for each condition. If a single color is provided, it will be repeated for each condition.
xlim	numeric vector of length 2, specifying the x-axis limits for components related to the time space.
legend	character vector, specifying legend labels corresponding to the conditions.
legend_pos	character, specifying the position of the legend on the plot (e.g., "topright").

**Details**

The `plot.drift_dm` function provides an overview of key DDM components, which include:

- `mu_fun`: Drift rate over time.
- `mu_int_fun`: Integrated drift rate over time.
- `x_fun`: Starting condition as a density across evidence values.
- `b_fun`: Boundary values over time.
- `dt_b_fun`: Derivative of the boundary function over time.
- `nt_fun`: Non-decision time as a density over time.

For each component, if multiple conditions are specified, they will be plotted using different colors as specified in `color`.

When the evaluation of a model component fails, the respective component will not be plotted, but no warning is ushered.

**Value**

Nothing (NULL; invisibly)

**Examples**

```
# plot the component functions of the Ratcliff DDM
plot(ratcliff_dm())
plot(ratcliff_dm(var_non_dec = TRUE))
# Note: the variability in the drift rate for the Ratcliff DDM
# is not plotted! This is because it is not actually stored as a component
# function.

# plot the component functions of the DMC model
plot(dmc_dm(), col = c("green", "red"))
```

---

plot.list\_stats\_dm      *Plot Multiple Statistics*

---

**Description**

This function iterates over a list of statistics data, resulting from a call to `calc_stats()`, and subsequently plots each statistic. It allows for flexible arrangement of multiple plots on a single graphics device.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'list_stats_dm'
plot(x, ..., mfrow = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

- `x` an object of type `list_stats_dm`, which is essentially a list multiple statistics, resulting from a call to `calc_stats()`.
- `...` additional arguments passed to the `plot` function for each individual `stats_dm` object in `x`.
- `mfrow` an optional numeric vector of length 2, specifying the number of rows and columns for arranging multiple panels in a single plot (e.g., `c(1, 3)`). Plots are provided sequentially if NULL (default), using the current graphics layout of a user.

**Details**

The `plot.list_stats_dm()` function is "merely" a wrapper. All plotting is done by the respective `plot()` methods. When users want more control over each plot, it is best to call the `plot()` function separately for each statistic in the list (e.g., `plot(x$cafs)`; `plot(x$quantiles)`)

**Value**

Nothing (NULL; invisibly)

**See Also**

[plot.cafs\(\)](#), [plot.quantiles\(\)](#), [plot.delta\\_funs\(\)](#), [calc\\_stats\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
# get a list of statistics for demonstration purpose
all_fits <- get_example_fits_ids()
stats <- calc_stats(all_fits, type = c("cafs", "quantiles"))

# then call the plot function.
plot(stats, mfrow = c(1, 2))
```

---

plot.quantiles

*Plot Quantiles*

---

**Description**

This function generates a plot of quantiles. It can display observed and predicted values, making it useful for assessing model fit or exploring observed data distributions.

If the data contains multiple IDs, quantiles are aggregated across IDs before plotting.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'quantiles'
plot(
  x,
  ...,
  conds = NULL,
  dv = NULL,
  col = NULL,
  xlim = NULL,
  ylim = c(0, 1),
  xlab = "RT [s]",
  ylab = "F(RT)",
  pch = 21,
  lty = 1,
  type = "l",
  legend = NULL,
  legend_pos = "bottomright"
)
```

**Arguments**

x	a <a href="#">data.frame</a> , containing quantiles, typically resulting from a call to <a href="#">calc_stats</a> .
...	additional arguments passed to the <a href="#">plot</a> , <a href="#">graphics::points</a> , and <a href="#">graphics::legend</a> functions. Oftentimes, this will (unfortunately) lead to an error due to a clash of arguments.
conds	character vector, specifying the conditions to plot. Defaults to all unique conditions.
dv	character, specifying the quantiles to plot. Defaults to quantiles derived from the upper boundary.
col	character vector, specifying colors for each condition. If a single color is provided, it will be repeated for each condition.
xlim, ylim	numeric vectors of length 2, specifying the x and y axis limits.
xlab, ylab	character, labels for the x and y axes.
pch	integer, specifying the plotting symbol for observed data points.
lty	integer, line type for the predicted quantiles.
type	character, type of plot for the predicted quantiles.
legend	character vector, specifying legend labels corresponding to the conditions in the quantiles. Defaults to the condition names.
legend_pos	character, specifying the position of the legend on the plot.

**Details**

The `plot.quantiles` function allows for a quick investigation of quantiles, including options for color, symbols, and line types for different data sources (observed vs. predicted). When the supplied [data.frame](#) includes multiple IDs, quantiles are aggregated across IDs before plotting.

**Value**

Nothing (NULL; invisibly)

**Examples**

```
# Example 1: Only model predictions -----
# get a quantiles data.frame for demonstration purpose
a_model <- dmc_dm(t_max = 1.5, dt = .0025, dx = .0025)
quantiles <- calc_stats(a_model, type = "quantiles")

# call the plot function with default values
plot(quantiles)

# make the plot a little bit more pretty
plot(quantiles,
     col = c("green", "red"),
     xlim = c(0.2, 0.6),
     ylab = "Quantile Level",
     xlab = "Response Times [s]"
)

# Example 2: Model predictions and observed data -----
obs_data(a_model) <- dmc_synth_data
quantiles <- calc_stats(a_model, type = "quantiles")
plot(quantiles)
# Note: The model was not fitted to the data set, thus observed data and
# model predictions don't match

# Example 3: Only observed data -----
quantiles <- calc_stats(dmc_synth_data, type = "quantiles")
plot(quantiles)
```

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plot.traces\_dm\_list     *Plot Traces of a Drift Diffusion Model*

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**Description**

Creates a basic plot showing simulated traces (simulated evidence accumulation processes) from a drift diffusion model. Such plots are useful for exploring and testing model behavior, allowing users to visualize the traces.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'traces_dm_list'
plot(
  x,
  ...,
```

```

col = NULL,
col_b = NULL,
xlim = NULL,
ylim = NULL,
xlab = "Time",
ylab = "Evidence",
lty = 1,
type = "l",
legend = NULL,
legend_pos = "topright"
)

## S3 method for class 'traces_dm'
plot(
  x,
  ...,
  col = NULL,
  col_b = NULL,
  xlim = NULL,
  ylim = NULL,
  xlab = "Time",
  ylab = "Evidence",
  lty = 1,
  type = "l"
)

```

### Arguments

x	an object of type <code>traces_dm_list</code> or <code>traces_dm</code> , containing the traces to be plotted, resulting from a call to <code>simulate_traces</code> .
...	additional arguments passed to the <code>plot</code> , <code>graphics::points</code> , and <code>graphics::legend</code> functions. Oftentimes, this will (unfortunately) lead to an error due to a clash of arguments.
col	character, vector of colors for the evidence accumulation traces, one per condition. Defaults to a rainbow palette if not specified.
col_b	character, a vector of colors for the boundary lines. Defaults to black for all conditions.
xlim, ylim	numeric vectors of length 2, specifying the x and y axis limits.
xlab, ylab	character, labels for the x and y axes.
lty	integer, line type for both the traces and boundary lines.
type	character, type of plot to use for traces and boundaries.
legend	character vector, specifying legend labels, corresponding to the conditions in the traces. Defaults to the condition names.
legend_pos	character, specifying the position of the legend on the plot.



**Details**

plot.traces\_dm\_list() iterates over all conditions and plots the traces. It includes a legend with condition labels.

plot\_traces\_dm only plots the traces provided (i.e., traces for one condition)

Boundaries and traces are color-coded according to col and col\_b. The function automatically generates the upper and lower boundaries based on the information stored within x.

**Value**

Nothing (NULL; invisibly)

**See Also**

[simulate\\_traces](#)

**Examples**

```
# get a couple of traces for demonstration purpose
a_model <- dmc_dm()
some_traces <- simulate_traces(a_model, k = 3)

# Plots for traces_dm_list objects -----
# basic plot
plot(some_traces)

# a slightly more beautiful plot :)
plot(some_traces,
     col = c("green", "red"),
     xlim = c(0, 0.35),
     xlab = "Time [s]",
     ylab = bquote(Realizations ~ of ~ X[t]),
     legend_pos = "bottomright"
)

# Plots for traces_dm objects -----
# we can also extract a single set of traces and plot them
one_set_traces <- some_traces$comp
plot(one_set_traces)

# modifications to the plot generally work in the same way
plot(one_set_traces,
     col = "green",
     xlim = c(0, 0.35),
     xlab = "Time [s]",
     ylab = bquote(Realizations ~ of ~ X[t])
)
```

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```
print.summary.fits_ids_dm
```

*Summary and Printing for fits\_ids\_dm Objects*

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## Description

Methods for summarizing and printing objects of the class `fits_ids_dm`, which contain multiple fits across individuals.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'summary.fits_ids_dm'  
print(x, ..., round_digits = drift_dm_default_rounding())
```

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

## Arguments

<code>x</code>	an object of class <code>summary.fits_ids_dm</code> .
<code>...</code>	additional arguments
<code>round_digits</code>	integer, specifying the number of decimal places for rounding in the printed summary. Default is set to 3.
<code>object</code>	an object of class <code>fits_ids_dm</code> , generated by a call to <a href="#">load_fits_ids</a> .

## Details

The `summary.fits_ids_dm` function creates a summary object containing:

- **fit\_procedure\_name**: The name of the fit procedure used.
- **time\_call**: Timestamp of the last fit procedure call.
- **lower** and **upper**: Lower and upper bounds of the search space.
- **model\_type**: Description of the model type, based on class information.
- **prms**: All parameter values across all conditions (essentially a call to `coef()` with the argument `select_unique = FALSE`).
- **stats**: A named list of matrices for each condition, including mean and standard error for each parameter.
- **N**: The number of individuals.

The `print.summary.fits_ids_dm` function displays the summary object in a formatted manner.

## Value

`summary.fits_ids_dm()` returns a list of class `summary.fits_ids_dm` (see the Details section summarizing each entry of this list).

`print.summary.fits_ids_dm()` returns invisibly the `summary.fits_ids_dm` object.

**Examples**

```
# get an auxiliary object of type fits_ids_dm for demonstration purpose
all_fits <- get_example_fits_ids()
sum_obj <- summary(all_fits)
print(sum_obj, round_digits = 2)
```

prms\_solve&lt;-

*The Parameters for Deriving Model Predictions***Description**

Functions to get or set the "solver settings" of an object. This includes the diffusion constant and the discretization of the time and evidence space.

**Usage**

```
prms_solve(object, ...) <- value

## S3 replacement method for class 'drift_dm'
prms_solve(object, ..., eval_model = FALSE) <- value

prms_solve(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'drift_dm'
prms_solve(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'fits_ids_dm'
prms_solve(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	an object of type <a href="#">drift_dm</a> or <a href="#">fits_ids_dm</a> (see <a href="#">load_fits_ids</a> ).
...	additional arguments (i.e., <a href="#">eval_model</a> ).
value	a named numeric vector providing new values for the <a href="#">prms_solve</a> vector (see <a href="#">drift_dm()</a> ).
eval_model	logical, indicating if the model should be re-evaluated or not when updating the solver settings (see <a href="#">re_evaluate_model</a> ). Default is FALSE.

**Details**

[prms\\_solve\(\)](#) is a generic accessor function, and [prms\\_solve<-\(\)](#) is a generic replacement function. The default methods get and set the "solver settings".

It is possible to update parts of the "solver settings" (i.e., parts of the underlying [prms\\_solve](#) vector). However, modifying "nx" or "nt" is not allowed! Any attempts to modify the respective entries will silently fail (no explicit error/warning etc. is ushered).

**Value**

For `prms_solve()` the vector `prms_solve` (see `drift_dm()`).

For `prms_solve<-()` the updated `drift_dm` object.

**Note**

There is only a replacement function for `drift_dm` objects. This is because replacing the solver settings after the model has been fitted (i.e., for a `fits_ids_dm` object) doesn't make sense.

**See Also**

`drift_dm()`

**Examples**

```
# get some default model to demonstrate the prms_solve() functions
my_model <- ratcliff_dm()
# show the discretization and scaling of the model
prms_solve(my_model)
# partially modify these settings
prms_solve(my_model)[c("dx", "dt")] <- c(0.005)
prms_solve(my_model)

# accessor method also available for fits_ids_dm objects
# (see estimate_model_ids)
# get an exemplary fits_ids_dm object
fits <- get_example_fits_ids()
prms_solve(fits)
```

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ratcliff\_dm

*Create a Basic Diffusion Model*

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**Description**

This function creates a `drift_dm` model that corresponds to the basic Ratcliff Diffusion Model

**Usage**

```
ratcliff_dm(
  var_non_dec = FALSE,
  var_start = FALSE,
  var_drift = FALSE,
  instr = NULL,
  obs_data = NULL,
  sigma = 1,
  t_max = 3,
  dt = 0.001,
```

```

    dx = 0.001,
    solver = "kfe",
    b_coding = NULL
  )

```

### Arguments

<code>var_non_dec</code> , <code>var_start</code> , <code>var_drift</code>	logical, indicating whether the model should have a (uniform) variable non-decision time, starting point, or (normally-distributed) variable drift rate. (see also <code>nt_uniform</code> and <code>x_uniform</code> in <a href="#">component_shelf</a> )
<code>instr</code>	optional string with "instructions", see <a href="#">modify_flex_prms()</a> .
<code>obs_data</code>	<code>data.frame</code> , an optional <code>data.frame</code> with the observed data. See <a href="#">obs_data</a> .
<code>sigma</code> , <code>t_max</code> , <code>dt</code> , <code>dx</code>	numeric, providing the settings for the diffusion constant and discretization (see <a href="#">drift_dm</a> )
<code>solver</code>	character, specifying the <a href="#">solver</a> .
<code>b_coding</code>	list, an optional list with the boundary encoding (see <a href="#">b_coding</a> )

### Details

The classical Ratcliff Diffusion Model is a diffusion model with a constant drift rate  $\mu_c$  and a constant boundary  $b$ . If `var_non_dec = FALSE`, a constant non-decision time `non_dec` is assumed, otherwise a uniform non-decision time with mean `non_dec` and range `range_non_dec`. If `var_start = FALSE`, a constant starting point centered between the boundaries is assumed (i.e., a dirac delta over 0), otherwise a uniform starting point with mean 0 and range `range_start`. If `var_drift = FALSE`, a constant drift rate is assumed, otherwise a normally distributed drift rate with mean `mu_c` and standard deviation `sd_mu_c` (can be computationally intensive). Important: Variable drift rate is only possible with `dRiftDM`'s `mu_constant` function. No custom drift rate is yet possible in this case.

### Value

An object of type `drift_dm` (parent class) and `ratcliff_dm` (child class), created by the function [drift\\_dm\(\)](#).

### See Also

[component\\_shelf\(\)](#), [drift\\_dm\(\)](#)

### Examples

```

# the model with default settings
my_model <- ratcliff_dm()

# the model with a variable non-decision time and with a more coarse
# discretization
my_model <- ratcliff_dm(
  var_non_dec = TRUE,

```

```

    t_max = 1.5,
    dx = .005,
    dt = .005
)

```

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ratcliff\_synth\_data     *A synthetic data set with one condition*

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### Description

This dataset was simulated by using the classical Ratcliff diffusion model (see [ratcliff\\_dm\(\)](#)).

### Usage

```
ratcliff_synth_data
```

### Format

A data frame with 300 rows and 3 columns:

**RT** Response Times

**Error** Error Coding (Error Response = 1; Correct Response = 0)

**Cond** Condition ('null')

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re\_evaluate\_model     *Re-evaluate the model*

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### Description

Updates the PDFs of a model. If [obs\\_data](#) are set to the model, the log-likelihood is also updated.

### Usage

```
re_evaluate_model(drift_dm_obj, eval_model = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

`drift_dm_obj`     an object of type [drift\\_dm](#)

`eval_model`     logical, indicating if the model should be evaluated or not. If `False`, PDFs and the log-likelihood value are deleted from the model. Default is `True`.

### Details

More in-depth information about the mathematical details for deriving the PDFs can be found in Richter et al. (2023)

**Value**

Returns the passed drift\_dm\_obj object, after (re-)calculating the PDFs and (if observed data is set) the log-likelihood.

- the PDFs can be addressed via drift\_dm\_obj\$pdfs
- the log-likelihood can be addressed via drift\_dm\_obj\$log\_like\_val

Note that if re\_evaluate\_model is called before observed data was set, the function silently updates the pdfs, but not log\_like\_val.

**See Also**

[drift\\_dm\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
# choose a pre-built model (e.g., the Ratcliff model)
# and set the discretization as needed
my_model <- ratcliff_dm(t_max = 1.5, dx = .005, dt = .005)

# then calculate the model's predicted PDF
my_model <- re_evaluate_model(my_model)
str(my_model$pdfs) # show the structure of the attached pdfs

# if you want the log_likelihood, make sure some data is attached to the
# model (see also the documentation of obs_data())
obs_data(my_model) <- ratcliff_synth_data # this data set comes with dRiftDM
my_model <- re_evaluate_model(my_model)
str(my_model$pdfs)
print(my_model$log_like_val)
```

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set\_default\_colors      *Set Default Colors*

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**Description**

This function assigns default colors if none are provided or adjusts the color vector to match the number of conditions.

**Usage**

```
set_default_colors(colors, unique_conds, default_colors)
```

**Arguments**

colors	character vector, specifying colors for conditions. If NULL, default_colors is used.
unique_conds	character vector, listing unique conditions to match color assignments (only the length counts).
default_colors	character vector, default colors to use if colors is not provided.

**Value**

A character vector of colors, matching the length of unique\_conds.

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simulate_data	<i>Simulate Synthetic Responses</i>
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**Description**

This function simulates data based on the provided model. To this end, random samples from the predicted PDFs are drawn via approximate inverse CDF sampling.

**Usage**

```
simulate_data(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'drift_dm'
simulate_data(
  object,
  ...,
  n,
  k = 1,
  lower = NULL,
  upper = NULL,
  df_prms = NULL,
  seed = NULL,
  verbose = 1
)
```

**Arguments**

object	an object inheriting from <a href="#">drift_dm</a> .
...	further arguments passed on to other functions, including the function <a href="#">simulate_values</a> . If users want to use a different distribution than uniform for <a href="#">simulate_values</a> , they must provide the additional arguments (e.g., means and sds) in a format like lower/upper.
n	numeric, the number of trials per condition to draw. If a single numeric, then each condition will have n trials. Can be a (named) numeric vector with the same length as there are conditions to allow a different number of trials per condition.



k	numeric larger than 0, indicating how many data sets shall be simulated. If > 1, then it is only effective when specifying lower/upper.
lower, upper	vectors or a list, specifying the simulation space for each parameter of the model (see Details). Only relevant for k > 1
df_prms	an optional data.frame providing the parameters that should be used for simulating the data. df_prms must provide column names matching with (coef(object, select_unique = TRUE)), plus a column ID that will identify each simulated data set.
seed	a single numeric, an optional seed for reproducible sampling
verbose	an integer, indicating if information about the progress should be displayed. 0 -> no information, 1 -> a progress bar. Default is 1. Only effective when k > 1.

## Details

simulate\_data is a generic function for simulating data based on approximate inverse CDF sampling. CDFs are derived from the model's PDFs and data is drawn by mapping samples from a uniform distribution (in  $[0, 1]$ ) to the values of the CDF. Note that sampled response times will correspond to the values of the time space (i.e., they will correspond to  $\text{seq}(0, t_{\text{max}}, dt)$ , see [drift\\_dm](#)).

For drift\_dm objects, the behavior of simulate\_data depends on k. If k = 1 and no lower/upper or df\_prms arguments are supplied, then the parameters currently set to the model are used to generate the synthetic data. If k > 1, then k parameter combinations are either randomly drawn via [simulate\\_values](#) or gathered from the provided data.frame df\_prms, and then data is simulated for each parameter combination.

When specifying lower/upper, parameter combinations are simulated via [simulate\\_values](#). This comes in handy for simple parameter recovery exercises. If df\_prms is specified, then the parameter combinations from this [data.frame](#) is used. Note that the column names in df\_prms must match with the (unique) parameter combinations of the model (see `print(coef(object))`)

### Details on how to specify lower/upper.:

When users want to simulate data with k > 1 and lower/upper, then parameter values have to be drawn. One great aspect about the [flex\\_prms](#) object within each [drift\\_dm](#) model, is that users can easily allow certain parameters to vary freely across conditions. Consequently, the actual number of parameters varies with the settings of the [flex\\_prms](#) object. In many cases, however, the simulation space for a parameter is the same across conditions. For instance, in a model, the parameter "mu" may vary across the conditions "easy", "medium", or "hard", but the lower/upper limits are the same across conditions. To avoid that users always have to re-specify the simulation space via the lower/upper arguments, the lower and upper arguments refer to the parameter labels, and dRiftDM figures out how to map these to all parameters that vary across conditions.

Here is an example: Assume you have the model with parameters "A" and "B", and the conditions "foo" and "bar". Now assume that "A" is allowed to vary for "foo" and "bar". Thus, there are actually three parameters; "A~foo", "A~bar", and "B". dRiftDM, however, can help with this. If we provide lower = c(A = 1, B = 2), upper = c(A = 3, B = 4), simulate\_data checks the model, and creates the vectors temp\_lower = c(1, 1, 2) and temp\_upper = c(3, 3, 4) as a basis to simulate the parameters.

Users have three options to specify the simulation space:

- Plain numeric vectors (not very much recommended). In this case, lower/upper must be sorted in accordance with the free parameters in the flex\_prms\_obj object (call print(<model>) and have a look at the Unique Parameters output)
- Named numeric vectors. In this case lower/upper have to provide labels in accordance with the parameters that are considered "free" at least once across conditions.
- The most flexible way is when lower/upper are lists. In this case, the list requires an entry called "default\_values" which specifies the named or plain numeric vectors as above. If the list only contains this entry, then the behavior is as if lower/upper were already numeric vectors. However, the lower/upper lists can also provide entries labeled as specific conditions, which contain named (!) numeric vectors with parameter labels. This will modify the value for the upper/lower parameter space with respect to the specified parameters in the respective condition.

## Value

The return value depends on whether a user specifies lower/upper or df\_prms. If none of these are specified and if  $k = 1$ , then a `data.frame` containing the columns RT, Error, and Cond is returned.

If lower/upper or df\_prms are provided, then a list with entries synth\_data and prms is returned. The entry synth\_data contains a `data.frame`, with the columns RT, <b\_column>, Cond, and ID (the name of the second column, <b\_column>, depends on the `b_coding` of the model object). The entry prms contains a `data.frame` with an ID column and the parameters used for simulating each synthetic data set.

## Note

A function for fits\_ids\_dm will be provided in the future.

## Examples

```
# Example 1 -----
# get a pre-built model for demonstration
a_model <- ratcliff_dm(t_max = 1.5, dx = .005, dt = .005)

# define a lower and upper simulation space
lower <- c(1, 0.4, 0.1)
upper <- c(6, 0.9, 0.5)

# now simulate 5 data sets with each 100 trials
data_prms <- simulate_data(a_model,
  n = 100, k = 5, lower = lower,
  upper = upper, seed = 1, verbose = 0
)
head(data_prms$synth_data)
head(data_prms$prms)

# Example 2 -----
# more flexibility when defining lists for lower and upper
# get a pre-built model, and allow muc to vary across conditions
a_model <- dmc_dm(t_max = 1.5, dx = .005, dt = .005, instr = "muc ~ ")
```

```

# define a lower and upper simulation space
# let muc vary between 2 and 6, but in incomp conditions, let it vary
# between 1 and 4
lower <- list(
  default_values = c(
    muc = 2, b = 0.4, non_dec = 0.1,
    sd_non_dec = 0.01, tau = 0.02, A = 0.05,
    alpha = 3
  ),
  incomp = c(muc = 1)
)
upper <- list(
  default_values = c(
    muc = 6, b = 0.9, non_dec = 0.4,
    sd_non_dec = 0.15, tau = 0.15, A = 0.15,
    alpha = 7
  ),
  incomp = c(muc = 4)
)

data_prms <- simulate_data(a_model,
  n = 100, k = 5, lower = lower,
  upper = upper, seed = 1, verbose = 0
)
range(data_prms$prms$muc.comp)
range(data_prms$prms$muc.incomp)

```

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simulate\_traces

*Simulate Trajectories/Traces of a Model*


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### Description

Simulates single trajectories/traces of a model (i.e., evidence accumulation processes) using forward Euler.

Might come in handy when exploring the model's behavior or when creating figures (see also [plot.traces\\_dm\\_list](#))

### Usage

```

simulate_traces(object, k, ...)

## S3 method for class 'drift_dm'
simulate_traces(
  object,
  k,
  ...,
  conds = NULL,
  add_x = FALSE,

```

```

    sigma = NULL,
    seed = NULL,
    unpack = FALSE
)

## S3 method for class 'fits_ids_dm'
simulate_traces(object, k, ...)

## S3 method for class 'traces_dm_list'
print(x, ..., round_digits = drift_dm_default_rounding(), print_steps = 5)

## S3 method for class 'traces_dm'
print(
  x,
  ...,
  round_digits = drift_dm_default_rounding(),
  print_steps = 5,
  print_k = 4
)

```

## Arguments

object	an object of type <a href="#">drift_dm</a> or <code>fits_ids_dm</code> (see <a href="#">load_fits_ids</a> ).
k	numeric, the number of traces to simulate per condition. Can be a named numeric vector, to specify different number of traces per condition.
...	additional arguments passed forward to the respective method.
conds	optional character vector, conditions for which traces shall be simulated. If <code>NULL</code> , then traces for all conditions are simulated.
add_x	logical, indicating whether traces should contain a variable starting point. If <code>TRUE</code> , samples from <code>x_fun</code> (see <a href="#">comp_vals</a> ) are added to each trace. Default is <code>FALSE</code> .
sigma	optional numeric, providing a value $\geq 0$ for the diffusion constant "sigma" to temporally override <a href="#">prms_solve</a> . Useful for exploring the model without noise.
seed	optional numerical, a seed for reproducible sampling
unpack	logical, indicating if the traces shall be "unpacked" (see also <a href="#">unpack_traces</a> and the return value below).
x	an object of type <code>traces_dm_list</code> or <code>traces_dm</code> , resulting from a call to <code>simulate_traces</code> .
round_digits	integer, indicating the number of decimal places (round) to be used when printing out the traces (default is 3).
print_steps	integer, indicating the number of steps to show when printing out traces (default is 5).
print_k	integer, indicating how many traces shall be shown when printing out traces (default is 4).

## Details

`simulate_traces()` is a generic function, applicable to objects of type `drift_dm` or `fits_ids_dm` (see `load_fits_ids`).

For `drift_dm` objects, `simulate_traces()` performs the simulation on the parameter values currently set (see `coef.drift_dm()`).

For `fits_ids_dm` objects, `simulate_traces()` first extracts the model and all parameter values for all IDs (see `coef.fits_ids_dm()`). Subsequently, simulations are based on the averaged parameter values.

The algorithm for simulating traces is forward euler. See Richter et al. (2023) and Ulrich et al. (2015) (Appendix A) for more information.

## Value

`simulate_traces()` returns either a list of type `traces_dm_list`, or directly the plain traces as matrices across conditions (if `unpack = TRUE`). If the model has only one condition (and `unpack = TRUE`), then the matrix of traces for this one condition is directly returned.

The returned list has as many entries as conditions requested. For example, if only one condition is requested via the `conds` argument, then the list is of length 1 (if `unpack = FALSE`). If `conds` is set to `NULL` (default), then the list will have as many entries as conditions specified in the supplied object (see also `conds`). If `unpack = FALSE`, the list contains an additional attribute with the time space.

Each matrix of traces has `k` rows and `nt + 1` columns, stored as an array of size `(k, nt + 1)`. Note that `nt` is the number of steps in the discretization of time; see `drift_dm`. If `unpack = FALSE`, the array is of type `traces_dm`. It contains some additional attributes about the time space, the drift rate, the boundary, and the added starting values.

The print methods `print.traces_dm_list()` and `print.traces_dm()` each invisibly return the supplied object `x`.

## Note

Evidence values with traces beyond the boundary of the model are set to NA before passing them back.

The reason why `simulate_traces` passes back an object of type `traces_dm_list` (instead of simply a list of arrays) is to provide a `plot.traces_dm_list` and `print.traces_dm_list` function.

Users can unpack the traces even after calling `simulate_traces()` using `unpack_traces()`.

## See Also

`unpack_traces()`, `plot.traces_dm_list()`

## Examples

```
# get a pre-built model to demonstrate the function
my_model <- dmc_dm()
some_traces <- simulate_traces(my_model, k = 1, seed = 1)
print(some_traces)

# a method is also available for fits_ids_dm objects
```

```

# (see estimate_model_ids)
# get an exemplary fits_ids_dm object
fits <- get_example_fits_ids()
some_traces <- simulate_traces(fits, k = 1, seed = 1)
print(some_traces)

# we can also print only the traces of one condition
print(some_traces$comp)

```

---

simulate\_traces\_one\_cond

*Simulate Traces for One Conditions*

---

### Description

The function simulates traces with forward Euler. It is the backend function to `simulate_traces`.

### Usage

```
simulate_traces_one_cond(drift_dm_obj, k, one_cond, add_x, sigma)
```

### Arguments

<code>drift_dm_obj</code>	a model of type <a href="#">drift_dm</a>
<code>k</code>	a single numeric, the number of traces to simulate
<code>one_cond</code>	a single character string, specifying which condition shall be simulated
<code>add_x</code>	a single logical, indicating if starting values shall be added or not. Sometimes, when visualizing the model, one does not want to have the starting values.
<code>sigma</code>	a single numeric, to override the "sigma" in <a href="#">prms_solve</a>

### Value

An array of size  $k$  times  $nt + 1$ . The array becomes an object of type `ttraces_dm`, which allows for easier printing with [print.traces\\_dm](#). Furthermore, each object has the additional attributes:

- "t\_vec" -> the time space from 0 to `t_max`
- "mu\_vals" -> the drift rate values by `mu_fun`
- "b\_vals" -> the boundary values by `b_fun`
- "samp\_x" -> the values of the starting points (which are always added to the traces in the array).

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simulate_values	<i>Simulate Values</i>
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### Description

Draw values, most likely model parameters.

### Usage

```
simulate_values(
  lower,
  upper,
  k,
  distr = NULL,
  cast_to_data_frame = TRUE,
  add_id_column = "numeric",
  seed = NULL,
  ...
)
```

### Arguments

lower, upper	Numeric vectors, indicating the lower/upper boundary of the drawn values.
k	Numeric, the number of values to be drawn for each value pair of lower/upper. If named numeric, the labels are used for the column names of the returned object
distr	Character, indicating which distribution to draw from. Currently available are: "unif" for a uniform distribution or "tnorm" for a truncated normal distribution. NULL will lead to "unif" (default).
cast_to_data_frame	Logical, controls whether the returned object is of type data.frame (TRUE) or matrix (FALSE). Default is TRUE
add_id_column	Character, controls whether an ID column should be added. Options are "numeric", "character", or "none". If "numeric" or "character" the column ID provides values from 1 to k of the respective type. If none, no column is added. Note that "character" casts all simulated values to character if the argument cast_to_data_frame is set to FALSE.
seed	Numeric, optional seed for making the simulation reproducible (see details)
...	Further arguments relevant for the distribution to draw from

### Details

When drawing from a truncated normal distribution, users must provide values for the arguments means and sds. These are numeric vectors of the same size as lower and upper, and indicate the mean and the standard deviation of the normal distributions.

**Value**

If `cast_to_data_frame` is `TRUE`, a `data.frame` with `k` rows and at least `length(lower)`; `length(upper)` columns. Otherwise a matrix with the same number of rows and columns. Columns are labeled either from `V1` to `Vk` or in case `lower` and `upper` are named numeric vectors using the labels of both vectors.

If `add_id_column` is not `"none"`, an ID column is provided of the respective data type.

The data type of the parameters will be numeric, unless `add_id_column` is `"character"` and `cast_to_data_frame` is `FALSE`. In this case the returned matrix will be of type `character`.

**Examples**

```
# Example 1: Draw from uniform distributions -----
lower <- c(a = 1, b = 1, c = 1)
upper <- c(a = 3, b = 4, c = 5)
values <- simulate_values(
  lower = lower,
  upper = upper,
  k = 50,
  add_id_column = "none"
)
summary(values)

# Example 2: Draw from truncated normal distributions -----
lower <- c(a = 1, b = 1, c = 1)
upper <- c(a = 3, b = 4, c = 5)
means <- c(a = 2, b = 2.5, c = 3)
sds <- c(a = 0.5, b = 0.5, c = 0.5)
values <- simulate_values(
  lower = lower,
  upper = upper,
  distr = "tnorm",
  k = 5000,
  add_id_column = "none",
  means = means,
  sds = sds
)
quantile(values$a, probs = c(0.025, 0.5, 0.975))
quantile(values$b, probs = c(0.025, 0.5, 0.975))
quantile(values$c, probs = c(0.025, 0.5, 0.975))
```

**Description**

Functions to get or set the `"solver"` of an object. The `"solver"` controls the method for deriving the model's first passage time (i.e., its predicted PDFs).



**Usage**

```

solver(object, ...) <- value

## S3 replacement method for class 'drift_dm'
solver(object, ..., eval_model = FALSE) <- value

solver(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'drift_dm'
solver(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'fits_ids_dm'
solver(object, ...)

```

**Arguments**

object	an object of type <a href="#">drift_dm</a> or <a href="#">fits_ids_dm</a> (see <a href="#">load_fits_ids</a> ).
...	additional arguments (i.e., <a href="#">eval_model</a> ).
value	a single character string, providing the new "solver" (i.e., approach to derive the first passage time; see <a href="#">drift_dm()</a> ).
eval_model	logical, indicating if the model should be re-evaluated or not when updating the solver (see <a href="#">re_evaluate_model</a> ). Default is <code>False</code> .

**Details**

`solver()` is a generic accessor function, and `solver<-()` is a generic replacement function. The default methods get and set the "solver".

The "solver" indicates the approach with which the PDFs of a model are calculated. Supported options are "kfe" and "im\_zero" (method based on the Kolmogorov-Forward-Equation or on integral equations, respectively). Note that "im\_zero" is only supported for models that assume a fixed starting point from 0.

**Value**

For `solve()` the string solver (see [drift\\_dm\(\)](#)).

For `solver<-()` the updated [drift\\_dm](#) object.

**Note**

There is only a replacement function for [drift\\_dm](#) objects. This is because replacing the approach for deriving PDFs after the model has been fitted (i.e., for a [fits\\_ids\\_dm](#) object) doesn't make sense.

**See Also**

[drift\\_dm\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
# get some default model to demonstrate the solver() functions
my_model <- ratcliff_dm()
solver(my_model)
# change to the integral approach
solver(my_model) <- "im_zero"
solver(my_model)

# accessor method also available for fits_ids_dm objects
# (see estimate_model_ids)
# get an exemplary fits_ids_dm object
fits <- get_example_fits_ids()
solver(fits)
```

---

 ssp\_dm

*Create the Shrinking Spotlight Model*


---

## Description

This function creates a [drift\\_dm](#) object that corresponds to a simple version of the shrinking spotlight model by White et al. (2011).

## Usage

```
ssp_dm(
  instr = NULL,
  obs_data = NULL,
  sigma = 1,
  t_max = 3,
  dt = 0.001,
  dx = 0.001,
  b_coding = NULL
)
```

## Arguments

instr	optional string with additional "instructions", see <a href="#">modify_flex_prms()</a> and the Details below.
obs_data	data.frame, an optional data.frame with the observed data. See <a href="#">obs_data</a> .
sigma, t_max, dt, dx	numeric, providing the settings for the diffusion constant and discretization (see <a href="#">drift_dm</a> )
b_coding	list, an optional list with the boundary encoding (see <a href="#">b_coding</a> )

## Details

The shrinking spotlight model is a model developed for the flanker task.

It has the following properties (see [component\\_shelf](#)):

- a constant boundary (parameter  $b$ )
- a constant starting point in between the decision boundaries
- an evidence accumulation process that is driven by an attentional spotlight that covers both the flankers and the target. The area that covers the flankers and target is modeled by normal distribution with mean 0:
  - At the beginning of the trial attention is wide-spread, and the width at  $t=0$  is the standard deviation  $sd_0$
  - As the trial progresses in time, the attentional spotlight narrows, reflected by a linear decline of the standard deviation with rate  $r$  (to a minimum of 0.001).
  - the attention attributed to both the flankers and the target is scaled by  $p$  which controls the strength of evidence accumulation
- A non-decision time that follows a truncated normal distribution with mean  $non\_dec$  and standard deviation  $sd\_non\_dec$ .
- The model also contains the auxiliary parameter  $sign$ , which is used to control the influence of the flankers across conditions. It is not really a parameter and should not be estimated!

Per default, the parameter  $r$  is assumed to be fixed (i.e., is not estimated freely). The model also contains the custom parameter  $interf\_t$ , quantifying the interference time ( $sd_0 / r$ ).

## Value

An object of type `drift_dm` (parent class) and `ssp_dm` (child class), created by the function `drift_dm()`.

## References

White CN, Ratcliff R, Starns JJ (2011). “Diffusion models of the flanker task: Discrete versus gradual attentional selection.” *Cognitive psychology*, **63**(4), 210–238. doi:10.1016/j.cogpsych.2011.08.001.

## Examples

```
# the model with default settings
my_model <- ssp_dm()

# the model with a more coarse discretization
my_model <- ssp_dm(
  t_max = 1.5,
  dx = .0025,
  dt = .0025
)
```

---

summary.drift\_dm      *Summary for drift\_dm Objects*

---

### Description

Summary and printing methods for objects of the class `drift_dm`, resulting from a call to [drift\\_dm](#).

### Usage

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

## S3 method for class 'summary.drift_dm'
print(x, ..., round_digits = drift_dm_default_rounding())
```

### Arguments

<code>object</code>	An object of class <code>drift_dm</code>
<code>...</code>	additional arguments passed forward to the respective method
<code>x</code>	an object of type <code>summary.drift_dm</code>
<code>round_digits</code>	Integer specifying the number of decimal places for rounding in the printed summary. Default is 3.

### Details

The `summary.drift_dm()` function constructs a summary list with detailed information about the `drift_dm` object, including:

- **class**: The class type of the `drift_dm` object.
- **summary\_flex\_prms**: A summary of the `flex_prms` object in the model (see [summary.flex\\_prms](#)).
- **prms\_solve**: Parameters used for solving the model (see [prms\\_solve](#)).
- **solver**: The solver used for model fitting.
- **obs\_data**: A summary table of observed response time data, if available, by response type (upper/lower boundary responses). Includes sample size, mean, and quantiles.
- **fit\_stats**: Fit statistics, if available, including log-likelihood, AIC, and BIC values.

The `print.summary.drift_dm()` function displays this summary in a formatted way.

### Value

`summary.drift_dm()` returns a list of class `summary.drift_dm` (see the Details section summarizing each entry of this list).

`print.summary.drift_dm()` returns invisibly the `summary.drift_dm` object.

**Examples**

```
# get a pre-built model for demonstration purpose
a_model <- dmc_dm(t_max = 1.5, dx = .0025, dt = .0025)
sum_obj <- summary(a_model)
print(sum_obj, round_digits = 2)

# more information is provided when we add data to the model
obs_data(a_model) <- dmc_synth_data # (data set comes with dRiftDM)
summary(a_model)

# finally: fit indices are provided once we evaluate the model
a_model <- re_evaluate_model(a_model)
summary(a_model)
```

---

```
summary.flex_prms      Summarizing Flex Parameters
```

---

**Description**

summary method for class "flex\_prms".

**Usage**

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

## S3 method for class 'summary.flex_prms'
print(
  x,
  ...,
  round_digits = drift_dm_default_rounding(),
  dependencies = TRUE,
  cust_parameters = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

object	an object of class "flex_prms", resulting from a call to <a href="#">flex_prms</a> .
...	additional arguments passed forward to the respective method
x	an object of class "summary.flex_prms"; a result of a call to <code>summary.flex_prms</code> .
round_digits	integer, indicating the number of decimal places (round) to be used (default is 3).
dependencies	logical, controlling if a summary of the special dependencies shall be printed (see the "special dependency instruction" in the details of <a href="#">flex_prms</a> )
cust_parameters	logical, controlling if a summary of the custom parameters shall be printed (see the "additional/custom parameter instruction" in the details of <a href="#">flex_prms</a> )

## Details

The `summary.flex_prms()` function creates a summary object containing:

- **prms\_matrix**: All parameter values across all conditions.
- **unique\_matrix**: A character matrix, showing how parameters relate across conditions.
- **depend\_strings**: Special Dependencies, formatted as a string.
- **cust\_prms\_matrix**: (if they exist), a matrix containing all custom parameters.

The `print.summary.flex_prms()` function displays the summary object in a formatted manner.

## Value

`summary.flex_prms()` returns a list of class `summary.flex_prms` (see the Details section summarizing each entry of this list).

`print.summary.flex_prms()` returns invisibly the `summary.flex_prms` object.

## Examples

```
# create a flex_prms object
flex_obj <- flex_prms(c(a = 1, b = 2), conds = c("foo", "bar"))

sum_obj <- summary(flex_obj)
print(sum_obj)

# the print function for the summary object is identical to the print
# function of the flex_prms object
print(flex_obj)
```

---

ulrich\_flanker\_data    *Exemplary Flanker Data*

---

## Description

Data of the Flanker task collected in the course of the study by Ulrich et al. (2015).

## Usage

```
ulrich_flanker_data
```

## Format

A `data.frame` with 16 individuals and the following columns:

**ID** Individual IDs

**RT** Response Times

**Error** Error Coding (Error Response = 1; Correct Response = 0)

**Cond** Condition ('comp' and 'incomp')

---

ulrich\_simon\_data      *Exemplary Simon Data*


---

**Description**

Data of the Simon task collected in the course of the study by Ulrich et al. (2015).

**Usage**

```
ulrich_simon_data
```

**Format**

A data.frame with 16 individuals and the following columns:

**ID** Individual IDs

**RT** Response Times

**Error** Error Coding (Error Response = 1; Correct Response = 0)

**Cond** Condition ('comp' and 'incomp')

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unpack\_traces      *Unpack/Destroy Traces Objects*


---

**Description**

`simulate_traces()` provides a list of type `traces_dm_list`, containing arrays of type `traces_dm`. The respective classes were created to ensure convenient plotting and printing, but they are not really necessary. If users want to create their own figures or access the values of the simulated traces, the data types can even mask the underlying properties.

The goal of `unpack_traces()` is to provide a convenient way to strip away the attributes of `traces_dm_list` and `traces_dm` objects.

**Usage**

```
unpack_traces(object, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'traces_dm'
unpack_traces(object, ..., unpack = TRUE)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'traces_dm_list'
unpack_traces(object, ..., unpack = TRUE, conds = NULL)
```

### Arguments

object	an object of type <code>drift_dm</code> or <code>fits_ids_dm</code> (see <code>load_fits_ids</code> )
...	further arguments passed on to the respective method.
unpack	logical, indicating if the <code>traces_dm</code> objects shall be unpacked. Default is <code>TRUE</code> .
conds	optional character, indicating specific condition(s). The default <code>NULL</code> will lead to <code>conds = conds(object)</code> . Thus, per default all conditions are accessed.

### Details

`unpack_traces()` is a generic function to strip away the "unnecessary" information of `traces_dm_list` and `traces_dm` objects. These objects are created when calling `simulate_traces()`.

For `traces_dm_list`, `unpack_traces()` returns the requested conditions (see the argument `conds`). The result contains objects of type `traces_dm` if `unpack = FALSE`. For `unpack = TRUE`, the result contains the plain arrays with the traces.

### Value

For `traces_dm_list`, the returned value is a list, if `conds` specifies more than one condition. For example, if `conds = c("foo", "bar")`, then the returned value is a list with the two (named) entries "foo" and "bar". If the returned list would only have one entry (either because the `traces_dm_list` has only one condition, see `conds`, or because a user explicitly requested only one condition), then the underlying array or `traces_dm` object is returned directly.

For `traces_dm`, `unpack_traces()` returns an array with the traces, if `unpack=TRUE`. If `unpack=FALSE`, the unmodified object is returned.

### Examples

```
# get a pre-built model to demonstrate the function
my_model <- dmc_dm()
# get some traces ...
some_traces <- simulate_traces(my_model, k = 2, seed = 1)
# and then unpack them to get the underlying arrays
str(unpack_traces(some_traces))
```



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