

# Package ‘shrink’

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**Description** The predictive value of a statistical model can often be improved by applying shrinkage methods. This can be achieved, e.g., by regularized regression or empirical Bayes approaches. Various types of shrinkage factors can also be estimated after a maximum likelihood. While global shrinkage modifies all regression coefficients by the same factor, parameterwise shrinkage factors differ between regression coefficients. With variables which are either highly correlated or associated with regard to contents, such as several columns of a design matrix describing a nonlinear effect, parameterwise shrinkage factors are not interpretable and a compromise between global and parameterwise shrinkage, termed 'joint shrinkage', is a useful extension. A computational shortcut to resampling-based shrinkage factor estimation based on DFBETA residuals can be applied. Global, parameterwise and joint shrinkage for models fitted by `lm()`, `glm()`, `coxph()`, or `mfp()` is available.

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| shrink-package | <i>Global, Parameterwise and Joint Shrinkage Factor Estimation</i> |
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### Description

The predictive value of a statistical model can often be improved by applying shrinkage methods. This can be achieved, e.g., by regularized regression or empirical Bayes approaches. Various types of shrinkage factors can also be estimated after a maximum likelihood. While global shrinkage modifies all regression coefficients by the same factor, parameterwise shrinkage factors differ between regression coefficients. With variables which are either highly correlated or associated with regard to contents, such as several columns of a design matrix describing a nonlinear effect or two main effects and their pairwise interaction term, parameterwise shrinkage factors are not interpretable and a compromise between global and parameterwise shrinkage, termed 'joint shrinkage', is a useful extension. A computational shortcut to resampling-based shrinkage factor estimation based on DFBETA residuals can be applied. Global, parameterwise and joint shrinkage for models fitted by `lm`, `glm`, `coxph`, and `mfp` is available.

### Details

Package: shrink  
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Functions included in the shrink-package:

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| <code>shrink</code>         | a function to compute global, parameterwise and joint post-estimation shrinkage factors of fit objects of class <code>lm</code> , <code>glm</code> , <code>coxph</code> , or <code>mfp</code> . |
| <code>coef.shrink</code>    | returns shrunken regression coefficients from objects of class <code>shrink</code> .  |
| <code>predict.shrink</code> | obtains predictions from shrunken regression coefficients from objects  |

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|                             | of class shrink.   |
| <code>vcov.shrink</code>    | returns the variance-covariance matrix of shrinkage factors. |
| <code>print.shrink</code>   | prints objects of class shrink.                              |
| <code>summary.shrink</code> | summary of objects of class shrink.                          |

Data set included in the shrink-package:

|                       |                            |
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| <code>deepvein</code> | deep vein thrombosis study |
| <code>GBSG</code>     | German breast cancer study |

## References

Dunkler D, Sauerbrei W, Heinze G (2016). Global, Parameterwise and Joint Shrinkage Factor Estimation. *Journal of Statistical Software*. **69**(8), 1-19. doi: [10.18637/jss.v069.i08](https://doi.org/10.18637/jss.v069.i08)

Sauerbrei W (1999) The use of resampling methods to simplify regression models in medical statistics. *Applied Statistics* **48**(3): 313-329.

Verweij P, van Houwelingen J (1993) Cross-validation in survival analysis. *Statistics in Medicine* **12**(24): 2305-2314.

## See Also

[shrink](#), [coef.shrink](#), [predict.shrink](#), [print.shrink](#), [summary.shrink](#), [vcov.shrink](#), [deepvein](#)

## Examples

```
# with glm, family = binomial
set.seed(888)
intercept <- 1
beta <- c(0.5, 1.2)
n <- 200
x1 <- rnorm(n, mean = 1, sd = 1)
x2 <- rbinom(n, size = 1, prob = 0.3)
linpred <- intercept + x1 * beta[1] + x2 * beta[2]
prob <- exp(linpred) / (1 + exp(linpred))
runis <- runif(n, min = 0, max = 1)
ytest <- ifelse(test = runis < prob, yes = 1, no = 0)
simdat <- data.frame(cbind(y = ifelse(runis < prob, 1, 0), x1, x2))

fit <- glm(y ~ x1 + x2, family = binomial, data = simdat, x = TRUE)
summary(fit)

global <- shrink(fit, type = "global", method = "dfbeta")
print(global)
coef(global)

shrink(fit, type = "parameterwise", method = "dfbeta")

shrink(fit, type = "parameterwise", method = "dfbeta", join = list(c("x1", "x2")))
```

```
#shrink(fit, type = "global", method = "jackknife")
#shrink(fit, type = "parameterwise", method = "jackknife")
#shrink(fit, type = "parameterwise", method = "jackknife",
#       join = list(c("x1", "x2")))

# For more examples see shrink
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| coef.shrink | <i>Returns Shrunk Regression Coefficients from Objects of Class shrink</i> |
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### Description

This class of objects is returned by the shrink function. Objects of this class have methods for the functions coef, predict, print, summary, and vcov.

### Usage

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

### Arguments

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| object | an object of class shrink. |
| ...    | further arguments.         |

### Value

A vector with shrunken regression coefficients

### See Also

[shrink](#), [print.shrink](#), [predict.shrink](#), [summary.shrink](#), [vcov.shrink](#)

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| deepvein | <i>Deep Vein Thrombosis Study</i> |
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### Description

A data frame containing time to recurrence of thrombosis and several potential prognostic factors measured at baseline for 929 individuals with deep vein thrombosis or unprovoked pulmonary embolism. 147 events of recurrence were observed during a median follow-up time of 37.8 months.

### Usage

```
deepvein
```

**Format**

The data frame contains observations of 929 individuals and the following variables:

**pnr** patient number.

**time** time to recurrence of thrombosis or end of study in months.

**status** = 1 recurrence of thrombosis.

**sex** gender.

**fimut** factor II G20210A mutation.

**fvleid** factor V Leiden mutation.

**log2ddim** log2-transformed D-dimer.

**bmi** body mass index.

**durther** duration of anticoagulation therapy.

**age** age in years.

**loc** location of first thrombosis: pulmonary embolism (PE), distal, or proximal deep vein thrombosis.

**Note**

The data are a modified and partly simulated version of the data set used by Eichinger et al. (2010) and are available under a GPL-2 license.

**References**

M. Schumacher, G. Basert, H. Bojar, K. Huebner, M. Olschewski, W. Sauerbrei, C. Schmoor, C. Beyerle, R.L.A. Neumann and H.F. Rauschecker for the German Breast Cancer Study Group (1994). Randomized  $2 \times 2$  trial evaluating hormonal treatment and the duration of chemotherapy in node-positive breast cancer patients. *Journal of Clinical Oncology*, **12**, 2086–2093.

W. Sauerbrei and P. Royston (1999). Building multivariable prognostic and diagnostic models: transformation of the predictors by using fractional polynomials. *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society Series A*, Volume **162**(1), 71–94.

**Examples**

```
data("deepvein")
summary(deepvein)
```

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GBSG

*German Breast Cancer Study Group*

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### Description

A data frame containing the observations from the GBSG study.

### Usage

GBSG

### Format

This data frame contains the observations of 686 women:

**id** patient id.

**htreat** hormonal therapy, a factor at two levels 0 (no) and 1 (yes).

**age** of the patients in years.

**menostat** menopausal status, a factor at two levels 1 (premenopausal) and 2 (postmenopausal).

**tumsize** tumor size (in mm).

**tumgrad** tumor grade, a ordered factor at levels 1 < 2 < 3.

**posnodal** number of positive nodes.

**prm** progesterone receptor (in fmol).

**esm** estrogen receptor (in fmol).

**rfst** recurrence free survival time (in days).

**cens** censoring indicator (0 censored, 1 event).

### References

- M. Schumacher, G. Basert, H. Bojar, K. Huebner, M. Olschewski, W. Sauerbrei, C. Schmoor, C. Beyerle, R.L.A. Neumann and H.F. Rauschecker for the German Breast Cancer Study Group (1994). Randomized  $2 \times 2$  trial evaluating hormonal treatment and the duration of chemotherapy in node-positive breast cancer patients. *Journal of Clinical Oncology*, **12**, 2086–2093.
- W. Sauerbrei and P. Royston (1999). Building multivariable prognostic and diagnostic models: transformation of the predictors by using fractional polynomials. *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society Series A*, Volume **162**(1), 71–94.

### Examples

```
data("GBSG")
summary(GBSG)
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| predict.shrink | <i>Predict Method for Objects of Class shrink</i> |
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**Description**

Obtains predictions from shrunken regression coefficients from an object of class shrink. This class of objects is returned by the shrink function. Objects of this class have methods for the functions coef, predict, print, summary, and vcov.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'shrink'
predict(
  object,
  newdata = NULL,
  type = c("link", "response", "lp", "risk", "expected", "terms"),
  shrinktype = NULL,
  terms = NULL,
  na.action = na.pass,
  collapse,
  safe = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| object     | an object of class shrink.  |
| newdata    | a data frame for which predictions are obtained, otherwise predictions are based on the data stored in object.  |
| type       | the type of prediction required.  |
| shrinktype | the type of shrinkage requested, if the object was obtained with type = "all", either "parameterwise" or "global".  |
| terms      | with type = "terms" by default all terms are returned. A character vector specifies which terms are to be returned.   |
| na.action  | function determining what should be done with missing values in newdata. The default is to include all observations.  |
| collapse   | if family = coxph or Cox, an optional vector of subject identifiers. If specified, the output will contain one entry per subject rather than one entry per observation. |
| safe       | option from predict.mfp.  |
| ...        | additional arguments to be passed to methods.   |

**Value**

A vector or matrix of predictions.

**Note**

If object was obtained using `type = "all"`, `shrinktype` specifies for which type of shrinkage predictions are requested. `shrinktype` will be ignored if object was obtained using either `type = "parameterwise"` or `type = "global"`.

**See Also**

[shrink](#), [coef.shrink](#), [print.shrink](#), [summary.shrink](#), [vcov.shrink](#)

**Examples**

```
data("GBSG")
library("mfp")

fit <- mfp(Surv(rfst, cens) ~ fp(age, df = 4, select = 0.05) +
          fp(prm, df = 4, select = 0.05), family = cox, data = GBSG)

dfbeta.global <- shrink(fit, type = "global", method = "dfbeta")
dfbeta.pw      <- shrink(fit, type = "parameterwise", method = "dfbeta")
dfbeta.join    <- shrink(fit, type = "parameterwise", method = "dfbeta",
                        join=list(c("age.1", "age.2")))

age <- 30:80
newdat <- data.frame(age = age, prm = 0)
refdat <- data.frame(age = 50, prm = 0)

# unshrunk
plot(age, predict(fit, newdata = newdat, type = "lp") -
      predict(fit, newdata = refdat, type = "lp"), xlab = "Age",
      ylab = "Log hazard relative to 50 years", type = "l", lwd = 2)

# globally shrunk
lines(age, predict(dfbeta.global, newdata = newdat, type = "lp") -
       predict(dfbeta.global, newdata = refdat, type = "lp"), lty = 3, col = "red", lwd = 2)

# jointly shrunk
lines(age, predict(dfbeta.join, newdata = newdat, type = "lp") -
       predict(dfbeta.join, newdata = refdat, type = "lp"), lty = 4, col = "blue", lwd = 2)

# parameterwise shrunk
lines(age, predict(dfbeta.pw, newdata = newdat, type = "lp") -
       predict(dfbeta.pw, newdata = refdat, type = "lp"), lty = 2, col = "green", lwd = 2)

legend("topright", lty = c(1, 3, 4, 2), title = "SHRINKAGE",
       legend = c("No", "Global", "Joint", "Parameterwise"), inset = 0.01, bty = "n",
       col = c("black", "red", "blue", "green"), lwd = 2)
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| print.shrink | <i>Print Method for Objects of Class shrink</i> |
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### Description

This class of objects is returned by the shrink function. Objects of this class have methods for the functions coef, predict, print, summary, and vcov.

### Usage

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

### Arguments

|     |                         |
|-----|-------------------------|
| x   | object of class shrink. |
| ... | further arguments.      |

### See Also

[shrink](#), [coef.shrink](#), [predict.shrink](#), [summary.shrink](#), [vcov.shrink](#)

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| shrink | <i>Global, Parameterwise and Joint Shrinkage of Regression Coefficients</i> |
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### Description

Obtain global, parameterwise and joint post-estimation shrinkage factors for regression coefficients from fit objects of class lm, glm, coxph, or mfp.

### Usage

```
shrink(  
  fit,  
  type = c("parameterwise", "global", "all"),  
  method = c("jackknife", "dfbeta"),  
  join = NULL,  
  notes = TRUE,  
  postfit = TRUE  
)
```

### Arguments

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| <code>fit</code>     | a fit object of class <code>lm</code> , <code>glm</code> , <code>coxph</code> , or <code>mfp</code> . The fit object must have been called with <code>x = TRUE</code> (and <code>y = TRUE</code> in case of class <code>lm</code> ). |
| <code>type</code>    | of shrinkage, either "parameterwise" (default), "global" shrinkage, or "all".  |
| <code>method</code>  | of shrinkage estimation, either "jackknife" (based on leave-one-out resampling, default) or "dfbeta" (excellent approximation based on DFBETA residuals).  |
| <code>join</code>    | compute optional joint shrinkage factors for sets of specified columns of the design matrix, if <code>type = "parameterwise"</code> . See details.   |
| <code>notes</code>   | print notes. Default is <code>TRUE</code> .  |
| <code>postfit</code> | obtain fit with shrunken regression coefficients. This option is only available for models without an intercept. Default is <code>TRUE</code> .  |

### Details

While global shrinkage modifies all regression coefficients by the same factor, parameterwise shrinkage factors differ between regression coefficients. With variables which are either highly correlated or associated with regard to contents, such as several columns of a design matrix describing a nonlinear effect, parameterwise shrinkage factors are not interpretable. Joint shrinkage of a set of such associated design variables will give one common shrinkage factor for this set.

Joint shrinkage factors may be useful when analysing highly correlated and/or such associated columns of the design matrix, e.g. dummy variables corresponding to a categorical explanatory variable with more than two levels, two variables and their pairwise interaction term, or several transformations of an explanatory variable enabling estimation of nonlinear effects. The analyst can define 'joint' shrinkage factors by specifying the `join` option if `type = "parameterwise"`. `join` expects a list with at least one character vector including the names of the columns of the design matrix for which a joint shrinkage factor is requested. For example the following specification of `join = list(c("dummy1", "dummy2", "dummy3"), c("main1", "main2", "interaction"), c("varX.fp1", "varX.fp2"))` requests the joint shrinkage factors for a) "dummy1", "dummy2" and "dummy3", b) "main1", "main2" and "interaction" and c) "varX.fp1" and "varX.fp2".

**Restricted cubic splines using `rcs`:** `shrink` also works for models incorporating restricted cubic splines computed with the `rcs` function from the `rms` package. A joint shrinkage factor of explanatory variable `varX` transformed with `rcs` can be obtained by `join = list(c("rcs(varX)")`) or by stating the names of the `rcs`-transformed variables as given in the respective fit object. (These two notations should not be mixed within one call to `shrink`.)

**Jackknife versus DFBETA method:** For linear regression models (`lm` or `glm` with family = "gaussian") shrinkage factors obtained by Jackknife and the DFBETA approximation will be identical. For all other types of regression, the computational effort of estimating shrinkage factors may be greatly reduced by using `method = "dfbeta"` instead. However, for (very) small data sets `method = "jackknife"` may be of advantage, as the use of DFBETA residuals may underestimate the influence of some highly influential observations.

**Shrunken intercept:** A shrunken intercept is estimated as follows: For all columns of the design matrix except for the intercept the shrinkage factors are multiplied with the respective regression coefficients and a linear predictor is computed. Then the shrunken intercept is estimated by modeling `fit$y ~ offset(linear predictor)`.

For regression models without an intercept, i.e., fit objects of class `coxph`, the shrunken regression coefficients can be directly estimated. This `postfit` is retained in the `$postfit` component of the `shrink` object.

### Value

`shrink` returns an object with the following components:

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| <code>ShrinkageFactors</code>     | a vector of shrinkage factors of regression coefficients.  |
| <code>ShrinkageFactorsVCOV</code> | the covariance matrix of the shrinkage factors.  |
| <code>ShrunkenRegCoef</code>      | a vector with the shrunken regression coefficients.  |
| <code>postfit</code>              | an optional postfit model with shrunken regression coefficients and associated standard errors for r |
| <code>fit</code>                  | the original (unshrunken) fit object.  |
| <code>type</code>                 | the requested shrinkage type.  |
| <code>method</code>               | the requested shrinkage method.  |
| <code>join</code>                 | the requested joint shrinkage factors.   |
| <code>call</code>                 | the function call.   |

If `type = "all"` then the object returned by `shrink` additionally contains

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| <code>global</code>        | a list with the following elements: <code>ShrinkageFactors</code> , <code>ShrinkageFactorsVCOV</code> and <code>ShrunkenRegCoef</code> .   |
| <code>parameterwise</code> | a list with the following elements: <code>ShrinkageFactors</code> , <code>ShrinkageFactorsVCOV</code> and <code>ShrunkenRegCoef</code> .   |
| <code>joint</code>         | an optional list with the following elements: <code>ShrinkageFactors</code> , <code>ShrinkageFactorsVCOV</code> and <code>ShrunkenR</code> |

### Note

For fit objects of class `mfp` with `family != cox` regression coefficients of `fit` (obtained by `coef(fit)`) and `fit$fit` may not always be identical, because of `mfp`'s pretransformation applied to the explanatory variables in the model. The `shrink` function uses a) the names as given in `names(coef(fit))` and b) the regression coefficients as given in `summary(fit)` which correspond to the pretransformed explanatory variables.

### References

- Dunkler D, Sauerbrei W, Heinze G (2016). Global, Parameterwise and Joint Shrinkage Factor Estimation. *Journal of Statistical Software*. **69**(8), 1-19. doi: [10.18637/jss.v069.i08](https://doi.org/10.18637/jss.v069.i08)
- Sauerbrei W (1999) The use of resampling methods to simplify regression models in medical statistics. *Applied Statistics* **48**(3): 313-329.
- Verweij P, van Houwelingen J (1993) Cross-validation in survival analysis. *Statistics in Medicine* **12**(24): 2305-2314.

### See Also

[coef.shrink](#), [predict.shrink](#), [print.shrink](#), [summary.shrink](#), [vcov.shrink](#)

### Examples

```
## Example with mfp (family = cox)
```

```

data("GBSG")
library("mfp")
fit1 <- mfp(Surv(rfst, cens) ~ fp(age, df = 4, select = 0.05) +
            fp(prm, df = 4, select = 0.05), family = cox, data = GBSG)

shrink(fit1, type = "global", method = "dfbeta")

dfbeta.pw <- shrink(fit1, type = "parameterwise", method = "dfbeta")
dfbeta.pw
dfbeta.pw$postfit

# correlations between shrinkage factors and standard errors of shrinkage factors
cov2cor(dfbeta.pw$ShrinkageFactorsVCOV)
sqrt(diag(dfbeta.pw$ShrinkageFactorsVCOV))

shrink(fit1, type = "parameterwise", method = "dfbeta",
       join = list(c("age.1", "age.2")))

#shrink(fit1, type = "global", method = "jackknife")
#shrink(fit1, type = "parameterwise", method = "jackknife")
#shrink(fit1, type = "parameterwise", method = "jackknife",
#       join = list(c("age.1", "age.2")))

# obtain global, parameterwise and joint shrinkage with one call to 'shrink'
shrink(fit1, type = "all", method = "dfbeta",
       join = list(c("age.1", "age.2")))

## Example with rcs
library("rms")
fit2 <- coxph(Surv(rfst, cens) ~ rcs(age) + log(prm + 1), data = GBSG, x = TRUE)

shrink(fit2, type = "global", method = "dfbeta")
shrink(fit2, type = "parameterwise", method = "dfbeta")
shrink(fit2, type = "parameterwise", method = "dfbeta",
       join = list(c("rcs(age)")))
shrink(fit2, type = "parameterwise", method = "dfbeta",
       join = list(c("rcs(age)", c("log(prm + 1)")))

## Examples with glm & mfp (family = binomial)
set.seed(888)
intercept <- 1
beta <- c(0.5, 1.2)
n <- 1000
x1 <- rnorm(n, mean = 1, sd = 1)
x2 <- rbinom(n, size = 1, prob = 0.3)
linpred <- intercept + x1 * beta[1] + x2 * beta[2]
prob <- exp(linpred) / (1 + exp(linpred))
runis <- runif(n, 0, 1)
ytest <- ifelse(test = runis < prob, yes = 1, no = 0)
simdat <- data.frame(cbind(y = ifelse(runis < prob, 1, 0), x1, x2))

fit3 <- glm(y ~ x1 + x2, family = binomial, data = simdat, x = TRUE)

```

```

summary(fit3)

shrink(fit3, type = "global", method = "dfbeta")
shrink(fit3, type = "parameterwise", method = "dfbeta")
shrink(fit3, type = "parameterwise", method = "dfbeta", join = list(c("x1", "x2")))

utils::data("Pima.te", package="MASS")
utils::data("Pima.tr", package="MASS")
Pima <- rbind(Pima.te, Pima.tr)
fit4 <- mfp(type ~ npreg + glu + bmi + ped + fp(age, select = 0.05),
           family = binomial, data = Pima)
summary(fit4)

shrink(fit4, type = "global", method = "dfbeta")
shrink(fit4, type = "parameterwise", method = "dfbeta")
# fit objects of class mfp: for 'join' use variable names as given in 'names(coef(fit4))'
shrink(fit4, type = "parameterwise", method = "dfbeta", join = list(c("age.1")))

## Examples with glm & mfp (family = gaussian) and lm
utils::data("anorexia", package = "MASS")
contrasts(anorexia$Treat) <- contr.treatment(n = 3, base = 2)
fit5 <- glm(Postwt ~ Prewt + Treat, family = gaussian, data = anorexia, x = TRUE)
fit5

shrink(fit5, type = "global", method = "dfbeta")
# which is identical to the more time-consuming jackknife approach:
# shrink(fit5, type = "global", method = "jackknife")

shrink(fit5, type = "parameterwise", method = "dfbeta")
shrink(fit5, type = "parameterwise", method = "dfbeta",
      join = list(c("Treat1", "Treat3")))

fit6 <- lm(Postwt ~ Prewt + Treat, data = anorexia, x = TRUE, y = TRUE)
fit6

shrink(fit6, type = "global", method = "dfbeta")
shrink(fit6, type = "parameterwise", method = "dfbeta")
shrink(fit6, type = "parameterwise", method = "dfbeta",
      join=list(c("Treat1", "Treat3")))

utils::data("GAGurine", package = "MASS")
fit7 <- mfp(Age ~ fp(GAG, select = 0.05), family = gaussian, data = GAGurine)
summary(fit7)

shrink(fit7, type = "global", method = "dfbeta")
shrink(fit7, type = "parameterwise", method = "dfbeta")
# fit objects of class mfp: for 'join' use variable names as given in 'names(coef(fit7))'
shrink(fit7, type = "parameterwise", method = "dfbeta",
      join = list(c("GAG.1", "GAG.2")))

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| summary.shrink | <i>Summary Method for Objects of Class shrink</i> |
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### Description

This class of objects is returned by the shrink function. Objects of this class have methods for the functions coef, predict, print, summary, and vcov.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'shrink'
summary(object, digits = 6, ...)
```

### Arguments

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| object | an object of class shrink.  |
| digits | integer, used for number formatting with <a href="#">signif()</a> . |
| ...    | further arguments.  |

### Value

A matrix with regression coefficients of the original fit, corresponding shrinkage factors and shrunken regression coefficients.

### See Also

[shrink](#), [coef.shrink](#), [print.shrink](#), [predict.shrink](#), [vcov.shrink](#)

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| vcov.shrink | <i>Calculate Variance-Covariance Matrix of Shrinkage Factors for Objects of Class shrink</i> |
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### Description

This class of objects is returned by the shrink function. Objects of this class have methods for the functions coef, predict, print, summary, and vcov.

### Usage

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## S3 method for class 'shrink'
vcov(object, digits = 6, ...)
```

**Arguments**

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| <code>object</code> | object of class <code>shrink</code> .                            |
| <code>digits</code> | integer, used for number formatting with <code>signif()</code> . |
| <code>...</code>    | further arguments.   |

**Value**

A matrix of the estimated covariances between the obtained shrinkage factors.

**See Also**

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