

# Package ‘miceafter’

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More and more statistical analyses and pooling functions will be added over time.

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bf_test	<i>Calculates the Brown-Forsythe test.</i>
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### Description

bf\_test Calculates the Brown-Forsythe test for homogeneity of variance across groups, coefficients, variance-covariance matrix, and degrees of freedom.

### Usage

```
bf_test(y, x, formula, data)
```

### Arguments

y	numeric response variable.
x	categorical variable.
formula	A formula object to specify the model as normally used by glm. Use 'factor' to define the grouping variable.
data	An objects of class <code>mlist</code> , created by <code>df2mlist</code> , <code>list2mlist</code> or <code>mids2mlist</code> .

### Details

The Levene's test centers around means to calculate outcome residuals, the Brown-Forsythe test on the median.

### Value

An object containing the following objects are extracted:

- `fstats` F-test value, including numerator and denominator degrees of freedom.
- `qhat` pooled coefficients from fit.
- `vcov` variance-covariance matrix.
- `dfcom` degrees of freedom obtained from `df.residual`.

### Author(s)

Martijn Heymans, 2021

### See Also

[with.mlist](#)

### Examples

```
imp_dat <- df2mlist(lbpmlr, impvar="Impnr")
ra <- with(imp_dat, expr=bf_test(Pain ~ factor(Carrying)))
```

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cindex	<i>Calculates the c-index and standard error</i>
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### Description

cindex Calculates the c-index and standard error for logistic and Cox regression models and the degrees of freedom to be further used in function with.milist.

### Usage

```
cindex(formula, data)
```

### Arguments

formula	A formula object to specify the model as normally used by glm or coxph.
data	An object of class milist, created by df2milist, list2milist or mids2milist.

### Value

The c-index, related standard error and complete data degrees of freedom (dfcom) as n-1.

### Author(s)

Martijn Heymans, 2021

### See Also

[with.milist](#), [pool\\_cindex](#)

### Examples

```
imp_dat <- df2milist(lbpmlr, impvar="Impnr")
ra <- with(data=imp_dat,
  expr = cindex(glm(Chronic ~ Gender + Radiation, family=binomial)))
```

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df2milst	<i>Turns a data frame with multiply imputed data into an object of class 'milst'</i>
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**Description**

df2milst Turns a data frame of class 'data.frame', 'tbl\_df' or 'tbl' (tibble) into an object of class 'milst' to be further used by 'miceafter::with'

**Usage**

```
df2milst(data, impvar, keep = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

data	an object of class 'data.frame', 'tbl_df' or 'tbl' (tibble).
impvar	A character vector. Name of the variable that distinguishes the imputed datasets.
keep	if TRUE the grouping column is kept, if FALSE (default) the grouping column is not kept.

**Value**

an object of class 'milst' (Multiply Imputed Data list)

**Author(s)**

Martijn Heymans, 2021

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f2chi	<i>Converts F-values into Chi Square values</i>
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**Description**

f2chi convert F to Chi-square values.

**Usage**

```
f2chi(f, df_num)
```

**Arguments**

f	a vector of F values.
df_num	single value for the numerator degrees of freedom of the F test.

**Value**

The Chi square values.

**Author(s)**

Martijn Heymans, 2021

**Examples**

```
f2chi(c(5.83, 4.95, 3.24, 6.27, 4.81), 5)
```

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glm\_mi

*Direct Pooling and model selection of Linear and Logistic regression models across multiply imputed data.*

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**Description**

glm\_mi Pooling and backward or forward selection of Linear and Logistic regression models across multiply imputed data using selection methods RR, D1, D2, D3, D4 and MPR (without use of with function).

**Usage**

```
glm_mi(
  data,
  formula = NULL,
  nimp = 5,
  impvar = NULL,
  keep.predictors = NULL,
  p.crit = 1,
  method = "RR",
  direction = NULL,
  model_type = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

data	Data frame with stacked multiple imputed datasets. The original dataset that contains missing values must be excluded from the dataset. The imputed datasets must be distinguished by an imputation variable, specified under impvar, and starting by 1.
formula	A formula object to specify the model as normally used by glm. See under "Details" and "Examples" how these can be specified. If a formula object is used set predictors, cat.predictors, spline.predictors or int.predictors at the default value of NULL.
nimp	A numerical scalar. Number of imputed datasets. Default is 5.

impvar	A character vector. Name of the variable that distinguishes the imputed datasets.
keep.predictors	A single string or a vector of strings including the variables that are forced in the model during predictor selection. All type of variables are allowed.
p.crit	A numerical scalar. P-value selection criterium. A value of 1 provides the pooled model without selection.
method	A character vector to indicate the pooling method for p-values to pool the total model or used during predictor selection. This can be "RR", "D1", "D2", "D3", "D4", or "MPR". See details for more information. Default is "RR".
direction	The direction of predictor selection, "BW" means backward selection and "FW" means forward selection.
model_type	A character vector for type of model, "binomial" is for logistic regression and "linear" is for linear regression models.

### Details

The basic pooling procedure to derive pooled coefficients, standard errors, 95 confidence intervals and p-values is Rubin's Rules (RR). However, RR is only possible when the model includes continuous and dichotomous variables. Specific procedures are available when the model also included categorical (> 2 categories) or restricted cubic spline variables. These pooling methods are: "D1" is pooling of the total covariance matrix, "D2" is pooling of Chi-square values, "D3" and "D4" is pooling Likelihood ratio statistics (method of Meng and Rubin) and "MPR" is pooling of median p-values (MPR rule). Spline regression coefficients are defined by using the rcs function for restricted cubic splines of the rms package. A minimum number of 3 knots as defined under knots is required.

A typical formula object has the form Outcome ~ terms. Categorical variables has to be defined as Outcome ~ factor(variable), restricted cubic spline variables as Outcome ~ rcs(variable, 3). Interaction terms can be defined as Outcome ~ variable1\*variable2 or Outcome ~ variable1 + variable2 + variable1:variable2. All variables in the terms part have to be separated by a "+". If a formula object is used set predictors, cat.predictors, spline.predictors or int.predictors at the default value of NULL.

### Value

An object of class pmods (multiply imputed models) from which the following objects can be extracted:

- data imputed datasets
- RR\_model pooled model at each selection step
- RR\_model\_final final selected pooled model
- multiparm pooled p-values at each step according to pooling method
- multiparm\_final pooled p-values at final step according to pooling method
- multiparm\_out (only when direction = "FW") pooled p-values of removed predictors
- formula\_step formula object at each step
- formula\_final formula object at final step
- formula\_initial formula object at final step

- predictors\_in predictors included at each selection step
- predictors\_out predictors excluded at each step
- impvar name of variable used to distinguish imputed datasets
- nimp number of imputed datasets
- Outcome name of the outcome variable
- method selection method
- p.crit p-value selection criterium
- call function call
- model\_type type of regression model used
- direction direction of predictor selection
- predictors\_final names of predictors in final selection step
- predictors\_initial names of predictors in start model
- keep.predictors names of predictors that were forced in the model

### Author(s)

Martijn Heymans, 2021

### References

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Van Buuren S. (2018). *Flexible Imputation of Missing Data*. 2nd Edition. Chapman & Hall/CRC Interdisciplinary Statistics. Boca Raton.

EW. Steyerberg (2019). *Clinical Prediction MOdels. A Practical Approach to Development, Validation, and Updating* (2nd edition). Springer Nature Switzerland AG.

<http://missingdatasolutions.rbind.io/>

### Examples

```
pool_lr <- glm_mi(data=lbpmlr, formula = Chronic ~ Pain +
  factor(Satisfaction) + rcs(Tampascale,3) + Radiation +
  Radiation*factor(Satisfaction) + Age + Duration + BMI,
  p.crit = 0.05, direction="FW", nimp=5, impvar="Impnr",
  keep.predictors = c("Radiation*factor(Satisfaction)", "Age"),
```



```
method="D1", model_type="binomial")  
pool_lr$RR_model_final
```

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invlogit	<i>Takes the inverse of a logit transformed value</i>
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**Description**

invlogit Takes the inverse of a logit transformed value

**Usage**

```
invlogit(est)
```

**Arguments**

est                    A parameter estimate on the logit scale.

**Value**

back transformed value.

**Author(s)**

Martijn Heymans, 2021

**Examples**

```
invlogit(est=1.39)
```

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invlogit_ci	<i>Takes the inverse of logit transformed parameters and calculates the confidence intervals</i>
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**Description**

invlogit\_ci Takes the inverse of logit transformed parameters and calculates the confidence interval by using the critical value.

**Usage**

```
invlogit_ci(est, se, crit.value)
```

**Arguments**

`est`            A parameter estimate on the logit scale.  
`se`             A standard error value on the logit scale.  
`crit.value`     Critical value of any distribution.

**Details**

Takes the inverse of logit transformed parameter estimates. The confidence interval is calculated by taking the inverse of  $est + / - crit.value(1 - \alpha/2) * se$ .

**Value**

Parameter, critical value and confidence intervals on original scale.

**Author(s)**

Martijn Heymans, 2021

**Examples**

```
invlogit_ci(est=1.39, se=0.25, crit.value=1.96)
```

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lbpmicox

*Survival data of 265 Low Back Pain Patients*

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**Description**

A data frame with 10 multiply imputed datasets of 265 observations each on 17 variables related to low back pain.

**Usage**

```
lbpmicox
```

**Format**

A data frame with 2650 observations on the following 18 variables.

**Impnr** a numeric vector

**patnr** a numeric vector

**Status** dichotomous event

**Time** continuous follow up time variable

**Duration** continuous

**Previous** dichotomous

**Radiation** dichotomous

**Onset** dichotomous  
**Age** continuous  
**Tampascale** continuous  
**Pain** continuous  
**Function** continuous  
**Satisfaction** categorical  
**JobControl** continuous  
**JobDemand** continuous  
**Social** continuous  
**Expectation** a numeric vector  
**Expect\_cat** categorical

### Examples

```
data(lbpmicox)
## maybe str(lbpmicox)
```

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lbpmlr

*Data of 159 Low Back Pain Patients*

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### Description

A data frame with 10 multiply imputed datasets of 159 observations each on 17 variables related to low back pain.

### Usage

```
lbpmlr
```

### Format

A data frame with 1590 observations on the following 17 variables.

**Impnr** a numeric vector  
**ID** a numeric vector  
**Chronic** dichotomous  
**Gender** dichotomous  
**Carrying** categorical  
**Pain** continuous  
**Tampascale** continuous  
**Function** continuous

**Radiation** dichotomous  
**Age** continuous  
**Smoking** dichotomous  
**Satisfaction** categorical  
**JobControl** continuous  
**JobDemands** continuous  
**SocialSupport** continuous  
**Duration** continuous  
**BMI** continuous

### Examples

```
data(lbpmilr)  
## maybe str(lbpmilr)
```

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lbp\_orig

*Dataset of 159 Low Back Pain Patients with missing values*

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### Description

A data frame with 159 observations of 15 variables related to low back pain.

### Usage

```
lbp_orig
```

### Format

A data frame with 159 observations on the following 15 variables.

**Chronic** dichotomous  
**Gender** dichotomous  
**Carrying** categorical  
**Pain** continuous  
**Tampascale** continuous  
**Function** continuous  
**Radiation** dichotomous  
**Age** continuous  
**Smoking** dichotomous  
**Satisfaction** categorical  
**JobControl** continuous  
**JobDemands** continuous  
**SocialSupport** continuous  
**Duration** continuous  
**BMI** continuous

**Examples**

```
data(lbp_orig)
## maybe str(lbp_orig)
```

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levene_test	<i>Calculates the Levene's test</i>
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**Description**

levene\_test Calculates the Levene's test for homogeneity of variance across groups, model coefficients, the variance-covariance matrix and the degrees of freedom.

**Usage**

```
levene_test(y, x, formula, data)
```

**Arguments**

y	numeric (continuous) response variable.
x	categorical group variable.
formula	A formula object to specify the model as normally used by glm. Use 'factor' to define the grouping x variable. Only one variable is allowed.
data	An objects of class <code>mlist</code> , created by <code>df2mlist</code> , <code>list2mlist</code> or <code>mids2mlist</code> .

**Details**

The Levene's test centers on group means to calculate outcome residuals, the Brown-Forsythe test on the median.

**Value**

An object from which the following objects are extracted:

- `fstats` F-test value, including numerator and denominator degrees of freedom.
- `qhat` model coefficients.
- `vcov` variance-covariance matrix.
- `dfcom` degrees of freedom obtained from `df.residual`.

**Author(s)**

Martijn Heymans, 2021

**See Also**

[with.mlist](#), [pool\\_levenetest](#), [bf\\_test](#)

**Examples**

```
imp_dat <- df2milst(1bpmilr, impvar="Impnr")
ra <- with(imp_dat, expr=levene_test(Pain ~ factor(Carrying)))
```

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<code>list2milst</code>	<i>Turns a list object with multiply imputed datasets into an object of class 'milst'.</i>
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**Description**

`list2milst` Turns a list with multiply imputed datasets into an object of class 'milst' to be further used by 'with.milst'

**Usage**

```
list2milst(data)
```

**Arguments**

`data` an object of class 'list'.

**Value**

an object of class 'milst'

**Author(s)**

Martijn Heymans, 2021

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<code>logit_trans</code>	<i>Logit transformation of parameter estimates</i>
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**Description**

`logit_trans` Logit transformation of parameter estimate and standard error.

**Usage**

```
logit_trans(est, se)
```

**Arguments**

`est` A numeric vector of values.  
`se` A numeric vector of standard error values.

**Details**

Function is used to logit transform parameters and standard errors. For the standard error the Delta method is used.

**Value**

The logit transformed values.

**Author(s)**

Martijn Heymans, 2021

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mids2milst	<i>Turns a 'mice::mids' object into an object of class 'milst' to be further used by 'miceafter::with'</i>
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**Description**

mids2milst Turns a 'mice::mids' object into an object with multiply imputed datasets of class 'milst' to be further used by 'miceafter::with'

**Usage**

```
mids2milst(data, keep = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

data	a 'mice::mids' object
keep	if TRUE the grouping column is kept, if FALSE (default) the grouping column is not kept.

**Value**

an object of class 'milst'

**Author(s)**

Martijn Heymans, 2021

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odds_ratio	<i>Calculates the odds ratio (OR) and standard error.</i>
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### Description

odds\_ratio Calculates the odds ratio and standard error and degrees of freedom to be used in function with.milist.

### Usage

```
odds_ratio(y, x, formula, data)
```

### Arguments

y	0-1 binary response variable.
x	0-1 binary independent variable.
formula	A formula object to specify the model as normally used by glm.
data	An objects of class milist, created by df2milist, df2milist or mids2milist.

### Details

Note that the standard error of the OR is in fact the standard error of the (natural) log odds ratio.

### Value

The odds ratio, related standard error and complete data degrees of freedom (dfcom) as n-2.

### Author(s)

Martijn Heymans, 2021

### See Also

[with.milist](#), [pool\\_odds\\_ratio](#)

### Examples

```
imp_dat <- df2milist(lbpmlr, impvar="Impnr")
ra <- with(imp_dat, expr=odds_ratio(Chronic ~ Radiation))
```



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pool_bftest	<i>Calculates the pooled Brown-Forsythe test.</i>
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**Description**

pool\_levenetest Calculates the pooled F-statistic of the Brown-Forsythe test.

**Usage**

```
pool_bftest(object, method = "D1")
```

**Arguments**

object	An object of class 'mistats' ('Multiply Imputed Statistical Analysis').
method	A character vector to choose the pooling method, 'D1' (default) or 'D2'.

**Value**

The (combined) F-statistic, p-value and degrees of freedom.

**Author(s)**

Martijn Heymans, 2021

**References**

Eekhout I, van de Wiel MA, Heymans MW. Methods for significance testing of categorical covariates in logistic regression models after multiple imputation: power and applicability analysis. *BMC Med Res Methodol.* 2017;17(1):129.

Enders CK (2010). *Applied missing data analysis*. New York: The Guilford Press.

Van Buuren S. (2018). *Flexible Imputation of Missing Data*. 2nd Edition. Chapman & Hall/CRC Interdisciplinary Statistics. Boca Raton.

**See Also**

[with.milist](#), [bf\\_test](#)

**Examples**

```
imp_dat <- df2milist(lbpmlr, impvar="Impnr")
ra <- with(imp_dat, expr=bf_test(Pain ~ factor(Carrying)))
res <- pool_bftest(ra)
res
```

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pool_cindex	<i>Calculates the pooled C-index and Confidence intervals</i>
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### Description

pool\_cindex Calculates the pooled C-index and Confidence intervals.

### Usage

```
pool_cindex(data, conf.level = 0.95, dfcom = NULL)
```

### Arguments

data	An object of class 'mistats' ('Multiply Imputed Statistical Analysis'.) or a m x 2 matrix with C-index values and standard errors in the columns. For the latter option dfcom has to be provided.
conf.level	conf.level Confidence level of the confidence intervals.
dfcom	Number of completed-data analysis degrees of freedom. Default number is taken from function cindex

### Details

Rubin's Rules are used for pooling. The C-index values are log transformed before pooling and finally back transformed.

### Value

The pooled c-index value and the confidence intervals.

### Vignettes

[https://mwheymans.github.io/miceafter/articles/pooling\\_cindex.html](https://mwheymans.github.io/miceafter/articles/pooling_cindex.html)

### Author(s)

Martijn Heymans, 2021

### See Also

[with.milist](#), [cindex](#)

## Examples

```
# Logistic Regression
imp_dat <- df2milst(lbpmilr, impvar="Impnr")
res_stats <- with(data=imp_dat,
  expr = cindex(glm(Chronic ~ Gender + Radiation,
    family=binomial)))
res <- pool_cindex(res_stats)
res

# Cox regression
library(survival)
imp_dat <- df2milst(lbpmicox, impvar="Impnr")
res_stats <- with(data=imp_dat,
  expr = cindex(coxph(Surv(Time, Status) ~ Pain + Radiation)))
res <- pool_cindex(res_stats)
res
```

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pool\_D2

*Combines the Chi Square statistics across Multiply Imputed datasets*

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## Description

pool\_D2 The D2 statistic to combine the Chi square values across Multiply Imputed datasets.

## Usage

```
pool_D2(dw, v)
```

## Arguments

dw a vector of chi square values obtained after multiple imputation.  
v single value for the degrees of freedom of the chi square statistic.

## Value

The pooled chi square values as the D2 statistic, the p-value, the numerator, df1 and denominator, df2 degrees of freedom for the F-test.

## Author(s)

Martijn Heymans, 2021

## References

Eekhout I, van de Wiel MA, Heymans MW. Methods for significance testing of categorical covariates in logistic regression models after multiple imputation: power and applicability analysis. *BMC Med Res Methodol.* 2017;17(1):129.

Van Buuren S. (2018). *Flexible Imputation of Missing Data*. 2nd Edition. Chapman & Hall/CRC Interdisciplinary Statistics. Boca Raton.

## Examples

```
pool_D2(c(2.25, 3.95, 6.24, 5.27, 2.81), 4)
```

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pool_D4	<i>Pools the Likelihood Ratio tests across Multiply Imputed datasets (method D4)</i>
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## Description

pool\_D4 The D4 statistic to combine the likelihood ratio tests (LRT) across Multiply Imputed datasets according method D4.

## Usage

```
pool_D4(data, nimp, impvar, fm0, fm1, robust = TRUE, model_type = "binomial")
```

## Arguments

data	Data frame with stacked multiple imputed datasets. The original dataset that contains missing values must be excluded from the dataset. The imputed datasets must be distinguished by an imputation variable, specified under impvar, and starting by 1.
nimp	A numerical scalar. Number of imputed datasets. Default is 5.
impvar	A character vector. Name of the variable that distinguishes the imputed datasets.
fm0	the null model.
fm1	the (nested) model to compare. Must be larger than the null model.
robust	if TRUE a robust LRT is used (algorithm 1 in Chan and Meng), otherwise algorithm 2 is used.
model_type	if TRUE (default) a logistic regression model is fitted, otherwise a linear regression model is used

## Value

The D4 statistic, the numerator, df1 and denominator, df2 degrees of freedom for the F-test.

**Author(s)**

Martijn Heymans, 2021

**References**

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**Examples**

```
fm0 <- Chronic ~ BMI + factor(Carrying) +
  Satisfaction + SocialSupport + Smoking
fm1 <- Chronic ~ BMI + factor(Carrying) +
  Satisfaction + SocialSupport + Smoking +
  Radiation

miceafter::pool_D4(data=lbpmlr, nimp=10, impvar="Impnr",
  fm0=fm0, fm1=fm1, robust = TRUE)
```

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pool_glm	<i>Pools and selects Linear and Logistic regression models across multiply imputed data.</i>
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**Description**

pool\_glm Pools and selects Linear and Logistic regression models across multiply imputed data, using pooling methods RR, D1, D2, D3, D4 and MPR (in combination with 'with' function).

**Usage**

```
pool_glm(
  object,
  method = "D1",
  p.crit = 1,
  keep.predictors = NULL,
  direction = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

object	An object of class 'mistats' ('Multiply Imputed Statistical Analyses').
method	A character vector to indicate the multiparameter pooling method to pool the total model or used during model selection. This can be "RR", "D1", "D2", "D3", "D4", or "MPR". See details for more information. Default is "RR".

p.crit	A numerical scalar. P-value selection criterium. A value of 1 provides the pooled model without selection.
keep.predictors	A single string or a vector of strings including the variables that are forced in the model during model selection. All type of variables are allowed.
direction	The direction for model selection, "BW" means backward selection and "FW" means forward selection.

## Details

The basic pooling procedure to derive pooled coefficients, standard errors, 95 confidence intervals and p-values is Rubin's Rules (RR). However, RR is only possible when the model includes continuous and dichotomous variables. Multiparameter pooling methods are available when the model also included categorical (> 2 categories) variables. These pooling methods are: "D1" is pooling of the total covariance matrix, "D2" is pooling of Chi-square values, "D3" and "D4" is pooling Likelihood ratio statistics (method of Meng and Rubin) and "MPR" is pooling of median p-values (MPR rule). For pooling restricted cubic splines using the 'rcs' function of of the rms package, use function 'glm\_mi'.

A typical formula object has the form Outcome ~ terms. Categorical variables has to be defined as Outcome ~ factor(variable). Interaction terms can be defined as Outcome ~ variable1\*variable2 or Outcome ~ variable1 + variable2 + variable1:variable2. All variables in the terms part have to be separated by a "+".

## Value

An object of class mipool (multiply imputed pooled models) from which the following objects can be extracted:

- pmodel pooled model (at last selection step)
- pmultiparm pooled p-values according to multiparameter test method (at last selection step)
- pmodel\_step pooled model (at each selection step)
- pmultiparm\_step pooled p-values according to multiparameter test method (at each selection step)
- multiparm\_final pooled p-values at final step according to pooling method
- multiparm\_out (only when direction = "FW") pooled p-values of removed predictors
- formula\_final formula object at final step
- formula\_initial formula object at final step
- predictors\_in predictors included at each selection step
- predictors\_out predictors excluded at each step
- impvar name of variable used to distinguish imputed datasets
- nimp number of imputed datasets
- Outcome name of the outcome variable
- method selection method
- p.crit p-value selection criterium

- call function call
- model\_type type of regression model used
- direction direction of predictor selection
- predictors\_final names of predictors in final selection step
- predictors\_initial names of predictors in start model
- keep\_predictors names of predictors that were forced in the model

## Vignettes

[https://mwheymans.github.io/miceafter/articles/regression\\_modelling.html](https://mwheymans.github.io/miceafter/articles/regression_modelling.html)

## Author(s)

Martijn Heymans, 2021

## References

Eekhout I, van de Wiel MA, Heymans MW. Methods for significance testing of categorical covariates in logistic regression models after multiple imputation: power and applicability analysis. *BMC Med Res Methodol.* 2017;17(1):129.

Enders CK (2010). *Applied missing data analysis*. New York: The Guilford Press.

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Marshall A, Altman DG, Holder RL, Royston P. Combining estimates of interest in prognostic modelling studies after multiple imputation: current practice and guidelines. *BMC Med Res Methodol.* 2009;9:57.

Van Buuren S. (2018). *Flexible Imputation of Missing Data*. 2nd Edition. Chapman & Hall/CRC Interdisciplinary Statistics. Boca Raton.

## Examples

```
dat_list <- df2milst(lbpmilr, impvar="Impnr")
ra <- with(data=dat_list, expr = glm(Chronic ~ factor(Carrying) + Radiation + Age))
poolm <- pool_glm(ra, method="D1")
poolm$pmodel
poolm$pmultiparm
```

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pool_levenetest	<i>Calculates the pooled Levene test.</i>
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**Description**

pool\_levenetest Calculates the pooled F-statistic of the Levene test.

**Usage**

```
pool_levenetest(object, method = "D1")
```

**Arguments**

object	An object of class 'mistats' ('Multiply Imputed Statistical Analysis').
method	A character vector to choose the pooling method, 'D1' (default) or 'D2'.

**Value**

The (combined) F-statistic, p-value and degrees of freedom.

**Vignettes**

[https://mwheymans.github.io/miceafter/articles/levене\\_test.html](https://mwheymans.github.io/miceafter/articles/levене_test.html)

**Author(s)**

Martijn Heymans, 2021

**References**

Eekhout I, van de Wiel MA, Heymans MW. Methods for significance testing of categorical covariates in logistic regression models after multiple imputation: power and applicability analysis. *BMC Med Res Methodol.* 2017;17(1):129.

Enders CK (2010). *Applied missing data analysis*. New York: The Guilford Press.

Van Buuren S. (2018). *Flexible Imputation of Missing Data*. 2nd Edition. Chapman & Hall/CRC Interdisciplinary Statistics. Boca Raton.

**See Also**

[with.milist](#), [levене\\_test](#)



## Examples

```
library(magrittr)
lbpmlr %>%
  df2milst(impvar="Impnr") %>%
  with(expr=levene_test(Pain ~ factor(Carrying))) %>%
  pool_levenetest(method="D1")

# Same as
imp_dat <- df2milst(lbpmlr, impvar="Impnr")
ra <- with(imp_dat, expr=levene_test(Pain ~ factor(Carrying)))
res <- pool_levenetest(ra, method="D1")
```

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pool_odds_ratio	<i>Calculates the pooled odds ratio (OR) and related confidence interval.</i>
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## Description

pool\_odds\_ratio Calculates the pooled odds ratio and confidence interval.

## Usage

```
pool_odds_ratio(object, conf.level = 0.95, dfcom = NULL)
```

## Arguments

object	An object of class 'mistats' ('Multiply Imputed Statistical Analysis')
conf.level	Confidence level of the confidence intervals.
dfcom	Complete data degrees of freedom. Default number is taken from function odds_ratio

## Value

The pooled OR and confidence intervals.

## Author(s)

Martijn Heymans, 2021

## See Also

[with.milst](#), [odds\\_ratio](#)

**Examples**

```

library(magrittr)
lbpmlr %>%
  df2milst(impvar="Impnr") %>%
  with(expr=odds_ratio(Chronic ~ Radiation)) %>%
  pool_odds_ratio()

# Same as
imp_dat <- df2milst(lbpmlr, impvar="Impnr")
ra <- with(imp_dat, expr=odds_ratio(Chronic ~ Radiation))
res <- pool_odds_ratio(ra)

```

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pool_propdiff_ac	<i>Calculates the pooled difference between proportions and standard error according to Agresti-Caffo across multiply imputed datasets.</i>
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**Description**

pool\_propdiff\_ac Calculates the pooled difference between proportions and standard error according to Agresti-Caffo across multiply imputed datasets.

**Usage**

```
pool_propdiff_ac(object, conf.level = 0.95, dfcom = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

object	An object of class 'mistats' ('Multiply Imputed Statistical Analysis').
conf.level	Confidence level of the confidence intervals.
dfcom	Complete data degrees of freedom. Default number is taken from function propdiff_ac

**Value**

The proportion, the Confidence intervals, the standard error and statistic.

**Author(s)**

Martijn Heymans, 2021

**See Also**

[with.milist](#), [propdiff\\_ac](#)

## Examples

```
imp_dat <- df2milst(lbpmilr, impvar="Impnr")
ra <- with(imp_dat, expr=propdiff_ac(Chronic ~ Radiation))
res <- pool_propdiff_ac(ra)
res
```

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pool_propdiff_nw	<i>Calculates the pooled difference between proportions and confidence intervals according to Newcombe-Wilson (NW) across multiply imputed datasets.</i>
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## Description

pool\_propdiff\_nw Calculates the pooled difference between proportions and confidence intervals according to Newcombe-Wilson (NW) across multiply imputed datasets.

## Usage

```
pool_propdiff_nw(object, conf.level = 0.95)
```

## Arguments

object	An object of class 'mistats' ('Multiply Imputed Statistical Analysis').
conf.level	Confidence level of the confidence intervals. Mostly set at 0.95.

## Details

The pool\_propdiff\_nw function uses information from separate exposure groups. It is therefore important to first use the propdiff\_wald function and to set strata = TRUE in that function.

## Value

The Proportion and the Confidence intervals according to Newcombe-Wilson.

## Author(s)

Martijn Heymans, 2021

## References

Yulia Sidi & Ofer Harel (2021): Difference Between Binomial Proportions Using Newcombe's Method With Multiple Imputation for Incomplete Data, The American Statistician, DOI:10.1080/00031305.2021.1898468

## See Also

[with.milst](#), [propdiff\\_wald](#)

**Examples**

```

library(magrittr)
lbpmlr %>%
  df2milst(impvar="Impnr") %>%
  with(expr=propdiff_wald(Chronic ~ Radiation, strata = TRUE)) %>%
  pool_propdiff_nw()

# Same as
imp_dat <- df2milst(lbpmlr, impvar="Impnr")
res <- with(imp_dat, expr=propdiff_wald(Chronic ~ Radiation, strata = TRUE))
res <- pool_propdiff_nw(res)

```

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pool_propdiff_wald	<i>Calculates the pooled difference between proportions and standard error according to Wald across multiply imputed datasets.</i>
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**Description**

pool\_propdiff\_wald Calculates the pooled difference between proportions and standard error according to Wald across multiply imputed datasets.

**Usage**

```
pool_propdiff_wald(object, conf.level = 0.95, dfcom = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

object	An object of class 'mistats' ('Multiply Imputed Statistical Analysis').
conf.level	Confidence level of the confidence intervals.
dfcom	Complete data degrees of freedom. Default number is taken from function propdiff_wald

**Value**

The proportion, the Confidence intervals, the standard error and statistic.

**Author(s)**

Martijn Heymans, 2021

**See Also**

[with.milst](#), [propdiff\\_wald](#)

## Examples

```
imp_dat <- df2milst(lbpmlr, impvar="Impnr")
ra <- with(imp_dat, expr=proppdiff_wald(Chronic ~ Gender))
res <- pool_proppdiff_wald(ra)
res
```

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pool_prop_nna	<i>Calculates the pooled proportion and confidence intervals using an approximate Beta distribution.</i>
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## Description

pool\_prop\_nna Calculates the pooled proportion and confidence intervals using an approximate Beta distribution.

## Usage

```
pool_prop_nna(object, conf.level = 0.95)
```

## Arguments

object	An object of class 'mistats' ('Multiply Imputed Statistical Analysis').
conf.level	Confidence level of the confidence intervals.

## Details

The parameters for the Beta distribution are calculated using the method of moments (Gelman et al. p. 582).

## Value

The pooled proportion and the 95% Confidence interval.

## Author(s)

Martijn Heymans, 2021

## References

Raghunathan, T. (2016). Missing Data Analysis in Practice. Boca Raton, FL: Chapman and Hall/CRC. (paragr 4.6.2)

Andrew Gelman, John B. Carlin, Hal S. Stern, David B. Dunson, Aki Vehtari, Donald B. Rubin. (2003). Bayesian Data Analysis (2nd ed). Chapman and Hall/CRC.

**See Also**

[with.milist](#), [prop\\_nna](#)

**Examples**

```
imp_dat <- df2milist(lbpmlr, impvar='Impnr')
ra <- with(imp_dat, expr=prop_nna(Radiation))
res <- pool_prop_nna(ra)
res
```

---

pool_prop_wald	<i>Calculates the pooled proportion and standard error according to Wald across multiply imputed datasets.</i>
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**Description**

pool\_prop\_wald Calculates the pooled proportion and standard error according to Wald across multiply imputed datasets and using Rubin's Rules.

**Usage**

```
pool_prop_wald(object, conf.level = 0.95, dfcom = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

object	An object of class 'mistats' (repeated statistical analysis across multiply imputed datasets).
conf.level	Confidence level of the confidence intervals.
dfcom	Complete data degrees of freedom. Default number is taken from function prop_wald

**Details**

Before pooling, the proportions will be naturally log transformed and the pooled estimates back transformed to the original scale.

**Value**

The proportion, the Confidence intervals, the standard error and the statistic.

**Author(s)**

Martijn Heymans, 2021

**See Also**

[with.milist](#), [prop\\_wald](#)

**Examples**

```
imp_dat <- df2milist(lbpmlr, impvar="Impnr")
ra <- with(imp_dat, expr=prop_wald(Radiation ~ 1))
res <- pool_prop_wald(ra)
res
```

---

pool_prop_wilson	<i>Calculates the pooled single proportion confidence intervals according to Wilson across multiply imputed datasets.</i>
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**Description**

pool\_prop\_wilson Calculates the pooled single proportion and confidence intervals according to Wald across multiply imputed datasets.

**Usage**

```
pool_prop_wilson(object, conf.level = 0.95)
```

**Arguments**

object	An object of class 'mistats' ('Multiply Imputed Statistical Analysis').
conf.level	Confidence level of the confidence intervals.

**Value**

The proportion and the 95% Confidence interval according to Wilson.

**Author(s)**

Martijn Heymans, 2021

**References**

Anne Lott & Jerome P. Reiter (2020) Wilson Confidence Intervals for Binomial Proportions With Multiple Imputation for Missing Data, *The American Statistician*, 74:2, 109-115, DOI: 10.1080/00031305.2018.1473796.

**See Also**

[with.milist](#), [prop\\_wald](#)

**Examples**

```

library(magrittr)
lbpmlr %>%
  df2milst(impvar="Impnr") %>%
  with(expr=prop_wald(Radiation ~ 1)) %>%
  pool_prop_wilson()

# Same as
imp_dat <- df2milst(lbpmlr, impvar="Impnr")
ra <- with(imp_dat, expr=prop_wald(Radiation ~ 1))
res <- pool_prop_wilson(ra)

```

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pool_risk_ratio	<i>Calculates the pooled risk ratio (RR) and related confidence interval.</i>
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**Description**

pool\_risk\_ratio Calculates the pooled risk ratio and confidence interval.

**Usage**

```
pool_risk_ratio(object, conf.level = 0.95, dfcom = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

object	An object of class 'mistats' ('Multiply Imputed Statistical Analysis').
conf.level	Confidence level of the confidence intervals.
dfcom	Complete data degrees of freedom. Default number is taken from function risk_ratio

**Value**

The pooled RR and confidence intervals.

**Author(s)**

Martijn Heymans, 2021

**See Also**

[with.milst](#), [risk\\_ratio](#)



**Examples**

```

library(magrittr)
lbpmlr %>%
  df2milst(impvar="Impnr") %>%
  with(expr=risk_ratio(Chronic ~ Radiation)) %>%
  pool_risk_ratio()

# Same as
imp_dat <- df2milst(lbpmlr, impvar="Impnr")
ra <- with(imp_dat, expr=risk_ratio(Chronic ~ Radiation))
res <- pool_risk_ratio(ra)

```

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pool_scalar_RR	<i>Rubin's Rules for scalar estimates</i>
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**Description**

pool\_scalar\_RR Applies Rubin's pooling Rules for scalar estimates

**Usage**

```

pool_scalar_RR(
  est,
  se,
  logit_trans = FALSE,
  conf.level = 0.95,
  statistic = FALSE,
  dfcom = NULL
)

```

**Arguments**

<code>est</code>	a numerical vector of parameter estimates.
<code>se</code>	a numerical vector of standard error estimates.
<code>logit_trans</code>	If TRUE logit transformation of parameter values is applied before pooling, if FALSE (default), pooling is done on the original parameter scale.
<code>conf.level</code>	Confidence level of the confidence intervals.
<code>statistic</code>	if TRUE the test statistic and confidence interval are provided, if FALSE (default) these are not shown.
<code>dfcom</code>	The complete data analysis degrees of freedom.

**Details**

The t-value is the quantile value of the t-distribution that can be used to calculate confidence intervals according to  $est_{pooled} \pm t_{1-\alpha/2} * se_{pooled}$ . When statistic is TRUE the test statistic is calculated as  $statistic = est_{pooled}/se_{pooled}$ . The p-value is then derived using the t-distribution and adjusted degrees of freedom.

**Value**

A list object from which the following objects are extracted:

- pool\_est the pooled parameter value.
- pool\_se the pooled standard error value.
- t quantile of the t-distribution (to calculate confidence intervals).
- r the relative increase in variance due to missing data.
- dfcom complete data degrees of freedom.
- v\_adj adjusted degrees of freedom (according to Barnard and Rubin 1999)

**Author(s)**

Martijn Heymans, 2021

**Examples**

```
est <- c(0.4, 0.6, 0.8)
se <- c(0.02, 0.05, 0.03)
res <- pool_scalar_RR(est, se, dfcom=500)
res
```

---

propdiff\_ac

*Calculates the difference between proportions and standard error according to method Agresti-Caffo*

---

**Description**

propdiff\_ac Calculates the difference between proportions and standard error according to method Agresti-Caffo.

**Usage**

```
propdiff_ac(y, x, formula, data)
```

**Arguments**

y	0-1 binary response variable.
x	0-1 binary independent variable.
formula	A formula object to specify the model as normally used by glm.
data	An objects of class <code>mlist</code> , created by <code>df2mlist</code> , <code>list2mlist</code> or <code>mids2mlist</code> .

**Value**

The difference between proportions, the standard error according to Agresti-Caffo and complete data degrees of freedom (dfcom) as n-1.

**Author(s)**

Martijn Heymans, 2021

**See Also**

[with.milist](#), [pool\\_propdiff\\_ac](#)

**Examples**

```
imp_dat <- df2milist(lbpmlr, impvar="Impnr")
ra <- with(imp_dat, expr=propdiff_ac(Chronic ~ Radiation))

# same as
ra <- with(imp_dat, expr=propdiff_ac(y=Chronic, x=Radiation))
```

---

propdiff_wald	<i>Calculates the difference between proportions and standard error according to Wald</i>
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**Description**

propdiff\_wald Calculates the difference between proportions and standard error according to Wald and degrees of freedom to be used in function `with.miceafter`.

**Usage**

```
propdiff_wald(y, x, formula, data, strata = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

y	0-1 binary response variable.
x	0-1 binary independent variable.
formula	A formula object to specify the model as normally used by <code>glm</code> .
data	An objects of class <code>milist</code> , created by <code>df2milist</code> , <code>list2milist</code> or <code>mids2milist</code> .
strata	If TRUE the proportion, se and n of each group is provided. Default is FALSE. Has to be used in combination with function <code>pool_propdiff_wilson</code>

**Value**

The difference between proportions, standard error and complete data degrees of freedom (dfcom) as n-1.

**Author(s)**

Martijn Heymans, 2021

**See Also**

[with.milist](#), [pool\\_propdiff\\_nw](#)

**Examples**

```
imp_dat <- df2milst(1bpmilr, impvar="Impnr")
ra <- with(imp_dat, expr=propdiff_wald(Chronic ~ Radiation))

# proportions in each subgroup
imp_dat <- df2milst(1bpmilr, impvar="Impnr")
ra <- with(imp_dat, expr=propdiff_wald(Chronic ~ Radiation, strata=TRUE))
```

---

prop\_nna

*Calculates the posterior beta components for a single proportion*

---

**Description**

prop\_nna Calculates the posterior beta components for a single proportion (assuming noninformative prior).

**Usage**

```
prop_nna(x, data)
```

**Arguments**

x                    name of variable to calculate proportion.  
data                An object of class 'mistats' ('Multiply Imputed Statistical Analysis').

**Value**

The posterior beta components.

**Author(s)**

Martijn Heymans, 2021

**References**

Raghunathan, T. (2016). Missing Data Analysis in Practice. Boca Raton, FL: Chapman and Hall/CRC. (paragr 4.6.2)

**See Also**

[with.milist](#), [pool\\_prop\\_nna](#)

**Examples**

```
imp_dat <- df2milist(lbpmlr, impvar='Impnr')
ra <- with(imp_dat, expr=prop_nna(Radiation))
```

---

prop_wald	<i>Calculates a single proportion and related standard error according to Wald</i>
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---

**Description**

prop\_wald Calculates a single proportion and related standard error according to Wald and provides degrees of freedom to be used in function `with.miceafter`.

**Usage**

```
prop_wald(x, formula, data)
```

**Arguments**

x	name of variable to calculate proportion.
formula	A formula object to specify the model as normally used by glm.
data	An objects of class <code>milist</code> , created by <code>df2milist</code> , <code>list2milist</code> or <code>mids2milist</code> .

**Value**

The proportion, standard error and complete data degrees of freedom (`dfcom`) as `n-1`.

**Author(s)**

Martijn Heymans, 2021

**See Also**

[with.milist](#), [pool\\_prop\\_wald](#)

**Examples**

```
imp_dat <- df2milist(lbpmlr, impvar="Impnr")
ra <- with(imp_dat, expr=prop_wald(Chronic ~ 1))
```

---

risk_ratio	<i>Calculates the risk ratio (RR) and standard error.</i>
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**Description**

risk\_ratio Calculates the risk ratio and standard error.

**Usage**

```
risk_ratio(y, x, formula, data)
```

**Arguments**

y	0-1 binary response variable.
x	0-1 binary independent variable.
formula	A formula object to specify the model as normally used by glm.
data	An objects of class <code>milist</code> , created by <code>df2milist</code> , <code>list2milist</code> or <code>mids2milist</code> .

**Details**

Note that the standard error of the RR is in fact the standard error of the (natural) risk ratio.

**Value**

The risk ratio, related standard error and complete data degrees of freedom (`dfcom`) as `n-2`.

**Author(s)**

Martijn Heymans, 2021

**See Also**

[with.milist](#)

**Examples**

```
imp_dat <- df2milist(lbpmlr, impvar="Impnr")
ra <- with(imp_dat, expr=risk_ratio(Chronic ~ Radiation))
```

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with.milist	<i>Evaluate an Expression across a list of multiply imputed datasets</i>
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**Description**

with.milist Evaluate an expression in the form of a statistical test procedure across a list of multiply imputed datasets

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'milist'  
with(data, expr = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

data	data that is used to evaluate the expression in, an objects of class milist after a call to function df2milist, list2milist or mids2milist. For 'df2milist' the original dataset (normally indicated as dataset 0) must be excluded and the imputed datasets must be distinguished by an imputation variable, specified under impvar and starting by 1.
expr	expression to evaluate.
...	Not required.

**Value**

The value of the evaluated expression with class mistsats 'Multiply Imputed Statistical Analysis'.

**Author(s)**

Martijn Heymans, 2021

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