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eqs2lavaan-package *EQS Output Conversion to lavaan Functions*

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Rosseel, Yves (2012). lavaan: An R Package for Structural Equation Modeling. Journal of Statistical Software, 48(2), 1-36. <http://www.jstatsoft.org/v48/i02/>.

eqs2lavaan *Convert EQS Output to lavaan Syntax*

Description

By using an unedited .out file from EQS, the needed information can be extracted for use in R. The resulting syntax will be converted to lavaan. Because of the various scripting techniques in EQS, not all output will translate perfect to EQS (a warning will be supplied instead of results). To get the most out of your code conversion, be sure to understand how to use lavaan for SEM research.

Usage

```
eqs2lavaan(eqs, data = NULL)
```

Arguments

eqs	Specific path location of an EQS .out file. If this file is in your R directory, only the title will be necessary, otherwise a path location will also be needed.
data	Optional use of data already imported in R. Specifying a path location of a .csv file will also allow the data to be entered into the syntax as opposed to the shortened covariance matrix and descriptive statistics from the .out file. Actual data will provide closer results to those in EQS because rounding will not occur.

Details

Conversion errors are always possible and .out files for failed conversions would be greatly appreciated for future updates. Send any misread .out files to the author at craigmk@my.uri.edu. The translated lavaan code is checked for similarity to the EQS chi-square goodness of fit and thus erroneous results will not be returned. Only standard models will likely translate correctly as simulations, groups comparisons, and growth models are not included as of the initial release.

Value

An object of class `lavaan`,

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See Also

[lavaan](#) [plotCov](#) [eqsDesc](#)

Examples

```
# EQS required to get a necessary .out file
# Run for62.eqs from the EQS examples and save .out to R directory location

## Not run: e2l <- eqs2lavaan("for62.out")
## Not run: summary(e2l)
```

eqsCorr	<i>Translate Covariance Matrix in EQS Output to a Correlation Matrix in R</i>
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Description

The EQS .out file contains all the necessary information to return a correlation matrix. This function allows you to extract the necessary info and save the correlation matrix for your own use in R.

Usage

```
eqsCorr(eqs)
```

Arguments

eqs A valid unedited .out file from EQS output.

Value

A correlation matrix.

Note

This function will still be usable for more complex SEM models that end up not being translatable by [eqs2lavaan](#).

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References

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See Also

[plotCov](#) [eqsCorr](#) [eqsDesc](#) [eqs2lavaan](#)

Examples

```
# EQS required to get a necessary .out file
# Run for62.eqs from the EQS examples and save .out to R directory location

## Not run: eqsCorr("for62.out")
```

eqsCov	<i>Translate Covariance Matrix in EQS Output to a Covariance Matrix in R</i>
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Description

Extract the covariance matrix from an appropriate EQS .out file for your usage in R.

Usage

```
eqsCov(eqs)
```

Arguments

eqs A valid unedited .out file from EQS output.

Value

A covariance matrix.

Note

This function will still be usable for more complex SEM models that end up not being translatable by [eqs2lavaan](#).

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See Also

[plotCov](#) [eqsCorr](#) [eqsDesc](#) [eqs2lavaan](#)

Examples

```
# EQS required to get a necessary .out file  
# Run for62.eqs from the EQS examples and save .out to R directory location  
  
## Not run: eqsCov("for62.out")
```

`eqsDesc`*Extract Descriptive Statistics from an EQS Output File*

Description

Mean, standard deviation, kurtosis, and skewness are displayed in an EQS .out file and this function converts these into R for your use. The returned matrix will display the vitals for all relevant variables and can be selected by column.

Usage

```
eqsDesc(eqs)
```

Arguments

`eqs` A valid unedited .out file from EQS output.

Value

A matrix with four columns (mean, sd, skewness, and kurtosis).

Note

This function will still be usable for more complex SEM models that end up not being translatable by [eqs2lavaan](#).

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See Also

[eqs2lavaan](#) [eqsCov](#) [eqsCorr](#)

Examples

```
# EQS required to get a necessary .out file
# Run for62.eqs from the EQS examples and save .out to R directory location

## Not run: eqsCorr("for62.out")
```

`out2lavaan`*Function Called by the eqs2lavaan Function*

Description

Returns a list of extracted information from the EQS .out file.

Usage

```
out2lavaan(eqs)
```

Arguments

<code>eqs</code>	Specific path location of an EQS .out file. If this file is in your R directory, only the title will be necessary, otherwise a path location will also be needed.
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Details

This is a function that is referenced mainly by [eqs2lavaan](#), however it can be used in a standalone format as well.

Value

A list of the covariance matrix and descriptive statistics extracted from the EQS .out file supplied.

References

Bentler, P. M. (2008). EQS Program Manual. Encino, CA: Multivariate Software Inc.

Yves Rosseel (2012). lavaan: An R Package for Structural Equation Modeling. Journal of Statistical Software, 48(2), 1-36. URL <http://www.jstatsoft.org/v48/i02/>.

See Also

[eqs2lavaan](#)

Examples

```
# EQS required to get a necessary .out file
# Run for62.eqs from the EQS examples and save .out to R directory location

## Not run: out2lavaan("for62.out")
```

`plotCov`*Plot a Covariance/Correlation Heat Map*

Description

Any covariance matrix can be entered and an image with covariance and correlation matrices will be plotted.

Usage

```
plotCov(cov)
```

Arguments

`cov` A covariance matrix.

Value

An image containing heat map based items for the covariance and resulting correlation matrix.

Note

The diagonal is all 1's from the covariance matrix, the correlation matrix diagonal of all 1's is left out. No EQS code is necessary to use this function, it will work with any covariance matrix.

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See Also

[eqsCov](#) [eqsCorr](#) [eqsDesc](#) [cor2cov](#)

Examples

```
library(datasets)
plotCov(ability.cov$cov)
plotCov(cov(attitude))

library(lavaan)
HolzingerSwineford1939
# Select variables x1-x9 only
HS39 <- cov(HolzingerSwineford1939[,7:15])
plotCov(HS39)
```


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