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**Description**

Update FLStock and FLIndex objects with simulations from stock assessment fits.

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'FLStock,a4aFitSA'
e1 * e2

## S4 method for signature 'FLStock,SCAPars'
e1 * e2

## S4 method for signature 'FLIndices,a4aFitSA'
e1 * e2

## S4 method for signature 'FLIndices,SCAPars'
e1 * e2
```

**Arguments**

- e1                    the original FLStock or FLIndex object
- e2                    a a4aFit object from where the new FLStock or FLIndex slots will be extracted.

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a4aFit-class	<i>S4 class a4aFit</i>
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**Description**

The a4aFit class was built to store the a4a stock assessment fits.

**Usage**

```

a4aFit(...)

a4aFit(...)

clock(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'a4aFit'
clock(object)

fitSumm(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'a4aFit'
fitSumm(object)

## S4 method for signature 'a4aFit'
stock.n(object)

## S4 method for signature 'a4aFit,ANY'
harvest(object)

## S4 method for signature 'a4aFit'
catch.n(object)

## S4 method for signature 'a4aFit'
index(object)

## S4 method for signature 'a4aFit'
show(object)

## S4 method for signature 'a4aFit'
logLik(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'a4aFit'

```

```

iter(obj, it)

## S4 method for signature 'a4aFit'
computeCatchDiagnostics(object, stock, ...)

```

### Arguments

...	additional argument list that might never be used
object	object of relevant class (see signature of method)
obj	the object to be subset
it	iteration to be extracted

### Slots

**call** The function call

**clock** Information on call duration

**fitSumm** Fit summary

**stock.n** Estimates of stock numbers-at-age

**harvest** Estimates of fishing mortality at age

**catch.n** Estimates of catch numbers-at-age

**index** Estimates of survey or CPUE indices-at-age

### Accessors

All slots in the class have accessor and replacement methods defined that allow retrieving and substituting individual slots.

The values passed for replacement need to be of the class of that slot. A numeric vector can also be used when replacing FLQuant slots, and the vector will be used to substitute the values in the slot, but not its other attributes.

### Constructor

A construction method exists for this class that can take named arguments for any of its slots. All slots are then created to match the requirements of the class validity. If an unnamed FLQuant object is provided, this is used for sizing, but not for populating any slot.

### Examples

```

data(ple4)
data(ple4.index)

obj <- sca(stock=ple4, indices=FLIndices(ple4.index))
obj

slotNames(obj)
clock(obj)
fitSumm(obj)

```

```
flq <- stock.n(obj)
is(flq)
flq <- index(obj)
is(flq)

logLik(obj)
AIC(obj)
BIC(obj)
```

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a4aFitCatchDiagn-class

*S4 class a4aFitCatchDiagn*

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### Description

The a4aFitCatchDiagn class extends FLQuants to store information to run diagnostics on aggregated catch estimated by the a4a stock assessment fit.

### Usage

```
computeCatchDiagnostics(object, ...)
```

### Arguments

object	object of relevant class (see signature of method)
...	additional argument list that might never be used
stock	FLStock object used to fit the model
indices	FLIndices object used to fit the model

### Examples

```
data(ple4)
data(ple4.index)
obj <- sca(stock=ple4, indices=FLIndices(ple4.index))
flqs <- residuals(obj, ple4, FLIndices(idx=ple4.index))
```

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a4aFitMCMC-class      *S4 class a4aFitMCMC*

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## Description

The a4aFitMCMC class extends a4aFitSA to store information about the MCMC run.

## Usage

```
a4aFitMCMC(...)

a4aFitMCMC(...)

## S4 method for signature 'a4aFitMCMC'
a4aFitSA(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'a4aFitMCMC'
a4aFit(object, ...)

as.mcmc(x, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'a4aFitMCMC'
as.mcmc(x, ...)

burnin(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'a4aFitMCMC'
burnin(object, burnin)
```

## Arguments

...	additional argument list that might never be used
object	object of relevant class (see signature of method)
x	an object to be coerced into mcmc
burnin	a numeric with the number of iterations to be removed

## Slots

**name** A character vector for the object name.

**desc** A textual description of the object contents.

**range** A named numeric vector with various values of quant and year ranges, plusgroup, fishing mortality ranges, etc.

**call** The function call

**clock** Information on call duration

**fitSumm** Fit summary

**stock.n** Estimates of stock numbers-at-age  
**harvest** Estimates of fishing mortality at age  
**catch.n** Estimates of catch numbers-at-age  
**index** Estimates of survey or CPUE indices-at-age  
**mcmc** An object of class SCAMCMC with information about the MCMC run

### Accessors

All slots in the class have accessor and replacement methods defined that allow retrieving and substituting individual slots.

The values passed for replacement need to be of the class of that slot. A numeric vector can also be used when replacing FLQuant slots, and the vector will be used to substitute the values in the slot, but not its other attributes.

### Constructor

A construction method exists for this class that can take named arguments for any of its slots. All slots are then created to match the requirements of the class validity. If an unnamed FLQuant object is provided, this is used for sizing, but not for populating any slot.

### Examples

```
data(ple4)
data(ple4.index)

obj <- sca(stock=ple4, indices=FLIndices(ple4.index), fit="assessment")
obj

slotNames(obj)
clock(obj)
fitSumm(obj)

flq <- stock.n(obj)
is(flq)
flq <- index(obj)
is(flq)

logLik(obj)
AIC(obj)
BIC(obj)

is(pars(obj))
```



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a4aFitResiduals-class *S4 class* a4aFitResiduals

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### Description

The `a4aFitResiduals` class extends `FLQuants` to store residuals of the a4a stock assessment fit. By default, these should be log residuals of catches and indices.

### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'a4aFit'
residuals(object, stock, indices, ...)
```

### Arguments

<code>object</code>	object of relevant class (see signature of method)
<code>stock</code>	<code>FLStock</code> object used to fit the model
<code>indices</code>	<code>FLIndices</code> object used to fit the model
<code>...</code>	additional argument list that might never be used

### Examples

```
data(ple4)
data(ple4.index)
obj <- sca(stock=ple4, indices=FLIndices(ple4.index))
flqs <- residuals(obj, ple4, FLIndices(idx=ple4.index))
```

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a4aFitSA-class *S4 class* a4aFitSA

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### Description

The `a4aFitSA` class extends `a4aFit` to store information about the parameters of the model.

### Usage

```
a4aFitSA(...)

a4aFitSA(...)

## S4 method for signature 'a4aFitSA'
a4aFit(object, ...)

pars(object)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'a4aFitSA'  
pars(object)  
  
## S4 method for signature 'a4aFitSA'  
m(object)  
  
## S4 method for signature 'a4aFitSA'  
wt(object)  
  
## S4 method for signature 'a4aFitSA'  
qmodel(object)  
  
## S4 method for signature 'a4aFitSA'  
fmodel(object)  
  
## S4 method for signature 'a4aFitSA'  
srmodel(object)  
  
## S4 method for signature 'a4aFitSA'  
n1model(object)  
  
## S4 method for signature 'a4aFitSA'  
vmodel(object)  
  
## S4 method for signature 'a4aFitSA'  
stkmodel(object)  
  
## S4 method for signature 'a4aFitSA'  
show(object)  
  
## S4 method for signature 'a4aFitSA'  
submodels(object, ...)  
  
## S4 method for signature 'a4aFitSA'  
iter(obj, it)  
  
a4aFitSAs(object, ...)  
  
## S4 method for signature 'list'  
a4aFitSAs(object, ...)  
  
## S4 method for signature 'a4aFitSA'  
a4aFitSAs(object, ...)  
  
## S4 method for signature 'missing'  
a4aFitSAs(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>...</code>	additional argument list that might never be used
<code>object</code>	object of relevant class (see signature of method)
<code>obj</code>	the object to be subset
<code>it</code>	iteration to be extracted

**Slots**

<b>call</b>	The function call
<b>clock</b>	Information on call duration
<b>fitSumm</b>	Fit summary
<b>stock.n</b>	Estimates of stock numbers-at-age
<b>harvest</b>	Estimates of fishing mortality at age
<b>catch.n</b>	Estimates of catch numbers-at-age
<b>index</b>	Estimates of survey or CPUE indices-at-age
<b>pars</b>	an object of class SCAPars with information about model parameters

**Accessors**

All slots in the class have accessor and replacement methods defined that allow retrieving and substituting individual slots.

The values passed for replacement need to be of the class of that slot. A numeric vector can also be used when replacing FLQuant slots, and the vector will be used to substitute the values in the slot, but not its other attributes.

**Constructor**

A construction method exists for this class that can take named arguments for any of its slots. All slots are then created to match the requirements of the class validity. If an unnamed FLQuant object is provided, this is used for sizing, but not for populating any slot.

**Examples**

```
data(ple4)
data(ple4.index)

obj <- sca(stock=ple4, indices=FLIndices(ple4.index), fit="assessment")
obj

slotNames(obj)
clock(obj)
fitSumm(obj)

flq <- stock.n(obj)
is(flq)
flq <- index(obj)
is(flq)
```

```
logLik(obj)
AIC(obj)
BIC(obj)

is(pars(obj))
```

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a4aGr

*Individual growth class*


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### Description

Class definition (slots), constructors, accessors, replacement (when relevant) and common methods.

### Usage

```
a4aGr(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'missing'
a4aGr(object, ...)

grMod(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'a4aGr'
grMod(object)

grMod(object) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'a4aGr,formula'
grMod(object) <- value

grInvMod(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'a4aGr'
grInvMod(object)

grInvMod(object) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'a4aGr,formula'
grInvMod(object) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'a4aGr'
params(object)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'a4aGr,FLPar'
params(object) <- value
```

```

## S4 method for signature 'a4aGr'
distr(object)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'a4aGr,character'
distr(object) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'a4aGr'
vcov(object)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'a4aGr,numeric'
vcov(object) <- value

```

### Arguments

object	object of relevant class (see signature of method)
...	additional argument list that might never be used
value	the new object

### Slot

grMod the formula for the growth model, *e.g.* von Bertalanffy

grInvMod the formula for the inverse of the growth model, having length as the independent variable

params an FLPar object with the parameters of the model; must match the equations in the models

vcov an array with the variance covariance matrix of the parameters

distr a character with the parameters' statistical distribution; it must match a known distribution for R (*e.g.* "norm" for gaussian), so that rnorm can be called

### Accessors

All slots in the class have accessor and replacement methods defined that allow retrieving and substituting individual slots.

The values passed for replacement need to be of the class of that slot. A numeric vector can also be used when replacing FLQuant slots, and the vector will be used to substitute the values in the slot, but not its other attributes.

### Constructor

A construction method exists for this class that can take named arguments for any of its slots. All slots are then created to match the requirements of the class validity. If an unnamed FLQuant object is provided, this is used for sizing, but not for populating any slot.

### Examples

```

mm <- matrix(NA, ncol=3, nrow=3)
diag(mm) <- c(50, 0.001,0.001)
mm[upper.tri(mm)] <- mm[lower.tri(mm)] <- c(0.1,0.01,0.00004)
md <- ~linf*(1-exp(-k*(t-t0)))

```

```

imd <- ~t0-1/k*log(1-len/linf)
prs <- FLPar(linf=58.5, k=0.086, t0=0.001, units=c("cm","yr^-1","yr"))
vbobj <- a4aGr(grMod=md, grInvMod=imd, params=prs, vcov=mm, distr="norm")

```

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a4aInternal

*Stock assessment model advanced method*


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## Description

The advanced user interface to the a4a fitting routine.

## Usage

```

a4aInternal(
  stock,
  indices,
  fmodel = defaultFmod(stock),
  qmodel = defaultQmod(indices),
  srmodel = defaultSRmod(stock),
  n1model = defaultN1mod(stock),
  vmodel = defaultVmod(stock, indices),
  covar = missing,
  wkdir = missing,
  verbose = FALSE,
  fit = "assessment",
  center = TRUE,
  mcmc = missing
)

```

## Arguments

stock	an FLStock object containing catch and stock information
indices	an FLIndices object containing survey indices
fmodel	a formula object depicting the model for log fishing mortality at age
qmodel	a list of formula objects depicting the models for log survey catchability at age
srmodel	a formula object depicting the model for log recruitment
n1model	a formula object depicting the model for the first year of catch data
vmodel	a list of formula objects depicting the models for log survey and log fishing mortality variance
covar	a list with covariates
wkdir	used to set a working directory for the admb optimiser. If wkdir is set all admb files are saved to this folder otherwise they are deleted.
verbose	if true admb fitting information is printed to the screen
fit	character with type of fit: 'MP' or 'assessment'; the former doesn't require the hessian to be computed, while the latter does.

center	logical specifying whether data is centered before estimating or not
mcmc	SCAMCMC specifying parameters for the ADMB MCMC run, check ADMB manual for detailed description

**Value**

an a4aFit object if fit is "MP" or an a4aFitSA if fit is "assessment"

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a4aM *Natural mortality class*

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**Description**

Class definition (slots), constructors, accessors, replacement (when relevant) and common methods.

**Usage**

```
a4aM(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'missing'
a4aM(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'a4aM'
show(object)

shape(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'a4aM'
shape(object)

shape(object) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'a4aM'
shape(object) <- value

level(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'a4aM'
level(object)

level(object) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'a4aM'
level(object) <- value

trend(object, ...)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'a4aM'
trend(object)

trend(object) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'a4aM'
trend(object) <- value
```

### Arguments

object	object of relevant class (see signature of method)
...	additional argument list that might never be used
value	the new object

### Slot

shape	the shape of M by age
level	the mean level of M over a range of ages, which will be used to scale the shape
trend	the yearly trend in M

### Accessors

All slots in the class have accessor and replacement methods defined that allow retrieving and substituting individual slots.

The values passed for replacement need to be of the class of that slot. A numeric vector can also be used when replacing FLQuant slots, and the vector will be used to substitute the values in the slot, but not its other attributes.

### Constructor

A construction method exists for this class that can take named arguments for any of its slots. All slots are then created to match the requirements of the class validity. If an unnamed FLQuant object is provided, this is used for sizing, but not for populating any slot.

### Examples

```
mod1 <- FLModelSim(model=~exp(-age-0.5))
mod2 <- FLModelSim(model=~1.5*k, params=FLPar(k=0.4))
m1 <- a4aM(shape=mod1, level=mod2)
```



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a4aStkParams	<i>Stock parameters class</i>
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**Description**

Class definition (slots), constructors, accessors, replacement (when relevant) and common methods.

**Usage**

```
a4aStkParams(object, ...)  
  
## S4 method for signature 'missing'  
a4aStkParams(object, ...)  
  
## S4 method for signature 'a4aStkParams'  
m(object)  
  
## S4 method for signature 'a4aStkParams'  
wt(object)  
  
## S4 method for signature 'a4aStkParams'  
mat(object)  
  
fMod(object, ...)  
  
## S4 method for signature 'a4aStkParams'  
fMod(object)  
  
fMod(object) <- value  
  
## S4 replacement method for signature 'a4aStkParams,formula'  
fMod(object) <- value  
  
n1Mod(object, ...)  
  
## S4 method for signature 'a4aStkParams'  
n1Mod(object)  
  
n1Mod(object) <- value  
  
## S4 replacement method for signature 'a4aStkParams,formula'  
n1Mod(object) <- value  
  
srMod(object, ...)  
  
## S4 method for signature 'a4aStkParams'  
srMod(object)
```

```

srMod(object) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'a4aStkParams,formula'
srMod(object) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'a4aStkParams'
params(object)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'a4aStkParams,FLPar'
params(object) <- value

coefficients(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'a4aStkParams'
coefficients(object)

coefficients(object) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'a4aStkParams,FLPar'
coefficients(object) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'a4aStkParams'
distr(object)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'a4aStkParams,character'
distr(object) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'a4aStkParams'
vcov(object)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'a4aStkParams,array'
vcov(object) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'a4aStkParams'
propagate(object, iter, fill.iter = TRUE)

## S4 method for signature 'a4aStkParams'
iter(obj, it)

```

### Arguments

object	object of relevant class (see signature of method)
...	additional argument list that might never be used
value	the new object
iter	the number of iterations to create
fill.iter	should the new iterations be filled with values (TRUE) or NAs (FALSE)

obj            the object to be subset  
 it            iteration to be extracted

### Slot

fMod F submodel formula  
 n1Mod first year N formula  
 srMod stock-recruitment submodel formula  
 params FLPar with parameters  
 vcov array with variance-covariance  
 centering centering values numeric  
 distr statistical distribution character  
 m natural mortality FLQuant  
 units data units character

### Accessors

All slots in the class have accessor and replacement methods defined that allow retrieving and substituting individual slots.

The values passed for replacement need to be of the class of that slot. A numeric vector can also be used when replacing FLQuant slots, and the vector will be used to substitute the values in the slot, but not its other attributes.

### Constructor

A construction method exists for this class that can take named arguments for any of its slots. All slots are then created to match the requirements of the class validity. If an unnamed FLQuant object is provided, this is used for sizing, but not for populating any slot.

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addition            + *methods*

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### Description

Update FLStock and FLIndex objects with stock assessment results.

### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'FLStock,a4aFit'
e1 + e2

## S4 method for signature 'FLIndices,a4aFit'
e1 + e2
```

**Arguments**

- e1                    the original FLStock or FLIndex object
- e2                    a a4aFit object from where the new FLStock or FLIndex slots will be extracted.

**Details**

If both objects have the same number of iterations, the FLStock slots will be replaced by the a4aFit slots, in the case of 1 iter, or a4aFitSA slots, in the case of n iters. If one of the objects has 1 iter and the other n, the method will simulate using the fit results from the a4aFitSA object to update the slots of the FLStock object.

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 assorted methods

*Assorted methods needed by FL4a*


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**Description**

Assorted methods needed by FL4a

Assorted methods needed by FL4a

**Usage**

```
getYidx(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'FLQuant'
getYidx(object, year)

is.empty(object)

niters(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'FLModelSim'
niters(object)

## S4 method for signature 'a4aGr'
niters(object)

## S4 method for signature 'a4aStkParams'
dims(obj)

replaceZeros(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'FLQuant'
replaceZeros(object, fraction = 0.25)

## S4 method for signature 'FLStock'
replaceZeros(object, fraction = 0.25)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'FLIndex'
replaceZeros(object, fraction = 0.25)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'FLIndices'
replaceZeros(object, fraction = 0.25)
```

### Arguments

object	object of relevant class (see signature of method)
...	additional argument list that might never be used
year	numeric with year to be extracted
obj	an object
fraction	numeric with fraction of minimum to replace zeros

### getYidx

Gets an FLQuant's numeric id for a vector of "years". For internal use and not very interesting for users. It takes an FLQuant object and vector of years and returns a numeric vector that can be used to subset the FLQuant.

### is.empty

Method `is.empty` checks if an object is empty. It takes any object and returns a logical, TRUE, if the object is of length 0.

### niters

Compute number of iterations. Takes an object of any FLR class and returns a numeric.

### dims

Extracts the dims of the parameters.

### replaceZeros

Replaces observations of 0 by a fraction of the minimum observed. It takes an FLQuant object and numeric of min fraction and returns a FLQuant with zeros replaced to be added to the FLStock or FLIndex objects.

### Examples

```
#Example use of getYidx:
data(ple4)
flq <- catch(ple4)
getYidx(flq, 2000:2004)
flq[, getYidx(flq, 2000:2004)]
#Example use of is.empty:
is.empty(list())
```

```

is.empty(list(a=2))
#Example use of niters:
mm <- matrix(NA, ncol=3, nrow=3)
diag(mm) <- c(50, 0.001,0.001)
mm[upper.tri(mm)] <- mm[lower.tri(mm)] <- c(0.1,0.01,0.00004)
md <- ~linf*(1-exp(-k*(t-t0)))
imd <- ~t0-1/k*log(1-len/linf)
prs <- FLPar(linf=58.5, k=0.086, t0=0.001, units=c("cm","yr^-1","yr"))
vbObj <- a4aGr(grMod=md, grInvMod=imd, params=prs, vcov=mm, distr="norm")
# Generate 100 sample sets
vbObj <- mvrnorm(100,vbObj)
niters(vbObj)
#Example use of dims:
dims(FLPar())
#Example use of getYidx:
data(ple4)
flq <- catch(ple4)
flq <- replaceZeros(flq, 0.25)
catch(ple4) <- flq

```

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breakpts

*Breakpoints*


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## Description

Method to set breakpoints in submodels

## Usage

```
breakpts(var, ...)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'numeric'
breakpts(var, breaks, ...)
```

## Arguments

var	a numeric object that defines the variable to be "broken"
...	additional argument list that might never be used
breaks	a numeric object that defines the breakpoints

## Value

a factor with levels according to the defined breaks

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 bubble plot of residuals

*Bubbles plot of standardized log residuals*


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**Description**

Method to produce bubble plots of standardized residuals

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'a4aFitResiduals,missing'
bubbles(x, data = missing, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	an a4aFitResiduals object with the standardized residuals
data	ignored
...	additional argument list that might never be used

**Value**

a bubbles plot with stardardized log residuals

**Examples**

```
data(ple4)
data(ple4.index)
obj <- sca(ple4, FLIndices(ple4.index))
flqs <- residuals(obj, ple4, FLIndices(idx=ple4.index))
bubbles(flqs)
```

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 collapseSeasons

*Collapse seasons*


---

**Description**

Method to collapse seasons of FLStock objects. M and catch-at-age are summed while mean weights at age, maturity at age and mortalities before spawning are averaged.

**Usage**

```
collapseSeasons(stock)
```

**Arguments**

stock	an FLStock object
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**Value**

a FLStock object

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defaultSubModels	<i>Default sub-models</i>
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**Description**

Methods to create formulas for sub-models. The sub-models are set automagically using defaults.

**Usage**

```
defaultFmod(stock, dfm = c(0.5, 0.7))
```

```
defaultQmod(indices, dfm = 0.6)
```

```
defaultN1mod(stock)
```

```
defaultVmod(stock, indices)
```

```
defaultSRmod(stock)
```

**Arguments**

stock	an FLStock object
dfm	numeric vector with the data points fraction to be used to set the spline ks.
indices	an FLIndices object

**Value**

a FLStock object

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deprecated	<i>deprecated</i>
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**Description**

Deprecated methods.

**Usage**

```
a4aSCA(...)
```

**Arguments**

...	additional argument list that might never be used
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formula<-	<i>coefficients extract and replacement</i>
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**Description**

Methods to extract and replace the model coefficients.

**Usage**

```
formula(object) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'submodel,formula'
formula(object) <- value

coef(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'a4aFitSA'
coef(object)

## S4 method for signature 'SCAPars'
coef(object)

## S4 method for signature 'a4aStkParams'
coef(object)

## S4 method for signature 'submodels'
coef(object)

## S4 method for signature 'submodel'
coef(object)

coef(object, ...) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'a4aFitSA,numeric'
coef(object, ...) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'SCAPars,numeric'
coef(object, ...) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'a4aStkParams,numeric'
coef(object, ...) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'submodels,numeric'
coef(object, ...) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'submodel,numeric'
coef(object, ...) <- value
```

```
## S4 replacement method for signature 'submodel,FLPar'
coef(object, ...) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'a4aStkParams,FLPar'
coef(object, ...) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'a4aStkParams,matrix'
coef(object, ...) <- value
```

### Arguments

object	object of relevant class (see signature of method)
value	the new object
...	additional argument list that might never be used

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genFLIndex

*Methods to generate FLIndex objects*


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### Description

This method produces an FLIndex object by using the genFLQuant method.

### Usage

```
genFLIndex(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'FLQuant'
genFLIndex(object, cv = 0.2, niter = 250)
```

### Arguments

object	an FLIndex object
...	additional argument list that might not ever be used.
cv	the coefficient of variation
niter	the number of iterations to be generated

### Value

an FLIndex

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genFLQuant

*Methods to generate FLQuant objects*


---

### Description

This method uses the quant log-correlation matrix of the FLQuant object and generates a new FLQuant using a lognormal multivariate distribution.

### Usage

```
genFLQuant(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'FLQuant'
genFLQuant(object, cv = 0.2, method = "ac", niter = 250)

## S4 method for signature 'submodel'
genFLQuant(object, type = c("link", "response"), nsim = 0, seed = NULL)

## S4 method for signature 'submodels'
genFLQuant(object, type = c("link", "response"), nsim = 0, seed = NULL)

## S4 method for signature 'a4aStkParams'
genFLQuant(
  object,
  type = c("link", "response"),
  nsim = 0,
  seed = NULL,
  simulate.recruitment = FALSE
)
```

### Arguments

object	an FLQuant
...	additional argument list that might not ever be used.
cv	the coefficient of variation
method	the method used to compute the correlation matrix; for now only "ac" (autocorrelation) is implemented
niter	the number of iterations to be generated
type	the type of output required. The default is on the scale of the linear predictors (link); the alternative "response" is on the scale of the response variable. Thus for a model on the log scale the default predictions are of log F (for example) and type = "response" gives the predicted F.
nsim	the number of iterations to simulate, if nsim = 0, then deterministic values are returned based on the coefficients. If nsim > 0 then coefficients are simulated using the covariance slot and distribution slot.

seed                   if supplied the random numbers are generate with a fixed seed for repeatability  
 simulate.recruitment                   if FALSE (default) recruitment is simulated from the recruitment estimates of recruitment, which may or may not be based on a stock-recruit model in the original fit. If TRUE, then new recruitments are simulated based on the stock recruitment model and supplied CV used in the fit, resulting in a completely different timeseries of N and Catches.

**Value**

an FLQuant

**Examples**

```
data(ple4)
sim.F <- genFLQuant(harvest(ple4))
```

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genFLStock                   *Methods to generate FLStock objects*

---

**Description**

This method computes the FLStock slots consistently with the information provided by the FLQuant. It requires two of the triplet R/C/F to compute the third consistent with Baranov and survival's equations.

**Usage**

```
genFLStock(object, R, C, F, ...)
```

## S4 method for signature 'FLStock,FLQuant,FLQuant,missing'

```
genFLStock(object, R, C, F, ...)
```

## S4 method for signature 'FLStock,missing,FLQuant,FLQuant'

```
genFLStock(object, R, C, F, ...)
```

## S4 method for signature 'FLStock,FLQuant,missing,FLQuant'

```
genFLStock(object, R, C, F, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object                   an FLStock

R                        an FLQuant with iterations or missing

C                        an FLQuant with iterations or missing

F                        an FLQuant with iterations or missing

...                      additional argument list that might not ever be used.

**Value**

an FLStock

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getAcor	<i>compute log-correlation matrix</i>
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**Description**

Method to compute the log-correlation matrix for the first dimension (quant) of the FLQuant object.

**Usage**

```
getAcor(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'FLQuant'
getAcor(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	object of relevant class (see signature of method)
...	additional argument list that might never be used

**Value**

an FLQuant object with a quant log-correlation matrix

**Examples**

```
data(ple4)
getAcor(harvest(ple4))
```

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getADMBHessian	<i>Get ADMB Hessian</i>
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**Description**

Reads the hessian file from any ADMB fit. Used here with the a4a model.

**Usage**

```
getADMBHessian(wkdir)

getADMBCovariance(wkdir)
```

**Arguments**

wkdir            the location of the admb output

**Value**

a list with the following elements

**Note**

getADMBHessian is intended to be used internally

**Examples**

```
# load some data
data(ple4)
data(ple4.indices)
# choose a working directory
wkdir <- tempfile()
# do an 'assessment' fit with default settings (not recommended!) and keep results in wkdir
fit <- sca(stock=ple4,indices=ple4.indices,wkdir=wkdir)
hessInfo <- getADMBHessian(wkdir)
str(hessInfo)
# calculate covariance matrix
Sigma <- solve(hessInfo$hes)
```

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getCov

*Get covariance matrix*

---

**Description**

Returns the covariance matrix of the specified Gaussian markov random field model.

**Usage**

```
getCov(n, model, tau)
```

**Arguments**

n                    integer giving the size of the random feild  
 model                chatacter giving the name of the GMRF  
 tau                  numeric giving the multiplier of the structure matrix for the model

**Value**

a covariance matrix

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getK	<i>Get K</i>
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**Description**

Method to get values of the growth parameter K

**Usage**

```
getK(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'a4aGr'
getK(object)
```

**Arguments**

object	an a4aGr object
...	additional argument list that might never be used

**Value**

a vector with K values

**Examples**

```
mm <- matrix(NA, ncol=3, nrow=3)
diag(mm) <- c(50, 0.001, 0.001)
mm[upper.tri(mm)] <- mm[lower.tri(mm)] <- c(0.1, 0.01, 0.00004)
md <- ~linf*(1-exp(-k*(t-t0)))
imd <- ~t0-1/k*log(1-len/linf)
prs <- FLPar(linf=58.5, k=0.086, t0=0.001, units=c("cm", "yr^-1", "yr"))
vbObj <- a4aGr(grMod=md, grInvMod=imd, params=prs, vcov=mm, distr="norm")
vbObj <- mvrnorm(100, vbObj)
getK(vbObj)
```

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getTPL	<i>Get TPL with ADMB code</i>
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**Description**

Function to get the a4a TPL file with ADMB code and copy into a specific folder.

**Usage**

```
getTPL(dir)
```

**Arguments**

dir                    folder where the a4a.tpl file will be copied to.

**Value**

file a4a.tpl

**Examples**

```
getTPL("myfolder")
```

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getX

*Get model matrix*

---

**Description**

Uses the user-specified formula to build a model matrix.

**Usage**

```
getX(object, ...)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'formula'
getX(object, df, newdf = df)
```

**Arguments**

object                object of relevant class (see signature of method)  
 ...                    additional argument list that might never be used  
 df                     the data.frame to build the model matrix against.  
 newdf                 the data.frame to create the model matrix for.

**Value**

a matrix.

**Note**

getX is intended to be used internally



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hakeGSA7	<i>hakeGSA7</i>
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**Description**

Catch number, stocks weights, etc. for Gulf of Lions Hake (1998 - 2011).

**Usage**

hakeGSA7

**Format**

an FLStock object

**Author(s)**

Chato Osio

**Source**

GFCM - STECF

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hakeGSA7.idx	<i>hakeGSA7.idx</i>
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**Description**

Survey index for the Gulf of Lions Hake stock.

**Usage**

hakeGSA7.idx

**Format**

an FLIndices object

**Author(s)**

Chato Osio

**Source**

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*index\_cd\_len**index\_cd\_len*

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**Description**

Survey abundance index for hake in the Gulf of Cadiz. Lenth frequencies.

**Usage**

*index\_cd\_len*

**Format**

an FLIndex object

**Author(s)**

Santiago Cervi\~no

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*index\_pt\_len**index\_pt\_len*

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**Description**

Survey abundance index for hake in Portuguese continental waters. Lenth frequencies.

**Usage**

*index\_pt\_len*

**Format**

an FLIndex object

**Author(s)**

Santiago Cervi\~no

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index_sp_len	<i>index_sp_len</i>
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**Description**

Survey abundance index for hake in Northwest Spanish waters. Lenth frequencies.

**Usage**

```
index_sp_len
```

**Format**

an FLIndex object

**Author(s)**

Santiago Cervi\~no

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l2a	<i>Method to convert length-based data to age-based</i>
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**Description**

Method to convert length-based data to age-based

**Usage**

```
l2a(object, model, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'FLQuant,a4aGr'
l2a(
  object,
  model,
  halfwidth = c(diff(as.numeric(dimnames(object)[[1]])),
    tail(diff(as.numeric(dimnames(object)[[1]])), 1))/2,
  stat = "sum",
  max_age = NA
)

## S4 method for signature 'FLStockLen,a4aGr'
l2a(object, model, plusgroup = NA, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'FLIndex,a4aGr'
l2a(object, model, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	an FLQuant, or FLStockLen object.
model	an a4aGr object
...	additional argument list that might never be used
halfwidth	the halfwidths of the length classes; a single numeric or vector the size of the number of length classes; not used if object is an FLStockLen
stat	the aggregation statistic, which must be mean or sum; only used if object is an FLQuant.
max_age	the maximum age in the returned FLQuant; all ages above this are set to max_age; only used if object is an FLQuant
plusgroup	the plusgroup of the stock; only used if the object is an FLStockLen.

**Details**

A deterministic slicing method converts the length-based data to age-based data, using the supplied growth model (the a4aGr object). Each length-based observation is allocated to a corresponding age, based on the growth model, and aggregated accordingly (either the sum or the mean). There should be 1 or n iterations in both the object being sliced and the growth model. This means that although the slicing method is deterministic, the length-based data is sliced by each iteration of the growth parameters, thereby propagating the uncertainty in the biological growth parameters (representing process uncertainty) through to the age-based data.

**Value**

an age based FLQuant, FLStock

**Examples**

```
# Southern hake
# Variance-covariance matrix for parameters
mm <- matrix(NA, ncol=3, nrow=3)
diag(mm) <- c(2310, 0.13, 0.84)
mm[upper.tri(mm)] <- mm[lower.tri(mm)] <- c(-7.22,-6.28,0.08)
# Make the von Bertalanffy growth model
md <- ~linf*(1-exp(-k*(t-t0)))
imd <- ~t0-1/k*log(1-len/linf)
prs <- FLPar(linf=130, k=0.164, t0=-0.092, units=c("cm","yr-1","yr"))
vbObj <- a4aGr(grMod=md, grInvMod=imd, params=prs, vcov=mm, distr="norm")
# Make a triangle copula for simulating process error
linf <- list(a=104.5, b=155.5, c=130)
k <- list(a=0.132, b=0.196, c=0.164)
t0 <- list(a=-0.184, b=0, c=-0.092)
tri_pars <- list(linf = linf, k = k, t0 = t0)
# Simulate 10 iterations from it
vbObj_tri <- mvrtriangle(10, vbObj, paramMargins=tri_pars)
data(southernHakeLen)
# Extract the catch numbers at length from stock object
cth <- catch.n(shake_len)
```

```

# Slice the data using the unsimulated growth object
# so the stock and the growth object have 1 iteration
cthA1 <- l2a(cth, vbObj)
# Slice with 1 iteration in stock and multiple in growth object
cthA2 <- l2a(cth, vbObj_tri)
# Result is age based catch with multiple iterations
# mod: iter=1, data: iter=n
cthA3 <- l2a(propagate(cth,10), vbObj)
# both with iter=n
cthA4 <- l2a(propagate(cth,10), vbObj_tri)
# converting a stock object
shake_age <- l2a(shake_len, vbObj)
shake_age <- l2a(shake_len, vbObj_tri)
shake_age <- l2a(propagate(shake_len, 10), vbObj)
shake_age <- l2a(propagate(shake_len, 10), vbObj_tri)
# converting a index object
index_pt_age <- l2a(index_pt_len, vbObj)
index_pt_age <- l2a(index_pt_len, mvrnorm(10, vbObj))
index_pt_age <- l2a(propagate(index_pt_len, 10), vbObj)

```

m

*natural mortality***Description**

Method to compute natural mortality.

**Usage**

```

## S4 method for signature 'a4aM'
m(object, grMod = "missing", ...)

```

**Arguments**

object	a a4aM object
grMod	a a4aGr object from which the growth parameter K can be extracted
...	placeholder for covariates of the models. The names must match formula variables (not parameters), with the exception of the a4aGr individual growth model. To use a growth model, it must be called grMod and be of class a4aGr, in which case the parameters will be matched. The main objective is to be able to use K from von Bertalanffy models in M.

**Details**

The method uses the range slot to define the quant and year dimensions of the resulting M FLQuant. The name for the quant dimension is taken as the name of a variable that is present in the shape formula, but not in the params slot of the shape model. If more than one such variable exists, then there is a problem with the shape model definition.

**Value**

an FLQuant object

**Examples**

```

age <- 0:15
k <- 0.4
shp <- eval(as.list(~exp(-age-0.5))[[2]], envir=list(age=age))
lv1 <- eval(as.list(~1.5*k)[[2]], envir=list(k=k))
M <- shp*lv1/mean(shp)
# Now set up an equivalent a4aM object
mod1 <- FLModelSim(model=~exp(-age-0.5))
mod2 <- FLModelSim(model=~1.5*k, params=FLPar(k=0.4))
m1 <- a4aM(shape=mod1, level=mod2)
  # set up the age range for the object...
  range(m1, c("min", "max")) <- c(0,15)
  # ...and the age range for mbar
  range(m1, c("minmbar", "maxmbar")) <- c(0,15)
m(m1)
mean(m(m1)[ac(0:15)])
all.equal(M, c(m(m1)))

# another example m
range(m1, c("min", "max")) <- c(2,15)
range(m1, c("minmbar", "maxmbar")) <- c(2,4)
m(m1)
mean(m(m1)[ac(2:4)])

# example with specified iters (i.e. not simulated from a statistical distribution)...
mod2 <- FLModelSim(model=~k^0.66*t^0.57,
  params=FLPar(matrix(c(0.4,10,0.5,11), ncol=2, dimnames=list(params=c("k","t"), iter=1:2))),
  vcov=array(c(0.004,0.,0.,0.001,0.006,0.,0.,0.002), dim=c(2,2,2)))
m2 <- a4aM(shape=mod1, level=mod2)
range(m2, c("min", "max")) <- c(2,10)
m(m2)
# ...and with randomly generated iters (based on the medians for params(mod2) and vcov(mod2))
m3 <- a4aM(shape=mod1, level=mvrnorm(100, mod2))
range(m3, c("min", "max")) <- c(0,15)
m(m3)

# example with a trend
mod3 <- FLModelSim(model=~1+b*v, params=FLPar(b=0.05))
mObj <- a4aM(shape=mod1, level=mvrnorm(100, mod2), trend=mod3,
  range=c(min=0,max=15,minyear=2000,maxyear=2003,minmbar=0,maxmbar=0))
m(mObj, v=1:4)

```

**Description**

Method to average across a set of models. This is still experimental. Use with care.

**Usage**

```
ma(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'a4aFitSAs'
ma(object, stock, FUN, nsim = 1000)
```

**Arguments**

<code>object</code>	an <code>a4aFits</code> object with the fits to be averaged across
<code>...</code>	additional argument list that might never be used
<code>stock</code>	a <code>stock</code> object with the original data used for fitting
<code>FUN</code>	a function to compute the weights, which must return a named vector with weights. Note the weights will be normalized to sum 1 by <code>ma()</code>
<code>nsim</code>	a numeric with the number of simulations to be drawn

**Value**

an `FLStock` object with iterations defined by `nsim`

**Examples**

```
data(ple4)
data(ple4.indices)
fmod <- ~ factor(age) + s(year, k=20)
qmod <- c(list(~ s(age, k = 4)), rep(list(~s(age, k=4)), 5))
f1 <- sca(ple4, ple4.indices, fmodel=fmod, qmodel=qmod, fit = "assessment")
qmod <- c(list(~ s(age, k = 4) + year), rep(list(~s(age, k=4)), 5))
f2 <- sca(ple4, ple4.indices, fmodel=fmod, qmodel=qmod, fit = "assessment")
# AIC weighting
aicwt <- function(object){
  ICs <- -1 * sapply(object, AIC)
  exp( 0.5 * (ICs - max(ICs)))
}
stock.sim <- ma(a4aFitSAs(list(f1=f1, f2=f2)), ple4, aicwt, nsim = 100)
# equal weighting
eqwt <- function(object){
  v <- rep(1, length(object))
  names(v) <- names(object)
  v
}
stock.sim <- ma(a4aFitSAs(list(f1=f1, f2=f2)), ple4, eqwt, nsim = 100)
```

mvnorm

*natural mortality***Description**

Method to simulate multivariate normal parameters for an a4aM object.

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'numeric,a4aM,missing,missing,missing,missing'
mvrnorm(n = 1, mu)
```

**Arguments**

n	the number of iterations to be generated
mu	an a4aM object

**Value**

an a4aM object with n iterations

**Examples**

```
mod1 <- FLModelSim(model=~exp(-age-0.5))
mod2 <- FLModelSim(model=~k^0.66*t^0.57, params=FLPar(matrix(c(0.4,10,0.5,11),
  ncol=2, dimnames=list(params=c("k","t"), iter=1:2))),
  vcov=array(c(0.004,0.,0.,0.001,0.006,0.,0.,0.003), dim=c(2,2,2)))
mod3 <- FLModelSim(model=~1+b*v, params=FLPar(b=0.05))
mObj <- a4aM(shape=mod1, level=mod2, trend=mod3,
  range=c(min=0,max=15,minyear=2000,maxyear=2003,minmbar=0,maxmbar=0))
mObj <- mvrnorm(100, mObj)
# Generate 100 iterations with no trend over time
m(mObj, v=c(1,1,1,1))
# Generate replicates based on iteration-specific multivariate distributions
# (as defined by params() and vcov())
params(mod2)
vcov(mod2)
m1<-mvrnorm(mod2)
c(params(m1))
# Generate replicates based on a single multivariate distribution (here the
# median of params() and vcov() is used)
mvrnorm(2,mod2)
m2<-mvrnorm(2,mod2)
c(params(m2))
```



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mvrCop	<i>Simulation using copula models</i>
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## Description

Simulates model parameters with user-defined copulas and marginals.

## Usage

```
mvrCop(n, mvdc, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'numeric,FLModelSim'
mvrCop(n, mvdc, copula, ...)
```

## Arguments

n	the number of iterations
mvdc	an FLModelSim object
...	arguments to be passed to the copula methods
copula	the name of the copula to be used

## Value

an FLModelSim object with n groups of parameters

## Examples

```
mm <- matrix(NA, ncol=3, nrow=3)
diag(mm) <- c(100, 0.001, 0.001)
mm[upper.tri(mm)] <- mm[lower.tri(mm)] <- c(0.1, 0.1, 0.0003)
md <- ~linf*(1-exp(-k*(t-t0)))
prs <- FLPar(linf=120, k=0.3, t0=0.1, units=c("cm", "yr^-1", "yr"))
vb <- FLModelSim(model=md, params=prs, vcov=mm, distr="norm")
pars <- list(list(a=90, b=125, c=120), list(a=0.2, b=0.4), list(a=0, b=0.4, c=0.1))
vbSim <- mvrCop(10000, vb, copula="archmCopula", family="clayton", param=2,
  margins="triangle", paramMargins=pars)
boxplot(t(predict(vbSim, t=0:20+0.5)))
splom(data.frame(t(params(vbSim)@.Data)), pch=".")
```

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 mvrcop for a4aGr      *mvrcop*


---

## Description

Method to generate multivariate parameters with user-defined copulas and marginals for a4aGr objects.

## Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'numeric,a4aGr'
mvrcop(n = 1, mvdc, ...)
```

## Arguments

n	the number of iterations
mvdc	the a4aGr object
...	arguments to be passed to the rMvdc and copula methods

## Value

an FLModelSim object with n groups of parameters

## Examples

```
mm <- matrix(NA, ncol=3, nrow=3)
diag(mm) <- c(50, 0.001, 0.001)
mm[upper.tri(mm)] <- mm[lower.tri(mm)] <- c(0.1, 0.01, 0.00004)
md <- ~linf*(1-exp(-k*(t-t0)))
imd <- ~t0-1/k*log(1-len/linf)
prs <- FLPar(linf=58.5, k=0.086, t0=0.001, units=c("cm", "yr^-1", "yr"))
vbObj <- a4aGr(grMod=md, grInvMod=imd, params=prs, vcov=mm, distr="norm")
pars <- list(list(a=50, b=100, c=58.5), list(a=0.06, b=0.2, c=0.086), list(a=0, b=0.005, c=0.001))
#In the following, the third, fourth and fifth arguments refer to the copula,
# while the final two arguments refer to the marginal distributions:
vbObj <- mvrcop(10000, vbObj, copula="archmCopula", family="clayton", param=2,
  margins="triangle", paramMargins=pars)
splom(data.frame(t(params(vbObj)@.Data)), pch=".")
```

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mvrnorm for a4aGR	<i>mvrnorm</i>
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**Description**

Method to generate multivariate normal parameters for a4aGr objects.

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'numeric,a4aGr,ANY,ANY,ANY,ANY'
mvrnorm(n = 1, mu)
```

**Arguments**

n	the number of simulations to be generated
mu	an a4aGr object

**Value**

an a4aGr object with n iterations

**Examples**

```
mm <- matrix(NA, ncol=3, nrow=3)
diag(mm) <- c(50, 0.001, 0.001)
mm[upper.tri(mm)] <- mm[lower.tri(mm)] <- c(0.1, 0.01, 0.00004)
md <- ~linf*(1-exp(-k*(t-t0)))
imd <- ~t0-1/k*log(1-len/linf)
prs <- FLPar(linf=58.5, k=0.086, t0=0.001, units=c("cm", "yr^-1", "yr"))
vb0bj <- a4aGr(grMod=md, grInvMod=imd, params=prs, vcov=mm, distr="norm")
vb0bj <- mvrnorm(100, vb0bj)
```

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mvrtriangle	<i>Simulation with a copula model and triangular distributions</i>
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**Description**

Simulates model parameters using elliptical copulas and triangular marginals.

**Usage**

```
mvrtriangle(n, object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'numeric,FLModelSim'
mvrtriangle(n = 1, object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

n                   the number of iterations  
 object             the FLModelSim object  
 ...                 arguments to be passed to the rMvdc and copula methods

**Value**

an FLModelSim object with n sets of parameters

**Examples**

```
# Set up the FLModelSim object
mm <- matrix(NA, ncol=3, nrow=3)
diag(mm) <- c(100, 0.001, 0.001)
mm[upper.tri(mm)] <- mm[lower.tri(mm)] <- c(0.1, 0.1, 0.0003)
md <- ~linf*(1-exp(-k*(t-t0)))
prs <- FLPar(linf=120, k=0.3, t0=0.1, units=c("cm", "yr^-1", "yr"))
vb <- FLModelSim(model=md, params=prs, vcov=mm, distr="norm")
# Simulate from a multivariate normal distribution...
set.seed(1)
vbSim <- mvrnorm(10000, vb)
mm <- predict(vbSim, t=0:20+0.5)
#...from a multivariate triangular distribution with default ranges (0.01 and
# 0.99 quantiles for min and max using a normal distribution with mean from
# params and sigma from vcov, and with the apex located at params)...
set.seed(1)
vbSim1 <- mvrtriangle(10000, vb)
mm1 <- predict(vbSim1, t=0:20+0.5)
#...and from a multivariate triangular distribution with specified ranges
# (note if "c" is missing, it will take the average of "a" and "b")
set.seed(1)
pars <- list(list(a=90, b=125, c=120), list(a=0.2, b=0.4), list(a=0, b=0.4, c=0.1))
vbSim2 <- mvrtriangle(10000, vb, paramMargins=pars)
mm2 <- predict(vbSim2, t=0:20+0.5)
# Plot the results
par(mfrow=c(3,1))
boxplot(t(mm), main="normal")
boxplot(t(mm1), main="triangular")
boxplot(t(mm2), main="triangular2")
splom(data.frame(t(params(vbSim)@.Data)), pch=".")
splom(data.frame(t(params(vbSim1)@.Data)), pch=".")
splom(data.frame(t(params(vbSim2)@.Data)), pch=".")
```

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mvrtriangle for a4aGr *mvrtriangle*

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**Description**

Method to generate multivariate parameters with elliptical copulas and triangular marginals for a4aGr objects.

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'numeric,a4aGr'
mvrtriangle(n = 1, object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

n	the number of iterations
object	object of relevant class (see signature of method)
...	additional argument list that might never be used

**Details**

The method is essentially a special case of `mvrCop`, where the copula is of type "ellipCopula" and family "t", and where the marginals are triangular.

**Value**

an a4aGr object with n iterations

**Examples**

```
# Set up the a4aGr object and parameters for the marginals
mm <- matrix(NA, ncol=3, nrow=3)
diag(mm) <- c(50, 0.001,0.001)
mm[upper.tri(mm)] <- mm[lower.tri(mm)] <- c(0.1,0.01,0.00004)
md <- ~linf*(1-exp(-k*(t-t0)))
imd <- ~t0-1/k*log(1-len/linf)
prs <- FLPar(linf=58.5, k=0.086, t0=0.001, units=c("cm", "yr^-1", "yr"))
vbObj <- a4aGr(grMod=md, grInvMod=imd, params=prs, vcov=mm, distr="norm")
pars <- list(list(a=50, b=100, c=58.5), list(a=0.06, b=0.2, c=0.086), list(a=0, b=0.005, c=0.001))

# Note that mvrtriangle is a special case of mvrCop
set.seed(1)
vbObj1 <- mvrtriangle(10000, vbObj, paramMargins=pars, dispstr="ex", param=0)
set.seed(1)
vbObj2 <- mvrCop(10000, vbObj, copula="ellipCopula", family="t",
  param=0, margins="triangle", paramMargins=pars)
all.equal(vbObj2, vbObj1)
```

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pars2dim

*Check that the second dimension in params is "iter"*

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**Description**

Checks that the name of the second dimension in `params` is "iter". For internal use, not very interesting for users. It takes a `FLModelSim` object and returns a logical.

**Usage**

```
pars2dim(object)

## S4 method for signature 'FLModelSim'
pars2dim(object)

## S4 method for signature 'FLPar'
pars2dim(object)
```

**Arguments**

object            object of relevant class (see signature of method)

**pars2dim**

Checks that the name of the second dimension in params is "iter". For internal use and not very interesting for users. It takes an FLPar object and returns a logical.

**Examples**

```
pars2dim(FLModelSim())
#Example use of pars2dim:
pars2dim(FLPar())
pars2dim(FLPar(array(dim=c(1,1,1))))
```

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plot for fitted catch-at-age  
*plot for fitted catch-at-age*

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**Description**

Method to plot fitted versus observed catch numbers-at-age. Note the yaxis doesn't has a scale. The visual is about the difference between the two lines, not about the value of each line, which in any case would be very difficult to assess visually.

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'a4aFit,FLStock'
plot(x, y, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x                    an a4aFit object with the fitted values  
y                    an FLStock object with the observed values  
...                  additional argument list that might never be used

**Value**

a plot with fitted and observed catch numbers-at-age

**Examples**

```
data(ple4)
data(ple4.index)
obj <- sca(ple4, FLIndices(ple4.index))
plot(obj, ple4)
```

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plot for fitted indices-at-age  
*testing*

---

**Description**

Method to plot fitted versus observed indices-at-age. Note the yaxis doesn't has a scale. The visual is about the difference between the two lines, not about the value of each line, which in any case would be very difficult to assess visually.

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'a4aFit,FLIndices'
plot(x, y, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	an a4aFit object with the fitted values
y	an FLIndices object with the observed values
...	additional argument list that might never be used

**Value**

a plot with fitted and observed indices-at-age

**Examples**

```
data(ple4)
data(ple4.index)
obj <- sca(ple4, FLIndices(ple4.index))
plot(obj, FLIndices(ple4.index))
```

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plot of residuals      *Plot of standardized log residuals*

---

### Description

Method to produce scatterplots of standardized residuals

Method to produce scatterplots of standardized residuals

### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'a4aFitResiduals,missing'
plot(x, y = missing, auxline = "smooth", ...)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'a4aFitCatchDiagn,missing'
plot(x, y = missing, ...)
```

### Arguments

x	an a4aFitResiduals object with the standardized residuals
y	ignored
auxline	a string defining the type of line to be added, by default uses 'smooth', a common alternative is to use 'r', a regression, or leave it empty "
...	additional argument list that might never be used

### Value

a plot with stardardized log residuals

a plot with stardardized log residuals

### Examples

```
data(ple4)
data(ple4.index)
obj <- sca(ple4, FLIndices(ple4.index))
flqs <- residuals(obj, ple4, FLIndices(idx=ple4.index))
plot(flqs)
data(ple4)
data(ple4.index)
obj <- sca(ple4, FLIndices(ple4.index))
flqs <- residuals(obj, ple4, FLIndices(idx=ple4.index))
plot(flqs)
```



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predict for a4aGr      *predict for a4aGr*

---

**Description**

Predicts ages or lengths using a growth class

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'a4aGr'
predict(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object                  the a4aGr object  
 ...                     arguments to be passed to the rMvdc and copula methods

**Value**

a matrix object with lengths or ages

**Examples**

```
# Set up the a4aGr object and parameters for the marginals
mm <- matrix(NA, ncol=3, nrow=3)
diag(mm) <- c(50, 0.001, 0.001)
mm[upper.tri(mm)] <- mm[lower.tri(mm)] <- c(0.1, 0.01, 0.00004)
md <- ~linf*(1-exp(-k*(t-t0)))
imd <- ~t0-1/k*log(1-len/linf)
prs <- FLPar(linf=58.5, k=0.086, t0=0.001, units=c("cm", "yr^-1", "yr"))
vbObj <- a4aGr(grMod=md, grInvMod=imd, params=prs, vcov=mm, distr="norm")
predict(vbObj, len=1:50+0.5)
predict(vbObj, t=1:20+0.5)
```

---

predict for sca      *Predict methods for SCA*

---

**Description**

Predict methods for a4a stock assessment fits.

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'a4aFitSA'
predict(object)

## S4 method for signature 'SCAPars'
predict(object)
```

**Arguments**

object                    object of relevant class (see signature of method)

**Examples**

```
data(ple4)
data(ple4.index)
fmodel <- ~factor(age) + factor(year)
qmodel <- list(~factor(age))
fit1 <- sca(fmodel=fmodel, qmodel=qmodel, stock=ple4, indices=FLIndices(ple4.index))
flqs <- predict(fit1)
```

---

qqplot of residuals     *qqplot of standardized log residuals*

---

**Description**

Method to produce qqplots of standardized residuals

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'a4aFitResiduals,missing'
qqmath(x, data = missing, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x                         an a4aFitResiduals object with the standardized residuals  
data                      ignored  
...                        additional argument list that might never be used

**Value**

a qqplot with stardardized log residuals

**Examples**

```
data(ple4)
data(ple4.index)
obj <- sca(ple4, FLIndices(ple4.index))
flqs <- residuals(obj, ple4, FLIndices(idx=ple4.index))
qqmath(flqs)
```

---

`range<- ,a4aM,ANY,numeric-method`  
*range for a4aM objects*

---

**Description**

Range method for a4aM objects

**Usage**

```
## S4 replacement method for signature 'a4aM,ANY,numeric'  
range(x, i) <- value
```

**Arguments**

x	an a4aM object
i	the elements of range to be changed in a character vector
value	a numeric vector with values

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`rfLen` *redfish length data*

---

**Description**

Simulated length data for redfish. Simulations were done using GADGET.

**Usage**

```
data(rfLen)
```

**Format**

An FLStock.

**Author(s)**

Ernesto Jardim

**Source**

Daniel Howell

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rfLen.stk

*rfLen.stk*

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**Description**

Simulated stock based on red fish.

**Usage**

rfLen.stk

**Format**

an FLStock object

**Author(s)**

Daniel Howell

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rfTrawl.idx

*rfTrawl.idx*

---

**Description**

Trawl survey index for red fish.

**Usage**

rfTrawl.idx

**Format**

an FLIndex object

**Author(s)**

Daniel Howell

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*rfTrawlJump.idx*      *rfTrawlJump.idx*

---

**Description**

Trawl survey index for red fish, with a jump in catchability.

**Usage**

*rfTrawlJump.idx*

**Format**

an FLIndex object

**Author(s)**

Daniel Howell

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*rfTrawlTrd.idx*      *rfTrawlTrd.idx*

---

**Description**

Trawl survey index for red fish, with a trend in catchability.

**Usage**

*rfTrawlTrd.idx*

**Format**

an FLIndex object

**Author(s)**

Daniel Howell

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sca

*Statistical catch-at-age method*


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### Description

Statistical catch-at-age method of the a4a stock assessment framework.

### Usage

```
sca(stock, indices, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'FLStock,FLIndex'
sca(stock, indices, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'FLStock,FLIndices'
sca(
  stock,
  indices,
  fmodel = missing,
  qmodel = missing,
  srmodel = missing,
  n1model = missing,
  vmodel = missing,
  covar = missing,
  wkdir = missing,
  verbose = FALSE,
  fit = "assessment",
  center = TRUE,
  mcmc = missing
)
```

### Arguments

stock	an FLStock object containing catch and stock information
indices	an FLIndices object containing survey indices
...	additional argument list that might never be used
fmodel	a formula object depicting the model for log fishing mortality at age
qmodel	a list of formula objects depicting the models for log survey catchability at age
srmodel	a formula object depicting the model for log recruitment
n1model	a formula object depicting the model for the population in the first year of the time series
vmodel	a list of formula objects depicting the model for the variance of fishing mortality and the indices
covar	a list with covariates to be used by the submodels. The formula must have an element with the same name as the list element.

wkdir	used to set a working directory for the admb optimiser; if wkdir is set, all admb files are saved to this folder, otherwise they are deleted.
verbose	if true, admb fitting information is printed to the screen.
fit	character with type of fit: 'MP' or 'assessment'; the former does not require the hessian to be computed, while the latter does.
center	logical defining if the data should be centered before fitting.
mcmc	an SCAMCMC object with the arguments to run MCMC

### Details

[REQUIRES REVISION] This method is the advanced method for stock assessment, it gives the user access to a set of arguments that the sca method doesn't. In particular, the default for the fit argument is 'assessment'. For detailed information about using the sca read the vignette 'The a4a Stock Assessment Modelling Framework' (vignette('sca')).

### Value

an a4aFit object if fit is "MP" or an a4aFitSA object if fit is "assessment"

### Examples

```
data(ple4)
data(ple4.index)

# fishing mortality by age and year (separable) AND catchability at age without year trend
fmodel <- ~factor(age) + factor(year)
qmodel <- list(~factor(age))
fit1 <- sca(fmodel=fmodel, qmodel=qmodel, stock=ple4, indices=FLIndices(ple4.index))

# fishing mortality as a smoother by age and year (but still separable) AND
# catchability at age without year trend
fmodel <- ~ s(age, k=4) + s(year, k=10)
qmodel <- list(~factor(age))
fit2 <- sca(fmodel=fmodel, qmodel=qmodel, stock=ple4, indices=FLIndices(ple4.index))

# fishing mortality as a smoother by age and year (but still separable) AND
# catchability as a smoother by age without year trend
fmodel <- ~ s(age, k=4) + s(year, k=10)
qmodel <- list(~s(age, k=4))
fit3 <- sca(fmodel=fmodel, qmodel=qmodel, stock=ple4, indices=FLIndices(ple4.index))

# fishing mortality as a smoother by age and year (but still separable) AND
# catchability as a smoother by age with year trend
fmodel <- ~ s(age, k=4) + s(year, k=10)
qmodel <- list(~s(age, k=4) + year)
fit4 <- sca(fmodel=fmodel, qmodel=qmodel, stock=ple4, indices=FLIndices(ple4.index))

# It's a statistical model
BIC(fit1, fit2, fit3, fit4)
```

```

# fishing mortality as a smoother by age and year with interactions (i.e. non-separable) AND
# catchability as a smoother by age without year trend
fmodel <- ~ te(age, year, k=c(4, 10))
qmodel <- list(~s(age, k=4))
fit5 <- sca(fmodel=fmodel, qmodel=qmodel, stock=ple4, indices=FLIndices(ple4.index))

# fit3 + smoother in recruitment
fmodel <- ~ s(age, k=4) + s(year, k=20)
qmodel <- list(~s(age, k=4))
rmodel <- ~s(year, k=20)
fit6 <- sca(fmodel=fmodel, qmodel=qmodel, srmodel=rmodel, ple4, FLIndices(ple4.index))

# fit3 + bevholt
rmodel <- ~ bevholt(CV=0.05)
fit7 <- sca(fmodel=fmodel, qmodel=qmodel, srmodel=rmodel, ple4, FLIndices(ple4.index))

```

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sca.sa

*Call sca inside the mp function*


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## Description

This function provides an interface to `sca()` to be used inside the `mp()` function of the `mse` package.

## Usage

```
sca.sa(stk, idx, update = TRUE, dfm = c(0.75, 0.75), args, tracking, ...)
```

## Arguments

<code>stk</code>	The <code>FLStock</code> input object.
<code>idx</code>	The <code>FLIndices</code> input object.
<code>update</code>	Should the <code>fmodel</code> be updated with the default?
<code>dfm</code>	data points fraction to be used to set the spline <code>ks</code> .
<code>...</code>	Any other arguments to <code>sca()</code>
<code>genArgs</code>	The <code>mse</code> arguments used by <code>mp()</code> .

## Value

A list containing the estimated stock (`stk`, of class `FLStock`), and the tracking `FLQuant`, including convergence flags.



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SCAMCMC	<i>MCMC settings class</i>
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**Description**

Class definition (slots), constructors, accessors, replacement (when relevant) and common methods.

**Usage**

```
SCAMCMC(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'missing'
SCAMCMC(object, ...)

getADMBCallArgs(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'SCAMCMC'
getADMBCallArgs(object, ...)

getN(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'SCAMCMC'
getN(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	a SCAMCMC object
...	extra arguments

**Slot**

```
mcmc N Run N MCMC iterations
mcsave N Save every N th MCMC iteration
mcscale N Rescale step size for first N iterations
mcmult N Rescale the covariance matrix
mcrb N Reduce high parameter correlations
mcprobe X Use a fat-tailed proposal distribution
mcdiag Use a diagonal covariance matrix
mcnoscale Do not scale the algorithm during
mcu Use a uniform distribution as proposal distribution
hybrid Use the hybrid method
hynstep N Mean number of steps for the leapfrog method
hyeps X The stepsize for the leapfrog method [X numeric and > 0]
```

**Accessors**

All slots in the class have accessor and replacement methods defined that allow retrieving and substituting individual slots.

The values passed for replacement need to be of the class of that slot. A numeric vector can also be used when replacing FLQuant slots, and the vector will be used to substitute the values in the slot, but not its other attributes.

**Constructor**

A construction method exists for this class that can take named arguments for any of its slots. All slots are then created to match the requirements of the class validity. If an unnamed FLQuant object is provided, this is used for sizing, but not for populating any slot.

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 SCAPars

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*Model parameters class*


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**Description**

Class definition (slots), constructors, accessors, replacement (when relevant) and common methods.

**Usage**

```

SCAPars(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'missing'
SCAPars(object, ...)

stkmodel(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'SCAPars'
stkmodel(object)

n1model(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'SCAPars'
n1model(object)

srmodel(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'SCAPars'
srmodel(object)

fmodel(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'SCAPars'
fmodel(object)

```

```
qmodel(object, ...)  
  
## S4 method for signature 'SCAPars'  
qmodel(object)  
  
qMod(object, ...)  
  
## S4 method for signature 'SCAPars'  
qMod(object)  
  
vmodel(object, ...)  
  
## S4 method for signature 'SCAPars'  
vmodel(object)  
  
vMod(object, ...)  
  
## S4 method for signature 'SCAPars'  
vMod(object)  
  
srPars(object, ...)  
  
## S4 method for signature 'SCAPars'  
srPars(object)  
  
srCovar(object, ...)  
  
## S4 method for signature 'SCAPars'  
srCovar(object)  
  
srFrml(object, ...)  
  
## S4 method for signature 'SCAPars'  
srFrml(object)  
  
fPars(object, ...)  
  
## S4 method for signature 'SCAPars'  
fPars(object)  
  
fCovar(object, ...)  
  
## S4 method for signature 'SCAPars'  
fCovar(object)  
  
fFrml(object, ...)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'SCAPars'
fFrml(object)

qPars(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'SCAPars'
qPars(object)

qCovar(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'SCAPars'
qCovar(object)

qFrml(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'SCAPars'
qFrml(object)

vPars(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'SCAPars'
vPars(object)

vCovar(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'SCAPars'
vCovar(object)

vFrml(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'SCAPars'
vFrml(object)

## S4 method for signature 'SCAPars'
m(object)

## S4 method for signature 'SCAPars'
wt(object)

## S4 method for signature 'SCAPars'
propagate(object, iter, fill.iter = TRUE)

## S4 method for signature 'SCAPars'
iter(obj, it)
```

### Arguments

object                    object of relevant class (see signature of method)

...	additional argument list that might never be used
iter	the number of iterations to create
fill.iter	should the new iterations be filled with values (TRUE) or NAs (FALSE)
obj	the object to be subset
it	iteration to be extracted

### Slot

stkmodel	parameters related to stock dynamics
qmodel	paramaters related to catchability of tuning fleets
vmodel	paramaters related to the variance model

### Accessors

All slots in the class have accessor and replacement methods defined that allow retrieving and substituting individual slots.

The values passed for replacement need to be of the class of that slot. A numeric vector can also be used when replacing FLQuant slots, and the vector will be used to substitute the values in the slot, but not its other attributes.

### Constructor

A construction method exists for this class that can take named arguments for any of its slots. All slots are then created to match the requirements of the class validity. If an unnamed FLQuant object is provided, this is used for sizing, but not for populating any slot.

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sep.sa	<i>Call a separable SA inside the mp function</i>
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### Description

This function provides an interface to a call to a separable model based on sca() to be used inside the mp() function of the mse package.

### Usage

```
sep.sa(stk, idx, args, update = TRUE, dfm = c(0.75, 0.75), ...)
```

### Arguments

stk	The FLStock input object.
idx	The FLIndices input object.
update	Should the fmodel be updated with the default?
dfm	data points fraction to be used to set the spline ks.
...	Any other arguments to sca()
genArgs	The mse arguments used by mp().

**Value**

A list containing the estimated stock (stk, of class FLStock), and the tracking FLQuant, including convergence flags.

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shake_len	<i>shake_len</i>
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**Description**

FLR stock object for southern hake.

**Usage**

```
shake_len
```

**Format**

an FLStock object

**Author(s)**

Santiago Cervi~no

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simulate	<i>Simulation methods for SCA</i>
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**Description**

Simulation methods for a4a stock assessment fits.

**Usage**

```
simulate(object, nsim = 1, seed = NULL, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'a4aFitSA'
simulate(object, nsim = 1, seed = NULL, empirical = TRUE)

## S4 method for signature 'SCAPars'
simulate(object, nsim = 1, seed = NULL, empirical = TRUE)

## S4 method for signature 'a4aStkParams'
simulate(object, nsim = 1, seed = NULL, empirical = TRUE)

## S4 method for signature 'submodels'
simulate(object, nsim = 1, seed = NULL, empirical = TRUE)

## S4 method for signature 'submodel'
simulate(object, nsim = 1, seed = NULL, empirical = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

object	object of relevant class (see signature of method)
nsim	number of iterations
seed	numeric with random number seed
...	additional argument list that might never be used
empirical	logical, shall the empirical method in MASS be used

**Examples**

```
data(ple4)
data(ple4.index)
fmodel <- ~factor(age) + factor(year)
qmodel <- list(~factor(age))
fit1 <- sca(fmodel=fmodel, qmodel=qmodel, stock=ple4, indices=FLIndices(ple4.index))
fit1
summary(fit1)
stock.n(fit1)
```

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southernHakeLen	<i>Southern hake length data</i>
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**Description**

Length based stock and three indices data for Southern hake.

**Usage**

```
data(southernHakeLen)
```

**Format**

an FLStockLen and three FLIndex objects.

**Author(s)**

Finlay Scott

**Source**

Santiago Cervino

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stdlogres	<i>Standardized log residuals</i>
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**Description**

Method to compute the standardized residuals on the log scale for index- and catch-at-age residuals in the a4a stock assessment framework.

**Usage**

```
stdlogres(obs, fit, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'FLQuant,FLQuant'
stdlogres(obs, fit, ...)
```

**Arguments**

obs	an FLQuant object with the observations
fit	an FLQuant object with the fitted value
...	additional argument list that might never be used

**Value**

an FLQuant with stardardized log residuals

**Examples**

```
data(ple4)
data(ple4.index)
obj <- sca(ple4, FLIndices(ple4.index))
flqs <- residuals(obj, ple4, FLIndices(idx=ple4.index))
stdlogres(catch.n(ple4), catch.n(obj))
# which is the same as the following (because residuals() uses stdlogres):
flqs$catch.n
# check:
stdlogres(catch.n(ple4),catch.n(obj)) - flqs$catch.n
```

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submodel	<i>Submodel class</i>
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**Description**

Class definition (slots), constructors, accessors, replacement (when relevant) and common methods.



**Usage**

```

submodel(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'missing'
submodel(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'submodel'
params(object)

sMod(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'submodel'
sMod(object)

## S4 method for signature 'submodel'
iter(obj, it)

## S4 method for signature 'submodel'
propagate(object, iter, fill.iter = TRUE)

## S4 method for signature 'submodel'
formula(x)

```

**Arguments**

object	object of relevant class (see signature of method)
...	additional argument list that might never be used
obj	the object to be subset
it	iteration to be extracted
iter	the number of iterations to create
fill.iter	should the new iterations be filled with values (TRUE) or NAs (FALSE)
x	the submodel object that is to be modified

**Slot**

Mod formula describing the model

params FLPAr with model parameters

vcov array with variance covariance paramaters related to the variance model

centering numeric value used for centering the data

distr a character with the parameters' statistical distribution; it must match a known distribution for R (*e.g.* "norm" for gaussian) so that rnorm can be called

### Accessors

All slots in the class have accessor and replacement methods defined that allow retrieving and substituting individual slots.

The values passed for replacement need to be of the class of that slot. A numeric vector can also be used when replacing FLQuant slots, and the vector will be used to substitute the values in the slot, but not its other attributes.

### Constructor

A construction method exists for this class that can take named arguments for any of its slots. All slots are then created to match the requirements of the class validity. If an unnamed FLQuant object is provided, this is used for sizing, but not for populating any slot.

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submodels

*Submodels class*

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### Description

Class definition (slots), constructors, accessors, replacement (when relevant) and common methods.

### Usage

```

submodels(...)

submodels(...)

corBlocks(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'submodels'
corBlocks(object)

## S4 method for signature 'submodels'
params(object)

## S4 method for signature 'submodels'
sMod(object)

## S4 method for signature 'submodels'
formula(x)

corBlocks(object, ...) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'submodels,list'
corBlocks(object, ...) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'submodels,submodel'
```

```

x$name <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'submodels,character,missing'
x[[i, j, ...]] <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'submodels,numeric,missing'
x[[i, j, ...]] <- value

## S4 method for signature 'submodels'
propagate(object, iter, fill.iter = TRUE)

## S4 method for signature 'submodels'
iter(obj, it)

```

### Arguments

...	additional argument list that might never be used
object	object of relevant class (see signature of method)
x	object to be modified
value	value the new object
name	name(s) of entry to be extracted / modified
i, j	indices specifying elements to extract or replace.
iter	the number of iterations to create
fill.iter	should the new iterations be filled with values (TRUE) or NAs (FALSE)
obj	the object to be subset
it	iteration to be extracted

### Constructor

A construction method exists for this class that can take named arguments for any of its slots. All slots are then created to match the requirements of the class validity. If an unnamed FLQuant object is provided, this is used for sizing, but not for populating any slot.

### Note

This class is similar to other 'plural' classes in FLR. It is a list constrained to having all elements of the same class, in this case submodel. Otherwise it works exactly as any other list.

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`vcov`*Variance-covariance matrix*

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## Description

Methods to extract and replace the variance-covariance matrix.

## Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'a4aFitSA'  
vcov(object)  
  
## S4 method for signature 'SCAPars'  
vcov(object)  
  
## S4 method for signature 'submodels'  
vcov(object)  
  
## S4 method for signature 'submodel'  
vcov(object)  
  
## S4 replacement method for signature 'a4aFitSA,numeric'  
vcov(object, ...) <- value  
  
## S4 replacement method for signature 'SCAPars,numeric'  
vcov(object, ...) <- value  
  
## S4 replacement method for signature 'a4aStkParams,numeric'  
vcov(object, ...) <- value  
  
## S4 replacement method for signature 'submodel,numeric'  
vcov(object, ...) <- value  
  
## S4 replacement method for signature 'submodel,matrix'  
vcov(object, ...) <- value  
  
## S4 replacement method for signature 'submodel,array'  
vcov(object, ...) <- value
```

## Arguments

<code>object</code>	object of relevant class (see signature of method)
<code>...</code>	additional argument list that might never be used
<code>value</code>	the new object

---

```
wireframe plot for FLQuant  
wireframe plot for FLQuant
```

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**Description**

Method to 3D plot FLQuant objects.

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'FLQuant,missing'  
wireframe(x, y, screen = list(x = -90, y = -45), ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	a FLQuant
y	missing
screen	list with numeric components 'x','y' and 'z' to change the 3D perspective
...	additional argument list for the lattice engine

**Value**

a 3D surface plot

**Examples**

```
data(ple4)  
wireframe(harvest(ple4))
```

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