

# Package ‘fwildclusterboot’

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.onLoad *setting options for nthreads when package is loaded*

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### Description

setting options for nthreads when package is loaded

### Usage

```
.onLoad(libname, pkgname)
```

### Arguments

libname	library name
pkgname	package name

**Value**

Changes number of threads used.

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boottest	<i>Fast wild cluster bootstrap inference</i>
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**Description**

boottest is a S3 method that allows for fast wild cluster bootstrap inference for objects of class lm, fixest and felm by implementing the fast wild bootstrap algorithm developed in Roodman et al., 2019.

**Usage**

```
boottest(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	An object of type lm, fixest or felm
...	other arguments

**Value**

An object of class boottest.

**References**

- Roodman et al., 2019, "Fast and wild: Bootstrap inference in STATA using boottest", The STATA Journal. (<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/1536867X19830877>)
- Cameron, A. Colin, Jonah B. Gelbach, and Douglas L. Miller. "Bootstrap-based improvements for inference with clustered errors." The Review of Economics and Statistics 90.3 (2008): 414-427.
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- Webb, Matthew D. Reworking wild bootstrap based inference for clustered errors. No. 1315. Queen's Economics Department Working Paper, 2013.

**See Also**

[boottest.lm](#), [boottest.fixest](#) and [boottest.felm](#)

boottest.felm

*Fast wild cluster bootstrap inference for object of class felm***Description**

boottest.felm is a S3 method that allows for fast wild cluster bootstrap inference for objects of class felm by implementing the fast wild bootstrap algorithm developed in Roodman et al., 2019 and implemented in the STATA package boottest.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'felm'
boottest(
  object,
  param,
  B,
  clustid,
  bootcluster = "max",
  fe = NULL,
  conf_int = NULL,
  seed = NULL,
  R = NULL,
  beta0 = 0,
  sign_level = NULL,
  type = "rademacher",
  impose_null = TRUE,
  p_val_type = "two-tailed",
  tol = 1e-06,
  maxiter = 10,
  na_omit = TRUE,
  nthreads = getBoottest_nthreads(),
  ssc = boot_ssc(adj = TRUE, fixef.K = "none", cluster.adj = TRUE, cluster.df =
    "conventional"),
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

object	An object of class felm
param	A character vector of length one. The name of the regression coefficient for which the hypothesis is to be tested
B	Integer. The number of bootstrap iterations. When the number of clusters is low, increasing B adds little additional runtime.
clustid	A character vector containing the names of the cluster variables

bootcluster	A character vector. Specifies the bootstrap clustering variable or variables. If more than one variable is specified, then bootstrapping is clustered by the intersections of clustering implied by the listed variables. To mimic the behavior of stata's boottest command, the default is to cluster by the intersection of all the variables specified via the <code>clustid</code> argument, even though that is not necessarily recommended (see the paper by Roodman et al cited below, section 4.2). Other options include "min", where bootstrapping is clustered by the cluster variable with the fewest clusters.
fe	A character vector of length one which contains the name of the fixed effect to be projected out in the bootstrap. Note: if regression weights are used, fe needs to be NULL.
conf_int	A logical vector. If TRUE, boottest computes confidence intervals by p-value inversion. If FALSE, only the p-value is returned.
seed	An integer. Allows the user to set a random seed. If you want to set a "global" seed, set it via <code>dqrng::dqset.seed()</code> . For Mammen weights, you have to use <code>set.seed()</code> instead.
R	Hypothesis Vector giving linear combinations of coefficients. Must be either NULL or a vector of the same length as <code>param</code> . If NULL, a vector of ones of length <code>param</code> .
beta0	A numeric. Shifts the null hypothesis $H_0: \text{param} = \text{beta0}$ vs $H_1: \text{param} \neq \text{beta0}$
sign_level	A numeric between 0 and 1 which sets the significance level of the inference procedure. E.g. <code>sign_level = 0.05</code> returns 0.95% confidence intervals. By default, <code>sign_level = 0.05</code> .
type	character or function. The character string specifies the type of bootstrap to use: One of "rademacher", "mammen", "norm" and "webb". Alternatively, type can be a function(n) for drawing wild bootstrap factors. "rademacher" by default. For the Rademacher distribution, if the number of replications B exceeds the number of possible draw combinations, $2^{(\text{number of clusters})}$ , then <code>boottest()</code> will use each possible combination once (enumeration).
impose_null	Logical. Controls if the null hypothesis is imposed on the bootstrap dgp or not. Null imposed (WCR) by default. If FALSE, the null is not imposed (WCU)
p_val_type	Character vector of length 1. Type of p-value. By default "two-tailed". Other options include "equal-tailed", ">" and "<".
tol	Numeric vector of length 1. The desired accuracy (convergence tolerance) used in the root finding procedure to find the confidence interval. $1e-6$ by default.
maxiter	Integer. Maximum number of iterations used in the root finding procedure to find the confidence interval. 10 by default.
na_omit	Logical. If TRUE, <code>boottest()</code> omits rows with missing variables in the cluster variable that have not previously been deleted when fitting the regression object (e.g. if the cluster variable was not used when fitting the regression model).
nthreads	The number of threads. Can be: a) an integer lower than, or equal to, the maximum number of threads; b) 0: meaning all available threads will be used; c) a number strictly between 0 and 1 which represents the fraction of all threads to use. The default is to use 1 core.

ssc	An object of class <code>boot_ssc</code> . type obtained with the function <code>boot_ssc</code> . Represents how the small sample adjustments are computed. The defaults are <code>adj = TRUE</code> , <code>fixef.K = "none"</code> , <code>cluster.adj = "TRUE"</code> , <code>cluster.df = "conventional"</code> . You can find more details in the help file for <code>boot_ssc()</code> . The function is purposefully designed to mimic <code>fixest</code> 's <code>ssc</code> function.
...	Further arguments passed to or from other methods.

## Value

An object of class `boot test`

<code>p_val</code>	The bootstrap p-value.
<code>conf_int</code>	The bootstrap confidence interval.
<code>param</code>	The tested parameter.
<code>N</code>	Sample size. Might differ from the regression sample size if the cluster variables contain NA values.
<code>B</code>	Number of Bootstrap Iterations.
<code>clustid</code>	Names of the cluster Variables.
<code>N_G</code>	Dimension of the cluster variables as used in <code>boottest</code> .
<code>sign_level</code>	Significance level used in <code>boottest</code> .
<code>type</code>	Distribution of the bootstrap weights.
<code>impose_null</code>	Whether the null was imposed on the bootstrap <code>dgp</code> or not.
<code>R</code>	The vector "R" in the null hypothesis of interest $R\beta = \beta_0$ .
<code>beta0</code>	The scalar "beta0" in the null hypothesis of interest $R\beta = \beta_0$ .
<code>point_estimate</code>	$R'\beta$ . A scalar: the constraints vector times the regression coefficients.
<code>p_test_vals</code>	All p-values calculated while calculating the confidence interval.
<code>t_stat</code>	The 'original' regression test statistics.
<code>test_vals</code>	All t-statistics calculated while calculating the confidence interval.
<code>t_boot</code>	All bootstrap t-statistics.
<code>regression</code>	The regression object used in <code>boottest</code> .
<code>call</code>	Function call of <code>boottest</code> .

## Confidence Intervals

`boottest` computes confidence intervals by inverting p-values. In practice, the following procedure is used:

- Based on an initial guess for starting values, calculate p-values for 26 equal spaced points between the starting values.
- Out of the 26 calculated p-values, find the two pairs of values  $x$  for which the corresponding p-values  $p_x$  cross the significance level `sign_level`.
- Feed the two pairs of  $x$  into an numerical root finding procedure and solve for the root. `boottest` currently relies on `stats::uniroot` and sets an absolute tolerance of  $1e-06$  and stops the procedure after 10 iterations.

## Standard Errors

boottest does not calculate standard errors.

## References

- Roodman et al., 2019, "Fast and wild: Bootstrap inference in STATA using boottest", The STATA Journal. (<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/1536867X19830877>)
- Cameron, A. Colin, Jonah B. Gelbach, and Douglas L. Miller. "Bootstrap-based improvements for inference with clustered errors." *The Review of Economics and Statistics* 90.3 (2008): 414-427.
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- Webb, Matthew D. Reworking wild bootstrap based inference for clustered errors. No. 1315. Queen's Economics Department Working Paper, 2013.

## Examples

```

if(requireNamespace("lfe")){
  library(fwildclusterboot)
  library(lfe)
  data(voters)
  felm_fit <- felm(proposition_vote ~ treatment + ideology1 + log_income
                  | Q1_immigration,
                  data = voters)
  boot1 <- boottest(felm_fit,
                  B = 9999,
                  param = "treatment",
                  clustid = "group_id1")
  boot2 <- boottest(felm_fit,
                  B = 9999,
                  param = "treatment",
                  clustid = c("group_id1", "group_id2"))
  boot3 <- boottest(felm_fit,
                  B = 9999,
                  param = "treatment",
                  clustid = c("group_id1", "group_id2"),
                  fe = "Q1_immigration")
  boot4 <- boottest(felm_fit,
                  B = 999,
                  param = "treatment",
                  clustid = c("group_id1", "group_id2"),
                  fe = "Q1_immigration",
                  sign_level = 0.2,
                  seed = 8,
                  beta0 = 2)
  # test treatment + ideology1 = 2
  boot5 <- boottest(felm_fit,
                  B = 9999,

```

```

        clustid = c("group_id1", "group_id2"),
        param = c("treatment", "ideology1"),
        R = c(1, 1),
        beta0 = 2)
summary(boot1)
plot(boot1)
}

```

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boottest.fixest

*Fast wild cluster bootstrap inference for object of class fixest*


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## Description

boottest.fixest is a S3 method that allows for fast wild cluster bootstrap inference for objects of class fixest by implementing the fast wild bootstrap algorithm developed in Roodman et al., 2019 and implemented in the STATA package boottest.

## Usage

```

## S3 method for class 'fixest'
boottest(
  object,
  clustid,
  param,
  B,
  bootcluster = "max",
  fe = NULL,
  sign_level = NULL,
  conf_int = NULL,
  seed = NULL,
  R = NULL,
  beta0 = 0,
  type = "rademacher",
  impose_null = TRUE,
  p_val_type = "two-tailed",
  tol = 1e-06,
  maxiter = 10,
  na_omit = TRUE,
  nthreads = getBoottest_nthreads(),
  ssc = boot_ssc(adj = TRUE, fixef.K = "none", cluster.adj = TRUE, cluster.df =
    "conventional"),
  ...
)

```

## Arguments

object            An object of class fixest



<code>clustid</code>	A character vector containing the names of the cluster variables
<code>param</code>	A character vector. The name of the regression coefficients for which the hypothesis is to be tested
<code>B</code>	Integer. The number of bootstrap iterations. When the number of clusters is low, increasing B adds little additional runtime.
<code>bootcluster</code>	A character vector. Specifies the bootstrap clustering variable or variables. If more than one variable is specified, then bootstrapping is clustered by the intersections of clustering implied by the listed variables. To mimic the behavior of stata's <code>boottest</code> command, the default is to cluster by the intersection of all the variables specified via the <code>clustid</code> argument, even though that is not necessarily recommended (see the paper by Roodman et al cited below, section 4.2). Other options include "min", where bootstrapping is clustered by the cluster variable with the fewest clusters.
<code>fe</code>	A character vector of length one which contains the name of the fixed effect to be projected out in the bootstrap. Note: if regression weights are used, <code>fe</code> needs to be NULL.
<code>sign_level</code>	A numeric between 0 and 1 which sets the significance level of the inference procedure. E.g. <code>sign_level = 0.05</code> returns 0.95% confidence intervals. By default, <code>sign_level = 0.05</code> .
<code>conf_int</code>	A logical vector. If TRUE, <code>boottest</code> computes confidence intervals by p-value inversion. If FALSE, only the p-value is returned.
<code>seed</code>	An integer. Allows the user to set a random seed. If you want to set a "global" seed, set it via <code>dqrng::dqset.seed()</code> . For Mammen weights, you have to use <code>set.seed()</code> instead.
<code>R</code>	Hypothesis Vector giving linear combinations of coefficients. Must be either NULL or a vector of the same length as <code>param</code> . If NULL, a vector of ones of length <code>param</code> .
<code>beta0</code>	A numeric. Shifts the null hypothesis $H_0: \text{param} = \text{beta0}$ vs $H_1: \text{param} \neq \text{beta0}$
<code>type</code>	character or function. The character string specifies the type of bootstrap to use: One of "rademacher", "mammen", "norm" and "webb". Alternatively, <code>type</code> can be a function(n) for drawing wild bootstrap factors. "rademacher" by default. For the Rademacher distribution, if the number of replications B exceeds the number of possible draw combinations, $2^{(\text{number of clusters})}$ , then <code>boottest()</code> will use each possible combination once (enumeration).
<code>impose_null</code>	Logical. Controls if the null hypothesis is imposed on the bootstrap <code>dgp</code> or not. Null imposed (WCR) by default. If FALSE, the null is not imposed (WCU)
<code>p_val_type</code>	Character vector of length 1. Type of p-value. By default "two-tailed". Other options include "equal-tailed", ">" and "<".
<code>tol</code>	Numeric vector of length 1. The desired accuracy (convergence tolerance) used in the root finding procedure to find the confidence interval. $1e-6$ by default.
<code>maxiter</code>	Integer. Maximum number of iterations used in the root finding procedure to find the confidence interval. 10 by default.
<code>na_omit</code>	Logical. If TRUE, <code>boottest()</code> omits rows with missing variables in the cluster variable that have not previously been deleted when fitting the regression object (e.g. if the cluster variable was not used when fitting the regression model).

nthreads	The number of threads. Can be: a) an integer lower than, or equal to, the maximum number of threads; b) 0: meaning all available threads will be used; c) a number strictly between 0 and 1 which represents the fraction of all threads to use. The default is to use 1 core.
ssc	An object of class <code>boot_ssc</code> . type obtained with the function <code>boot_ssc</code> . Represents how the small sample adjustments are computed. The defaults are <code>adj = TRUE</code> , <code>fixef.K = "none"</code> , <code>cluster.adj = "TRUE"</code> , <code>cluster.df = "conventional"</code> . You can find more details in the help file for <code>boot_ssc()</code> . The function is purposefully designed to mimic <code>fixest</code> 's <code>ssc</code> function.
...	Further arguments passed to or from other methods.

### Value

An object of class `boot test`

p_val	The bootstrap p-value.
conf_int	The bootstrap confidence interval.
param	The tested parameter.
N	Sample size. Might differ from the regression sample size if the cluster variables contain NA values.
B	Number of Bootstrap Iterations.
clustid	Names of the cluster Variables.
N_G	Dimension of the cluster variables as used in <code>boottest</code> .
sign_level	Significance level used in <code>boottest</code> .
type	Distribution of the bootstrap weights.
impose_null	Whether the null was imposed on the bootstrap <code>dgp</code> or not.
R	The vector "R" in the null hypothesis of interest $R\beta = \beta_0$ .
beta0	The scalar "beta0" in the null hypothesis of interest $R\beta = \beta_0$ .
point_estimate	$R'\beta$ . A scalar: the constraints vector times the regression coefficients.
p_test_vals	All p-values calculated while calculating the confidence interval.
t_stat	The 'original' regression test statistics.
test_vals	All t-statistics calculated while calculating the confidence interval.
t_boot	All bootstrap t-statistics.
regression	The regression object used in <code>boottest</code> .
call	Function call of <code>boottest</code> .

### Confidence Intervals

`boot test` computes confidence intervals by inverting p-values. In practice, the following procedure is used:

- Based on an initial guess for starting values, calculate p-values for 26 equal spaced points between the starting values.

- Out of the 26 calculated p-values, find the two pairs of values  $x$  for which the corresponding p-values  $p_x$  cross the significance  $\text{sign\_level}$ .
- Feed the two pairs of  $x$  into an numerical root finding procedure and solve for the root. `boottest` currently relies on `stats::uniroot` and sets an absolute tolerance of  $1e-06$  and stops the procedure after 10 iterations.

### Standard Errors

`boottest` does not calculate standard errors.

### References

- Roodman et al., 2019, "Fast and wild: Bootstrap inference in STATA using `boottest`", The STATA Journal. (<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/1536867X19830877>)
- Cameron, A. Colin, Jonah B. Gelbach, and Douglas L. Miller. "Bootstrap-based improvements for inference with clustered errors." *The Review of Economics and Statistics* 90.3 (2008): 414-427.
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- Webb, Matthew D. Reworking wild bootstrap based inference for clustered errors. No. 1315. Queen's Economics Department Working Paper, 2013.

### Examples

```
if(requireNamespace("fixest")){
  library(fwildclusterboot)
  library(fixest)
  data(voters)
  feols_fit <- feols(proposition_vote ~ treatment + ideology1 + log_income,
    fixef = "Q1_immigration",
    data = voters)
  boot1 <- boottest(feols_fit,
    B = 9999,
    param = "treatment",
    clustid = "group_id1")
  boot2 <- boottest(feols_fit,
    B = 9999,
    param = "treatment",
    clustid = c("group_id1", "group_id2"))
  boot3 <- boottest(feols_fit,
    B = 9999,
    param = "treatment",
    clustid = c("group_id1", "group_id2"),
    fe = "Q1_immigration")
  boot4 <- boottest(feols_fit,
    B = 9999,
    param = "treatment",
    clustid = c("group_id1", "group_id2"),
    fe = "Q1_immigration",
```

```

        sign_level = 0.2,
        seed = 8,
        beta0 = 2)
# test treatment + ideology1 = 2
boot5 <- boottest(feols_fit,
  B = 9999,
  clustid = c("group_id1", "group_id2"),
  param = c("treatment", "ideology1"),
  R = c(1, 1),
  beta0 = 2)

summary(boot1)
plot(boot1)
}

```

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boottest.lm

*Fast wild cluster bootstrap inference for object of class lm*


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## Description

`boottest.lm` is a S3 method that allows for fast wild cluster bootstrap inference for objects of class `lm` by implementing the fast wild bootstrap algorithm developed in Roodman et al., 2019.

## Usage

```

## S3 method for class 'lm'
boottest(
  object,
  clustid,
  param,
  B,
  bootcluster = "max",
  conf_int = NULL,
  seed = NULL,
  R = NULL,
  beta0 = 0,
  sign_level = NULL,
  type = "rademacher",
  impose_null = TRUE,
  p_val_type = "two-tailed",
  tol = 1e-06,
  maxiter = 10,
  na_omit = TRUE,
  nthreads = getBoottest_nthreads(),
  ssc = boot_ssc(adj = TRUE, fixef.K = "none", cluster.adj = TRUE, cluster.df =
    "conventional"),
  ...
)

```

**Arguments**

object	An object of class lm
clustid	A character vector containing the names of the cluster variables
param	A character vector of length one. The name of the regression coefficient for which the hypothesis is to be tested
B	Integer. The number of bootstrap iterations. When the number of clusters is low, increasing B adds little additional runtime.
bootcluster	A character vector. Specifies the bootstrap clustering variable or variables. If more than one variable is specified, then bootstrapping is clustered by the intersections of clustering implied by the listed variables. To mimic the behavior of stata's boottest command, the default is to cluster by the intersection of all the variables specified via the clustid argument, even though that is not necessarily recommended (see the paper by Roodman et al cited below, section 4.2). Other options include "min", where bootstrapping is clustered by the cluster variable with the fewest clusters.
conf_int	A logical vector. If TRUE, boottest computes confidence intervals by p-value inversion. If FALSE, only the p-value is returned.
seed	An integer. Allows the user to set a random seed. If you want to set a "global" seed, set it via <code>dqrng::dqset.seed()</code> . For Mammen weights, you have to use <code>set.seed()</code> instead.
R	Hypothesis Vector giving linear combinations of coefficients. Must be either NULL or a vector of the same length as param. If NULL, a vector of ones of length param.
beta0	A numeric. Shifts the null hypothesis H0: param = beta0 vs H1: param != beta0
sign_level	A numeric between 0 and 1 which sets the significance level of the inference procedure. E.g. sign_level = 0.05 returns 0.95% confidence intervals. By default, sign_level = 0.05.
type	character or function. The character string specifies the type of bootstrap to use: One of "rademacher", "mammen", "norm" and "webb". Alternatively, type can be a function(n) for drawing wild bootstrap factors. "rademacher" by default. For the Rademacher distribution, if the number of replications B exceeds the number of possible draw ombinations, $2^{(\text{number of clusters})}$ , then boottest() will use each possible combination once (enumeration).
impose_null	Logical. Controls if the null hypothesis is imposed on the bootstrap dgp or not. Null imposed (WCR) by default. If FALSE, the null is not imposed (WCU)
p_val_type	Character vector of length 1. Type of p-value. By default "two-tailed". Other options include "equal-tailed", ">" and "<".
tol	Numeric vector of length 1. The desired accuracy (convergence tolerance) used in the root finding procedure to find the confidence interval. 1e-6 by default.
maxiter	Integer. Maximum number of iterations used in the root finding procedure to find the confidence interval. 10 by default.
na_omit	Logical. If TRUE, boottest() omits rows with missing variables in the cluster variable that have not previously been deleted when fitting the regression object (e.g. if the cluster variable was not used when fitting the regression model).

nthreads	The number of threads. Can be: a) an integer lower than, or equal to, the maximum number of threads; b) 0: meaning all available threads will be used; c) a number strictly between 0 and 1 which represents the fraction of all threads to use. The default is to use 1 core.
ssc	An object of class <code>boot_ssc</code> . type obtained with the function <code>boot_ssc</code> . Represents how the small sample adjustments are computed. The defaults are <code>adj = TRUE</code> , <code>fixef.K = "none"</code> , <code>cluster.adj = "TRUE"</code> , <code>cluster.df = "conventional"</code> . You can find more details in the help file for <code>boot_ssc()</code> . The function is purposefully designed to mimic <code>fixest</code> 's <code>ssc</code> function.
...	Further arguments passed to or from other methods.

### Value

An object of class `boot test`

p_val	The bootstrap p-value.
conf_int	The bootstrap confidence interval.
param	The tested parameter.
N	Sample size. Might differ from the regression sample size if the cluster variables contain NA values.
B	Number of Bootstrap Iterations.
clustid	Names of the cluster Variables.
N_G	Dimension of the cluster variables as used in <code>boottest</code> .
sign_level	Significance level used in <code>boottest</code> .
type	Distribution of the bootstrap weights.
impose_null	Whether the null was imposed on the bootstrap <code>dgp</code> or not.
R	The vector "R" in the null hypothesis of interest $R\beta = \beta_0$ .
beta0	The scalar "beta0" in the null hypothesis of interest $R\beta = \beta_0$ .
point_estimate	$R'\beta$ . A scalar: the constraints vector times the regression coefficients.
p_test_vals	All p-values calculated while calculating the confidence interval.
t_stat	The 'original' regression test statistics.
test_vals	All t-statistics calculated while calculating the confidence interval.
t_boot	All bootstrap t-statistics.
regression	The regression object used in <code>boottest</code> .
call	Function call of <code>boottest</code> .

### Confidence Intervals

`boot test` computes confidence intervals by inverting p-values. In practice, the following procedure is used:

- Based on an initial guess for starting values, calculate p-values for 26 equal spaced points between the starting values.

- Out of the 26 calculated p-values, find the two pairs of values  $x$  for which the corresponding p-values  $p_x$  cross the significance level  $sign\_level$ .
- Feed the two pairs of  $x$  into an numerical root finding procedure and solve for the root. `boottest` currently relies on `stats::uniroot` and sets an absolute tolerance of  $1e-06$  and stops the procedure after 10 iterations.

### Standard Errors

`boottest` does not calculate standard errors.

### References

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### Examples

```
library(fwildclusterboot)
data(voters)
lm_fit <- lm(proposition_vote ~ treatment + ideology1 + log_income + Q1_immigration,
            data = voters)
boot1 <- boottest(lm_fit,
                 B = 9999,
                 param = "treatment",
                 clustid = "group_id1")
boot2 <- boottest(lm_fit,
                 B = 9999,
                 param = "treatment",
                 clustid = c("group_id1", "group_id2"))
boot3 <- boottest(lm_fit,
                 B = 9999,
                 param = "treatment",
                 clustid = c("group_id1", "group_id2"),
                 sign_level = 0.2,
                 seed = 8,
                 beta0 = 2)
# test treatment + ideology1 = 2
boot4 <- boottest(lm_fit,
                 B = 9999,
                 clustid = c("group_id1", "group_id2"),
                 param = c("treatment", "ideology1"),
                 R = c(1, 1),
```

```

summary(boot1)
plot(boot1)

```

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boot\_algo2

*Fast wild cluster bootstrap algorithm*


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## Description

function that implements the fast bootstrap algorithm as described in Roodman et al (2019)

## Usage

```

boot_algo2(
  preprocessed_object,
  boot_iter,
  point_estimate,
  impose_null,
  beta0,
  sign_level,
  param,
  p_val_type,
  nthreads,
  type,
  full_enumeration,
  small_sample_correction
)

```

## Arguments

preprocessed_object	A list: output of the preprocess2 function.
boot_iter	number of bootstrap iterations
point_estimate	The point estimate of the test parameter from the regression model.
impose_null	If TRUE, the null is not imposed on the bootstrap distribution. This is what Roodman et al call the "WCU" bootstrap. With impose_null = FALSE, the null is imposed ("WCR").
beta0	Shifts the null hypothesis.
sign_level	The significance level.
param	name of the test parameter.
p_val_type	type Type of p-value. By default "two-tailed". Other options: "equal-tailed", ">", "<"
nthreads	The number of threads. Can be: a) an integer lower than, or equal to, the maximum number of threads; b) 0: meaning all available threads will be used; c) a number strictly between 0 and 1 which represents the fraction of all threads to use. The default is to use 50\ set permanently the number of threads used within this package using the function ...



type	character or function. The character string specifies the type of bootstrap to use: One of "rademacher", "mammen", "norm" and "webb". Alternatively, type can be a function(n) for drawing wild bootstrap factors. "rademacher" by default.
full_enumeration	Is full enumeration employed? Full enum. is used if $N_G^2 < \text{boot\_iter}$ for Mammen and Rademacher weights
small_sample_correction	The small sample correction to be applied. See ssc().

**Value**

A list of ...

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boot_ssc	<i>set the small sample correction factor applied in boottest()</i>
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**Description**

set the small sample correction factor applied in boottest()

**Usage**

```
boot_ssc(
  adj = TRUE,
  fixef.K = "none",
  cluster.adj = TRUE,
  cluster.df = "conventional"
)
```

**Arguments**

adj	Logical scalar, defaults to TRUE. If TRUE, applies a small sample correction of $(N-1) / (N-k)$ where $N$ is the number of observations and $k$ is the number of estimated coefficients excluding any fixed effects projected out in either <code>fixest::feols()</code> or <code>lfe::felm()</code> .
fixef.K	Character scalar, equal to 'none': the fixed effects parameters are discarded when calculating $k$ in $(N-1) / (N-k)$ .
cluster.adj	Logical scalar, defaults to TRUE. If TRUE, a cluster correction $G/(G-1)$ is performed, with $G$ the number of clusters.
cluster.df	Either "conventional" or "min" default. Controls how "G" is computed for multiway clustering if <code>cluster.adj = TRUE</code> . Note that the covariance matrix in the multiway clustering case is of the form $V = V_1 + V_2 - V_{12}$ . If "conventional", then each summand $G_i$ is multiplied with a small sample adjustment $G_i / (G_i - 1)$ . If "min", all summands are multiplied with the same value, $\min(G) / (\min(G) - 1)$

**Examples**

```
boot_ssc(adj = TRUE, cluster.adj = TRUE)
boot_ssc(adj = TRUE, cluster.adj = TRUE, cluster.df = "min")
```

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cpp_get_nb_threads	<i>Get maximum number of threads on hardware for open mp support</i>
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**Description**

Get maximum number of threads on hardware for open mp support

**Usage**

```
cpp_get_nb_threads()
```

**Value**

The maximum number of threads supported.

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create_data	<i>Simulate Data</i>
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**Description**

Function simulates data for tests and examples with clustering variables and fixed-effects.

**Usage**

```
create_data(N, N_G1, icc1, N_G2, icc2, numb_fe1, numb_fe2, seed, weights)
```

**Arguments**

N	number of observations
N_G1	A scalar. number of clusters for clustering variable 1
icc1	A scalar between 0 and 1. intra-cluster correlation for clustering variable 1
N_G2	A scalar. number of clusters for clustering variable 2
icc2	A scalar between 0 and 1. intra-cluster correlation for clustering variable 2
numb_fe1	A scalar. Number of fixed effect for first factor variable
numb_fe2	A scalar. Number of fixed effect for second factor variable
seed	An integer. Set the random seed
weights	Possible regression weights to be used in estimation

**Value**

A simulated data frame with specified numbers of clusters, intra-cluster correlations and dimensionality of fixed effects.

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eigenMapMatMult	<i>Matrix Multiplication via Eigen</i>
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**Description**

Matrix Multiplication via Eigen

**Usage**

```
eigenMapMatMult(A, B, nthreads)
```

**Arguments**

A	A matrix.
B	A matrix.
nthreads	Integer. Number of threads to use for matrix multiplication.

**Value**

A matrix

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get_ssc	<i>Compute small sample adjustment factors</i>
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**Description**

Compute small sample adjustment factors

**Usage**

```
get_ssc(boot_ssc_object, N, k, G, vcov_sign)
```

**Arguments**

boot_ssc_object	An object of type 'boot_ssc.type'
N	The number of observations
k	The number of estimated parameters
G	The number of clusters
vcov_sign	A vector that helps create the covariance matrix

**Value**

A small sample adjustment factor

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glance.boottest	<i>S3 method to glance at objects of class boottest</i>
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**Description**

S3 method to glance at objects of class boottest

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'boottest'  
glance(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	object of type boottest
...	Further arguments passed to or from other methods.

**Value**

A single row summary "glance" of an object of type boottest - lists characteristics of the input regression model

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plot.boottest	<i>Plot the bootstrap distribution of t-statistics</i>
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**Description**

Plot the bootstrap distribution of t-statistics

**Usage**

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

**Arguments**

x	An object of type boottest
...	Further arguments passed to or from other methods.

**Value**

A plot of bootstrap t-statistics under different null hypotheses

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summary.boottest	<i>S3 method to summarize objects of class boottest</i>
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**Description**

S3 method to summarize objects of class boottest

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'boottest'
summary(object, digits = 3, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	object of type boottest
digits	rounding of output. 3 by default
...	Further arguments passed to or from other methods.

**Value**

Returns result summaries for objects of type boottest

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tidy.boottest	<i>S3 method to summarize objects of class boottest into tidy data.frame</i>
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**Description**

S3 method to summarize objects of class boottest into tidy data.frame

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'boottest'
tidy(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	object of type boottest
...	Further arguments passed to or from other methods.

**Value**

A tidy data.frame with estimation results for objects of type boottest

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voters

*Random example data set*

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**Description**

Random example data set

**Usage**

```
data(voters)
```

**Format**

An object of class `data.frame` with 300 rows and 13 columns.

**Examples**

```
data(voters)
```

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