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**Description** Fit response-time extended multinomial processing tree (RT-MPT) models by Klauer and Kellen (2018) <[doi:10.1016/j.jmp.2017.12.003](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jmp.2017.12.003)>. The RT-MPT class not only incorporate frequencies like traditional multinomial processing tree (MPT) models, but also latencies. This enables it to estimate process completion times and encoding plus motor execution times next to the process probabilities of traditional MPTs. 'rtmpt' is a Bayesian framework and posterior samples are sampled using a Metropolis-Gibbs sampler like the one described in the Klauer and Kellen (2018), but with some modifications. Other than in the original C++ program we use the free and open source GNU Scientific Library (GSL). There is also the possibility to suppress single process completion times.

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fit_rtmtpt	<i>Posterior sample, diagnostics and some optional stuff</i>
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## Description

Given model and data, this function calls an altered version of the C++ program by Klauer and Kellen (2018) to sample from the posterior distribution via a Metropolis-Gibbs sampler and storing it in an mcmc.list called `samples`. Posterior predictive checks developed by Klauer (2010), deviance information criterion (DIC; Spiegelhalter et al., 2002), 99% and 95% highest density intervals (HDI) together with the median will be provided for the main parameters in a list called `diags`. Optionally, the indices widely applicable information criterion (WAIC; Watanabe, 2010; Vehtari et al., 2017) and leave-one-out cross-validation (LOO; Vehtari et al., 2017) can be saved. Additionally the log-likelihood (`LogLik`) can also be stored. Some specifications of the function call are also saved in `specs`.

## Usage

```
fit_rtmtpt(
  model,
  data,
  n.chains = 4,
  n.iter = 5000,
  n.burnin = 200,
  n.thin = 1,
  Rhat_max = 1.05,
  Irep = 1000,
  prior_params = NULL,
  indices = FALSE,
  save_log_lik = FALSE,
  old_label = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

model	A list of the class <code>rtmt_model</code> .
data	Optimally, a list of class <code>rtmt_data</code> . Also possible is a <code>data.frame</code> or a path to the text file. Both, <code>data.frame</code> and the text file must contain the column names "subj", "group", "tree", "cat", and "rt" preferably but not necessarily in this order. The values of the latter must be in milliseconds. It is always advised to use <code>to_rtmt_data</code> first, which gives back an <code>rtmt_data</code> list with informations about the changes in the data, that were needed.
n.chains	Number of chains to use. Default is 4. Must be larger than 1 and smaller or equal to 16.
n.iter	Number of samples per chain. Default is 5000.
n.burnin	Number of warm-up samples. Default is 200.
n.thin	Thinning factor. Default is 1.
Rhat_max	Maximal Potential scale reduction factor: A lower threshold that needs to be reached before the actual sampling starts. Default is 1.05
Irep	Every Irep samples an interim state with the current maximal potential scale reduction factor is shown. Default is 1000. The following statements must hold true for Irep: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• n.burnin is smaller than or equal to Irep,</li> <li>• Irep is a multiple of n.thin and</li> <li>• n.iter is a multiple of Irep / n.thin.</li> </ul>
prior_params	Named list with prior parameters. All parameters have default values, that lead to uninformative priors. Vectors are not allowed. Allowed parameters are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>mean_of_exp_mu_beta</code>: This is the a priori expected exponential rate (<math>E(\exp(\beta)) = E(\lambda)</math>) and <math>1/\text{mean\_of\_exp\_mu\_beta}</math> is the a priori expected process time (<math>1/E(\exp(\beta)) = E(\tau)</math>). The default mean is set to 10, such that the expected a priori process time is 0.1 seconds.</li> <li>• <code>var_of_exp_mu_beta</code>: The a priori group-specific variance of the exponential rates. Since <math>\exp(\mu\_beta)</math> is Gamma distributed, the rate of the distribution is just mean divided by variance and the shape is the mean times the rate. The default is set to 100.</li> <li>• <code>mean_of_mu_gamma</code>: This is the a priori expected <i>mean parameter</i> of the encoding and response execution times, which follow a normal distribution truncated from below at zero, so <math>E(\mu\_gamma) &lt; E(\gamma)</math>. The default is 0.</li> <li>• <code>var_of_mu_gamma</code>: The a priori group-specific variance of the <i>mean parameter</i>. Its default is 10.</li> <li>• <code>mean_of_omega_sqr</code>: This is the a priori expected residual variance (<math>E(\omega^2)</math>). Its distribution differs from the one used in the paper. Here it is a Gamma distribution instead of an improper one. The default is 0.005.</li> <li>• <code>var_of_omega_sqr</code>: The a priori variance of the residual variance (<math>\text{Var}(\omega^2)</math>). The default is 0.01. The default of the mean and variance is equivalent to a shape and rate of 0.0025 and 0.5, respectively.</li> </ul>

- `df_of_sigma_sqr`: A priori degrees of freedom for the individual variance of the response executions. The individual variance has a scaled inverse chi-squared prior with `df_of_sigma_sqr` degrees of freedom and  $\omega^2$  as scale. 2 is the default and it should be an integer.
- `sf_of_scale_matrix_SIGMA`: The original scaling matrix (S) of the (scaled) inverse Wishart distribution for the process related parameters is an identity matrix  $S=I$ . `sf_of_scale_matrix_SIGMA` is a scaling factor, that scales this matrix ( $S=sf\_of\_scale\_matrix\_SIGMA*I$ ). Its default is 1.
- `sf_of_scale_matrix_GAMMA`: The original scaling matrix (S) of the (scaled) inverse Wishart distribution for the encoding and motor execution parameters is an identity matrix  $S=I$ . `sf_of_scale_matrix_GAMMA` is a scaling factor, that scales this matrix ( $S=sf\_of\_scale\_matrix\_GAMMA*I$ ). Its default is 1.
- `prec_epsilon`: This is epsilon in the paper. It is the precision of `mu_alpha` and all `xi` (scaling parameter in the scaled inverse Wishart distribution). Its default is also 1.
- `add_df_to_invWish`: If `P` is the number of parameters or rather the size of the scale matrix used in the (scaled) inverse Wishart distribution then `add_df_to_invWish` is the number of degrees of freedom that can be added to it. So  $DF = P + add\_df\_to\_invWish$ . The default for `add_df_to_invWish` is 1, such that the correlations are uniformly distributed within  $[-1, 1]$ .

<code>indices</code>	Model selection indices. If set to <code>TRUE</code> the log-likelihood for each iteration and trial will be stored temporarily and with that the WAIC and LOO will be calculated via the <code>loo</code> package. If you want to have this log-likelihood matrix stored in the output of this function, you can set <code>save_log_lik</code> to <code>TRUE</code> . The default for <code>indices</code> is <code>FALSE</code> .
<code>save_log_lik</code>	If set to <code>TRUE</code> and <code>indices = TRUE</code> the log-likelihood matrix for each iteration and trial will be saved in the output as a matrix. Its default is <code>FALSE</code> .
<code>old_label</code>	If set to <code>TRUE</code> the old labels of "subj" and "group" of the data will be used in the elements of the output list. Default is <code>FALSE</code> .

## Value

A list of the class `rtmtpt_fit` containing

- `samples`: the posterior samples as an `mcmc.list` object,
- `diags`: some diagnostics like deviance information criterion, posterior predictive checks for the frequencies and latencies, potential scale reduction factors, and also the 99% and 95% HDIs and medians for the group-level parameters,
- `specs`: some model specifications like the model, arguments of the model call, and information about the data transformation,
- `indices` (optional): if enabled, WAIC and LOO,
- `LogLik` (optional): if enabled, the log-likelihood matrix used for WAIC and LOO.
- `summary` includes posterior mean and median of the main parameters.

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**Examples**

```
#####
# Detect-Guess variant of the Two-High Threshold model.
# The encoding and motor execution times are assumed to be equal for each response.
#####

mdl_2HTM <- "
# targets
do+(1-do)*g
(1-do)*(1-g)

# lures
(1-dn)*g
dn+(1-dn)*(1-g)

# do: detect old; dn: detect new; g: guess
"

model <- to_rtmt_model(mdl_file = mdl_2HTM)

data_file <- system.file("extdata/data.txt", package="rtmt")
data <- read.table(file = data_file, header = TRUE)
data_list <- to_rtmt_data(raw_data = data, model = model)

# This might take some time
rtmt_out <- fit_rtmt(model = model, data = data_list, Rhat_max = 1.1)
rtmt_out

# Type ?SimData for another working example.
```

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fit\_rtmtpt\_SBC

*Simulate data from RT-MPT models*


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### Description

Simulate data from RT-MPT models using `rtmtpt_model` objects. The difference to `sim_rtmtpt_data` is that here only scalars are allowed. This makes it usable for simulation-based calibration (SBC; Talts et al., 2018). You can specify the random seed, number of subjects, number of trials, and some parameters (same as `prior_params` from `fit_rtmtpt`).

### Usage

```
fit_rtmtpt_SBC(
  model,
  seed,
  n.eff_samples = 99,
  n.chains = 4,
  n.iter = 5000,
  n.burnin = 200,
  n.thin = 1,
  Rhat_max = 1.05,
  Irep = 1000,
  n.subj = 40,
  n.trials = 30,
  prior_params = NULL,
  sim_list = NULL
)
```

### Arguments

<code>model</code>	A list of the class <code>rtmtpt_model</code> .
<code>seed</code>	Random seed number.
<code>n.eff_samples</code>	Number of effective samples. Default is 99, leading to 100 possible ranks (from 0 to 99).
<code>n.chains</code>	Number of chains to use. Default is 4. Must be larger than 1 and smaller or equal to 16.
<code>n.iter</code>	Number of samples per chain. Default is 5000. Must be larger or equal to <code>n.eff_samples</code> .
<code>n.burnin</code>	Number of warm-up samples. Default is 200.
<code>n.thin</code>	Thinning factor. Default is 1.
<code>Rhat_max</code>	Maximal Potential scale reduction factor: A lower threshold that needs to be reached before the actual sampling starts. Default is 1.05
<code>Irep</code>	Every <code>Irep</code> samples an interim state with the current maximal potential scale reduction factor is shown. Default is 1000. The following statements must hold true for <code>Irep</code> :

- n.burnin is smaller than or equal to Irep,
  - Irep is a multiple of n.thin and
  - n.iter is a multiple of Irep / n.thin.
- n.subj           Number of subjects. Default is 40.
- n.trials         Number of trials per tree. Default is 30.
- prior\_params    Named list of parameters from which the data will be generated. This must be the same named list as prior\_params from `fit_rttmp` and has the same defaults. It is not recommended to use the defaults since they lead to many probabilities close or equal to 0 and/or 1 and to RTs close or equal to 0. Allowed parameters are:
- mean\_of\_exp\_mu\_beta: This is the expected exponential rate ( $E(\exp(\beta)) = E(\lambda)$ ) and  $1/\text{mean\_of\_exp\_mu\_beta}$  is the expected process time ( $1/E(\exp(\beta)) = E(\tau)$ ). The default mean is set to 10, such that the expected process time is 0.1 seconds.
  - var\_of\_exp\_mu\_beta: The group-specific variance of the exponential rates. Since  $\exp(\mu\_beta)$  is Gamma distributed, the rate of the distribution is just mean divided by variance and the shape is the mean times the rate. The default is set to 100.
  - mean\_of\_mu\_gamma: This is the expected *mean parameter* of the encoding and response execution times, which follow a normal distribution truncated from below at zero, so  $E(\mu\_gamma) < E(\gamma)$ . The default is 0.
  - var\_of\_mu\_gamma: The group-specific variance of the *mean parameter*. Its default is 10.
  - mean\_of\_omega\_sqr: This is the expected residual variance ( $E(\omega^2)$ ). The default is 0.005.
  - var\_of\_omega\_sqr: The variance of the residual variance ( $\text{Var}(\omega^2)$ ). The default is 0.01. The default of the mean and variance is equivalent to a shape and rate of 0.0025 and 0.5, respectively.
  - df\_of\_sigma\_sqr: degrees of freedom for the individual variance of the response executions. The individual variance follows a scaled inverse chi-squared distribution with df\_of\_sigma\_sqr degrees of freedom and  $\omega^2$  as scale. 2 is the default and it should be an integer.
  - sf\_of\_scale\_matrix\_SIGMA: The original scaling matrix (S) of the (scaled) inverse Wishart distribution for the process related parameters is an identity matrix  $S=I$ . sf\_of\_scale\_matrix\_SIGMA is a scaling factor, that scales this matrix ( $S=\text{sf\_of\_scale\_matrix\_SIGMA} \cdot I$ ). Its default is 1.
  - sf\_of\_scale\_matrix\_GAMMA: The original scaling matrix (S) of the (scaled) inverse Wishart distribution for the encoding and motor execution parameters is an identity matrix  $S=I$ . sf\_of\_scale\_matrix\_GAMMA is a scaling factor that scales this matrix ( $S=\text{sf\_of\_scale\_matrix\_GAMMA} \cdot I$ ). Its default is 1.
  - prec\_epsilon: This is epsilon in the paper. It is the precision of mu\_alpha and all xi (scaling parameter in the scaled inverse Wishart distribution). Its default is also 1.
  - add\_df\_to\_invWish: If P is the number of parameters or rather the size of the scale matrix used in the (scaled) inverse Wishart distribution then

add\_df\_to\_invWish is the number of degrees of freedom that can be added to it. So  $DF = P + \text{add\_df\_to\_invWish}$ . The default for add\_df\_to\_invWish is 1, such that the correlations are uniformly distributed within  $[-1, 1]$ .

`sim_list` Object of class `rtmt_sim`. This is also an output object. Can be used to re-fit the model if `n.eff_samples` was not achieved in a previous fitting attempt. It will then use the data stored in this object. Default is NULL and this object will be created anew.

## Value

A list of the class `rtmt_sbc` containing

- `ranks`: the rank statistic for all parameters,
- `sim_list`: an object of the class `rtmt_sim`,
- `fit_list`: an object of the class `rtmt_fit`,
- `specs`: some specifications like the model, seed number, etc.,

## Author(s)

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## References

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## Examples

```
#####
# Detect-Guess variant of the Two-High Threshold model.
# The encoding and motor execution times are assumed to be different for each response.
#####

mdl_2HTM <- "
# targets
d+(1-d)*g      ; 0
(1-d)*(1-g)    ; 1

# lures
(1-d)*g        ; 0
d+(1-d)*(1-g) ; 1

# d: detect; g: guess
"

model <- to_rtmt_model(mdl_file = mdl_2HTM)

params <- list(mean_of_exp_mu_beta = 10,
               var_of_exp_mu_beta = 10,
               mean_of_mu_gamma = 0.5,
```



```

var_of_mu_gamma = 0.0025,
mean_of_omega_sqr = 0.005,
var_of_omega_sqr = 0.000025,
df_of_sigma_sqr = 10,
sf_of_scale_matrix_SIGMA = 0.1,
sf_of_scale_matrix_GAMMA = 0.01,
prec_epsilon = 10,
add_df_to_invWish = 5)

R = 2 # typically 2000 with n.eff_samples = 99, but this will run many days
rank_mat <- matrix(NA, ncol = 393, nrow = 2)
for (r in 1:R) {
  SBC_out <- fit_rtmtpt_SBC(model, seed = r*123, prior_params = params,
                           n.eff_samples = 99, n.thin = 5,
                           n.iter = 5000, n.burnin = 2000, Irep = 5000)
  rank_mat[r, ] <- SBC_out$ranks
}

```

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set_params	<i>Set constants for probability parameters and suppress process times in a rtmtpt_model list</i>
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## Description

By using parameter = "probs" you can specify which of the probability parameters should be set to a constant by using values between zero and one. If you use NA the probability will be estimated. By using parameter = "tau\_minus" or parameter = "tau\_plus" you can suppress process times/rates. Here 0 will suppress the named process and NA allows the process time/rate to be estimated.

## Usage

```
set_params(model, parameter, names, values = NA)
```

## Arguments

model	A list of the class rtmtpt_model.
parameter	Character of length one indicating the parameter to change. Allowed characters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"probs": probability parameters</li> <li>"tau_minus": rate parameters of the exponential distribution of the process times that lead to a negative outcome</li> <li>"tau_plus": rate parameters of the exponential distribution of the process times that lead to a positive outcome</li> </ul>
names	Character vector with process names.
values	Numerical vector of length length(names). By using parameter = "probs" you have the following options

- NA: estimate the named probability
- $0 < \text{values} < 1$ : set the named probability to a constant value between zero and one

Example: `set_params(model = model, parameter = "probs", names = c("do", "dn", "g"), values = c(NA, NA, .5))` will set the guessing "old" (g) to the constant 0.5 in the 2HT model. By using `parameter = "tau_minus"` or `parameter = "tau_plus"` you have two options:

- NA: estimate the process time/rate
- 0: suppress the process time/rate

Example: `set_params(model = model, parameter = "tau_minus", names = c("do", "dn", "g"), values = c(NA, NA, 0))` will suppress the process-completion time for guessing "new" in the 2HT model. This of course does not make sense here, but for some models it might be useful if you assume that a time-consuming process is not associated with certain process-outcome pairs (e.g., for technical parameters not corresponding to a psychological process).

### Value

A list of the class `rtmpt_model`.

### Author(s)

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### See Also

[set\\_resps](#)

### Examples

```
#####
# Detect-Guess variant of the Two-High Threshold model.
# The encoding and motor execution times are assumed to be equal for each category.
# The process completion times for both failed detections will be suppressed.
#####

mdl_2HTM <- "
# targets
do+(1-do)*g
(1-do)*(1-g)

# lures
(1-dn)*g
dn+(1-dn)*(1-g)

# do: detect old; dn: detect new; g: guess
"

model <- to_rtmpt_model(mdl_file = mdl_2HTM)
```

```
## removing the process times for the failed detection ("tau_minus")
## of the detection parameters ("dn", "do")
model <- set_params(model = model, parameter = "tau_minus",
                    names = c("dn", "do"), values = c(0,0))
```

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set_resps	<i>Set responses in a rtmpt_model</i>
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### Description

Change the responses for a tree and the categories within that tree.

### Usage

```
set_resps(model, tree, categories, values = 0)
```

### Arguments

model	A list of the class <code>rtmpt_model</code> .
tree	Character or numerical value of the tree for which the responses should be changed.
categories	Character or numerical vector identifying category/ies within the specified tree for which the responses should be changed.
values	Numerical vector of length <code>length(categories)</code> providing the responses. Default is 0.

### Value

A list of the class `rtmpt_model`.

### Author(s)

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### See Also

[set\\_params](#)

### Examples

```
#####
# Detect-Guess variant of the Two-High Threshold model.
# The encoding and motor execution times will be set to different values
# for each response.
#####

mdl_2HTM <- "
```

```
# targets
do+(1-do)*g
(1-do)*(1-g)

# lures
(1-dn)*g
dn+(1-dn)*(1-g)

# do: detect old; dn: detect new; g: guess
"

model <- to_rtmtpt_model mdl_file = mdl_2HTM)

## changing the model to have two different encoding and response execution
## times for "old" and "new" responses.
for(i in c(0,1)) model <- set_resps(model = model, tree = i,
                                   categories = i*2+1, values = 1)
```

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SimData

*Data simulated from the restricted 2HTM*

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### **Description**

Data set generated from a restricted Two-High Threshold model.

### **Usage**

SimData

### **Format**

A data frame with five variables:

subj subjects number

group group label of the subjects

tree condition of the current trial

cat observed response category

rt observed response time in ms

### **Details**

Forty subjects with thirty trials per condition (Studied items, new Items) were simulated.

**Examples**

```
#####
# Detect-Guess variant of the restricted Two-High Threshold model.
#####

head(SimData)

mdl_2HTM <- "
# targets
d+(1-d)*g      ; 0
(1-d)*(1-g)    ; 1

# lures
(1-d)*g        ; 0
d+(1-d)*(1-g) ; 1

# d: detect; g: guess
"

model <- to_rtmt_model(mdl_file = mdl_2HTM)

data <- to_rtmt_data(raw_data = SimData, model = model)

# this might take some time to run
rtmt_out <- fit_rtmt(model = model, data = data)

# convergence
## traceplot and summary of the first six parameters
plot(rtmt_out$samples[,1:6])
summary(rtmt_out)
```

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sim_rtmt_data	<i>Simulate data from RT-MPT models</i>
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**Description**

Simulate data from RT-MPT models using `rtmt_model` objects. You can specify the random seed, number of subjects, number of trials per tree, and some parameters (mainly the same as `prior_params` from `fit_rtmt`).

**Usage**

```
sim_rtmt_data(model, seed, n.subj, n.trials, params = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

model	A list of the class <code>rtmt_model</code> .
seed	Random seed number.

n.subj	Number of subjects.
n.trials	Number of trials per tree.
params	<p>Named list of parameters from which the data will be generated. This must be the same named list as prior_params from <code>fit_rtmt</code>, except for "mean_of_mu_alpha" and "var_of_mu_alpha", and has the same defaults. The difference to prior_params is, that vectors are allowed, but must match the length of the parameters in the model. It is not recommended to use the defaults since they lead to many probabilities close or equal to 0 and/or 1 and to RTs close or equal to 0. Allowed parameters are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• mean_of_mu_alpha: Probit transformed mean probability. If you want to have a group-level mean probability of 0.6, use mean_of_mu_alpha = <code>qnorm(0.6)</code> in the params list. Default is 0 or <code>qnorm(.5)</code>.</li> <li>• var_of_mu_alpha: Variance of the probit transformed group-level mean probability. If specified, mu_alpha will be sampled from <math>N(\text{mean\_of\_mu\_alpha}, \text{var\_of\_mu\_alpha})</math>. If not, mu_alpha = mean_of_mu_alpha.</li> <li>• mean_of_exp_mu_beta: This is the expected exponential rate (<math>E(\exp(\beta)) = E(\lambda)</math>) and <math>1/\text{mean\_of\_exp\_mu\_beta}</math> is the expected process time (<math>1/E(\exp(\beta)) = E(\tau)</math>). The default mean is set to 10, such that the expected process time is 0.1 seconds. For a mean process time of 200 ms, write <code>mean_of_exp_mu_beta = 1000/200</code>.</li> <li>• var_of_exp_mu_beta: The group-specific variance of the exponential rates. Since <math>\exp(\mu_\beta)</math> is Gamma distributed, the rate of the distribution is just mean divided by variance and the shape is the mean times the rate. If specified, <math>\exp(\mu_\beta)</math> is sampled from <math>\text{Gamma}(\text{shape} = \text{mean\_of\_exp\_mu\_beta}^2/\text{var\_of\_exp\_mu\_beta}, \text{rate} = \text{mean\_of\_exp\_mu\_beta}/\text{var\_of\_exp\_mu\_beta})</math>. If not, mu_alpha = mean_of_exp_mu_beta.</li> <li>• mean_of_mu_gamma: This is the expected <i>mean parameter</i> of the encoding and response execution times, which follow a normal distribution truncated from below at zero, so <math>E(\mu_\gamma) &lt; E(\gamma)</math>. The default is 0. For a mean motor time of 550 ms write <code>mean_of_mu_gamma = 550/1000</code>.</li> <li>• var_of_mu_gamma: The group-specific variance of the <i>mean parameter</i>. If specified, mu_gamma is sampled from <math>N(\text{mean\_of\_mu\_gamma}, \text{var\_of\_mu\_gamma})</math>. If not, mu_gamma = mean_of_mu_gamma.</li> <li>• mean_of_omega_sqr: This is the expected residual variance (<math>E(\omega^2)</math>). The default is 0.005.</li> <li>• var_of_omega_sqr: The variance of the residual variance (<math>\text{Var}(\omega^2)</math>). If specified, omega_sqr is sampled from <math>\text{Gamma}(\text{shape} = \text{mean\_of\_omega\_sqr}^2/\text{var\_of\_omega\_sqr}, \text{rate} = \text{mean\_of\_omega\_sqr}/\text{var\_of\_omega\_sqr})</math>. If not, omega_sqr = mean_of_omega_sqr. 0.01. The default of the mean and variance is equivalent to a shape and rate of 0.0025 and 0.5, respectively.</li> <li>• df_of_sigma_sqr: Degrees of freedom for the individual variance of the response executions. The individual variance follows a scaled inverse chi-squared distribution with df_of_sigma_sqr degrees of freedom and <math>\omega^2</math> as scale. 2 is the default and it should be an integer.</li> <li>• sf_of_scale_matrix_SIGMA: The original scaling matrix (S) of the (scaled) inverse Wishart distribution for the process related parameters is an identity matrix <math>S=I</math>. sf_of_scale_matrix_SIGMA is a scaling factor, that scales this matrix (<math>S=\text{sf\_of\_scale\_matrix\_SIGMA} \cdot I</math>). Its default is 1.</li> </ul>

- `sf_of_scale_matrix_GAMMA`: The original scaling matrix ( $S$ ) of the (scaled) inverse Wishart distribution for the encoding and motor execution parameters is an identity matrix  $S=I$ . `sf_of_scale_matrix_GAMMA` is a scaling factor that scales this matrix ( $S=sf\_of\_scale\_matrix\_GAMMA*I$ ). Its default is 1.
- `prec_epsilon`: This is epsilon in the paper. It is the precision of xi (scaling parameter in the scaled inverse Wishart distribution). Its default is also 1.
- `add_df_to_invWish`: If  $P$  is the number of parameters or rather the size of the scale matrix used in the (scaled) inverse Wishart distribution then `add_df_to_invWish` is the number of degrees of freedom that can be added to it. So  $DF = P + add\_df\_to\_invWish$ . The default for `add_df_to_invWish` is 1, such that the correlations are uniformly distributed within  $[-1, 1]$ .
- `SIGMA`: Variance-covariance matrix of the process-related parameters. It must match the number of process-related parameters to be estimated. If scalars or vectors are given, they will be transformed into diagonal matrices using `diag(SIGMA)`. If not specified it will be randomly generated using `diag(xi)%*%rinvwishart(nu, S)%*%diag(xi)`, where  $nu$  is the number of process-related group-level parameters to be estimated plus `add_df_to_invWish`,  $S$  is the identity matrix multiplied by `sf_of_scale_matrix_SIGMA`, and  $xi$  (randomly generated from  $N(1, 1/prec\_epsilon)$ ) are the scaling factors for the scaled inverse wishart distribution. If `SIGMA` is used, `sf_of_scale_matrix_SIGMA` and `add_df_to_invWish` will be ignored for the process-related parameters.
- `GAMMA`: Variance-covariance matrix of the motor time parameters. It must match the number of motor time parameters to be estimated. If scalars or vectors are given, they will be transformed into diagonal matrices using `diag(SIGMA)`. If not specified it will be randomly generated using `diag(xi)%*%rinvwishart(nu, S)` where  $nu$  is the number of motor time group-level parameters to be estimated plus `add_df_to_invWish`,  $S$  is the identity matrix multiplied by `sf_of_scale_matrix_GAMMA`, and  $xi$  (randomly generated from  $N(1, 1/prec\_epsilon)$ ) are the scaling factors for the scaled inverse wishart distribution. If `GAMMA` is used, `sf_of_scale_matrix_GAMMA` and `add_df_to_invWish` will be ignored for the motor time parameters.

## Value

A list of the class `rtmt_sim` containing

- `data`: the data.frame with the simulated data,
- `gen_list`: a list containing lists of the group-level and subject-specific parameters for the process-related parameters and the motor-related parameters, and the trial-specific probabilities, process-times, and motor-times,
- `specs`: some specifications like the model, seed number, etc.,

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## Examples

```
#####
# Detect-Guess variant of the Two-High Threshold model.
# The encoding and motor execution times are assumed to be different for each response.
#####

mdl_2HTM <- "
# targets
do+(1-do)*g      ; 0
(1-do)*(1-g)     ; 1

# lures
(1-dn)*g         ; 0
dn+(1-dn)*(1-g) ; 1

# do: detect old; dn: detect new; g: guess
"

model <- to_rtmtpt_model(mdl_file = mdl_2HTM)

# random group-level parameters
params <- list(mean_of_mu_alpha = 0,
               #var_of_mu_alpha = 1
               mean_of_exp_mu_beta = 10,
               var_of_exp_mu_beta = 10,
               mean_of_mu_gamma = 0.5,
               var_of_mu_gamma = 0.0025,
               mean_of_omega_sqr = 0.005,
               var_of_omega_sqr = 0.000025,
               df_of_sigma_sqr = 10,
               sf_of_scale_matrix_SIGMA = 0.1,
               sf_of_scale_matrix_GAMMA = 0.01,
               prec_epsilon = 10,
               add_df_to_invWish = 5)

sim_dat <- sim_rtmtpt_data(model, seed = 123, n.subj = 40, n.trials = 30, params = params)

# fixed group-level parameters
params <- list(mean_of_mu_alpha = 0,
               mean_of_exp_mu_beta = 10,
               mean_of_mu_gamma = 0.5,
               mean_of_omega_sqr = 0.005,
               df_of_sigma_sqr = 10,
               sf_of_scale_matrix_SIGMA = 0.1,
               sf_of_scale_matrix_GAMMA = 0.01,
               prec_epsilon = 10,
               add_df_to_invWish = 5,
               SIGMA = diag(9), # independent process-related params
               GAMMA = diag(2)) # independent motor time params

sim_dat <- sim_rtmtpt_data(model, seed = 123, n.subj = 40, n.trials = 30, params = params)
```



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sim\_rtmt\_data\_SBC      *Simulate data from RT-MPT models*

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### Description

Simulate data from RT-MPT models using `rtmt_model` objects. The difference to `sim_rtmt_data` is that here only scalars are allowed. This makes it usable for simulation-based calibration (SBC; Talts et al., 2018). You can specify the random seed, number of subjects, number of trials, and some parameters (same as `prior_params` from `fit_rtmt`).

### Usage

```
sim_rtmt_data_SBC(model, seed, n.subj, n.trials, params = NULL)
```

### Arguments

<code>model</code>	A list of the class <code>rtmt_model</code> .
<code>seed</code>	Random seed number.
<code>n.subj</code>	<- Number of subjects.
<code>n.trials</code>	<- Number of trials per tree.
<code>params</code>	Named list of parameters from which the data will be generated. This must be the same named list as <code>prior_params</code> from <code>fit_rtmt</code> and has the same defaults. It is not recommended to use the defaults since they lead to many probabilities close or equal to 0 and/or 1 and to RTs close or equal to 0. Allowed parameters are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>mean_of_exp_mu_beta</code>: This is the expected exponential rate (<math>E(\exp(\beta)) = E(\lambda)</math>) and <math>1/\text{mean\_of\_exp\_mu\_beta}</math> is the expected process time (<math>1/E(\exp(\beta)) = E(\tau)</math>). The default mean is set to 10, such that the expected process time is 0.1 seconds.</li> <li>• <code>var_of_exp_mu_beta</code>: The group-specific variance of the exponential rates. Since <math>\exp(\mu_\beta)</math> is Gamma distributed, the rate of the distribution is just mean divided by variance and the shape is the mean times the rate. The default is set to 100.</li> <li>• <code>mean_of_mu_gamma</code>: This is the expected <i>mean parameter</i> of the encoding and response execution times, which follow a normal distribution truncated from below at zero, so <math>E(\mu_\gamma) &lt; E(\gamma)</math>. The default is 0.</li> <li>• <code>var_of_mu_gamma</code>: The group-specific variance of the <i>mean parameter</i>. Its default is 10.</li> <li>• <code>mean_of_omega_sqr</code>: This is the expected residual variance (<math>E(\omega^2)</math>). The default is 0.005.</li> <li>• <code>var_of_omega_sqr</code>: The variance of the residual variance (<math>\text{Var}(\omega^2)</math>). The default is 0.01. The default of the mean and variance is equivalent to a shape and rate of 0.0025 and 0.5, respectively.</li> </ul>

- `df_of_sigma_sqr`: degrees of freedom for the individual variance of the response executions. The individual variance follows a scaled inverse chi-squared distribution with `df_of_sigma_sqr` degrees of freedom and  $\omega^2$  as scale. 2 is the default and it should be an integer.
- `sf_of_scale_matrix_SIGMA`: The original scaling matrix (S) of the (scaled) inverse Wishart distribution for the process related parameters is an identity matrix  $S=I$ . `sf_of_scale_matrix_SIGMA` is a scaling factor, that scales this matrix ( $S=sf\_of\_scale\_matrix\_SIGMA*I$ ). Its default is 1.
- `sf_of_scale_matrix_GAMMA`: The original scaling matrix (S) of the (scaled) inverse Wishart distribution for the encoding and motor execution parameters is an identity matrix  $S=I$ . `sf_of_scale_matrix_GAMMA` is a scaling factor that scales this matrix ( $S=sf\_of\_scale\_matrix\_GAMMA*I$ ). Its default is 1.
- `prec_epsilon`: This is epsilon in the paper. It is the precision of  $\mu_\alpha$  and all  $\xi$  (scaling parameter in the scaled inverse Wishart distribution). Its default is also 1.
- `add_df_to_invWish`: If P is the number of parameters or rather the size of the scale matrix used in the (scaled) inverse Wishart distribution then `add_df_to_invWish` is the number of degrees of freedom that can be added to it. So  $DF = P + add\_df\_to\_invWish$ . The default for `add_df_to_invWish` is 1, such that the correlations are uniformly distributed within  $[-1, 1]$ .

## Value

A list of the class `rtmtpt_sim` containing

- `data`: the data.frame with the simulated data,
- `gen_list`: a list containing lists of the group-level and subject-specific parameters for the process-related parameters and the motor-related parameters, and the trial-specific probabilities, process-times, and motor-times,
- `specs`: some specifications like the model, seed number, etc.,

## Author(s)

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## References

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## Examples

```
#####
# Detect-Guess variant of the Two-High Threshold model.
# The encoding and motor execution times are assumed to be different for each response.
#####

mdl_2HTM <- "
```

```

# targets
do+(1-do)*g      ; 0
(1-do)*(1-g)    ; 1

# lures
(1-dn)*g         ; 0
dn+(1-dn)*(1-g) ; 1

# do: detect old; dn: detect new; g: guess
"

model <- to_rtmtpt_model mdl_file = mdl_2HTM)

params <- list(mean_of_exp_mu_beta = 10,
               var_of_exp_mu_beta = 10,
               mean_of_mu_gamma = 0.5,
               var_of_mu_gamma = 0.0025,
               mean_of_omega_sqr = 0.005,
               var_of_omega_sqr = 0.000025,
               df_of_sigma_sqr = 10,
               sf_of_scale_matrix_SIGMA = 0.1,
               sf_of_scale_matrix_GAMMA = 0.01,
               prec_epsilon = 10,
               add_df_to_invWish = 5)

sim_dat <- rtmtpt::sim_rtmtpt_data_SBC(model, seed = 123, n.subj = 40,
                                       n.trials = 30, params = params)

```

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to\_rtmtpt\_data

*Transform data for use in [fit\\_rtmtpt](#)*


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## Description

Transform data, such that it can be used in [fit\\_rtmtpt](#). This implies changing each value/label in "subj", "group", "tree", and "cat" to numbers such that it starts from zero (e.g. `data$tree = c(1,1,3,3,2,2,...)` will be changed to `data$tree = c(0,0,2,2,1,1,...)`) and the columns will be ordered in the right way. "rt" must be provided in milliseconds. If it has decimal places it will be rounded to a whole number. [fit\\_rtmtpt](#) will automatically call this function if its input is not already an `rtmtpt_data` list, but it is advised to use it anyway because it provides information about the transformations of the data.

## Usage

```
to_rtmtpt_data(raw_data, model)
```

## Arguments

`raw_data` data.frame or path to data containing columns "subj", "group", "tree", "cat", and "rt". If not provided in this order it will be reordered and unused variables will be moved to the end of the new data frame.

model            A list of the class rtmtpt\_model.

### Value

A list of the class rtmtpt\_data containing transformed data and information about the transformation that has been done.

### Author(s)

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### Examples

```
#####
# Detect-Guess variant of the Two-High Threshold model.
# The encoding and motor execution times are assumed to be equal for each response.
#####

eqn_2HTM <- "
# CORE MPT EQN
# tree ; cat ; mpt
target ; hit ; do
target ; hit ; (1-do)*g
target ; miss ; (1-do)*(1-g)

  lure ; f_a ; (1-dn)*g
  lure ; c_r ; dn
  lure ; c_r ; (1-dn)*(1-g)
"

model <- to_rtmtpt_model(eqn_file = eqn_2HTM)

data_file <- system.file("extdata/labeled_data.txt", package="rtmtpt")
data <- read.table(file = data_file, header = TRUE)

data_list <- to_rtmtpt_data(raw_data = data, model = model)
data_list
```

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to\_rtmtpt\_model            *Create a model list for [fit\\_rtmtpt](#)*

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### Description

Create a model list of the class rtmtpt\_model by providing either eqn\_file or mdl\_file. If both are provided mdl\_file will be used.

### Usage

```
to_rtmtpt_model(eqn_file = NULL, mdl_file = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

eqn_file	Character string as shown in example 2 or path to the text file that specifies the (RT-)MPT model with standard .eqn syntax (Heck et al., 2018; Hu, 1999). E.g. studied ; hit ; (1-do)*g for a correct guess in the detect-guess 2HT model.
mdl_file	Character string as shown in example 1 or path to the text file that specifies the (RT-)MPT model and gives on each line the equation of one category using + to separate branches and * to separate processes (Singmann and Kellen, 2013). E.g. do+(1-do)*g for the category "hit" in the detect-guess 2HT model.

**Value**

A list of the class `rtmt_model`.

**Note**

Within a branch of a (RT-)MPT model it is not allowed to have the same process two or more times.

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

- [set\\_params](#)
- [set\\_resps](#)

**Examples**

```
#####
# Detect-Guess variant of the Two-High Threshold model
#   with constant guessing and
#   suppressed process completion times for both failed detections.
# The encoding and motor execution times are assumed to be different for each response.
#####

## 1. using the mdl syntax
mdl_2HTM <- "
# targets
do+(1-do)*g      ; 0
(1-do)*(1-g)    ; 1
```

```

# lures
(1-dn)*g      ; 0
dn+(1-dn)*(1-g) ; 1

# do: detect old; dn: detect new; g: guess

# OPTIONAL MPT CONSTRAINTS
# set probabilities to constants:
const_prob: g=0.5

# suppress process times:
suppress_process: dn-, do-
"

model <- to_rtmt_model mdl_file = mdl_2HTM
model

## 2. using the eqn syntax
eqn_2HTM <- "
# CORE MPT EQN
# tree ; cat ; mpt
    0 ; 0 ; do
    0 ; 0 ; (1-do)*g
    0 ; 1 ; (1-do)*(1-g)

    1 ; 2 ; (1-dn)*g
    1 ; 3 ; dn
    1 ; 3 ; (1-dn)*(1-g)

# OPTIONAL MPT CONSTRAINTS
# set probabilities to constants:
const_prob: g=0.5

# suppress process times:
suppress_process: dn-, do-

# tree ; cat ; RESP
resp: 0 ; 0 ; 0
resp: 0 ; 1 ; 1
resp: 1 ; 2 ; 0
resp: 1 ; 3 ; 1
# different motor execution times for old and new responses.
"

model <- to_rtmt_model(eqn_file = eqn_2HTM)
model

```

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