

# Package: SRMERS (via r-universe)

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Regression Spline

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**Description** Select the most suitable shape to describe the relationship between the exposure and the outcome among increasing, decreasing, convex, and concave shapes (Yin et al. (2021) <[DOI:10.1007/s13571-020-00246-7](https://doi.org/10.1007/s13571-020-00246-7)>); estimate the direct and indirect effects with prior knowledge on the relationship between the mediator and the outcome with binary exposure (Yin et al. (2024) <[DOI:10.1007/s13571-024-00336-w](https://doi.org/10.1007/s13571-024-00336-w)>); estimate the direct and indirect effects using linear regression-based approach (VanderWeele (2015, ISBN:9780199325870)).

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data.sim.fixed	<i>Simulated dataset for SRMERS FERS example</i>
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### Description

Simulated dataset for SRMERS FERS example

### Usage

```
data(data.sim.fixed)
```

### Format

A dataframe with 245 rows and 14 variables

**hormone** continuous variable (main x)

**age** continuous variable (confounder x)

**invwt** continuous variable (confounder x)

**race2** binary variable (confounder x)

**race3** binary variable (confounder x)

**race4** binary variable (confounder x)

**race5** binary variable (confounder x)

**season2** binary variable (confounder x)

**season3** binary variable (confounder x)

**season4** binary variable (confounder x)

**smoking1** binary variable (confounder x)

**ovum1** binary variable (confounder x)  
**diabetes1** binary variable (confounder x)  
**ySim** continuous variable (y)

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`data.sim.fixed.int`      *Simulated dataset for SRMERS FERSInt example*

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### **Description**

Simulated dataset for SRMERS FERSInt example

### **Usage**

```
data(data.sim.fixed.int)
```

### **Format**

A dataframe with 500 rows and 15 variables

**hormone** continuous variable (mediator)  
**age** continuous variable (confounder x)  
**invwt** continuous variable (confounder x)  
**race2** binary variable (confounder x)  
**race3** binary variable (confounder x)  
**race4** binary variable (confounder x)  
**race5** binary variable (confounder x)  
**season2** binary variable (confounder x)  
**season3** binary variable (confounder x)  
**season4** binary variable (confounder x)  
**smoking1** binary variable (confounder x)  
**ovum1** binary variable (confounder x)  
**diabetes1** binary variable (confounder x)  
**pesticide1** binary variable (exposure)  
**ySim** continuous variable (y)

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data.sim.med	<i>Simulated dataset for SRMERS SRSplineMed, LRMed, LRMed2 example</i>
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### Description

Simulated dataset for SRMERS SRSplineMed, LRMed, LRMed2 example

### Usage

```
data(data.sim.med)
```

### Format

A dataframe with 500 rows and 16 variables

**hormone** continuous variable (mediator)

**age** continuous variable (confounder x)

**invwt** continuous variable (confounder x)

**race2** binary variable (confounder x)

**race3** binary variable (confounder x)

**race4** binary variable (confounder x)

**race5** binary variable (confounder x)

**season2** binary variable (confounder x)

**season3** binary variable (confounder x)

**season4** binary variable (confounder x)

**smoking1** binary variable (confounder x)

**ovum1** binary variable (confounder x)

**diabetes1** binary variable (confounder x)

**pesticide1** binary variable (exposure)

**ySim** continuous variable (y)

**pesticideCont** continuous variable (exposure)

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data.sim.mixed	<i>Simulated dataset for SRMERS MERS example</i>
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**Description**

Simulated dataset for SRMERS MERS example

**Usage**

```
data(data.sim.mixed)
```

**Format**

A dataframe with 245 rows and 15 variables

**cluster** categorical variable (random factor)

**hormone** continuous variable (main x)

**age** continuous variable (confounder x)

**invwt** continuous variable (confounder x)

**race2** binary variable (confounder x)

**race3** binary variable (confounder x)

**race4** binary variable (confounder x)

**race5** binary variable (confounder x)

**season2** binary variable (confounder x)

**season3** binary variable (confounder x)

**season4** binary variable (confounder x)

**smoking1** binary variable (confounder x)

**ovum1** binary variable (confounder x)

**diabetes1** binary variable (confounder x)

**ySim** continuous variable (y)

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FERS	<i>P values for shapes obtained from semi-parametric shape-restricted fixed effect regression splines.</i>
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### Description

P values for shapes obtained from semi-parametric shape-restricted fixed effect regression splines.

### Usage

```
FERS(
  y,
  xMain,
  xConf = NULL,
  dataset,
  knotType = 2,
  preKnot = NULL,
  nBasis = 5,
  nIter
)
```

### Arguments

y	The name of the outcome.
xMain	The name of the main effect.
xConf	The name vector of the confounders.
dataset	A data frame.
knotType	The knot type: 1=equal-spaced, 2=quantile, 3=pre-specified.
preKnot	The pre-specified knots.
nBasis	The number of bases.
nIter	The number of iterations.

### Value

A list of weights of beta distribution and p-values.

### Examples

```
shape <- FERS(y = "ySim", xMain = "hormone",
             xConf = c("age", "invwt", "race2", "race3", "race4", "race5",
                      "season2", "season3", "season4", "smoking1", "ovum1", "diabetes1"),
             dataset = data.sim.fixed, nBasis = 5, nIter = 50)
shape
```

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FERSInt	<i>P values for shapes obtained from semi-parametric shape-restricted fixed effect regression splines with factor-by-curve interaction.</i>
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### Description

P values for shapes obtained from semi-parametric shape-restricted fixed effect regression splines with factor-by-curve interaction.

### Usage

```
FERSInt(
  y,
  xExp,
  xMed,
  xConf = NULL,
  dataset,
  knotType = 2,
  preKnot = NULL,
  nBasis = 5,
  nIter
)
```

### Arguments

y	The name of the outcome.
xExp	The name of the exposure (must be a binary variable).
xMed	The name of the mediator (must be a continuous variable).
xConf	The name vector of the confounders.
dataset	A data frame.
knotType	The knot type: 1=equal-spaced, 2=quantile, 3=pre-specified.
preKnot	The pre-specified knots.
nBasis	The number of bases.
nIter	The number of iterations.

### Value

A list of weights of beta distribution and p-values for both exposure groups.

### Note

This function has not been validated through simulation studies. Please use with caution. `shape <- FERSInt(y = "ySim", xExp = "pesticide1", xMed = "hormone", xConf = c("pesticide1", "age", "in-vwt", "race2", "race3", "race4", "race5", "season2", "season3", "season4", "smoking1", "ovum1", "diabetes1"), dataset = data.sim.fixed.int, nBasis = 5, nIter = 50) shape`

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 LRMed

*Calculate the CDE, NDE and NIE (linear models, binary exposure).*


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**Description**

Calculate the CDE, NDE and NIE (linear models, binary exposure).

**Usage**

```
LRMed(data, exposure, mediator, outcome, confounderVec, mValue)
```

**Arguments**

data	A data frame.
exposure	The name of the exposure (must be a binary variable).
mediator	The name of the mediator (must be a continuous variable).
outcome	The name of the outcome (must be a continuous variable).
confounderVec	The name vector of the confounders.
mValue	The controlled mediator value for CDE estimation.

**Value**

A list of exposure-outcome model, exposure-mediator model, CDE, NDE and NIE and their asymptotic variances.

**Examples**

```
medModel <- LRMed(data = data.sim.med,
  exposure = "pesticide1", mediator = "hormone", outcome = "ySim",
  confounderVec = c("age", "invwt", "race2", "race3", "race4", "race5",
    "season2", "season3", "season4", "smoking1", "ovum1",
    "diabetes1"),
  mValue = 0.15)
medModel
```

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 LRMed2

*Calculate the CDE, NDE and NIE (linear models, continuous exposure).*


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**Description**

Calculate the CDE, NDE and NIE (linear models, continuous exposure).

**Usage**

```
LRMed2(
  data,
  exposure,
  mediator,
  outcome,
  confounderVec,
  mValue,
  eValueLow,
  eValueHigh
)
```

**Arguments**

data	A data frame.
exposure	The name of the exposure (must be a continuous variable).
mediator	The name of the mediator (must be a continuous variable).
outcome	The name of the outcome (must be a continuous variable).
confounderVec	The name vector of the confounders.
mValue	The controlled mediator value for CDE estimation.
eValueLow	The low reference level of exposure.
eValueHigh	The high reference level of exposure.

**Value**

A list of exposure-outcome model, exposure-mediator model, CDE, NDE and NIE and their asymptotic variances.

**Examples**

```
medModel <- LRMed2(data = data.sim.med,
  exposure = "pesticideCont", mediator = "hormone", outcome = "ySim",
  confounderVec = c("age", "invwt", "race2", "race3", "race4", "race5",
    "season2", "season3", "season4", "smoking1", "ovum1",
    "diabetes1"),
  mValue = 0.15, eValueLow = 0.1, eValueHigh = 1.1)

medModel
```

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MERS

*P values for shapes obtained from semi-parametric shape-restricted mixed effects regression splines.*

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**Description**

P values for shapes obtained from semi-parametric shape-restricted mixed effects regression splines.

**Usage**

```
MERS(
  y,
  xMain,
  xConf = NULL,
  xRand,
  dataset,
  knotType = 2,
  preKnot = NULL,
  nBasis = 5,
  nIter
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>y</code>	The name of the outcome.
<code>xMain</code>	The name of the main effect.
<code>xConf</code>	The name vector of the confounders.
<code>xRand</code>	The name of the random effect.
<code>dataset</code>	A data frame.
<code>knotType</code>	The knot type: 1=equal-spaced, 2=quantile, 3=pre-specified.
<code>preKnot</code>	The pre-specified knots.
<code>nBasis</code>	The number of bases.
<code>nIter</code>	The number of iterations.

**Value**

A list of weights of beta distribution and p-values.

**Examples**

```
shape <- MERS(y = "ySim", xMain = "hormone",
             xConf = c("age", "invwt", "race2", "race3", "race4", "race5",
                       "season2", "season3", "season4", "smoking1", "ovum1", "diabetes1"),
             xRand = "cluster",
             dataset = data.sim.mixed, nBasis = 5, nIter = 50)

shape
```

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SRsplineMed

*Calculate the CDE, NDE and NIE.*


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**Description**

Calculate the CDE, NDE and NIE.

**Usage**

```
SRsplineMed(
  data,
  nBasis,
  exposure,
  mediator,
  outcome,
  confounderVec,
  shapeExp,
  shapeNonExp,
  mValue,
  varAsymp = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

data	A data frame.
nBasis	The number of bases.
exposure	The name of the exposure (must be a binary variable).
mediator	The name of the mediator (must be a continuous variable).
outcome	The name of the outcome (must be a continuous variable).
confounderVec	The name vector of the confounders.
shapeExp	The shape of mediator in exposure group ("increasing", "decreasing", "convex", or "concave").
shapeNonExp	The shape of mediator in non-exposure group ("increasing", "decreasing", "convex", or "concave").
mValue	The controlled mediator value for CDE estimation.
varAsymp	Whether to output the asymptotic variance (T/F)

**Value**

A list of exposure-outcome model, exposure-mediator model, knot sequence, coefficient vector of exposure spline, coefficient vector of non-exposure spline, residuals, sds and coefficients, CDE, NDE and NIE and their asymptotic variances.

**Examples**

```
medModel <- SRSplineMed(data = data.sim.med, nBasis = 5,  
  exposure = "pesticide1", mediator = "hormone", outcome = "ySim",  
  confounderVec = c("age", "invwt", "race2", "race3", "race4", "race5",  
    "season2", "season3", "season4", "smoking1", "ovum1",  
    "diabetes1"),  
  shapeExp = "concave", shapeNonExp = "increasing", mValue = 0.15,  
  varAsymp = TRUE)  
medModel
```

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