

Package ‘MultiEFM’

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Description We introduce a multi-study high-dimensional factor analysis toolbox 'Multi-EFM' based on the elliptical factor model framework, which learns latent heterogeneous features and accounts for cross-study variation among sources. It provides robust estimation algorithms for heterogeneous datasets, particularly tailored for multi-study RNA sequencing arrays and complex spatial multi-omics layers. The package implements highly efficient initialization strategies, identifiability constraints alignment, and computationally scalable parameter estimation paradigms.

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gendata_simu_robust	<i>Generate Simulated Data for Robust Multi-Study Elliptical Factor Model</i>
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Description

Generate simulated data for high-dimensional multi-study factor analysis under robust elliptical distributions (such as Multivariate t-distribution). The data follows a factor model with common factors (shared across studies) and study-specific factors, plus noise.

Usage

```
gendata_simu_robust(
  seed = NULL,
  nvec = c(100, 300),
  p = 50,
  q = 3,
  qs = rep(2, length(nvec)),
  fac.type = c("gaussian", "mvt"),
  err.type = c("gaussian", "mvt"),
  rho = c(1, 1),
  sigma2_eps = 0.1,
  nu = 1,
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

seed	Integer specifying the random seed, or NULL; default as NULL.
nvec	Numeric vector (length ≥ 2). Sample sizes of each study.
p	Integer, default = 50. Number of variables (features) in the data.
q	Integer, default = 3. Number of common factors (shared across all studies).
qs	Numeric vector. Number of study-specific factors for each study.
fac.type	Character, default = "gaussian". Factor distribution type, one of "gaussian" or "mvt".
err.type	Character, default = "gaussian". Error distribution type, one of "gaussian" or "mvt".
rho	Numeric vector of length 2, default = 'c(1,1)'. Scaling factors for common and specific factor loadings.

sigma2_eps	Numeric, default = 0.1. Variance of the error term.
nu	Integer, default = 1. Degrees of freedom for the multivariate t-distribution ("mvt").
verbose	Logical, default = FALSE. Whether to output the information of data generation.

Value

A list containing the simulated data and true parameter values:

- `Xlist`: List of data matrices ($n_s \times p$) for each study.
- `mu0`: True mean vector matrix.
- `A0`: True common factor loadings matrix.
- `Blist0`: List of true study-specific factor loadings matrices.
- `Flist`: List of true common factor score matrices.
- `Hlist`: List of true study-specific factor score matrices.
- `q`: Number of common factors used.
- `qs`: Number of study-specific factors used.

MultiEFM

Fit the high-dimensional multi-study elliptical factor model

Description

Fit the high-dimensional multi-study elliptical factor model which learns latent features and accounts for the heterogeneity among sources.

Usage

```
MultiEFM(
  Xlist,
  q,
  qs_vec,
  loads_method = c("Residual", "Ortho"),
  fac_est_method = c("Huber", "LS"),
  n_threads = 2,
  sample_pairs = 0,
  epsObj = 1e-06,
  maxIter = 20,
  verbose = TRUE,
  seed = NULL
)
```

Arguments

<code>XList</code>	A length-S list, where each component represents a data matrix for a specific study.
<code>q</code>	an integer, specify the number of study-shared factors.
<code>qs_vec</code>	an integer vector with length S, specify the number of study-specified factors for each study.
<code>loads_method</code>	a character string specifying the method for loading estimation. Options are "Residual" or "Ortho".
<code>fac_est_method</code>	a character string specifying the method for factor estimation. Options are "Huber" or "LS" (Least Squares).
<code>n_threads</code>	an integer, specify the number of threads for parallel computing; default as 4.
<code>sample_pairs</code>	an integer, specify the number of sample pairs used for estimation; default as 0.
<code>epsObj</code>	a positive value, tolerance for convergence, default as 1e-6.
<code>maxIter</code>	the maximum iteration of the algorithm. The default is 20.
<code>verbose</code>	a logical value, whether to output the information in iteration.
<code>seed</code>	an integer, specify the random seed for reproducibility in initialization; default as NULL.

Value

return a list including the following components:

<code>A</code>	the estimated loading matrix corresponding to study-shared factors;
<code>F</code>	a list composed by the estimation of study-shared factor matrix for each study;
<code>B</code>	a list composed by the loading matrices corresponding to the study-specified factors;
<code>H</code>	a list composed by the estimation of study-specified factor matrix for each study.

Examples

```
p <- 100
nvec <- c(150, 200)
qs <- c(2, 2)
datList <- gendata_simu_robust(seed=1, nvec=nvec, p=p, q=3, qs=qs, rho=c(5,5),
                              err.type='mvt', sigma2_eps = 1, nu=3)

XList <- datList$Xlist
res <- MultiEFM(XList, q=3, qs_vec=qs)
str(res)
```

selectFac.MultiEFM	<i>Select the number of factors for MultiEFM</i>
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Description

Automatically estimate the number of study-shared factors and study-specific factors based on the eigenvalue ratio method.

Usage

```
selectFac.MultiEFM(
  XList,
  q_max = 20,
  qs_max = 20,
  qd = NULL,
  n_threads = 2,
  sample_pairs = 0,
  verbose = TRUE,
  seed = NULL
)
```

Arguments

XList	A length-S list, where each component represents a data matrix for a specific study.
q_max	an integer, specify the maximum number of study-shared factors to consider; default as 20.
qs_max	an integer, specify the maximum number of study-specified factors to consider; default as 20.
qd	an optional integer, specify the true number of combined factors if known in advance; default is NULL.
n_threads	an integer, specify the number of threads for parallel computing; default as 2.
sample_pairs	an integer, specify the number of sample pairs used for estimation; default as 0.
verbose	a logical value, whether to output the estimation information.
seed	an integer, specify the random seed for reproducibility in initialization; default as NULL.

Value

return a list including the following components:

hq	the estimated number of study-shared factors;
hqs_vec	an integer vector representing the estimated number of study-specific factors for each study;
eigvals_A	the eigenvalues used for determining the shared factor number;

<code>eig_ratio_A</code>	the eigenvalue ratios used for determining the shared factor number;
<code>eigvals_B</code>	a list of eigenvalues used for determining the specific factor numbers;
<code>eig_ratio_B</code>	a list of eigenvalue ratios used for determining the specific factor numbers.

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