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Description Factor-Based imputation of missing values in panel data and manipulation of the FRED-MD Data Set. It estimates the factor model in the panel data based on the methods in Bai and Ng (2002) <doi:10.1111/1468-0262.00273> and Bai and Ng (2017) <doi:10.1016/j.jeconom.2019.04.021>. It then computes the missing values using the Tall-Wide method (Bai and Ng (2019) <arXiv:1910.06677>) or the Tall-Project method (Bai, Cahan, and Ng (2019), unpublished manuscript). It also facilitates loading, preparing, and interpreting the FRED-MD data set <<https://research.stlouisfed.org/econ/mccracken/fred-databases>>.

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fbi-package	<i>Factor-Based Imputation and FRED-MD Data Set</i>
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Description

The fbi package contains functions to estimate factor models and impute missing data based on factor models. It also includes functions to load and prepare the FRED-MD data set.

Details

See vignette("factor_fred", package = "fbi") for an example using the FRED-MD dataset (<https://research.stlouisfed.org/econ/mccracken/fred-databases/>).

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<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0304407619300764>

apc	<i>Factor Model of Balanced Panel Data</i>
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Description

apc estiamtes the factor model of a given balanced panel data.

Usage

apc(X, r)

Arguments

- x a matrix of size T by N.
- r integer, indicating the maximum number of factors.

Value

a list of elements:

Fhat
Lamhat
d
d0
ehat

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<https://doi.org/10.1111/1468-0262.00273>

demeanXY	<i>Demean Panel Data</i>
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Description

demeanXY demeans the panel data.

Usage

demeanXY(X, N, T, N0, T0)

Arguments

X	detaframe or matrix of the original panel data.
N	integer, total number of columns of the panel data.
T	integer, total number of rows of the panel data.
N0	integer, the number of columns in the panel data with full data availability.
T0	integer, the number of rows in the panel data with full data availability.

Value

a list of elements:

X1	demeaned data
FE	estimated fixed effects matrix

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describe	<i>Describe selected variables in the FRED-MD Data Set</i>
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Description

describe provides a description of the selected variables in the FRED-MD data set.

Usage

```
describe(varname, name.only = TRUE, verbose = FALSE)
```

Arguments

varname	string or a vector strings of the format "X1" to "X135".
name.only	logical. If TRUE, return a dataframe with variable names and types of transformation only; if FALSE, return a dataframe with more details.
verbose	logical, indicating whether or not descriptions should be printed.

Value

a vector of variable names, or a data frame with detailed descriptions.

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References

Michael W. McCracken and Serena Ng (2015), *FRED-MD Updated Appendix*. https://s3.amazonaws.com/files.fred.stlouisfed.org/fred-md/Appendix_Tables_Update.pdf

Examples

```
library(fbi)
varnames <- describe(c("X32", "X56"), name.only = TRUE, verbose = FALSE)
```

fredmd	<i>Loading FRED-MD Data Set</i>
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Description

fredmd loads the official FRED-MD data set and provides a few tools to manipulate the data set.

Usage

```
fredmd(date_start = NULL, date_end = NULL, transform = TRUE, local = FALSE)
```

Arguments

<code>date_start</code>	Date or NULL, the start date (included) of the data selection. If NULL, select till the latest data available.
<code>date_end</code>	Date or NULL, the end date (included) of the data selection. If NULL, select up to the earliest data available.
<code>transform</code>	logical, indicating Whether or not the FRED-MD data set should be transformed according to the transformation code.
<code>local</code>	logical, indicating Whether or not the FRED-MD data set should be loaded from the local files or downloaded online

Value

a subset of the (transformed) FRED-MD data of class `fredmd`.

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References

Michael W. McCracken and Serena Ng (2015), *FRED-MD and FRED-QD: Monthly and Quarterly Databases for Macroeconomic Research*. <https://research.stlouisfed.org/econ/mccracken/fred-databases/>

Examples

```
library(fbi)
data <- fredmd(date_start = NULL, date_end = NULL, transform = TRUE, local = FALSE)
```

<code>fredmd_description</code>	<i>FRED-MD Data Set Description</i>
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Description

A description of the FRED-MD data set.

Usage

```
data(fredmd_description)
```

Format

A data frame with 135 rows and 9 variables. The variables are as follows:

id series ID number

tcode code of transformation

ttype type of transformation

fred variable name used in the FRED-MD data set

description description of the series

gsi variable name used in the Global Insights Basic Economics Database (GSI)

gsi:description description of the series in GSI
group group of the series
edited logical, indicating if the data has been edited
varname "X" + id

Source

The fredmd_description data were obtained from Michael W. McCracken and Serena Ng (2015), *FRED-MD Updated Appendix*. https://s3.amazonaws.com/files.fred.stlouisfed.org/fred-md/Appendix_Tables_Update.pdf

removeFE	<i>Remove Fixed Effects from the Panel Data</i>
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Description

removeFE removes fixed effects from the panel data.

Usage

```
removeFE(X, N, T, N0, T0)
```

Arguments

X	detaframe or matrix of the original panel data.
N	integer, total number of columns of the panel data.
T	integer, total number of rows of the panel data.
N0	integer, the number of columns in the panel data with full data availability.
T0	integer, the number of rows in the panel data with full data availability.

Value

a list of elements:

X1	demeaned data
FE	estimated fixed effects matrix

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rm_outliers.fredmd	<i>Remove outliers of the FRED-MD Data Set</i>
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Description

rm_outliers.fredmd removes outliers of the FRED-MD data set produced by the [fredmd](#) function.

Usage

```
rm_outliers.fredmd(object)
```

Arguments

object an object of class [fredmd](#).

Value

FRED-MD data of class fredmd with outliers removed.

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References

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Examples

```
library(fbi)
data <- fredmd(date_start = NULL, date_end = NULL, transform = TRUE)
newdata <- rm_outliers.fredmd(data)
```

rpca	<i>Estimation of Approximate Factor Models</i>
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Description

rpca estimates the approximate factor models of the given matrix.

Usage

```
rpca(X, kmax, standardize = FALSE, tau = 0)
```

Arguments

X	a matrix of size T by N.
kmax	integer, indicating the maximum number of factors.
standardize	logical, indicating Whether or not X should be centered and scaled.
tau	numeric, specifying the parameter in the rank-regularized estimation. If $\tau = 0$, then rank regularization is not used.

Value

a list of elements:

X
 kmax
 standardize
 tau
 ic2
 pc2k
 pc20
 Fhat
 Lamhat
 Chat
 Sigma
 IC2
 PC2k
 PC20
 fhat
 lamhat
 d
 d0

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<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jeconom.2019.04.021>

se.rpca	<i>Standard Error of C^{hat}</i>
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Description

se.rpca produces the estimated standard error of C^{hat} produced by the [rpca](#) function.

Usage

```
se.rpca(object, xpoints, qq)
```

Arguments

object	an object of class rpca .
xpoints	placeholder.
qq	placeholder.

Value

standard error of C^{hat}

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tnt	<i>Estimate Treatment Effect</i>
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Description

tnt estimates the treatment effect.

Usage

```
tnt(data, param)
```

Arguments

data	list containing x1, x2, y0, y1, N0, N1, T0, and T1.
param	list containing K, r, do_FE, do_IFE, and maxit1.

Value

a list of elements:

est

SE

V

it1

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tp_apc

Tall-Project Imputation of Missing Value in Panel Data

Description

tp_apc imputates the missing values in a given panel data using the method of "Tall-Project".

Usage

```
tp_apc(X1, r1, center = FALSE, standardize = FALSE)
```

Arguments

X1	a matrix of size T by N.
r1	integer, indicating the maximum number of factors.
center	logical, indicating Whether or not X1 should be demeaned
standardize	logical, indicating Whether or not X1 should be scaled.

Value

a list of elements:

Fhat

Lamhat

Chat

data

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References

Cahan, E., Bai, J. and Ng, S. 2019, Factor Based Imputation of Missing Data and Covariance Matrix Estimation. unpublished manuscript, Columbia University

tw_apc

Tall-Wide Imputation of Missing Value in Panel Data

Description

tw_apc imputates the missing values in a given panel data using the method of "Tall-Wide".

Usage

```
tw_apc(X1, r1, center = FALSE, standardize = FALSE)
```

Arguments

X1	a matrix of size T by N.
r1	integer, indicating the maximum number of factors.
center	logical, indicating Whether or not X1 should be demeaned
standardize	logical, indicating Whether or not X1 should be scaled.

Value

a list of elements:

Fhat

Lamhat

Chat

data

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