

# Package ‘fnets’

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**Description** Used for fitting the factor-adjusted VAR model proposed in Barigozzi, Cho and Owens (2021), where strong cross-sectional dependence is accounted for by factors and the remaining idiosyncratic dependence is modelled by a sparse vector autoregression. Methods for estimating the Granger, Contemporaneous, and Long-Run Partial Correlation networks are provided, as well as forecasting methods for both components.

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common.predict	<i>Prediction for the factor-driven common component</i>
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**Description**

Predicts common component from a fnets object for new data

**Usage**

```
common.predict(object, x, h = 1, common.method = c("static", "var"), r = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

object	fnets object
x	input time series matrix, with each row representing a time series
h	forecast horizon
common.method	which of "static" or "var" to forecast the common component with
r	factor number, if r = NULL this is selected using the maximal eigenratio

**Value**

A list containing

- isin-sample estimator of the common component
- fcforecasts of the common component for a given forecasting horizon h
- rfactor number
- hforecast horizon

## References

Barigozzi, M., Cho, H., & Owens, D. (2021) Factor-adjusted network analysis for high-dimensional time series.

Forni, M., Hallin, M., Lippi, M., & Reichlin, L. (2005). The generalized dynamic factor model: one-sided estimation and forecasting. *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, 100(471), 830–840.

Forni, M., Hallin, M., Lippi, M., & Zaffaroni, P. (2017). Dynamic factor models with infinite-dimensional factor space: Asymptotic analysis. *Journal of Econometrics*, 199(1), 74–92.

## Examples

```
require(fnets)
set.seed(222)
n <- 200
p <- 100
chi <- sim.factor.M1(n,p)
xi <- sim.idio(n,p)
sample.data <- chi$data + xi$data
model <- fnets(sample.data, q=2, idio.method = "lasso")
pr <- predict(model,sample.data, common.method = "static")
cpred <- common.predict(model,sample.data, common.method = "static")
ip <- idio.predict(model,sample.data, cpred)
```

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dyn.pca

*Dynamic PCA*

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## Description

Performs principal components analysis of the autocovariance matrices.

## Usage

```
dyn.pca(xx, q = NULL, ic.op = 4, kern.const = 4)
```

## Arguments

xx	centred input time series matrix, with each row representing a time series
q	the number of factors, if q=NULL this is selected by the information criterion-based estimator of Hallin and Liska (2007)
ic.op	an index number for the information criterion (1 to 6)
kern.const	constant to determine bandwidth size

**Value**

A list containing

- 'q' number of factors
- 'spec' Spectral density matrices
- 'acv' Autocovariance matrices
- 'kern.const' Constant to determine bandwidth size

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fit.var

*Regularised Yule-Walker estimation for VAR processes*


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**Description**

Returns parameter estimates for the idiosyncratic VAR and the corresponding Gamma matrix, either by the Dantzig selector or Lasso methods

**Usage**

```
fit.var(
  x,
  lambda,
  symmetric = "min",
  idio.var.order = 1,
  idio.method = c("ds", "lasso"),
  n.cores = min(parallel::detectCores() - 1, 3),
  niter = 100,
  tol = 0,
  do.plot = FALSE,
  center = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

x	input time series matrix, with each row representing a time series
lambda	regularisation parameter
symmetric	type of symmetry to enforce on Gamma, one of 'min', 'max', 'avg', 'none'
idio.var.order	order of idiosyncratic VAR model
idio.method	A string specifying the type of l1-regularised estimator for the idiosyncratic VAR matrix, possible values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'lasso' Lasso estimator</li> <li>• 'ds' Dantzig Selector</li> </ul>
n.cores	number of cores to use for parallel computing ('ds' only)
niter	maximum number of descent steps ('lasso' only)
tol	numerical tolerance for increases in the loss function('lasso' only)
do.plot	return a plot of the loss function against descent steps ('lasso' only)
center	demean the input x

## Details

Further information can be found in Barigozzi, Cho and Owens (2021).

## Value

A list which contains the following fields:

- beta: VAR parameters
- lambda: regularisation parameter
- Gamma: Estimated noise covariance

## References

Barigozzi, M., Cho, H., & Owens, D. (2021) Factor-adjusted network analysis for high-dimensional time series.

## Examples

```
require(fnets)
require(doParallel)
require(lpSolve)
set.seed(222)
n <- 200
p<- 100
chi <- sim.factor.M1(n,p)
xi <- sim.idio(n,p)
sample.data <- chi$data + xi$data
fit.var(sample.data, .1, idio.method = "lasso")
```

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fnets

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*Factor-adjusted network analysis*


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## Description

This function estimates the spectral density and autocovariance matrices of the common and the idiosyncratic components, impulse response function and common shocks, and (sparse) VAR transition matrix and innovation covariance matrix.

## Usage

```
fnets(
  x,
  q = NULL,
  ic.op = 4,
  kern.const = 4,
  common.var.args = list(var.order = 1, max.var.order = NULL, trunc.lags = 20, n.perm =
    10),
  idio.var.order = 1,
```

```

    idio.method = c("ds", "lasso"),
    idio.cv.args = list(n.folds = 1, path.length = 10, symmetric = "min", cv.plot = TRUE),
    center = TRUE
)

```

### Arguments

<code>x</code>	input time series matrix, with each row representing a time series
<code>q</code>	the number of factors, if <code>q=NULL</code> this is selected by the information criterion-based estimator of Hallin and Liska (2007)
<code>ic.op</code>	an index number for the information criterion
<code>kern.const</code>	constant to determine bandwidth size
<code>common.var.args</code>	<p>A list specifying the estimator for the common component. This contains:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>'var.order'</code> the order of the VAR model, if <code>NULL</code> then selected block-wise by BIC</li> <li>• <code>'max.var.order'</code> the maximum order of the VAR model for the BIC to consider</li> <li>• <code>'trunc.lags'</code> the order of the MA representation</li> <li>• <code>'n.perm'</code> number of cross-sectional permutations</li> </ul>
<code>idio.var.order</code>	order of idiosyncratic VAR model
<code>idio.method</code>	<p>A string specifying the type of l1-regularised estimator for the idiosyncratic VAR matrix, possible values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>'lasso'</code> Lasso estimator</li> <li>• <code>'ds'</code> Dantzig Selector</li> </ul>
<code>idio.cv.args</code>	<p>A list specifying arguments to the cross-validation (CV) procedure for the idiosyncratic VAR. This contains:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>'n.folds'</code> number of folds</li> <li>• <code>'path.length'</code> number of lambda values to consider</li> <li>• <code>'symmetric'</code> symmetrisation method for Gamma matrix</li> <li>• <code>'cv.plot'</code> Boolean selecting whether to plot the CV curve</li> </ul>
<code>center</code>	demean the input <code>x</code>

### Details

Further information can be found in Barigozzi, Cho and Owens (2021).

### Value

An S3 object of class `fnets`, which contains the following fields:

- `'q'` Number of factors
- `'spec'` Spectral density matrices
- `'acv'` Autocovariance matrices
- `'common.var'` Estimated common component

- 'idio.var' Estimated idiosyncratic component
- 'mean.x' Removed means of x
- 'kern.const' Constant to determine bandwidth size

## References

Barigozzi, M., Cho, H., & Owens, D. (2021) Factor-adjusted network analysis for high-dimensional time series.

## Examples

```
set.seed(222)
n <- 200
p <- 100
chi <- sim.factor.M1(n,p)
xi <- sim.idio(n,p)
sample.data <- chi$data + xi$data
fnets(sample.data, q=2, idio.method = "lasso")
```

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hl.factor.number	<i>Factor number estimator of Hallin and Liska (2011)</i>
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## Description

Selects the factor number  $q$  based on 6 information criteria

## Usage

```
hl.factor.number(x, q.max, mm, w = NULL, do.plot = TRUE, center = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

x	input time series matrix, with each row representing a time series
q.max	the maximum number of factors to consider
mm	bandwidth scalar
w	weight vector, defaults to Bartlett weights determined by mm
do.plot	return a plot of the information criteria
center	demean the input x

## Value

A list containing

- 'q.hat' Estimated factor numbers corresponding to each criterion
- 'Gamma\_x' Autocovariance of x
- 'Sigma\_x' Spectral density of x
- 'sv' singular value decomposition of Sigma\_x

## References

Hallin, M., & Liška, R. (2007). Determining the number of factors in the general dynamic factor model. *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, 102(478), 603–617.

## Examples

```
set.seed(222)
n <- 200
p <- 100
chi <- sim.factor.M1(n,p)
xi <- sim.idio(n,p)
sample.data <- chi$data + xi$data
hl.factor.number(sample.data,6, 10)
```

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idio.cv

*Cross-validation for  $l_1$ -regularised VAR estimation*

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## Description

Selects the prediction-optimal regularisation parameter for the estimation of the idiosyncratic VAR

## Usage

```
idio.cv(
  xx,
  lambda.max = NULL,
  var.order = 1,
  idio.method = c("lasso", "ds"),
  path.length = 10,
  n.folds = 1,
  q = 0,
  kern.const = 4,
  cv.plot = TRUE
)
```

## Arguments

xx	centred input time series matrix, with each row representing a time series
lambda.max	maximum regularisation parameter, if NULL this is set to the smallest which sets all entries to 0
var.order	vector of VAR orders to consider
idio.method	estimation method, one of "lasso" or "ds"
path.length	number of regularisation parameters to consider
n.folds	number of CV folds
q	factor number



kern.const	constant to determine bandwidth size
cv.plot	return a plot of the CV error against regularisation parameters, stratified by VAR order

### Details

Further information can be found in Barigozzi, Cho and Owens (2021).

### Value

A list which contains the following fields:

- 'lambda' minimising argument
- 'var.order' minimising order
- 'cv.error' matrix of errors
- 'lambda.path' candidate lambda values

### References

Barigozzi, M., Cho, H., & Owens, D. (2021) Factor-adjusted network analysis for high-dimensional time series.

### Examples

```
set.seed(222)
n <- 200
p <- 100
chi <- sim.factor.M1(n,p)
xi <- sim.idio(n,p)
sample.data <- chi$data + xi$data
idio.cv(sample.data, idio.method = "lasso", q=2)
```

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idio.predict	<i>Prediction for the idiosyncratic VAR process</i>
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### Description

Predicts idiosyncratic components from a fnets object for new data

### Usage

```
idio.predict(object, x, cpre, h = 1)
```

### Arguments

object	fnets object
x	input time series matrix, with each row representing a time series
cpre	estimated common component
h	forecast horizon

**Value**

A list containing

- 'is' in-sample estimation
- 'fc' forecast
- 'h' forecast horizon

**References**

Barigozzi, M., Cho, H., & Owens, D. (2021) Factor-adjusted network analysis for high-dimensional time series.

**Examples**

```
require(fnets)
set.seed(222)
n <- 200
p <- 100
chi <- sim.factor.M1(n,p)
xi <- sim.idio(n,p)
sample.data <- chi$data + xi$data
model <- fnets(sample.data, q=2, idio.method = "lasso")
pr <- predict(model,sample.data, common.method = "static")
cpre <- common.predict(model,sample.data, common.method = "static")
ip <- idio.predict(model,sample.data, cpre)
```

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nonpar.lrpc

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*Nonparametric partial coherence matrix estimation*


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**Description**

Returns a non-parametric estimate of the partial coherence matrix, possibly using cross-validation

**Usage**

```
nonpar.lrpc(
  object,
  x,
  eta = NULL,
  lrpc.cv.args = list(n.folds = 1, path.length = 10, symmetric = "min"),
  correct.zero.diag = FALSE,
  n.cores = min(parallel::detectCores() - 1, 3)
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>object</code>	fnets object
<code>x</code>	input time series matrix, with each row representing a time series
<code>eta</code>	regularisation parameter, if <code>eta = NULL</code> this is selected by cross-validation
<code>lrpc.cv.args</code>	A list specifying arguments to the cross-validation (CV) procedure containing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>n.folds</code> number of folds</li> <li>• <code>path.length</code> number of lambda values to consider</li> <li>• <code>symmetric</code> type of symmetry to enforce on output, one of 'min', 'max', 'avg', 'none'</li> </ul>
<code>correct.zero.diag</code>	correct for 0 entries on the diagonal
<code>n.cores</code>	number of cores to use for parallel computing

**Value**

A list containing

- 'Omega' estimated partial coherence matrix
- 'eta' regularisation parameter

**References**

Barigozzi, M., Cho, H., & Owens, D. (2021) Factor-adjusted network analysis for high-dimensional time series.

**See Also**

[param.lrpc](#)

**Examples**

```
#nonpar.lrpc
require(doParallel)
require(lpSolve)
set.seed(222)
n <- 200
p<- 100
chi <- sim.factor.M1(n,p)
xi <- sim.idio(n,p)
sample.data <- chi$data + xi$data
model <- fnets(sample.data, q=2, idio.method = "lasso")
nonpar.lrpc(model, sample.data, 1, n.cores = 1)
```

param.lrpc

*Parametric partial coherence matrix estimation***Description**

Returns a parametric estimate of the partial coherence matrix, possibly using cross-validation

**Usage**

```
param.lrpc(
  object,
  x,
  eta = NULL,
  lrpc.cv.args = list(n.folds = 1, path.length = 10, symmetric = "min"),
  correct.zero.diag = FALSE,
  n.cores = min(parallel::detectCores() - 1, 3)
)
```

**Arguments**

object	fnets object
x	input time series matrix, with each row representing a time series
eta	regularisation parameter, if eta = NULL this is selected by cross-validation
lrpc.cv.args	A list specifying arguments to the cross-validation (CV) procedure containing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• n.folds number of folds</li> <li>• path.length number of lambda values to consider</li> <li>• symmetric symmetric type of symmetry to enforce on output, one of 'min', 'max', 'avg', 'none'</li> </ul>
correct.zero.diag	correct for 0 entries on the diagonal
n.cores	number of cores to use for parallel computing

**Value**

A list containing

- 'Omega' estimated partial coherence matrix
- 'eta' regularisation parameter

**References**

Barigozzi, M., Cho, H., & Owens, D. (2021) Factor-adjusted network analysis for high-dimensional time series.

**See Also**[nonpar.lrpc](#)**Examples**

```
#param.lrpc
require(doParallel)
require(lpSolve)
set.seed(222)
n <- 200
p<- 100
chi <- sim.factor.M1(n,p)
xi <- sim.idio(n,p)
sample.data <- chi$data + xi$data
model <- fnets(sample.data, q=2, idio.method = "lasso")
param.lrpc(model, sample.data, 1, n.cores = 1)
```

plot.fnets

*Plot fnets object***Description**

plots the idiosyncratic component of the fnets object as a Granger causal network, either as a network graph or a heatmap

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'fnets'
plot(
  x,
  type = "network",
  names = NULL,
  groups = NULL,
  threshold = 0,
  size = NULL,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

x	fnets object
type	whether to plot a "network" or "heatmap"
names	character vector of node names
groups	integer vector denoting groups for "network" plots
threshold	sets all elements less than this in absolute value to 0
size	which type of degree to use for node size in "network" plots, one of "all", "out", "in", "total"
...	additional arguments

## References

Barigozzi, M., Cho, H., & Owens, D. (2021) Factor-adjusted network analysis for high-dimensional time series.

## Examples

```
require(igraph)
require(doParallel)
require(lpSolve)
set.seed(222)
n <- 200
p <- 100
chi <- sim.factor.M1(n,p)
xi <- sim.idio(n,p)
sample.data <- chi$data + xi$data
# model
model <- fnets(sample.data, q=2, idio.method = "lasso")
plot(model)
# long-run partial correlation network
net <- param.lrpc(model, sample.data, 1, n.cores = 1)
plot(net)
```

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plot.fnets.lrpc

*Plot fnets.lrpc object*


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## Description

plots the fnets.lrpc object as a Long-Run Partial Correlation network, and if available as a Contemporaneous network, either as a network graph or a heatmap

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'fnets.lrpc'
plot(
  x,
  type = "network",
  names = NULL,
  groups = NULL,
  threshold = 0,
  size = NULL,
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

x	fnets.lrpc object
type	whether to plot a "network" or "heatmap"
names	character vector of node names

groups	integer vector denoting groups for "network" plots
threshold	sets all elements less than this in absolute value to 0
size	which type of degree to use for node size in "network" plots, one of "all", "out", "in", "total"
...	additional arguments

## References

Barigozzi, M., Cho, H., & Owens, D. (2021) Factor-adjusted network analysis for high-dimensional time series.

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predict.fnets	<i>Prediction by fnets</i>
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## Description

Predicts common and idiosyncratic components from a fnets object for new data

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'fnets'
predict(object, x, h = 1, common.method = c("static", "var"), r = NULL, ...)
```

## Arguments

object	fnets object
x	input time series matrix, with each row representing a time series
h	forecast horizon
common.method	which of "static" or "var" to forecast the common component with
r	factor number, if r=NULL this is selected using the maximal eigenratio
...	further arguments

## Value

A list containing

- 'fitted' x in-sample estimation
- 'forecast' x forecast
- 'common.pred' Prediction for the factor-driven common component
- 'idio.pred' Prediction for the idiosyncratic component
- 'x.mean' removed mean of x

## References

Barigozzi, M., Cho, H., & Owens, D. (2021) Factor-adjusted network analysis for high-dimensional time series.

**Examples**

```

require(fnets)
set.seed(222)
n <- 200
p<- 100
chi <- sim.factor.M1(n,p)
xi <- sim.idio(n,p)
sample.data <- chi$data + xi$data
model <- fnets(sample.data, q=2, idio.method = "lasso")
pr <- predict(model,sample.data, common.method = "static")
cpred <- common.predict(model,sample.data, common.method = "static")
ip <- idio.predict(model,sample.data, cpre)

```

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sim.factor.M1	<i>Simulate data from a dynamic factor model (Model 1) with factor number <math>r = q * \text{lags}</math></i>
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**Description**

Simulate data from a dynamic factor model (Model 1) with factor number  $r = q * \text{lags}$

**Usage**

```
sim.factor.M1(n, p, q = 2, lags = 2, do.scale = T, loadings = NULL, D = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

n	sample size
p	number of series
q	dynamic dimension (default 2)
lags	number of lags for which the observed series depends on the factor series (default 2)
do.scale	scale the output (default TRUE )
loadings	loading matrix, dimension p by r (default null)
D	transition matrix, dimension q by q (default null)

**Value**

A list containing

- 'data' generated series
- 'shocks' q-dimensional shock series
- 'factors' q-dimensional factor series
- 'D' transition matrix
- 'loadings' factor loadings



## References

Barigozzi, M., Cho, H., & Owens, D. (2021) Factor-adjusted network analysis for high-dimensional time series.

## See Also

[sim.factor.M2](#)

## Examples

```
sim.factor.M1(100,10)
```

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sim.factor.M2	<i>Simulate data from a static factor model (Model 2)</i>
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## Description

Simulate data from a static factor model (Model 2)

## Usage

```
sim.factor.M2(  
  n,  
  p,  
  trunc.lags = 20,  
  do.scale = T,  
  a1 = NULL,  
  a2 = NULL,  
  alpha1 = NULL,  
  alpha2 = NULL  
)
```

## Arguments

n	sample size
p	number of series
trunc.lags	lag for moving average representation
do.scale	scale the output (default TRUE )
a1, a2, alpha1, alpha2	generative parameters (default null, see reference)

## Value

A list containing

- 'data' generated series
- 'shocks' 2-dimensional shock series
- 'a1', 'a2', 'alpha1', 'alpha2' generative parameters

**References**

Barigozzi, M., Cho, H., & Owens, D. (2021) Factor-adjusted network analysis for high-dimensional time series.

**See Also**

[sim.factor.M1](#)

**Examples**

```
sim.factor.M2(100,10)
```

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sim.idio

*Simulate data from a (sparse) VAR(1) model*

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**Description**

Simulate data from a (sparse) VAR(1) model

**Usage**

```
sim.idio(
  n,
  p,
  A = NULL,
  cov = diag(1, p),
  prob = 1/p,
  two.norm = NULL,
  do.scale = T
)
```

**Arguments**

n	sample size
p	number of series
A	transition matrix, dimension p by p (default null)
cov	generative covariance matrix (default identity)
prob	probability of an edge existing in the transition matrix, if A is NULL
two.norm	target 2-norm to scale A by (default NULL)
do.scale	scale the output (default TRUE)

**Value**

A list containing

- 'data' generated series
- 'A' transition matrix

## References

Barigozzi, M., Cho, H., & Owens, D. (2021) Factor-adjusted network analysis for high-dimensional time series.

## Examples

```
sim.idio(100,10, A=diag(0.3, 10))
```

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var.dantzig

*Dantzig selector-type Yule-Walker estimation for VAR processes*


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## Description

Returns parameter estimates for the idiosyncratic VAR and the corresponding Gamma matrix

## Usage

```
var.dantzig(
  GG,
  gg,
  lambda,
  symmetric = "min",
  n.cores = min(parallel::detectCores() - 1, 3)
)
```

## Arguments

GG, gg	output from make.gg
lambda	regularisation parameter
symmetric	type of symmetry to enforce on Gamma, one of 'min', 'max', 'avg', 'none'
n.cores	number of cores to use for parallel computing

## Details

Further information can be found in Barigozzi, Cho and Owens (2021).

## Value

A list which contains the following fields:

- beta: VAR parameters
- lambda: regularisation parameter
- Gamma: Estimated noise covariance

## References

Barigozzi, M., Cho, H., & Owens, D. (2021) Factor-adjusted network analysis for high-dimensional time series.

## Examples

```
require(fnets)
require(doParallel)
require(lpSolve)
set.seed(222)
n <- 200
p<- 100
chi <- sim.factor.M1(n,p)
xi <- sim.idio(n,p)
sample.data <- chi$data + xi$data
fit.var(sample.data, .1, idio.method = "lasso")
```

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var.lasso

*Lasso-type Yule-Walker estimation for VAR processes*


---

## Description

Returns parameter estimates for the idiosyncratic VAR and the corresponding Gamma matrix

## Usage

```
var.lasso(
  GG,
  gg,
  lambda,
  symmetric = "min",
  niter = 100,
  tol = 0,
  do.plot = FALSE
)
```

## Arguments

GG, gg	output from make.gg
lambda	regularisation parameter
symmetric	type of symmetry to enforce on Gamma, one of 'min', 'max', 'avg', 'none'
niter	maximum number of descent steps
tol	numerical tolerance for increases in the loss function
do.plot	return a plot of the loss function against descent steps

**Details**

Further information can be found in Barigozzi, Cho and Owens (2021).

**Value**

A list which contains the following fields:

- betaVAR parameters
- lambda regularisation parameter
- Gamma Estimated noise covariance
- loss Objective function value

**References**

Barigozzi, M., Cho, H., & Owens, D. (2021) Factor-adjusted network analysis for high-dimensional time series.

**Examples**

```
require(fnets)
require(doParallel)
require(lpSolve)
set.seed(222)
n <- 200
p <- 100
chi <- sim.factor.M1(n,p)
xi <- sim.idio(n,p)
sample.data <- chi$data + xi$data
fit.var(sample.data, .1, idio.method = "lasso")
```

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