

# Package ‘VBsparsePCA’

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**Description** Contains functions for a variational Bayesian method for sparse PCA proposed by Ning (2020) <arXiv:2102.00305>. There are two algorithms: the PX-CAVI algorithm (if assuming the loadings matrix is jointly row-sparse) and the batch PX-CAVI algorithm (if without this assumption). The outputs of the main function, VBsparsePCA(), include the mean and covariance of the loadings matrix, the score functions, the variable selection results, and the estimated variance of the random noise.

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foldednorm.mean	<i>The function for obtaining the mean of a folded normal distribution</i>
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## Description

This function calculates the mean of the folded normal distribution given its location and scale parameters.

**Usage**

```
foldednorm.mean(mean, var)
```

**Arguments**

mean	Location parameter of the folded normal distribution.
var	Scale parameter of the folded normal distribution.

**Details**

The mean of the folded normal distribution with location  $\mu$  and scale  $\sigma^2$  is

$$\sigma \sqrt{2/\pi} \exp(-\mu^2/(2\sigma^2)) + \mu(1 - 2\Phi(-\mu/\sigma))$$

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**Value**

foldednorm.mean  
The mean of the folded normal distribution of iterations to reach convergence.

**Examples**

```
#Calculates the mean of the folded normal distribution with mean 0 and var 1
mean <- foldednorm.mean(0, 1)
print(mean)
```

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spca.cavi.Laplace	<i>Function for the PX-CAVI algorithm using the Laplace slab</i>
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**Description**

This function employs the PX-CAVI algorithm proposed in Ning (2020). The  $g$  in the slab density of the spike and slab prior is chosen to be the Laplace density, i.e.,  $N(0, \sigma^2/\lambda_1 I_r)$ . Details of the model and the prior can be found in the Details section in the description of the ‘VBsparsePCA()’ function. This function is not capable of handling the case when  $r > 1$ . In that case, we recommend to use the multivariate distribution instead.

**Usage**

```
spca.cavi.Laplace(
  x,
  r = 1,
  lambda = 1,
  max.iter = 100,
  eps = 0.001,
  sig2.true = NA,
  threshold = 0.5,
  theta.int = NA,
  theta.var.int = NA,
  kappa.param1 = NA,
  kappa.param2 = NA,
```

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    sigma.a = NA,
    sigma.b = NA
  )

```

### Arguments

x	Data an $n * p$ matrix.
r	Rank.
lambda	Tuning parameter for the density $g$ .
max.iter	The maximum number of iterations for running the algorithm.
eps	The convergence threshold; the default is $10^{-4}$ .
sig2.true	The default is false, $\sigma^2$ will be estimated; if sig2 is known and its value is given, then $\sigma^2$ will not be estimated.
threshold	The threshold to determine whether $\gamma_j$ is 0 or 1; the default value is 0.5.
theta.int	The initial value of theta mean; if not provided, the algorithm will estimate it using PCA.
theta.var.int	The initial value of theta.var; if not provided, the algorithm will set it to be $1e-3 * \text{diag}(r)$ .
kappa.para1	The value of $\alpha_1$ of $\pi(\kappa)$ ; default is 1.
kappa.para2	The value of $\alpha_2$ of $\pi(\kappa)$ ; default is $p + 1$ .
sigma.a	The value of $\sigma_a$ of $\pi(\sigma^2)$ ; default is 1.
sigma.b	The value of $\sigma_b$ of $\pi(\sigma^2)$ ; default is 2.

### Value

iter	The number of iterations to reach convergence.
selection	A vector (if $r = 1$ or with the jointly row-sparsity assumption) or a matrix (if otherwise) containing the estimated value for $\gamma$ .
theta.mean	The loadings matrix.
theta.var	The covariance of each non-zero rows in the loadings matrix.
sig2	Variance of the noise.
obj.fn	A vector contains the value of the objective function of each iteration. It can be used to check whether the algorithm converges

### Examples

```

#In this example, the first 20 rows in the loadings matrix are nonzero, the rank is 1
set.seed(2021)
library(MASS)
library(pracma)
n <- 200
p <- 1000
s <- 20
r <- 1
sig2 <- 0.1
# generate eigenvectors
U.s <- randorth(s, type = c("orthonormal"))
U <- rep(0, p)
U[1:s] <- as.vector(U.s[, 1:r])

```

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s.star <- rep(0, p)
s.star[1:s] <- 1
eigenvalue <- seq(20, 10, length.out = r)
# generate Sigma
theta.true <- U * sqrt(eigenvalue)
Sigma <- tcrossprod(theta.true) + sig2*diag(p)
# generate n*p dataset
X <- t(mvrnorm(n, mu = rep(0, p), Sigma = Sigma))
result <- spca.cavi.Laplace(x = X, r = 1)
loadings <- result$theta.mean

```

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spca.cavi.mvn	<i>Function for the PX-CAVI algorithm using the multivariate normal slab</i>
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### Description

This function employs the PX-CAVI algorithm proposed in Ning (2020). The  $g$  in the slab density of the spike and slab prior is chosen to be the multivariate normal distribution, i.e.,  $N(0, \sigma^2/\lambda_1 I_r)$ . Details of the model and the prior can be found in the Details section in the description of the ‘VBsparsePCA()’ function.

### Usage

```

spca.cavi.mvn(
  x,
  r,
  lambda = 1,
  max.iter = 100,
  eps = 1e-04,
  jointly.row.sparse = TRUE,
  sig2.true = NA,
  threshold = 0.5,
  theta.int = NA,
  theta.var.int = NA,
  kappa.para1 = NA,
  kappa.para2 = NA,
  sigma.a = NA,
  sigma.b = NA
)

```

### Arguments

<code>x</code>	Data an $n * p$ matrix.
<code>r</code>	Rank.
<code>lambda</code>	Tuning parameter for the density $g$ .
<code>max.iter</code>	The maximum number of iterations for running the algorithm.
<code>eps</code>	The convergence threshold; the default is $10^{-4}$ .
<code>jointly.row.sparse</code>	The default is true, which means that the jointly row sparsity assumption is used; one could not use this assumption by changing it to false.

sig2.true	The default is false, $\sigma^2$ will be estimated; if sig2 is known and its value is given, then $\sigma^2$ will not be estimated.
threshold	The threshold to determine whether $\gamma_j$ is 0 or 1; the default value is 0.5.
theta.int	The initial value of theta mean; if not provided, the algorithm will estimate it using PCA.
theta.var.int	The initial value of theta.var; if not provided, the algorithm will set it to be $1e-3 * \text{diag}(r)$ .
kappa.para1	The value of $\alpha_1$ of $\pi(\kappa)$ ; default is 1.
kappa.para2	The value of $\alpha_2$ of $\pi(\kappa)$ ; default is $p + 1$ .
sigma.a	The value of $\sigma_a$ of $\pi(\sigma^2)$ ; default is 1.
sigma.b	The value of $\sigma_b$ of $\pi(\sigma^2)$ ; default is 2.

### Value

iter	The number of iterations to reach convergence.
selection	A vector (if $r = 1$ or with the jointly row-sparsity assumption) or a matrix (if otherwise) containing the estimated value for $\gamma$ .
theta.mean	The loadings matrix.
theta.var	The covariance of each non-zero rows in the loadings matrix.
sig2	Variance of the noise.
obj.fn	A vector contains the value of the objective function of each iteration. It can be used to check whether the algorithm converges

### Examples

```
#In this example, the first 20 rows in the loadings matrix are nonzero, the rank is 1
set.seed(2021)
library(MASS)
library(pracma)
n <- 200
p <- 1000
s <- 20
r <- 1
sig2 <- 0.1
# generate eigenvectors
U.s <- randorth(s, type = c("orthonormal"))
U <- rep(0, p)
U[1:s] <- as.vector(U.s[, 1:r])
s.star <- rep(0, p)
s.star[1:s] <- 1
eigenvalue <- seq(20, 10, length.out = r)
# generate Sigma
theta.true <- U * sqrt(eigenvalue)
Sigma <- tcrossprod(theta.true) + sig2*diag(p)
# generate n*p dataset
X <- t(mvrnorm(n, mu = rep(0, p), Sigma = Sigma))
result <- spca.cavi.mvn(x = X, r = 1)
loadings <- result$theta.mean
```

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VBsparsePCA

*The main function for the variational Bayesian method for sparse PCA*


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## Description

This function employs the PX-CAVI algorithm proposed in Ning (2021). The method uses the sparse spiked-covariance model and the spike and slab prior (see below). Two different slab densities can be used: independent Laplace densities and a multivariate normal density. In Ning (2021), it recommends choosing the multivariate normal distribution. The algorithm allows the user to decide whether she/he wants to center and scale their data. The user is also allowed to change the default values of the parameters of each prior.

## Usage

```
VBsparsePCA(
  dat,
  r,
  lambda = 1,
  slab.prior = "MVN",
  max.iter = 100,
  eps = 0.001,
  jointly.row.sparse = TRUE,
  center.scale = FALSE,
  sig2.true = NA,
  threshold = 0.5,
  theta.int = NA,
  theta.var.int = NA,
  kappa.para1 = NA,
  kappa.para2 = NA,
  sigma.a = NA,
  sigma.b = NA
)
```

## Arguments

<code>dat</code>	Data an $n * p$ matrix.
<code>r</code>	Rank.
<code>lambda</code>	Tuning parameter for the density $g$ .
<code>slab.prior</code>	The density $g$ , the default is "MVN", the multivariate normal distribution. Another choice is "Laplace".
<code>max.iter</code>	The maximum number of iterations for running the algorithm.
<code>eps</code>	The convergence threshold; the default is $10^{-4}$ .
<code>jointly.row.sparse</code>	The default is true, which means that the jointly row sparsity assumption is used; one could not use this assumptio by changing it to false.
<code>center.scale</code>	The default if false. If true, then the input date will be centered and scaled.
<code>sig2.true</code>	The default is false, $\sigma^2$ will be estimated; if sig2 is known and its value is given, then $\sigma^2$ will not be estimated.

threshold	The threshold to determine whether $\gamma_j$ is 0 or 1; the default value is 0.5.
theta.int	The initial value of theta mean; if not provided, the algorithm will estimate it using PCA.
theta.var.int	The initial value of theta.var; if not provided, the algorithm will set it to be $1e-3 \cdot \text{diag}(r)$ .
kappa.param1	The value of $\alpha_1$ of $\pi(\kappa)$ ; default is 1.
kappa.param2	The value of $\alpha_2$ of $\pi(\kappa)$ ; default is $p + 1$ .
sigma.a	The value of $\sigma_a$ of $\pi(\sigma^2)$ ; default is 1.
sigma.b	The value of $\sigma_b$ of $\pi(\sigma^2)$ ; default is 2.

## Details

The model is

$$X_i = \theta w_i + \sigma \epsilon_i$$

where  $w_i \sim N(0, I_r)$ ,  $\epsilon \sim N(0, I_p)$ .

The spike and slab prior is given by

$$\pi(\theta, \gamma | \lambda_1, r) \propto \prod_{j=1}^p \left( \gamma_j \int_{A \in V_{r,r}} g(\theta_j | \lambda_1, A, r) \pi(A) dA + (1 - \gamma_j) \delta_0(\theta_j) \right)$$

$$g(\theta_j | \lambda_1, A, r) = C(\lambda_1)^r \exp(-\lambda_1 \|\beta_j\|_q^m)$$

$$\gamma_j | \kappa \sim \text{Bernoulli}(\kappa)$$

$$\kappa \sim \text{Beta}(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)$$

$$\sigma^2 \sim \text{InvGamma}(\sigma_a, \sigma_b)$$

where  $V_{r,r} = \{A \in R^{r \times r} : A' A = I_r\}$  and  $\delta_0$  is the Dirac measure at zero. The density  $g$  can be chosen to be the product of independent Laplace distribution (i.e.,  $q = 1, m = 1$ ) or the multivariate normal distribution (i.e.,  $q = 2, m = 2$ ).

## Value

iter	The number of iterations to reach convergence.
selection	A vector (if $r = 1$ or with the jointly row-sparsity assumption) or a matrix (if otherwise) containing the estimated value for $\gamma$ .
loadings	The loadings matrix.
uncertainty	The covariance of each non-zero rows in the loadings matrix.
scores	Score functions for the $r$ principal components.
sig2	Variance of the noise.
obj.fn	A vector contains the value of the objective function of each iteration. It can be used to check whether the algorithm converges

## References

Ning, B. (2021). Spike and slab Bayesian sparse principal component analysis. arXiv:2102.00305.

**Examples**

```

#In this example, the first 20 rows in the loadings matrix are nonzero, the rank is 2
set.seed(2021)
library(MASS)
library(pracma)
n <- 200
p <- 1000
s <- 20
r <- 2
sig2 <- 0.1
# generate eigenvectors
U.s <- randortho(s, type = c("orthonormal"))
if (r == 1) {
  U <- rep(0, p)
  U[1:s] <- as.vector(U.s[, 1:r])
} else {
  U <- matrix(0, p, r)
  U[1:s, ] <- U.s[, 1:r]
}
s.star <- rep(0, p)
s.star[1:s] <- 1
eigenvalue <- seq(20, 10, length.out = r)
# generate Sigma
if (r == 1) {
  theta.true <- U * sqrt(eigenvalue)
  Sigma <- tcrossprod(theta.true) + sig2*diag(p)
} else {
  theta.true <- U %*% sqrt(diag(eigenvalue))
  Sigma <- tcrossprod(theta.true) + sig2 * diag(p)
}
# generate n*p dataset
X <- t(mvrnorm(n, mu = rep(0, p), Sigma = Sigma))
result <- VBsparsePCA(dat = t(X), r = 2, jointly.row.sparse = TRUE, center.scale = FALSE)
loadings <- result$loadings
scores <- result$scores

```



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