

# ALStructure Manual

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alstructure

*Main function for execution of the ALStructure algorithm*

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## Description

Computes global ancestry estimates under the admixture model given a SNP data matrix  $X$ . This function is based on the ALStructure algorithm from (Cabreros and Storey 2017).

## Usage

```
alstructure(X, d_hat = NULL, svd_method = "base", tol = 1e-05,  
            max_iters = 1000, order_method = "ave_admixture", P_init, Q_init)
```

## Arguments

<code>X</code>	The $m \times n$ SNP data matrix.
<code>d_hat</code>	Estimate of the latent space dimension $d$ . If left blank, this is estimated by the function <code>estimate_d()</code>
<code>svd_method</code>	One of "base" or "truncated_svd." If "base" is chosen, the base <code>svd()</code> function is used. If "truncated_svd" is chosen, the truncated svd algorithm <code>propack.svd()</code> from the <code>svd</code> package is used.
<code>tol</code>	The convergence criterion. If $RMSE(\hat{Q}_t - \hat{Q}_{t+1}) < tol$ , then the algorithm halts
<code>max_iters</code>	The maximum number of iterations (repetitions of steps (6) and (7) in Algorithm 1) to be executed
<code>order_method</code>	One of "ave_admixture" or "var_explained." If "ave_admixture," the $d$ populations are ordered by decreasing average admixture accross samples (i.e. $1/n \sum_j q_{ij}$ ). If "var_explained", the $d$ populations are ordered by decreasing variation explained. Specifically, we compute a modified version of the eigen- $R^2$ statistic from (L. S. Chen and Storey 2008). The statistic is modified in the following ways: 1) we treat rows of $Q$ as the response variables 2) we regress each row of $Q$ on the eigenvectors of $G$ rather than the eigenvectors of the data matrix itself 3) we take the weighted average only over the top $d$ eigenvectors. and columns of $P$ are ordered by amount of variation explained by each row of $Q$ by the function <code>order_Q</code>
<code>P_init</code>	Optional initialization of $P$ . Only available for cALS method.
<code>Q_init</code>	Optional initialization of $Q$ . Only available for cALS method.

**Value**

A list with the following elements:

**P\_hat** : The estimated  $P$  matrix. Each column of  $P$  may be interpreted as a vector of allele frequencies for a specific ancestral population.

**Q\_hat** : The estimated  $Q$  matrix. Each column of  $Q$  may be interpreted as the admixture proportions of a specific individual.

**rowSpace** : a list with the following elements:

**vectors** : The top  $d$  eigenvectors of the matrix  $G$  sorted by decreasing eigenvalue. These vectors approximate the subspace spanned by the rows of  $Q$ .

**values** : The top  $d$  eigenvalues of the matrix  $G$  sorted by decreasing eigenvalue.

**References**

Cabreros, I., and J. D. Storey. 2017. "A Nonparametric Estimator of Population Structure Unifying Admixture Models and Principal Components Analysis." BioRxiv. Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory. doi:10.1101/240812.

Hao, W., M. Song and J. D. Storey. 2015. "lfa: Logistic Factor Analysis for Categorical Data." R package version 1.8.0, <https://github.com/StoreyLab/lfa>.

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estimate\_F

*Estimates the individual-specific allele frequency matrix  $F$*

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**Description**

Estimates the  $m \times n$  individual-specific allele frequency matrix  $F$  using the method of Latent Subspace Estimation (X. Chen and Storey 2015) as described in (Cabreros and Storey 2017) in Section 2.3.

**Usage**

```
estimate_F(X, d, svd_method = "base")
```

**Arguments**

X	The $m \times n$ SNP data matrix
d	The rank of $F$ . This can be estimated using the function <code>d_estimate()</code> .
svd_method	One of "base" or "truncated_svd." If "base" is chosen, the base <code>svd()</code> function is used. If "truncated_svd" is chosen, the truncated svd algorithm <code>propack.svd()</code> from the <code>svd</code> package is used.

**Value**

A list with the following elements:

**F\_hat** : The  $m \times n$  matrix  $\hat{F}$ .

**rowSpace** : a list with the following elements:

**vectors** : The top  $d$  eigenvectors of the matrix  $G$  sorted by decreasing eigenvalue. These vectors approximate the subspace spanned by the rows of  $Q$ .

**values** : The top  $d$  eigenvalues of the matrix  $G$  sorted by decreasing eigenvalue.

## References

- Cabreros, I., and J. D. Storey. 2017. “A Nonparametric Estimator of Population Structure Unifying Admixture Models and Principal Components Analysis.” *BioRxiv*. Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory. doi:10.1101/240812.
- Chen, X., and J. D. Storey. 2015. “Consistent Estimation of Low-Dimensional Latent Structure in High-Dimensional Data.” *ArXiv E-Prints*, October.

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estimate_d	<i>Estimate the latent space dimension</i>
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## Description

Estimates the dimension of the rowspace of  $\mathbf{Q}$  (equivalently, the rank of the matrix  $\mathbf{F}$ ). This estimate  $\hat{d}$  is based on the estimator from (Leek 2011), page 6.

## Usage

```
estimate_d(X)
```

## Arguments

$X$  the  $m \times n$  SNP data matrix

## Value

an estimate  $\hat{d}$  of the dimension of the latent space dimension.

## References

- Leek, J. T. 2011. “Asymptotic conditional singular value decomposition for high-dimensional genomic data.” *Biometrics* 67 (4): 344–52.

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factor_F	<i>A fast algorithm for factoring <math>\hat{\mathbf{F}}</math>.</i>
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## Description

An algorithm for finding approximate factors  $\hat{\mathbf{P}}$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{Q}}$  of the matrix  $\hat{\mathbf{F}}$  that obey constraints of the admixture model:

1.  $p_{ij} \in [0, 1] \forall (i, j)$
2.  $q_{ij} \geq 0 \forall (i, j)$  and  $\sum_i q_{ij} = 1 \forall j$

This algorithm is described in Algorithm 2 in (Cabreros and Storey 2017). While it lacks the theoretical guarantees of the cALS algorithm, it is much faster.

## Usage

```
factor_F(F_hat, d, tol = 1e-05, max_iters = 1000)
```

**Arguments**

<code>F_hat</code>	The estimate of the matrix $F$ to be factored
<code>d</code>	The dimension of the latent space. This can be estimated by the function <code>d_estimate</code> .
<code>tol</code>	The convergence criterion. If $RMSE(\hat{Q}_t - \hat{Q}_{t+1}) < tol$ , then the algorithm halts
<code>max_iters</code>	The maximum number of iterations (repetitions of steps (6) and (7) in Algorithm 1) to be executed

**Value**

A list with the following elements:

**P\_hat** : The estimated  $P$  matrix. Each column of  $P$  may be interpreted as a vector of allele frequencies for a specific ancestral population.

**Q\_hat** : The estimated  $Q$  matrix. Each column of  $Q$  may be interpreted as the admixture proportions of a specific individual.

@references Cabrer0s, I., and J. D. Storey. 2017. "A Nonparametric Estimator of Population Structure Unifying Admixture Models and Principal Components Analysis." BioRxiv. Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory. doi:10.1101/240812.

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lse

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*Estimates the latent subspace*


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**Description**

Estimates the rowspace of  $Q$  using the method of latent subspace estimation. The function returns the top  $d$  eigenvalues and vectors of the matrix

$$G = \frac{1}{m} X^T X - D$$

where the matrix  $D$  is a diagonal matrix with each diagonal entry  $d_{ii}$  an estimate of the average of the variances of the random variables in the  $i$  column of  $X$ . As is proven in (X. Chen and Storey 2015), the span of the top  $d$  eigenvectors of  $G$  span the same space as the rows of  $Q$ . The eigenvectors are returned in order of decreasing eigenvalue.

**Usage**

```
lse(X, d, svd_method = "base")
```

**Arguments**

<code>X</code>	The $m \times n$ SNP data matrix
<code>d</code>	The rank of $F$ . This can be estimated using the function <code>d_estimate()</code> . When $d = n$ , all eigenvectors of $G$ are returned.
<code>svd_method</code>	One of "base" or "truncated_svd." If "base" is chosen, the base <code>svd()</code> function is used. If "truncated_svd" is chosen, the truncated svd algorithm <code>propack.svd()</code> from the <code>svd</code> package is used.

**Value**

A list with the following elements:

**vectors** : The top  $d$  eigenvectors of the matrix  $G$  sorted by decreasing eigenvalue. These vectors approximate the subspace spanned by the rows of  $Q$ .

**values** : The top  $d$  eigenvalues of the matrix  $G$  sorted by decreasing eigenvalue.

**References**

Chen, X., and J. D. Storey. 2015. "Consistent Estimation of Low-Dimensional Latent Structure in High-Dimensional Data." ArXiv E-Prints, October.

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order_pops	<i>Orders the <math>d</math> populations</i>
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**Description**

Orders the  $d$  populations according to one of two methods: "ave\_admixture" or "var\_explained." Function returns matrices  $P$  and  $Q$  with permuted columns and rows according to the determined ordering of populations.

**Usage**

```
order_pops(P, Q, method = "ave_admixture", Q_space = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

P	The $m \times d$ loadings matrix with columns to be ordered
Q	The $d \times n$ admixture matrix with rows to be ordered
method	One of "ave_admixture" or "var_explained." If "ave_admixture," the $d$ populations are ordered by decreasing average admixture accross samples (i.e. $1/n \sum_j q_{ij}$ ). If "var_explained", the $d$ populations are ordered by decreasing variation explained. Specifically, we compute a modified version of the eigen- $R^2$ statistic from (L. S. Chen and Storey 2008). The statistic is modified in the following ways: 1) we treat rows of $Q$ as the response variables 2) we regress each row of $Q$ on the eigenvectors of $G$ rather than the eigenvectors of the data matrix itself 3) we take the weighted average only over the top $d$ eigenvectors.
Q_space	Only required for "var_explained" methodThe list containing the top $d$ eigenvectors and their corresponding eigenvalues of the $G$ . These may be obtained through the function lse.

**Value**

A list with the following elements:

**P\_ordered** : The permuted  $P$

**Q\_ordered** : The permuted  $Q$

**perm\_mat** : The permutation matrix  $A$  such that  $PA^T = P_{\text{ord}}$  and  $AQ = Q_{\text{ord}}$ .

## References

Chen, L. S., and J. D. Storey. 2008. “Eigen-R2 for dissecting variation in high-dimensional studies.” *Bioinformatics* 24 (19): 2260–2.

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simulate_admixture	<i>Simulates data from the PSD model</i>
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## Description

Creates a data frame that contains the parameters of the admixture model ( $F$ ,  $P$ ,  $Q$ ) as well as a single draw  $X$  such that  $x_{ij} \sim \text{Bernoulli}(f_{ij})$ . The  $Q$  matrix is drawn from the Dirichlet distribution with parameter  $\alpha$ , and the  $P$  matrix is simulated from the Balding-Nichols model. The parameter  $\alpha$  is supplied by the user. The  $m \times 2$  matrix of Balding-Nichols parameters is optional. If BN\_params is not supplied, the parameters are derived from a random sample of estimated Balding-Nichols parameters from the Human Genomes Diversity Project (HGDP) dataset. The Balding-Nichols parameter estimates are provided by (Gopalan et al. 2016), and included in this package in the object hgdpBN.

## Usage

```
simulate_admixture(m, n, d, alpha, BN_params = NA, seed = NA)
```

## Arguments

m	number of SNPs
n	number of individuals
d	number of groups
alpha	dirichlet parameter; length(alpha) = d
BN_params	a $m \times 2$ matrix of parameters. The first column contains $F_{ST}$ for each SNP, while the second column contains the allele frequency.

## Value

a list with the following elements:

**P** : the  $m \times d$  matrix of loadings  
**Q** : the  $d \times n$  matrix of latent admixture components  
**F** : the  $m \times n$  matrix  $PQ$   
**X** : a random draw such that  $x_{ij} \sim \text{Bernoulli}(f_{ij}, 2)$ .

## References

Gopalan, P., W. Hao, D. M. Blei, and J. D. Storey. 2016. “Scaling probabilistic models of genetic variation to millions of humans.” *Nature Genetics* 48 (12): 1587–90.

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