Spatial factor analysis

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```
library(tinyVAST)
library(fmesher)
set.seed(101)
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`tinyVAST` is an R package for fitting vector autoregressive spatio-temporal (VAST) models. We here explore the capacity to specify a spatial factor analysis, where the spatial pattern for multiple variables is described via their estimated association with a small number of spatial latent variables.

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We first explore the ability to specify two latent variables for five manifest variables. To start we simulate two spatial latent variables, project via a simulated loadings matrix, and then simulate a Tweedie response for each manifest variable:

```
# Simulate settings
theta_xy = 0.4
n_x = n_y = 10
n_c = 5
rho = 0.8
resid_sd = 0.5

# Simulate GMRFs
R_s = exp(-theta_xy * abs(outer(1:n_x, 1:n_y, FUN="-")) )
R_ss = kronecker(X=R_s, Y=R_s)
delta_fs = mvtnorm::rmvnorm(n_c, sigma=R_ss )

#
L_cf = matrix( rnorm(n_c^2), nrow=n_c )
L_cf[,3:5] = 0
L_cf = L_cf + resid_sd * diag(n_c)

#
d_cs = L_cf %*% delta_fs
```

Where we can inspect the simulated loadings matrix

```
dimnames(L_cf) = list( paste0("Var ", 1:nrow(L_cf)),
                       paste0("Factor ", 1:ncol(L_cf)) )
knitr::kable( L_cf,
              digits=2, caption="True loadings")
```

Table 1: True loadings

	Factor 1	Factor 2	Factor 3	Factor 4	Factor 5
Var 1	-0.77	0.26	0.0	0.0	0.0
Var 2	-0.66	1.03	0.0	0.0	0.0
Var 3	-0.30	-0.54	0.5	0.0	0.0
Var 4	-0.57	0.34	0.0	0.5	0.0
Var 5	-0.03	-0.24	0.0	0.0	0.5

We then specify the model as expected by *tinyVAST*:

```
# Shape into longform data-frame and add error
Data = data.frame( expand.grid(species=1:n_c, x=1:n_x, y=1:n_y),
                   "var"="logn", "z"=exp(as.vector(d_cs)) )
Data$n = tweedie::rtweedie( n=nrow(Data), mu=Data$z, phi=0.5, power=1.5 )
mean(Data$n==0)
#> [1] 0.03

# make mesh
mesh = fm_mesh_2d( Data[,c('x','y')] )

#
sem = "
  f1 -> 1, l1
  f1 -> 2, l2
  f1 -> 3, l3
  f1 -> 4, l4
  f1 -> 5, l5
  f2 -> 2, l6
  f2 -> 3, l7
  f2 -> 4, l8
  f2 -> 5, l9
  f1 <-> f1, NA, 1
  f2 <-> f2, NA, 1
  1 <-> 1, NA, 0
  2 <-> 2, NA, 0
  3 <-> 3, NA, 0
  4 <-> 4, NA, 0
  5 <-> 5, NA, 0
"

# fit model
out = tinyVAST( sem = sem,
           data = Data,
           formula = n ~ 0 + factor(species),
           spatial_graph = mesh,
           family = tweedie(),
           variables = c( "f1", "f2", 1:n_c ),
           data_colnames = list( space = c("x","y"), variable = "species",
                                 time = "time", distribution = "dist"),
           control = tinyVASTcontrol(quiet=TRUE, trace=0, gmrf="proj") )
out
#> $call
```

```
#> tinyVAST(data = Data, formula = n ~ 0 + factor(species), sem = sem,
#>     family = tweedie(), data_colnames = list(space = c("x", "y"),
#>         variable = "species", time = "time", distribution = "dist"),
#>     variables = c("f1", "f2", 1:n_c), spatial_graph = mesh, control = tinyVASTcontrol(quiet = TRUE,
#>         trace = 0, gmrf = "proj"))
#>
#> $opt
#> $opt$par
#>     alpha_j     alpha_j     alpha_j     alpha_j     alpha_j     theta_z     theta_z     theta_z
#>  0.07570783 -0.02014888  0.22318277  0.14728087 -0.26514652  0.68016356  0.68285927  0.31701846  0.5
#>   log_sigma   log_sigma   log_kappa
#> -0.52205331  0.21851154 -0.26761196
#>
#> $opt$objective
#> [1] 631.3721
#>
#> $opt$convergence
#> [1] 0
#>
#> $opt$iterations
#> [1] 71
#>
#> $opt$evaluations
#> function gradient
#>       84       71
#>
#> $opt$message
#> [1] "relative convergence (4)"
#>
#>
#> $sdrep
#> sdreport(.) result
#>              Estimate Std. Error
#> alpha_j    0.07570783 0.31850774
#> alpha_j   -0.02014888 0.39763412
#> alpha_j    0.22318277 0.21847161
#> alpha_j    0.14728087 0.27057852
#> alpha_j   -0.26514652 0.14638317
#> theta_z    0.68016356 0.11510781
#> theta_z    0.68285927 0.15773444
#> theta_z    0.31701846 0.10358197
#> theta_z    0.52123769 0.10914344
#> theta_z    0.14819781 0.09200614
#> theta_z    0.51873790 0.13709521
#> theta_z   -0.31998633 0.10049164
#> theta_z    0.23601680 0.10640963
#> theta_z   -0.21613586 0.09652980
#> log_sigma -0.52205331 0.06761637
#> log_sigma  0.21851154 0.13313019
#> log_kappa -0.26761196 0.21030826
#> Maximum gradient component: 0.002233932
#>
#> $run_time
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#> Time difference of 2.930671 secs
```

We can compare the true loadings (rotated to optimize comparison):

```
Lrot_cf = rotate_pca( L_cf )$L_tf
dimnames(Lrot_cf) = list( paste0("Var ", 1:nrow(Lrot_cf)),
                          paste0("Factor ", 1:ncol(Lrot_cf)) )
knitr::kable( Lrot_cf,
              digits=2, caption="Rotated true loadings")
```

Table 2: Rotated true loadings

	Factor 1	Factor 2	Factor 3	Factor 4	Factor 5
Var 1	-0.71	0.34	0.00	-0.11	-0.19
Var 2	-1.20	-0.18	0.00	-0.18	0.12
Var 3	0.22	0.73	-0.17	-0.09	0.10
Var 4	-0.70	0.25	0.06	0.37	0.03
Var 5	0.17	0.23	0.47	-0.08	0.03

with the estimated loadings

```
# Extract and rotate estimated loadings
Lhat_cf = matrix( 0, nrow=n_c, ncol=2 )
Lhat_cf[lower.tri(Lhat_cf,diag=TRUE)] = as.list(out$sdrep, what="Estimate")$theta_z
Lhat_cf = rotate_pca( L_tf=Lhat_cf, order="decreasing" )$L_tf
#> Warning in sqrt(Eigen$values): NaNs produced
```

Where we can compared the estimated and true loadings matrices:

```
dimnames(Lhat_cf) = list( paste0("Var ", 1:nrow(Lhat_cf)),
                          paste0("Factor ", 1:ncol(Lhat_cf)) )
knitr::kable( Lhat_cf,
              digits=2, caption="Rotated estimated loadings" )
```

Table 3: Rotated estimated loadings

	Factor 1	Factor 2
Var 1	0.64	-0.23
Var 2	0.82	0.26
Var 3	0.19	-0.41
Var 4	0.57	0.05
Var 5	0.07	-0.25

Or we can specify the model while ensuring that residual spatial variation is also captured:

```
#
sem = "
  f1 -> 1, l1
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  f1 -> 2, l2
  f1 -> 3, l3
  f1 -> 4, l4
  f1 -> 5, l5
  f2 -> 2, l6
  f2 -> 3, l7
  f2 -> 4, l8
  f2 -> 5, l9
  f1 <-> f1, NA, 1
  f2 <-> f2, NA, 1
  1 <-> 1, sd_resid
  2 <-> 2, sd_resid
  3 <-> 3, sd_resid
  4 <-> 4, sd_resid
  5 <-> 5, sd_resid
"

# fit model
out = tinyVAST( sem = sem,
           data = Data,
           formula = n ~ 0 + factor(species),
           spatial_graph = mesh,
           family = list( "obs"=tweedie() ),
           variables = c( "f1", "f2", 1:n_c ),
           data_colnames = list( space = c("x","y"), variable = "species",
                                 time = "time", distribution = "dist"),
           control = tinyVASTcontrol(quiet=TRUE, trace=0, gmrf="proj") )

# Extract and rotate estimated loadings
Lhat_cf = matrix( 0, nrow=n_c, ncol=2 )
Lhat_cf[lower.tri(Lhat_cf,diag=TRUE)] = as.list(out$sdrep, what="Estimate")$theta_z
#> Warning in Lhat_cf[lower.tri(Lhat_cf, diag = TRUE)] = as.list(out$sdrep, : number of items to replac
Lhat_cf = rotate_pca( L_tf=Lhat_cf, order="decreasing" )$L_tf
#> Warning in sqrt(Eigen$values): NaNs produced
```

Where we can again compared the estimated and true loadings matrices:

```r
dimnames(Lhat_cf) = list( paste0("Var ", 1:nrow(Lhat_cf)),
                          paste0("Factor ", 1:ncol(Lhat_cf)) )
knitr::kable( Lhat_cf,
              digits=2, caption="Rotated estimated loadings with full rank" )
```

Table 4: Rotated estimated loadings with full rank

	Factor 1	Factor 2
Var 1	0.69	-0.18
Var 2	0.74	0.23
Var 3	0.07	-0.42
Var 4	0.47	-0.02
Var 5	0.07	-0.07