The battle of total-order sensitivity estimators

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```
# PRELIMINARY FUNCTIONS -----
# Function to read in all required packages in one go:
loadPackages <- function(x) {</pre>
  for(i in x) {
    if(!require(i, character.only = TRUE)) {
      install.packages(i, dependencies = TRUE)
      library(i, character.only = TRUE)
    }
  }
}
# Install development version of sensobol
remotes::install_github("arnaldpuy/sensobol")
# Load the packages
loadPackages(c("Rcpp", "RcppArmadillo", "tidyverse", "parallel", "foreach",
               "doParallel", "Rfast", "data.table", "scales", "cowplot",
               "benchmarkme", "logitnorm", "sensobol"))
# Create custom theme
theme_AP <- function() {</pre>
  theme_bw() +
    theme(panel.grid.major = element_blank(),
          panel.grid.minor = element blank(),
          legend.background = element_rect(fill = "transparent",
                                            color = NA),
          legend.key = element_rect(fill = "transparent",
                                    color = NA))
}
# Set checkpoint
dir.create(".checkpoint")
library("checkpoint")
checkpoint("2020-01-23",
           R.version ="3.6.1",
           checkpointLocation = getwd())
```

0.1 Savage scores

The following code snippet allows to compute Savage scores (Iman and Conover 1987), which read as

$$SS_i = \sum_{j=1}^{N} \frac{1}{j} \tag{1}$$

Savage scores will be used as a measure of performance to check how well each estimator identifies the true ranks of the most important model inputs.

0.2 Sobol' indices

We define here all the T_i estimators we will analyze in our study: Jansen (1999), Janon et al. (2014), Homma and Saltelli (1996), Azzini and Rosati (2019) and Sobol' and Myshetskaya (2008). We then prove that the code works by computing and plotting the T_i indices of three well-known test functions: the Ishigami and Homma (1990), the Sobol' (1993) 's G and the Morris (1991) functions.

```
# COMPUTATION OF SOBOL' Ti INDICES -----
sobol_Ti <- function(d, N, params, total) {</pre>
 m <- matrix(d, nrow = N)
 k <- length(params)
  if(!total == "azzini") {
    Y_A \leftarrow m[, 1]
    Y_AB \leftarrow m[, -1]
    f0 \leftarrow (1 / length(Y_A)) * sum(Y_A)
    VY \leftarrow 1 / length(Y_A) * sum((Y_A - f0) ^ 2)
     \# VY \leftarrow 1 / length(Y_A) * (sum(Y_A ^ 2) -
    # (1 / N * sum(Y_A ^2))) ((Variance used by Becker))
  if(total == "jansen") {
    Ti <- (1 / (2 * N) * Rfast::colsums((Y_A - Y_AB) ^ 2)) / VY
  } else if(total == "homma") {
    Ti <- (VY - (1 / N) * Rfast::colsums(Y_A * Y_AB) + f0 ^ 2) / VY
  } else if(total == "sobol") {
    Ti <- ((1 / N) * Rfast::colsums(Y_A * (Y_A - Y_AB))) / VY
 } else if(total == "monod") {
    Ti <- 1 - (1 / N * Rfast::colsums(Y_A * Y_AB) -
```

```
(1/ N * Rfast::colsums((Y_A + Y_AB) / 2)) ^ 2) /
      (1 / N * Rfast::colsums((Y_A ^ 2 + Y_AB ^ 2) / 2) -
          (1/ N * Rfast::colsums((Y A + Y AB) / 2)) ^ 2)
  if(total == "azzini") {
    Y_A \leftarrow m[, 1]
    Y_B \leftarrow m[, 2]
    Y_AB \leftarrow m[, 3:(3 + k - 1)]
    Y_BA \leftarrow m[, (ncol(m) - k + 1):ncol(m)]
    Ti <- 1 - abs(Rfast::colsums((Y_A - Y_BA) * (Y_B - Y_AB)) /
                      (1 / 2 * Rfast::colsums((Y_A - Y_B) ^ 2 + (Y_AB - Y_BA) ^ 2)))
 }
  output <- data.table(Ti)</pre>
  output[, `:=`(parameters = paste("X", 1:k, sep = ""))]
  return(output)
# CHECK THAT ALL TI ESTIMATORS WORK -----
# Settings
estimators <- c("jansen", "sobol", "homma", "azzini", "monod")
test_functions <- c("Ishigami", "Sobol'G", "Morris")</pre>
N < - 2^9
# Run model
ind <- Y <- mt <- list()
for(i in estimators) {
  for(j in test_functions) {
    if(!i == "azzini") {
      matrices <- c("A", "AB")
    } else {
      matrices <- c("A", "B", "AB", "BA")
    if(j == "Ishigami") {
      k <- 3
      modelRun <- sensobol::ishigami_Fun</pre>
    } else if(j == "Sobol'G") {
      k <- 8
      modelRun <- sensobol::sobol_Fun</pre>
    } else if(j == "Morris") {
      k <- 20
      modelRun <- sensitivity::morris.fun</pre>
    mt[[i]][[j]] <- sobol_matrices(N = N, params = paste("X", 1:k, sep = ""), matrices = matrices</pre>
    Y[[i]][[j]] <- modelRun(mt[[i]][[j]])
    ind[[i]][[j]] <- sobol_Ti(d = Y[[i]][[j]], params = paste("X", 1:k, sep = ""),</pre>
                                N = N, total = i)
```

```
}
## Registered S3 method overwritten by 'sensitivity':
##
     method
##
     print.src dplyr
# PLOT SENSITIVITY INDICES -
lapply(ind, function(x) rbindlist(x, idcol = "Function")) %>%
  rbindlist(., idcol = "estimator") %>%
  .[, parameters:= factor(parameters, levels = paste("X", 1:20, sep = ""))] %>%
  .[, Function:= factor(Function, levels = test_functions)] %>%
  ggplot(., aes(parameters, Ti, fill = estimator)) +
  geom_bar(stat = "identity",
           position = position_dodge(0.7),
           color = "black") +
  facet_grid(~Function,
              scales = "free_x",
              space = "free_x") +
  scale_fill_discrete(name = expression(paste("Sobol' ", T[italic(i)])),
                       labels = c("Azzini", "Homma", "Jansen",
                                   "Monod", "Sobol")) +
  labs(x = "",
       y = expression(T[italic(i)])) +
  theme AP() +
  theme(axis.text.x = element_text(size = 6.5),
        legend.position = "top")
                  Sobol'T<sub>i</sub> Azzini Homma
                                                 Jansen Monod
                      Sobol'G
       Ishigami
                                                          Morris
  1.00
  0.75
0.50
  0.25
  0.00
                X1 X2 X3 X4 X5 X6 X7 X8
                                    X1 X2 X3 X4 X5 X6 X7 X8 X9 X10 X11 X12 X13 X14 X15 X16 X17 X18 X19 X20
```

1 The metafunction

We first start by creating a list with the ten univariate functions that the metafunction will include, and plot them.

```
# CREATE METAFUNCTION -----
function_list <- list(</pre>
 Linear = function(x) x,
  Quadratic = function(x) x ^ 2,
 Cubic = function(x) x ^ 3,
 Exponential = function(x) exp(1) \hat{x} / (exp(1) - 1),
 Periodic = function(x) sin(2 * pi * x) / 2,
 Discontinuous = function(x) ifelse(x > 0.5, 1, 0),
 Non.monotonic = function(x) 4 * (x - 0.5)^2,
 Inverse = function(x) (10 - 1 / 1.1) - 1 * (x + 0.1) - 1,
 No.effect = function(x) x * 0,
 Trigonometric = function(x) cos(x)
# PLOT METAFUNCTION ---
a <- ggplot(data.frame(x = runif(100)), aes(x)) +
 map(1:length(function_list), function(nn) {
    stat_function(fun = function_list[[nn]],
                  geom = "line",
                  aes_(color = factor(names(function_list[nn])),
                       linetype = factor(names(function_list[nn]))))
 }) +
 labs(color= "Function", linetype = "Function",
       x = expression(italic(x)),
      y = expression(italic(y))) +
 theme AP() +
  theme(legend.position = "right")
## Warning: `mapping` is not used by stat_function()
```

```
## Warning: `mapping` is not used by stat_function()
```

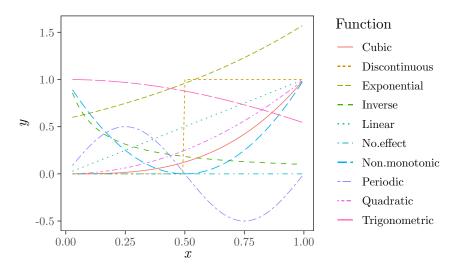


Figure 1: Functions used in the metafunction of Becker (2019).

```
# CREATE FUNCTION FOR RANDOM DISTRIBUTIONS -
sample_distributions <- list(</pre>
  "uniform" = function(x) x,
  "normal" = function(x) qnorm(x, 0.5, 0.2),
  "beta" = function(x) qbeta(x, 8, 2),
  "beta2" = function(x) qbeta(x, 2, 8),
  "beta3" = function(x) qbeta(x, 2, 0.5),
  "beta4" = function(x) qbeta(x, 0.5, 2),
  "logitnormal" = function(x) qlogitnorm(x, 0, 3.16)
  # Logit-normal, Bates too?
)
random_distributions <- function(X, phi) {</pre>
 names_ff <- names(sample_distributions)</pre>
  if(!phi == length(names_ff) + 1) {
    out <- sample_distributions[[names_ff[phi]]](X)</pre>
  } else {
    temp <- sample(names_ff, ncol(X), replace = TRUE)</pre>
    out <- sapply(seq_along(temp), function(x) sample_distributions[[temp[x]]](X[, x]))
  }
  return(out)
}
# PLOT DISTRIBUTIONS -
names_ff <- names(sample_distributions)</pre>
prove <- randtoolbox::sobol(n = 1000, dim = length(names_ff))</pre>
```

```
out <- data.table(sapply(seq_along(names_ff), function(x)</pre>
  sample_distributions[[names_ff[x]]](prove[, x])))
b <- data.table::melt(out) %>%
  ggplot(., aes(value, group = variable, colour = variable)) +
  geom_density() +
  scale_color_discrete(labels = c("$U(0, 1)$",
                                   "\ \\mathcal{N}(0.5, 0.2)\$",
                                   "$Beta(8, 2)$",
                                   "$Beta(2, 8)$",
                                   "$Beta(2, 0.5)$",
                                   "$Beta(0.5, 2)$",
                                   "$Logitnormal(0, 3.16)$"),
                        name = "") +
  labs(x = expression(italic(x)),
       y = "Density") +
  theme_AP()
```

Warning in melt.data.table(out): id.vars and measure.vars are internally
guessed when both are 'NULL'. All non-numeric/integer/logical type columns are
considered id.vars, which in this case are columns []. Consider providing at
least one of 'id' or 'measure' vars in future.

b

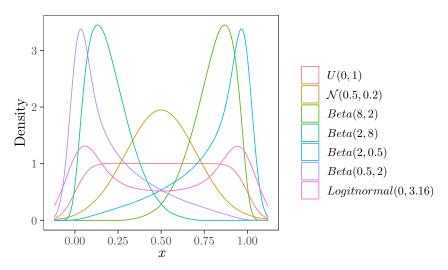
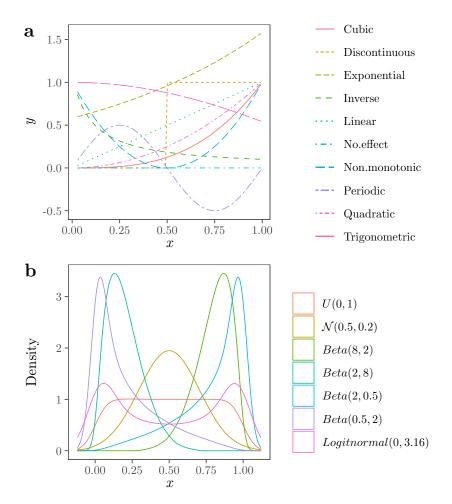


Figure 2: Distributions used in the metafunction of Becker (2019).

```
# MERGE METAFUNCTION PLOT AND DISTRIBUTIONS PLOT -----
plot_grid(a, b, ncol = 1, labels = "auto", align = "hv")
```



We next show how the metafunction works:

2 The model

This section sets the ground for the battle of the estimators.

2.1 Settings

We first define the settings of the analysis, including the sample size of the base sample matrix. This sample matrix will initially have two columns: k (which will define the dimensionality of the metafunction) and C (which will define the total cost or the total number of runs of the metafunction). N.high defines the size of the sample matrix that will be used to compute the "true" ranks for each run of the metafunction.

2.2 Sample matrix

Here we create the sample matrix using Sobol' quasi-random number sequences, and transform each column to its appropriate distribution: the first column will define the dimensionality k of the metafunction, and we will describe it as $k \sim \mathcal{U}(3,200)$. The second column will define the total cost C of the analysis and will be described as $k \sim \mathcal{U}(10,2000)$. Finally, we create two extra columns that will define the initial sample size of the matrix needed to compute the all estimators but Azzini and Rosati (2019) (N.all), and Azzini and Rosati (2019) (N.azzini), given the value of C and k in each row of the sample matrix.

```
# CREATE SAMPLE MATRIX -----
mat <- sobol_matrices(N = N, params = params, order = order)</pre>
mat[, 1] <- floor(qunif(mat[, 1], 3, 100)) # k
mat[, 2] <- floor(qunif(mat[, 2], 10, 1000)) # N_t
mat[, 3] \leftarrow round(qunif(mat[, 3], 0.3, 0.5), 2) \# k_2
mat[, 4] <- round(qunif(mat[, 4], 0.1, 0.3), 2) # k 3
mat[, 5] <- floor(qunif(mat[, 5], 1, 200)) # Epsilon
mat[, 6] <- floor(mat[, 6] * (8 - 1 + 1)) + 1 # Phi
mat[, 7] \leftarrow floor(mat[, 7] * (3 - 1 + 1)) + 1 # Phi
colnames(mat) <- params</pre>
N.all <- apply(mat, 1, function(x) ceiling(x["N_t"] / (x["k"] + 1)))
N.azzini \leftarrow apply(mat, 1, function(x) ceiling(x["N_t"] / (2 * x["k"] + 2)))
tmp <- cbind(mat, N.all, N.azzini)</pre>
sel <- c("N.all", "N.azzini")</pre>
mat <- as.matrix(data.table(tmp)[, (sel):= lapply(.SD, function(x)</pre>
  ifelse(x == 1, 2, x)), .SDcols = (sel)])
```

2.3 Define the model

This section codes the model, which works as follows:

- Create the 'estimators' vector, which includes the name of all estimators.
- Create a ('N.all', k) sample matrix formed by an **A** and an $\mathbf{A}_{B}^{(i)}$ matrix, which will be used to compute all T_{i} estimators except the Azzini, which requires an **A**, **B**, $\mathbf{A}_{B}^{(i)}$ and a $\mathbf{B}_{A}^{(i)}$ matrix.
- Create a ('N.high', k) sample matrix formed by an \mathbf{A} and an $\mathbf{A}_B^{(i)}$ matrix. This will be the "large" sample matrix used to compute the "true" total-order indices. It will have an \mathbf{A} and an $\mathbf{A}_B^{(i)}$ matrix because the reference estimator to compute the true total-order indices will be the Jansen estimator.
- We then bind all three sample matrices and call the metafunction throughout. Binding is mandatory here as the metafunction needs to be called just once: if we call the metafunction in each sample matrix separately, its randomness will make it different each time and the comparison will not be possible.
- We compute the "true" total-order indices for the "large" sample matrix only using the Jansen estimator.
- We compute the total-order indices using each estimator. This works with a 'for' loop.

```
model Ti <- function(k, N.all, N.azzini, N.high, k 2, k 3, epsilon, phi, delta) {
  ind <- list()</pre>
  estimators <- c("jansen", "sobol", "homma", "monod", "azzini")
  all.but.azzini <- sobol_matrices(N = N.all, params = paste("X", 1:k, sep = ""),
                                     matrices = c("A", "AB"))
  azzini <- sobol_matrices(N = N.azzini, params = paste("X", 1:k, sep = ""),
                            matrices = c("A", "B", "AB", "BA"))
  large.matrix <- sobol_matrices(N = N.high, params = paste("X", 1:k, sep = ""),</pre>
                                   matrices = c("A", "AB"))
  set.seed(epsilon)
  all.matrices <- random_distributions(X = rbind(all.but.azzini, azzini, large.matrix),
                                         phi = phi)
  output <- sensobol::metafunction(data = all.matrices,</pre>
                                     k_2 = k_2,
                                     k_3 = k_3,
                                     epsilon = epsilon)
  full.ind <- sobol_Ti(d = tail(output, nrow(large.matrix)),</pre>
                        N = N.high,
                        params = paste("X", 1:k, sep = ""),
                        total = "jansen")
 full.ind[, sample.size:= "N"]
  for(i in estimators) {
    if(!i == "azzini") {
      y <- output[1:nrow(all.but.azzini)]</pre>
      n \leftarrow N.all
```

```
} else {
      y <- output[-c(1:nrow(all.but.azzini),
                      (nrow(all.but.azzini) + nrow(azzini) + 1):length(output))]
      n <- N.azzini
    }
    ind[[i]] \leftarrow sobol_Ti(d = y, N = n, params = paste("X", 1:k, sep = ""), total = i)
    ind[[i]][, sample.size:= "n"]
    ind[[i]] <- rbind(ind[[i]], full.ind)</pre>
  }
  # Arrange data
  out <- rbindlist(ind, idcol = "estimator")</pre>
  out.wide <- dcast(out, estimator + parameters ~ sample.size, value.var = "Ti")
  if(delta == 1) { # Regular Pear
    final <- out.wide[, .(correlation = cor(N, n)), estimator]</pre>
 } else if(delta == 2) { # kendall tau
    final <- out.wide[, .(correlation = pcaPP::cor.fk(N, n)), estimator]</pre>
 } else { # Savage ranks
    final <- out.wide[, lapply(.SD, savage_scores), .SDcols = c("N", "n"), estimator][</pre>
      , .(correlation = cor(N, n)), estimator]
 }
 return(final)
}
```

2.4 Run the model

This code snippet runs the model. In my computer (see section System Information) it took approximately 4 h.

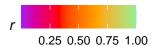
```
# RUN MODEL ----
# Define parallel computing
cl <- makeCluster(n_cores)</pre>
registerDoParallel(cl)
# Compute
Y.ti <- foreach(i=1:nrow(mat),
                .packages = c("sensobol", "data.table", "pcaPP",
                                 "logitnorm")) %dopar%
  {
    model_Ti(k = mat[[i, "k"]],
             k_2 = mat[[i, "k_2"]],
             k_3 = mat[[i, "k_3"]],
             epsilon = mat[[i, "epsilon"]],
             phi = mat[[i, "phi"]],
             delta = mat[[i, "delta"]],
             N.all = mat[[i, "N.all"]],
             N.azzini = mat[[i, "N.azzini"]],
             N.high = N.high)
```

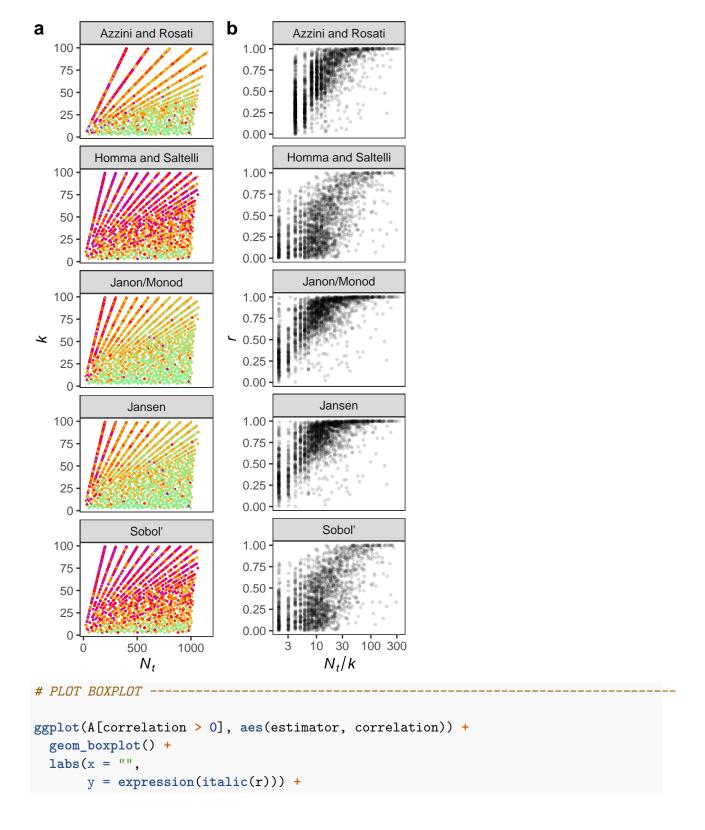
```
# Stop parallel cluster
stopCluster(cl)
```

2.5 Arrange output

This section arranges the output to plot the results.

```
# ARRANGE OUTPUT ------
out_cor <- rbindlist(Y.ti, idcol = "row")</pre>
mt.dt <- data.table(mat) %>%
  [, row := 1:.N]
full_output <- merge(mt.dt, out_cor) %>%
  .[, Nt:= ifelse(estimator == "azzini", N.azzini * (2 * k + 2), N.all * (k + 1))] %>%
  .[, estimator:= ifelse(estimator %in% "azzini", "Azzini and Rosati",
                      ifelse(estimator %in% "homma", "Homma and Saltelli",
                             ifelse(estimator %in% "monod", "Janon/Monod",
                                    ifelse(estimator %in% "jansen", "Jansen", "Sobol'"))))] '
  .[, ratio:= Nt / k]
# Define A matrix
A <- full_output[,.SD[1:N], estimator]
# EXPORT OUTPUT ------
fwrite(out, "out.csv")
# PLOT OUTPUT -----
# Scatterplot
a <- ggplot(A[correlation > 0], aes(Nt, k, color = correlation)) +
 geom_point(size = 0.3) +
  scale_colour_gradientn(colours = c("purple", "red", "orange", "lightgreen"),
                       name = expression(italic(r))) +
 scale_x_continuous(breaks = pretty_breaks(n = 3)) +
 labs(x = expression(italic(N[t])),
      y = expression(italic(k))) +
 facet_wrap(~estimator,
            ncol = 1) +
 theme_AP() +
 theme(legend.position = "none")
# Get legend
legend <- get_legend(a + theme(legend.position = "top"))</pre>
```





```
theme_AP() +
theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 45, hjust = 1))

1.00
0.75

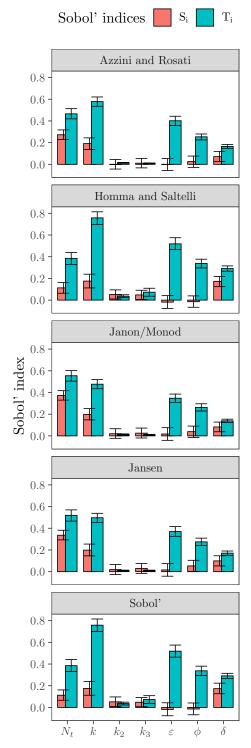
> 0.50

0.25
```

3 Sensitivity analysis

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SUM OF FIRST-ORDER INDICES ----indices[sensitivity == "Si", sum(original), estimator]

estimator V1 ## 1: Azzini and Rosati 0.5721296 ## 2: Homma and Saltelli 0.5285840 ## 3: Jansen 0.7510287 ## 4: Janon/Monod 0.7552958 ## 5: Sobol' 0.5276811

4 Session information

[34] nlme_3.1-143

```
# SESSION INFORMATION -----
sessionInfo()
## R version 3.6.1 (2019-07-05)
## Platform: x86_64-apple-darwin15.6.0 (64-bit)
## Running under: macOS Catalina 10.15.3
##
## Matrix products: default
           /Library/Frameworks/R.framework/Versions/3.6/Resources/lib/libRblas.0.dylib
## BLAS:
## LAPACK: /Library/Frameworks/R.framework/Versions/3.6/Resources/lib/libRlapack.dylib
## locale:
## [1] en_US.UTF-8/en_US.UTF-8/en_US.UTF-8/C/en_US.UTF-8/en_US.UTF-8
## attached base packages:
## [1] parallel stats
                           graphics grDevices utils
                                                          datasets methods
## [8] base
##
## other attached packages:
## [1] pcaPP_1.9-73
                                  checkpoint_0.4.8
## [3] sensobol_0.3
                                  logitnorm_0.8.37
## [5] benchmarkme_1.0.3
                                  cowplot_1.0.0
## [7] scales_1.1.0
                                  data.table_1.12.8
## [9] Rfast_1.9.9
                                  RcppZiggurat_0.1.5
## [11] doParallel_1.0.15
                                  iterators_1.0.12
## [13] foreach_1.4.8
                                  forcats_0.4.0
## [15] stringr_1.4.0
                                  dplyr_0.8.3
## [17] purrr_0.3.3
                                  readr_1.3.1
## [19] tidyr_1.0.0
                                  tibble 2.1.3
## [21] ggplot2_3.3.0
                                  tidyverse_1.3.0
## [23] RcppArmadillo_0.9.850.1.0 Rcpp_1.0.4
## loaded via a namespace (and not attached):
## [1] httr_1.4.1
                              jsonlite_1.6
                                                     modelr_0.1.5
## [4] Rdpack_0.11-1
                              assertthat_0.2.1
                                                     tikzDevice_0.12.3
## [7] cellranger_1.1.0
                              yaml_2.2.0
                                                     remotes_2.1.1
## [10] pillar_1.4.3
                              backports_1.1.5
                                                     lattice_0.20-38
## [13] glue_1.3.2
                              digest_0.6.25
                                                     rvest_0.3.5
## [16] colorspace_1.4-1
                              htmltools_0.4.0
                                                     Matrix_1.2-18
                              bibtex_0.4.2.2
## [19] pkgconfig_2.0.3
                                                     broom_0.5.3
## [22] haven_2.2.0
                              mvtnorm_1.0-12
                                                     farver_2.0.3
## [25] generics_0.0.2
                              withr_2.1.2
                                                     cli_2.0.2
## [28] magrittr_1.5
                                                     readxl_1.3.1
                              crayon_1.3.4
## [31] evaluate_0.14
                              fs_1.3.1
                                                     fansi_0.4.1
```

tools_3.6.1

xm12_1.2.2

```
## [37] hms_0.5.3
                                                    lifecycle_0.2.0
                              gbRd_0.4-11
## [40] munsell_0.5.0
                              reprex_0.3.0
                                                    compiler_3.6.1
## [43] tinytex_0.19
                                                    grid_3.6.1
                              rlang_0.4.5
## [46] rstudioapi_0.11
                              filehash_2.4-2
                                                    labeling_0.3
## [49] rmarkdown 2.1
                                                    gtable 0.3.0
                              boot 1.3-24
## [52] codetools_0.2-16
                              DBI_1.1.0
                                                    curl_4.3
                                                    lubridate_1.7.4
## [55] benchmarkmeData_1.0.3 R6_2.4.1
## [58] knitr_1.27
                              stringi_1.4.6
                                                    vctrs_0.2.4
## [61] dbplyr_1.4.2
                              tidyselect_0.2.5
                                                    xfun_0.12
## Return the machine CPU
cat("Machine: "); print(get_cpu()$model_name)
## Machine:
## [1] "Intel(R) Core(TM) i9-9900K CPU @ 3.60GHz"
## Return number of true cores
cat("Num cores: "); print(detectCores(logical = FALSE))
## Num cores:
## [1] 8
## Return number of threads
cat("Num threads: "); print(detectCores(logical = TRUE))
## Num threads:
## [1] 16
## Return the machine RAM
                 "); print (get_ram()); cat("\n")
## RAM:
## 34.4 GB
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