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SimAR	<i>Simulate Data from an Autoregressive Model with Constant Term</i>
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## Description

This function generates synthetic time series data from an autoregressive (AR) model.

## Usage

```
SimAR(time, burn_in, constant, coef, sd)
```

## Arguments

time	Integer. Number of time points to simulate.
burn_in	Integer. Number of burn-in periods before recording data.
constant	Numeric. The constant term of the AR model.
coef	Numeric vector. Autoregressive coefficients.
sd	Numeric. The standard deviation of the random process noise.

## Details

The `SimAR()` function generates synthetic time series data from an autoregressive (AR) model. The generated data follows the AR(p) model, where p is the number of coefficients specified in `coef`. The generated time series data includes a constant term and autoregressive terms based on the provided coefficients. Random noise, sampled from a normal distribution with mean 0 and standard deviation `sd`, is added to the time series. A burn-in period is specified to exclude initial data points from the output.

The steps in generating the autoregressive time series with burn-in are as follows:

- Set the order of the AR model to p based on the length of `coef`.
- Create a vector data of size `time + burn_in` to store the generated AR time series data.
- Create a vector data of size `time + burn_in` of random process noise from a normal distribution with mean 0 and standard deviation `sd`.
- Generate the autoregressive time series with burn-in using the formula:

$$Y_t = constant + \sum_{i=1}^p (coef[i] * Y_{t-i}) + noise_t$$

where  $Y_t$  is the time series data at time  $t$ , *constant* is the constant term,  $coef[i]$  are the autoregressive coefficients,  $Y_{t-i}$  are the lagged data points up to order  $p$ , and  $noise_t$  is the random noise at time  $t$ .

- Remove the burn-in period from the generated time series data.

### Value

Numeric vector (column matrix) containing the simulated time series data.

### Author(s)

Ivan Jacob Agaloos Pesigan

### See Also

Other Simulation of Autoregressive Data Functions: [SimARCoef\(\)](#), [SimMVN\(\)](#), [SimPD\(\)](#), [SimVARCoef\(\)](#), [SimVARExo\(\)](#), [SimVARZIPExo\(\)](#), [SimVARZIP\(\)](#), [SimVAR\(\)](#), [SimVariance\(\)](#), [YXExo\(\)](#), [YX\(\)](#)

### Examples

```
set.seed(42)
SimAR(time = 10, burn_in = 5, constant = 2, coef = c(0.5, -0.3), sd = 0.1)
```

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SimARCoef	<i>Simulate Random Autoregressive Coefficients for a Stationary AR(p) Model</i>
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### Description

This function generates autoregressive coefficients for a stationary AR(p) model.

### Usage

```
SimARCoef(p)
```

### Arguments

**p** Positive integer. Number of lags.

### Author(s)

Ivan Jacob Agaloos Pesigan

### See Also

Other Simulation of Autoregressive Data Functions: [SimAR\(\)](#), [SimMVN\(\)](#), [SimPD\(\)](#), [SimVARCoef\(\)](#), [SimVARExo\(\)](#), [SimVARZIPExo\(\)](#), [SimVARZIP\(\)](#), [SimVAR\(\)](#), [SimVariance\(\)](#), [YXExo\(\)](#), [YX\(\)](#)

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**SimMVN***Simulate Multivariate Normal Random Numbers*

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**Description**

This function generates multivariate normal random numbers.

**Usage**

```
SimMVN(n, location, chol_scale)
```

**Arguments**

<code>n</code>	Integer. Number of samples to generate.
<code>location</code>	Numeric vector. Mean vector of length <code>k</code> , where <code>k</code> is the number of variables.
<code>chol_scale</code>	Numeric matrix. Cholesky decomposition of the covariance matrix of dimensions <code>k</code> by <code>k</code> .

**Details**

The `SimMVN()` function generates multivariate normal random numbers using the Cholesky decomposition method. Given the number of samples `n`, the mean vector `location` of length `k` (where `k` is the number of variables), and the Cholesky decomposition `chol_scale` of the covariance matrix of dimensions `k` by `k`, the function produces a matrix of multivariate normal random numbers.

The steps involved in generating multivariate normal random numbers are as follows:

- Determine the number of variables `k` from the length of the mean vector.
- Generate random data from a standard multivariate normal distribution, resulting in an `n` by `k` matrix of random numbers.
- Transform the standard normal random data into multivariate normal random data using the Cholesky decomposition `chol_scale`.
- Add the mean vector `location` to the transformed data to obtain the final simulated multivariate normal random numbers.
- The function returns a matrix of simulated multivariate normal random numbers with dimensions `n` by `k`, where `n` is the number of samples and `k` is the number of variables. This matrix can be used for various statistical analyses and simulations.

**Value**

Matrix containing the simulated multivariate normal random numbers, with dimensions `n` by `k`, where `n` is the number of samples and `k` is the number of variables.

**Author(s)**

Ivan Jacob Agaloos Pesigan

**See Also**

The `chol()` function in R to obtain the Cholesky decomposition of a covariance matrix.

Other Simulation of Autoregressive Data Functions: [SimARCoef\(\)](#), [SimAR\(\)](#), [SimPD\(\)](#), [SimVARCoef\(\)](#), [SimVARExo\(\)](#), [SimVARZIPExo\(\)](#), [SimVARZIP\(\)](#), [SimVAR\(\)](#), [SimVariance\(\)](#), [YXExo\(\)](#), [YX\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
set.seed(42)
n <- 1000L
location <- c(0.5, -0.2, 0.1)
scale <- matrix(
  data = c(1.0, 0.3, 0.3, 0.3, 1.0, 0.2, 0.3, 0.2, 1.0),
  nrow = 3,
  byrow = TRUE
)
chol_scale <- chol(scale)
y <- SimMVN(n = n, location = location, chol_scale = chol_scale)
colMeans(y)
var(y)
```

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SimPD

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*Simulate Random Symmetric Positive Definite Matrix*


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**Description**

This function generates a random positive definite matrix.

**Usage**

```
SimPD(p)
```

**Arguments**

`p` Positive integer. Dimension of the  $p$  by  $p$  matrix.

**Author(s)**

Ivan Jacob Agaloos Pesigan

**See Also**

Other Simulation of Autoregressive Data Functions: [SimARCoef\(\)](#), [SimAR\(\)](#), [SimMVN\(\)](#), [SimVARCoef\(\)](#), [SimVARExo\(\)](#), [SimVARZIPExo\(\)](#), [SimVARZIP\(\)](#), [SimVAR\(\)](#), [SimVariance\(\)](#), [YXExo\(\)](#), [YX\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
set.seed(42)
SimPD(p = 3)
```

SimVAR

*Simulate Data from a Vector Autoregressive (VAR) Model***Description**

This function generates synthetic time series data from a Vector Autoregressive (VAR) model.

**Usage**

```
SimVAR(time, burn_in, constant, coef, chol_cov)
```

**Arguments**

time	Integer. Number of time points to simulate.
burn_in	Integer. Number of burn-in observations to exclude before returning the results.
constant	Numeric vector. The constant term vector of length k, where k is the number of variables.
coef	Numeric matrix. Coefficient matrix with dimensions k by (k * p). Each k by k block corresponds to the coefficient matrix for a particular lag.
chol_cov	Numeric matrix. The Cholesky decomposition of the covariance matrix of the multivariate normal noise. It should have dimensions k by k.

**Details**

The `SimVAR()` function generates synthetic time series data from a Vector Autoregressive (VAR) model. The VAR model is defined by the constant term `constant`, the coefficient matrix `coef`, and the Cholesky decomposition of the covariance matrix of the multivariate normal process noise `chol_cov`. The generated time series data follows a VAR(p) process, where p is the number of lags specified by the size of `coef`. The generated data includes a burn-in period, which is excluded before returning the results.

The steps involved in generating the VAR time series data are as follows:

- Extract the number of variables k and the number of lags p from the input.
- Create a matrix data of size k by (time + burn\_in) to store the generated VAR time series data.
- Set the initial values of the matrix data using the constant term `constant`.
- For each time point starting from the p-th time point to time + burn\_in - 1:
  - Generate a vector of random noise from a multivariate normal distribution with mean 0 and covariance matrix `chol_cov`.
  - Generate the VAR time series values for each variable j at time t using the formula:

$$Y_{tj} = constant_j + \sum_{l=1}^p \sum_{m=1}^k (coef_{jm} * Y_{lm}) + noise_j$$

where  $Y_{tj}$  is the value of variable  $j$  at time  $t$ ,  $constant_j$  is the constant term for variable  $j$ ,  $coef_{jtm}$  are the coefficients for variable  $j$  from lagged variables up to order  $p$ ,  $Y_{tm}$  are the lagged values of variable  $m$  up to order  $p$  at time  $t$ , and  $noise_j$  is the element  $j$  from the generated vector of random process noise.

- Transpose the matrix data and return only the required time period after the burn-in period, which is from column `burn_in` to column `time + burn_in - 1`.

### Value

Numeric matrix containing the simulated time series data with dimensions  $k$  by `time`, where  $k$  is the number of variables and `time` is the number of observations.

### Author(s)

Ivan Jacob Agaloos Pesigan

### See Also

Other Simulation of Autoregressive Data Functions: [SimARCoef\(\)](#), [SimAR\(\)](#), [SimMVN\(\)](#), [SimPD\(\)](#), [SimVARCoef\(\)](#), [SimVARExo\(\)](#), [SimVARZIPExo\(\)](#), [SimVARZIP\(\)](#), [SimVariance\(\)](#), [YXExo\(\)](#), [YX\(\)](#)

### Examples

```
set.seed(42)
time <- 50L
burn_in <- 10L
k <- 3
p <- 2
constant <- c(1, 1, 1)
coef <- matrix(
  data = c(
    0.4, 0.0, 0.0, 0.1, 0.0, 0.0,
    0.0, 0.5, 0.0, 0.0, 0.2, 0.0,
    0.0, 0.0, 0.6, 0.0, 0.0, 0.3
  ),
  nrow = k,
  byrow = TRUE
)
chol_cov <- chol(diag(3))
y <- SimVAR(
  time = time,
  burn_in = burn_in,
  constant = constant,
  coef = coef,
  chol_cov = chol_cov
)
head(y)
```

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SimVARCoef	<i>Simulate Random Vector Autoregressive Coefficients for a Stationary VAR(p) Model</i>
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### Description

This function generates stationary VAR(P) coefficients.

### Usage

```
SimVARCoef(k, p)
```

### Arguments

k	Positive integer. Number of autoregressive variables.
p	Positive integer. Number of lags.

### Author(s)

Ivan Jacob Agaloos Pesigan

### See Also

Other Simulation of Autoregressive Data Functions: [SimARCoef\(\)](#), [SimAR\(\)](#), [SimMVN\(\)](#), [SimPD\(\)](#), [SimVARExo\(\)](#), [SimVARZIPExo\(\)](#), [SimVARZIP\(\)](#), [SimVAR\(\)](#), [SimVariance\(\)](#), [YXExo\(\)](#), [YX\(\)](#)

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SimVARExo	<i>Simulate Data from a Vector Autoregressive (VAR) Model with Exogenous Variables</i>
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### Description

This function generates synthetic time series data from a Vector Autoregressive (VAR) model with exogenous variables.

### Usage

```
SimVARExo(time, burn_in, constant, coef, chol_cov, exo_mat, exo_coef)
```



**Arguments**

time	Integer. Number of time points to simulate.
burn_in	Integer. Number of burn-in observations to exclude before returning the results.
constant	Numeric vector. The constant term vector of length k, where k is the number of variables.
coef	Numeric matrix. Coefficient matrix with dimensions k by (k * p). Each k by k block corresponds to the coefficient matrix for a particular lag.
chol_cov	Numeric matrix. The Cholesky decomposition of the covariance matrix of the multivariate normal noise. It should have dimensions k by k.
exo_mat	Numeric matrix. Matrix of exogenous covariates with dimensions time + burn_in by x. Each column corresponds to a different exogenous variable.
exo_coef	Numeric vector. Coefficient matrix with dimensions k by x associated with the exogenous covariates.

**Value**

Numeric matrix containing the simulated time series data with dimensions k by time, where k is the number of variables and time is the number of observations.

**Author(s)**

Ivan Jacob Agaloos Pesigan

**See Also**

Other Simulation of Autoregressive Data Functions: [SimARCoef\(\)](#), [SimAR\(\)](#), [SimMVN\(\)](#), [SimPD\(\)](#), [SimVARCoef\(\)](#), [SimVARZIPExo\(\)](#), [SimVARZIP\(\)](#), [SimVAR\(\)](#), [SimVariance\(\)](#), [YXExo\(\)](#), [YX\(\)](#)

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SimVariance

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*Generate Random Data for the Variance Vector*


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**Description**

This function generates random data for the variance vector given by

$$\sigma^2 = \exp(\mu + \varepsilon) \quad \text{with} \quad \varepsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \Sigma)$$

.

**Usage**

```
SimVariance(n, location, chol_scale)
```

**Arguments**

n	Integer. Number of samples to generate.
location	Numeric vector. The constant term $\mu$ .
chol_scale	Numeric matrix. Cholesky decomposition of the covariance matrix $\Sigma$ for the multivariate normal random error $\varepsilon$ .

**Details**

The `SimVariance()` function generates random data for the variance vector based on the exponential of a multivariate normal distribution. Given the number of samples  $n$ , the constant term  $\mu$  represented by the `location` vector, and the Cholesky decomposition matrix  $\Sigma$  for the multivariate normal random error  $\varepsilon$ , the function simulates  $n$  independent samples of the variance vector  $\sigma^2$ . Each sample of the variance vector  $\sigma^2$  is obtained by calculating the exponential of random variations to the mean vector  $\mu$ . The random variations are generated using the Cholesky decomposition of the covariance matrix  $\Sigma$ . Finally, the function returns a matrix with each column containing the simulated variance vector for each sample.

**Value**

Matrix with each row containing the simulated variance vector for each sample.

**Author(s)**

Ivan Jacob Agaloos Pesigan

**See Also**

Other Simulation of Autoregressive Data Functions: [SimARCoef\(\)](#), [SimAR\(\)](#), [SimMVN\(\)](#), [SimPD\(\)](#), [SimVARCoef\(\)](#), [SimVARExo\(\)](#), [SimVARZIPExo\(\)](#), [SimVARZIP\(\)](#), [SimVAR\(\)](#), [YXExo\(\)](#), [YX\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
set.seed(42)
n <- 100
location <- c(0.5, -0.2, 0.1)
chol_scale <- chol(
  matrix(
    data = c(1.0, 0.3, 0.3, 0.3, 1.0, 0.2, 0.3, 0.2, 1.0),
    nrow = 3,
    byrow = TRUE
  )
)
SimVariance(n = n, location = location, chol_scale = chol_scale)
```

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SimVARZIP	<i>Simulate Data from a Vector Autoregressive Zero-Inflated Poisson (VARZIP) Model</i>
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## Description

This function generates synthetic time series data from a Vector Autoregressive Zero-Inflated Poisson (VARZIP) model.

## Usage

```
SimVARZIP(time, burn_in, constant, coef, chol_cov)
```

## Arguments

time	Integer. Number of time points to simulate.
burn_in	Integer. Number of burn-in observations to exclude before returning the results.
constant	Numeric vector. The constant term vector of length $k$ , where $k$ is the number of variables.
coef	Numeric matrix. Coefficient matrix with dimensions $k$ by $(k * p)$ . Each $k$ by $k$ block corresponds to the coefficient matrix for a particular lag.
chol_cov	Numeric matrix. The Cholesky decomposition of the covariance matrix of the multivariate normal noise. It should have dimensions $k$ by $k$ .

## Details

The `SimVARZIP()` function generates synthetic time series data from a Vector Autoregressive (VAR) with Zero-Inflated Poisson (ZIP) model for the first observed variable. See `SimVAR()` for more details on generating data for VAR( $p$ ). The `SimVARZIP` function goes further by using the generated values for the first variable to generate data from the ZIP model. The exponential of the values from the first variable from the original VAR( $p$ ) model are used as the intensity parameter in the Poisson distribution in the ZIP model. Data from the ZIP model are used to replace the original values for the first variable. Values for the rest of the variables are unchanged. The generated data includes a burn-in period, which is excluded before returning the results.

The steps involved in generating the time series data are as follows:

- Extract the number of variables  $k$  and the number of lags  $p$  from the input.
- Create a matrix data of size  $k \times (\text{time} + \text{burn\_in})$  to store the generated data.
- Set the initial values of the matrix data using the constant term `constant`.
- For each time point starting from the  $p$ -th time point to  $\text{time} + \text{burn\_in} - 1$ :
  - Generate a vector of random process noise from a multivariate normal distribution with mean 0 and covariance matrix `chol_cov`.
  - Generate the VAR time series values for each variable  $j$  at time  $t$  by applying the autoregressive terms for each lag  $lag$  and each variable  $1$ .

- \* Add the generated noise to the VAR time series values.
- \* For the first variable, apply the Zero-Inflated Poisson (ZIP) model:
  - Compute the intensity `intensity` as the exponential of the first variable's value at time `t`.
  - Sample a random value `u` from a uniform distribution on `[0, 1]`.
  - If `u` is less than `intensity / (1 + intensity)`, set the first variable's value to zero (inflation).
  - Otherwise, sample the first variable's value from a Poisson distribution with mean `intensity` (count process).
- Transpose the data matrix `data` and return only the required time period after burn-in as a numeric matrix.

### Value

Numeric matrix containing the simulated time series data with dimensions `k` by `time`, where `k` is the number of variables and `time` is the number of observations.

### Author(s)

Ivan Jacob Agaloos Pesigan

### See Also

Other Simulation of Autoregressive Data Functions: [SimARCoef\(\)](#), [SimAR\(\)](#), [SimMVN\(\)](#), [SimPD\(\)](#), [SimVARCoef\(\)](#), [SimVARExo\(\)](#), [SimVARZIPExo\(\)](#), [SimVAR\(\)](#), [SimVariance\(\)](#), [YXExo\(\)](#), [YX\(\)](#)

### Examples

```
set.seed(42)
time <- 50L
burn_in <- 10L
k <- 3
p <- 2
constant <- c(1, 1, 1)
coef <- matrix(
  data = c(
    0.4, 0.0, 0.0, 0.1, 0.0, 0.0,
    0.0, 0.5, 0.0, 0.0, 0.2, 0.0,
    0.0, 0.0, 0.6, 0.0, 0.0, 0.3
  ),
  nrow = k,
  byrow = TRUE
)
chol_cov <- chol(diag(3))
y <- SimVARZIP(
  time = time,
  burn_in = burn_in,
  constant = constant,
  coef = coef,
  chol_cov = chol_cov
```

```
)  
head(y)
```

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SimVARZIPExo	<i>Simulate Data from a Vector Autoregressive Zero-Inflated Poisson (VARZIP) Model with Exogenous Variables</i>
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**Description**

This function generates synthetic time series data from a Vector Autoregressive Zero-Inflated Poisson (VARZIP) model with exogenous variables.

**Usage**

```
SimVARZIPExo(time, burn_in, constant, coef, chol_cov, exo_mat, exo_coef)
```

**Arguments**

- |          |  |
|----------|--|
| time     | Integer. Number of time points to simulate.  |
| burn_in  | Integer. Number of burn-in observations to exclude before returning the results.   |
| constant | Numeric vector. The constant term vector of length k, where k is the number of variables.  |
| coef     | Numeric matrix. Coefficient matrix with dimensions k by (k * p). Each k by k block corresponds to the coefficient matrix for a particular lag. |
| chol_cov | Numeric matrix. The Cholesky decomposition of the covariance matrix of the multivariate normal noise. It should have dimensions k by k.        |
| exo_mat  | Numeric matrix. Matrix of exogenous covariates with dimensions time + burn_in by x. Each column corresponds to a different exogenous variable. |
| exo_coef | Numeric vector. Coefficient matrix with dimensions k by x associated with the exogenous covariates.  |

**Value**

Numeric matrix containing the simulated time series data with dimensions k by time, where k is the number of variables and time is the number of observations.

**Author(s)**

Ivan Jacob Agaloos Pesigan

**See Also**

Other Simulation of Autoregressive Data Functions: [SimARCoef\(\)](#), [SimAR\(\)](#), [SimMVN\(\)](#), [SimPD\(\)](#), [SimVARCoef\(\)](#), [SimVARExo\(\)](#), [SimVARZIP\(\)](#), [SimVAR\(\)](#), [SimVariance\(\)](#), [YXExo\(\)](#), [YX\(\)](#)

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YX	<i>Create Y and X Matrices</i>
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**Description**

This function creates the dependent variable (Y) and predictor variable (X) matrices.

**Usage**

```
YX(data, p)
```

**Arguments**

data	Numeric matrix. The time series data with dimensions $t$ by $k$ , where $t$ is the number of observations and $k$ is the number of variables.
p	Integer. The order of the VAR model (number of lags).

**Details**

The `YX()` function creates the Y and X matrices required for fitting a Vector Autoregressive (VAR) model. Given the input data matrix with dimensions  $t$  by  $k$ , where  $t$  is the number of observations and  $k$  is the number of variables, and the order of the VAR model  $p$  (number of lags), the function constructs lagged predictor matrix X and the dependent variable matrix Y.

The steps involved in creating the Y and X matrices are as follows:

- Determine the number of observations  $t$  and the number of variables  $k$  from the input data matrix.
- Create matrices X and Y to store lagged variables and the dependent variable, respectively.
- Populate the matrices X and Y with the appropriate lagged data. The predictors matrix X contains a column of ones and the lagged values of the dependent variables, while the dependent variable matrix Y contains the original values of the dependent variables.
- The function returns a list containing the Y and X matrices, which can be used for further analysis and estimation of the VAR model parameters.

**Value**

List containing the dependent variable (Y) and predictor variable (X) matrices. Note that the resulting matrices will have  $t - p$  rows.

**Author(s)**

Ivan Jacob Agaloos Pesigan

**See Also**

The `SimVAR()` function for simulating time series data from a VAR model.

Other Simulation of Autoregressive Data Functions: [SimARCoef\(\)](#), [SimAR\(\)](#), [SimMVN\(\)](#), [SimPD\(\)](#), [SimVARCoef\(\)](#), [SimVARExo\(\)](#), [SimVARZIPExo\(\)](#), [SimVARZIP\(\)](#), [SimVAR\(\)](#), [SimVariance\(\)](#), [YXExo\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```

set.seed(42)
time <- 50L
burn_in <- 10L
k <- 3
p <- 2
constant <- c(1, 1, 1)
coef <- matrix(
  data = c(
    0.4, 0.0, 0.0, 0.1, 0.0, 0.0,
    0.0, 0.5, 0.0, 0.0, 0.2, 0.0,
    0.0, 0.0, 0.6, 0.0, 0.0, 0.3
  ),
  nrow = k,
  byrow = TRUE
)
chol_cov <- chol(diag(3))
y <- SimVAR(
  time = time,
  burn_in = burn_in,
  constant = constant,
  coef = coef,
  chol_cov = chol_cov
)
yx <- YX(data = y, p = 2)
str(yx)

```

YXExo

*Create Y and X Matrices with Exogenous Variables***Description**

This function creates the dependent variable (Y) and predictor variable (X) matrices.

**Usage**

```
YXExo(data, p, exo_mat)
```

**Arguments**

data	Numeric matrix. The time series data with dimensions $t$ by $k$ , where $t$ is the number of observations and $k$ is the number of variables.
p	Integer. The order of the VAR model (number of lags).
exo_mat	Numeric matrix. Matrix of exogenous variables with dimensions $t$ by $m$ .

### Details

The `YX()` function creates the Y and X matrices required for fitting a Vector Autoregressive (VAR) model. Given the input data matrix with dimensions t by k, where t is the number of observations and k is the number of variables, and the order of the VAR model p (number of lags), the function constructs lagged predictor matrix X and the dependent variable matrix Y.

The steps involved in creating the Y and X matrices are as follows:

- Determine the number of observations t and the number of variables k from the input data matrix.
- Create matrices X and Y to store lagged variables and the dependent variable, respectively.
- Populate the matrices X and Y with the appropriate lagged data. The predictors matrix X contains a column of ones and the lagged values of the dependent variables, while the dependent variable matrix Y contains the original values of the dependent variables.
- The function returns a list containing the Y and X matrices, which can be used for further analysis and estimation of the VAR model parameters.

### Value

List containing the dependent variable (Y) and predictor variable (X) matrices. Note that the resulting matrices will have t - p rows.

### Author(s)

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### See Also

The `SimVAR()` function for simulating time series data from a VAR model.

Other Simulation of Autoregressive Data Functions: `SimARCoef()`, `SimAR()`, `SimMVN()`, `SimPD()`, `SimVARCoef()`, `SimVARExo()`, `SimVARZIPExo()`, `SimVARZIP()`, `SimVAR()`, `SimVariance()`, `YX()`



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