

# Package ‘bayMDS’

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bayMDSApp	<i>Shiny App for exploring the results of bmbs function</i>
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## Description

Call Shiny to show the results of Bayesian analysis of multidimensional scaling in a web-based application.

**Usage**

```
bayMDSApp(out)
```

**Arguments**

out                      an object of class bmds, the output of the bmds function

**Value**

open Shiny app

**Examples**

```
data(cityDIST)
out <- bmds(cityDIST, min_p=1, max_p=6 )
if(interactive()){bayMDSApp(out)}
```

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bmds	<i>run bmdsMCMC for various number of dimensions</i>
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**Description**

Provide object configuration and estimates of parameters, for number of dimensions from min\_p to max\_p

**Usage**

```
bmds(DIST,min_p=1, max_p=6,nwarm = 1000,niter = 5000,...)
```

**Arguments**

DIST	symmetric data matrix of dissimilarity measures for pairs of objects
min_p	minimum number of dimensions for object configuration (default=1)
max_p	maximum number of dimensions for object configuration (default=6)
nwarm	number of iterations for burn-in period in MCMC (default=1000)
niter	number of MCMC iterations after burn-in period (default=5000)
...	arguments to be passed to methods.

**Details***Model*

The basic model for Bayesian multidimensional scaling given in Oh and Raftery (2001) is as follows. Given the number of dimensions  $p$ , we assume that an observed dissimilarity measure follows a truncated multivariate normal distribution with mean equal to Euclidean distance, i.e.,

$$d_{ij} \sim N(\delta_{ij}, \sigma^2) I(d_{ij} > 0), \text{ independently for } i \neq j, i, j = 1, \dots, n,$$

where

- $n$  is the number of objects, i.e, numner of rows in DIST

- $d_{ij}$  is an observed dissimilarity measure between objects  $i$  and  $j$
- $\delta_{ij}$  is the distance between objects  $i$  and  $j$  in a  $p$ -dimensional Euclidean space, i.e.,  

$$\delta_{ij} = \sqrt{\sum_{k=1}^p (x_{ik} - x_{jk})^2}$$
- $x_i = (x_{i1}, \dots, x_{ip})$  denotes the values of the attributes possessed by object  $i$ , i.e., the coordinates of object  $i$  in a  $p$ -dimensional Euclidean space.

#### Priors

- Prior distribution of  $x_i$  is given as a multivariate normal distribution with mean 0 and a diagonal covariance matrix  $\Lambda$ , i.e.,  $x_i \sim N(0, \Lambda)$ , independently for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . Note that the zero mean and diagonal covariance matrix is assumed because Euclidean distance is invariant under translation and rotation of  $X = \{x_i\}$ .
- Prior distribution of the error variance  $\sigma^2$  is given as  $\sigma^2 \sim IG(a, b)$ , the inverse Gamma distribution with mode  $b/(a + 1)$ .
- Hyperpriors for the elements of  $\Lambda = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_p)$  are given as  $\lambda_j \sim IG(\alpha, \beta_j)$ , independently for  $j = 1, \dots, p$ .
- We assume prior independence among  $X, \Lambda, \sigma^2$ .

#### Measure of fit

A measure of fit, called STRESS, is defined as

$$STRESS = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i>j} (d_{ij} - \hat{\delta}_{ij})^2}{\sum_{i>j} d_{ij}^2}},$$

where  $\hat{\delta}_{ij}$  is the Euclidean distance between objects  $i$  and  $j$ , computed from the estimated object configuration. Note that the squared *STRESS* is proportional to the sum of squared residuals,  $SSR = \sum_{i>j} (d_{ij} - \hat{\delta}_{ij})^2$ .

#### Value

in bmds object

**n** number of objects, i.e., number of rows in DIST

**min\_p** minimum number of dimensions

**max\_p** maximum number of dimensions

**niter** number of MCMC iterations

**nwarm** number of burn-in in MCMC

\* the following lists contains objects from bmdsMCMC for number of dimensions from min\_p to max\_p

**x\_bmds** a list of object configurations

**minSSR.L** a list of minimum sum of squares of residuals between the observed dissimilarities and the estimated Euclidean distances between pairs of objects

**minSSR\_id.L** a list of the indices of the iteration corresponding to minimum SSR

**stress.L** a list of STRESS values

**e\_sigma.L** a list of posterior mean of  $\sigma^2$

**var\_sigma.L** a list of posterior variance of  $\sigma^2$

**SSR.L** a list of posterior samples of SSR

**lam.L** a list of posterior samples of elements of  $\Lambda$

**sigma.L** a list of posterior samples of  $\sigma^2$ , the error variance  
**del.L** a list of posterior samples of  $\delta$ s, Euclidean distances between pairs of objects)  
**cmds.L** a list of object configuration from the classical multidimensional scaling of Torgerson(1952)  
**BMDSp** a list of outputs from bmdsMCMC function for each number of dimensions

## References

Oh, M-S., Raftery A.E. (2001). Bayesian Multidimensional Scaling and Choice of Dimension, Journal of the American Statistical Association, 96, 1031-1044.  
 Torgerson, W.S. (1952). Multidimensional Scaling: I. Theory and Methods, Psychometrika, 17, 401-419.

## Examples

```
data(cityDIST)
out <- bmds(cityDIST)
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bmdsMCMC

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*MCMC for Bayesian multidimensional scaling*


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## Description

run MCMC algorithm given in Oh and Raftery (2001) and return posterior samples of parameters as well as object configuration and other parameter estimates, for a given number of dimensions p

## Usage

```
bmdsMCMC(DIST,p,nwarm = 1000,niter = 5000)
```

## Arguments

<b>DIST</b>	symmetric matrix of dissimilarity measures between objects
<b>p</b>	number of dimensions of object configuration
<b>nwarm</b>	number of iterations for burn-in period in MCMC (default=1000)
<b>niter</b>	number of MCMC iterations after burn-in period (default=5000)

## Value

A list of MCMC results

**x\_bmds** n by p matrix of object configuration that minimizes the sum of squares of residuals(SSR), where n is the number of objects, i.e., n=nrow(DIST)

**cmds** n by p matrix of object configuration from the classical multidimensional scaling of Torgerson(1952)

**minSSR** minimum of sum of squares of residuals between the observed dissimilarities and the estimated Euclidean distances for pairs of objects

**minSSR\_id** index of the iteration corresponding to minimum SSR

**stress** STRESS computed from minSSR

**e\_sigma** posterior mean of  $\sigma^2$

**var\_sigma** posterior variance of  $\sigma^2$

**SSR.L** niter dimensional vector of posterior samples of SSR

**lam.L** niter by p matrix of posterior samples of elements of  $\Lambda$

**sigma.L** niter dimensional vector of posterior samples of  $\sigma^2$

**del.L** niter by  $n(n - 1)/2$  matrix of posterior samples of  $\delta$ , p-dimensional Euclidean distances between pairs of objects

## References

Oh, M-S., Raftery A.E. (2001). Bayesian Multidimensional Scaling and Choice of Dimension, Journal of the American Statistical Association, 96, 1031-1044.

## Examples

```
data(cityDIST)
result=bmdsMCMC(cityDIST,p=3,nwarm=500,niter=3000)
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checkDIST	<i>check the dissimilarity matrix</i>
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## Description

check the type of dissimilarity matrix and convert it to a symmetric full matrix for the input of bmdsMCMC and bmds function

## Usage

```
checkDIST(dist, ...)
```

## Arguments

dist	dissimilarity measures for pairs of objects
...	arguments to be passed to methods

## Value

a full matrix of dissimilarity measures

## Examples

```
x <- matrix(rnorm(100), nrow = 5)
dist(x)
checkDIST(dist(x))
```

cityDIST

*Airline distances between cities*

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**Description**

Airline distances between 30 principal cities of the world. Cities are located on the surface of the earth, a three-dimensional sphere, and airplanes travel on the surface of the earth.

**References**

Hartigan, J.A. (1975), Clustering Algorithms, Wiley, New York.

**Examples**

```
data(cityDIST)
```

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distRcpp

*calculate Euclidean distances*

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**Description**

calculate Euclidean distances between rows of matrix X

**Usage**

```
distRcpp(X)
```

**Arguments**

X                      data matrix

**Value**

distance matrix

**Examples**

```
x <- matrix(rnorm(100), nrow = 5)
distRcpp(x)
```

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MDSIC	<i>compute and plot MDSIC</i>
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### Description

compute and plot MDSIC, a Bayesian selection criterion, given in Oh and Raftery (2001) based on the output of the function `bmds`

### Usage

```
MDSIC(x, plot = TRUE, ...)
```

### Arguments

<code>x</code>	an object of class <code>bmds</code> , the output of the function <code>bmds</code>
<code>plot</code>	TRUE/FALSE, if TRUE plot the number of dimensions versus MDSIC (default=TRUE)
<code>...</code>	arguments to be passed to methods

### Details

*Notes* To compute MDSIC, output of the function `bmds` for `min_p=1` is needed for sequential calculation of MDSIC.

### Value

a list of MDSIC results

**mdsic** MDSIC, for  $p = 1, \dots, \text{max\_p}$

**llike** log likelihood term in MDSIC, for  $p = 1, \dots, \text{max\_p}$

**penalty** penalty term in MDSIC, for  $p = 1, \dots, \text{max\_p}$

### References

Oh, M-S., Raftery A.E. (2001). Bayesian Multidimensional Scaling and Choice of Dimension, Journal of the American Statistical Association, 96, 1031-1044.

### Examples

```
data(cityDIST)
out <- bmds(cityDIST, min_p=1, max_p=5 )
MDSIC(out)
```

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plotDelDist	<i>plot Delta vs DIST</i>
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**Description**

plot Delta (estimated Euclidean distance from bmds) vs DIST (observed dissimilarity measure) for pairs of objects

**Usage**

```
plotDelDist(out)
```

**Arguments**

out	the output of the function bmdsMCMC
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**Value**

plot of delta vs. dist

**Examples**

```
data(cityDIST)
result <- bmdsMCMC(cityDIST,p=3,nwarm=500,niter=3000)
plotDelDist(result)
```

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plotObj	<i>plot object configuration</i>
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**Description**

plot object configuration in a Euclidean space of two selected dimensions

**Usage**

```
plotObj(out, ...)
```

**Arguments**

out	the output of the function bmdsMCMC
...	arguments to be passed to methods

**Value**

plot of object configuration



**Examples**

```
data(cityDIST)
result <- bmdsMCMC(cityDIST,p=3,nwarm=500,niter=3000)
plotObj(result)
```

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plotTrace	<i>trace plots of MCMC samples</i>
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**Description**

plot trace plots of MCMC samples of parameters for visual inspection of MCMC convergence

**Usage**

```
plotTrace(out, para = c("del"), linecolor = "blue", ...)
```

**Arguments**

out	the output of the function bmdsMCMC
para	names of the parameters for trace plots. It should be any subvector of c("del","sigma","lambda") (default=c("del"))
linecolor	line color. The default color is blue.
...	arguments to be passed to methods

**Details***Notes*

- If "del" is in para, trace plots of the Euclidean distances from 4 randomly selected pairs will be given
- If "lambda" is in para, trace plots of the first four elements of Lambda, the diagonal prior variance of objects, will be given
- If "sigma" is in para, trace plot and ACF(Auto Correlation Function) plot of sigma, the error-variance will be given

**Value**

trace plots of delta, sigma and lambda

**Examples**

```
data(cityDIST)
result <- bmdsMCMC(cityDIST,p=3,nwarm=500,niter=3000)
plotTrace(result,para=c("del","sigma","lambda"))
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