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Description

This package implements a variational Bayesian algorithm for high-dimensional multi-source heterogeneous linear models. It simultaneously performs parameter estimation and variable selection. The algorithm supports two model settings: (1) local models, where variable selection is only #' applied to homogeneous coefficients, and (2) global models, where variable selection is also #' performed on heterogeneous coefficients. Two forms of Spike-and-Slab priors are available: the #' Laplace distribution and the Gaussian distribution as the Slab component.

Usage

```
vbms(
    X,
    Z,
    Y,
    global,
    prior,
    max_iter = 1000,
    tol = 1e-06,
    a = 1,
    b = 10,
    lambda = 1
)
```

Arguments

X	Homogeneous covariates
Z	Heterogeneous covariates
Υ	Response covariates
global	Indicates whether variable selection is required for het coefficients, if TRUE, Variable selection will be made for het coefficients.
prior	Forms of Slab distribution in Spike-and-Slab prior, "laplace" or "gauss".
max_iter	Maximum number of iterations, Defaut:1000
tol	Algorithm convergence tolerance, Defaut:1e-6
a	A prior of Beta distribution, Defaut:1
b	A prior of Beta distribution, Defaut:10
lambda	A prior of Laplace distribution, Defaut:1

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Value

mu_hom The mean of the homogeneous coefficients

sigma_hom The variance of homogeneous coefficients

gamma_hom Selection indicators for homogeneous coefficients

mu_het The mean of the heterogeneous coefficients

sigma_het The variance of heterogeneous coefficients

Selection indicators for heterogeneous coefficients (NULL for local models)

Examples

```
# Simulate multi-source heterogeneous data
n <- 50 # number of samples per source
K <- 3 # number of sources
p <- 100 # number of homogeneous covariates
q <- 5
          # number of heterogeneous covariates
set.seed(1)
theta <- matrix(c(c(-1,0.5,1,-0.5,2),rep(0,p-5)), ncol = 1)
beta <- matrix(1, nrow = q, ncol = K)</pre>
for (k in 1:K) {
  beta[,k] \leftarrow matrix(c(rep(log(k+1),5),rep(0,q-5)), ncol = 1)
zdata <- MASS::mvrnorm(K*n, rep(0,q), diag(q))
Z <- array(data=zdata,dim=c(n,q,K))</pre>
xdata <- MASS::mvrnorm(K*n, rep(0,p), diag(p))</pre>
X <- array(data=xdata,dim=c(n,p,K))</pre>
Y <- matrix(0, nrow = n, ncol = K)
for (k in 1:K) {
  Y[,k] \leftarrow MASS::mvrnorm(1, X[,,k]%*%theta+Z[,,k]%*%beta[,k], diag(n))
# Fit local model with Laplace prior
res <- vbms(X, Z, Y, global=FALSE, prior='laplace')</pre>
# View results
print(head(res$mu_hom))
                              # Homogeneous coefficients mean
print(head(res$gamma_hom))  # Homogeneous variable selection
print(res$mu_het)
                              # Heterogeneous coefficients mean
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Description

A variational Bayesian algorithm is proposed for multi-source heterogeneous models under the Laplace Spike-and-Slab prior, enabling simultaneous variable selection for both homogeneous and #' heterogeneous covariates.

Usage

```
vb_gauss_global(
    X,
    Z,
    Y,
    max_iter = 1000,
    tol = 1e-06,
    a = 1,
    b = 10,
    lambda = 1
)
```

Arguments

Χ	Homogeneous covariates
Z	Heterogeneous covariates
Υ	Response covariates
max_iter	Maximum number of iterations, Defaut:1000
tol	Algorithm convergence tolerance, Defaut:1e-6
а	A prior of Beta distribution, Defaut:1
b	A prior of Beta distribution, Defaut:10
lambda	A prior of Laplace distribution, Defaut:1

Value

The mean of the homogeneity coefficient:mu1; The variance of homogeneity coefficient:sigma1; Selection coefficient:gamma1; The mean of the heterogeneous coefficient:mu2; The variance of heterogeneous coefficient:sigma2; Selection heterogeneous:gamma2.

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Description

A variational Bayesian algorithm, based on the Gauss Spike-and-Slab prior, is tailored for multisource heterogeneous models and focuses on variable selection exclusively for the homogeneous covariates. vb_lap_global 5

Usage

```
vb_gauss_local(X, Z, Y, max_iter, tol, a = 1, b = 10, lambda = 1)
```

Arguments

Χ	Homogeneous covariates
Z	Heterogeneous covariates
Υ	Response covariates
max_iter	Maximum number of iterations, Defaut:1000
tol	Algorithm convergence tolerance, Defaut:1e-6
а	A prior of Beta distribution, Defaut:1
b	A prior of Beta distribution, Defaut:10
lambda	A prior of Laplace distribution, Defaut:1

Value

The mean of the homogeneity coefficient:mu; The variance of homogeneity coefficient:sigma; Selection coefficient:gamma; Mean and covariance of heterogeneity coefficients:m, s2.

vb_lap_global Global Laplace VB	vb_lap_global	Global Laplace
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Description

A variational Bayesian algorithm is proposed for multi-source heterogeneous models under the Laplace Spike-and-Slab prior, enabling simultaneous variable selection for both homogeneous and #' heterogeneous covariates.

Usage

```
vb_lap_global(X, Z, Y, max_iter = 1000, tol = 1e-06, a = 1, b = 10, lambda = 1)
```

Arguments

X	Homogeneous covariates
Z	Heterogeneous covariates
Υ	Response covariates
max_iter	Maximum number of iterations, Defaut:1000
tol	Algorithm convergence tolerance, Defaut:1e-6
а	A prior of Beta distribution, Defaut:1
b	A prior of Beta distribution, Defaut:10
lambda	A prior of Laplace distribution, Defaut:1

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Value

The mean of the homogeneity coefficient:mu1; The variance of homogeneity coefficient:sigma1; Selection coefficient:gamma1; The mean of the heterogeneous coefficient:mu2; The variance of heterogeneous coefficient:sigma2; Selection heterogeneous:gamma2.

Description

A variational Bayesian algorithm, based on the Laplace Spike-and-Slab prior, is tailored for multisource heterogeneous models and focuses on variable selection exclusively for the homogeneous covariates.

Usage

```
vb_lap_local(X, Z, Y, max_iter = 1000, tol = 1e-06, a = 1, b = 10, lambda = 1)
```

Arguments

Χ	Homogeneous covariates
Z	Heterogeneous covariates
Υ	Response covariates
max_iter	Maximum number of iterations, Defaut: 1000
tol	Algorithm convergence tolerance, Defaut:1e-6
а	A prior of Beta distribution, Defaut:1
b	A prior of Beta distribution, Defaut:10
lambda	A prior of Laplace distribution, Defaut:1

Value

The mean of the homogeneity coefficient:mu; The variance of homogeneity coefficient:sigma; Selection coefficient:gamma; Mean and covariance of heterogeneity coefficients:m, s2.

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