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Fitting for parsimonious hidden Markov models for four-way data

## Description

Fits, by using an ECM algorithm, parsimonious hidden Markov models to the given four-way data. Parallel computing is implemented and highly recommended for a faster model fitting. The Bayesian information criterion (BIC) is used to select the best fitting model.

#### Usage

```
HMM.fit(
   X,
   k = 1:3,
   init.par = NULL,
   mod.row = "all",
   mod.col = "all",
   ncores = 1,
   verbose = FALSE,
   ret.all = FALSE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

X	An array of dimension $p \times r \times n \times t$ , where $p$ is the number of variables in the rows of each data matrix, $r$ is the number of variables in the columns of each data matrix, $n$ is the number of data observations and $t$ is the number of times.
k	An integer or a vector indicating the number of states of the models.
init.par	The initial values for starting the algorithms, as produced by the ${\tt HMM.init()}$ function.
mod.row	A character vector indicating the parsimonious structure of the row covariance matrix. Possible values are: "EII", "VII", "EEI", "VEI", "EVI", "VVI", "EEE", "VEE", "EVE", "EEV", "VVE", "VEV", "EVV", "VVV" or "all". When "all" is used, all of the 14 row parsimonious structures are considered.
mod.col	A character vector indicating the parsimonious structure of the column covariance matrix. Possible values are: "II", "EI", "VI", "EE", "VE", "EV", "VV", or "all". When "all" is used, all of the 7 column parsimonious structures are considered.
ncores	A positive integer indicating the number of cores used for running in parallel.
verbose	A logical indicating whether the running output should be displayed.
ret.all	A logical indicating whether to report the results of all the models or only those of the best model according to the BIC.

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#### Value

A list with the following elements:

all.models The results related to the all the fitted models (only when ret.all = TRUE).

BicWin The best fitting model according to the BIC.

Summary A quick table showing summary results for the best fitting model according to

the BIC.

c.time Provides information on the computational times required to fit all the models

for each state.

#### **Examples**

```
data(simX)
init <- HMM.init(X = simX, k = 2, nstartR = 1)
res <- HMM.fit(X = simX, k = 2, init.par = init, mod.row = "VII", mod.col = "EE")</pre>
```

HMM.init

Initialization for the ECM algorithm

#### **Description**

Runs the initialization of the ECM algorithm used for fitting the parsimonious hidden Markov models. Parallel computing is implemented and highly recommended for a faster calculation.

#### Usage

```
HMM.init(X, k = 1:3, nstartR = 100, ncores = 1, verbose = FALSE)
```

### **Arguments**

Χ	An array of dimension p x r x n x t, where p is the number of variables in the
	rows of each data matrix, r is the number of variables in the columns of each
	data matrix, n is the number of data observations and t is the number of times.
k	An integer or a vector indicating the number of states of the models.

nstartR An integer specifying the number of random starts to be considered.

ncores A positive integer indicating the number of cores used for running in parallel.

verbose A logical indicating whether the running output should be displayed.

#### Value

init A list of objects to be used by the HMM. fit() function.

### **Examples**

```
data(simX)
init <- HMM.init(X = simX, k = 2, nstartR = 1)</pre>
```

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Simulated Data

## Description

A simulated four-way dataset with 2 states and VII - EE covariance structure.

## Usage

data(simX)

## **Format**

A four-way array having p = 2 variables in the rows, r = 3 variables in the columns, n = 50 data observations and t = 10 times.

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