

# Package ‘LSVAR’

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Auto-Regressive (VAR) Model

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f.func *Main loss function for quadratic loss*

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### Description

Main loss function

### Usage

```
f.func(x, A, b)
```

### Arguments

x	Model parameters
A	Design matrix with size of n by p
b	Correspond vector or matrix

### Value

Value of objective function

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fista.LpS *A function to solve low rank plus sparse model estimation using FISTA algorithm*

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### Description

A function to solve low rank plus sparse model estimation

### Usage

```
fista.LpS(
  data,
  lambda,
  mu,
  alpha_L = 0.25,
  niter = 100,
  backtracking = TRUE,
  x.true = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>data</code>	A numeric dataset with size of n by p
<code>lambda</code>	A positive numeric value, indicating the tuning parameter for sparse component
<code>mu</code>	A positive numeric value, indicating the tuning parameter for low rank component
<code>alpha_L</code>	The constraint coefficient of low rank component, default is 0.25
<code>niter</code>	The maximum number of iterations required for FISTA
<code>backtracking</code>	A boolean argument, indicating that use backtracking in the FISTA
<code>x.true</code>	A p by p matrix, the true model parameter. Only available for simulation.

**Value**

A S3 object of class LSVAR, including

**est\_phi** estimated model parameter

**sparse.comp** Estimated sparse component

**lr.comp** Estimated low-rank component

**obj.val** Values of objective function

**rel.err** Relative errors compared with the true model parameters if available

**Examples**

```
n <- 300
p <- 20
try <- testVAR(n, p, struct = "LS", signal = 0.75, rank = 2,
              singular_vals = c(1, 0.8))
data <- as.matrix(try$series)
lambda <- 0.1; mu <- 1
fit <- fista.LpS(data, lambda = lambda, mu = mu, x.true = try$model_param)
summary(fit, threshold = 0.2)
```

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gradf.func

*Gradient function of quadratic loss*


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**Description**

Gradient function of quadratic loss

**Usage**

```
gradf.func(x, AtA, Atb)
```

**Arguments**

x	A vector, or matrix, indicating the model parameter
AtA	A p by p Gram matrix for corresponding design matrix A
Atb	An inner product for design matrix A and corresponding matrix (vector) b

**Value**

Value of gradients

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nuclear.pen	<i>Nuclear norm penalty for low-rank component</i>
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**Description**

Nuclear norm penalty for low-rank component

**Usage**

```
nuclear.pen(x, lambda)
```

**Arguments**

x	Model parameter
lambda	Tuning parameter

**Value**

Value of nuclear norm penalty term

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obj.func	<i>Objective function</i>
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**Description**

objective function, main loss function and penalties

**Usage**

```
obj.func(x.lr, x.sparse, A, b, lambda, mu)
```

**Arguments**

x.lr	low-rank component
x.sparse	sparse component
A	design matrix
b	correspond vector
lambda	a tuning parameter for sparse component
mu	a tuning parameter for low-rank component

**Value**

value of objective function

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plot_network	<i>plot sparse component for use igraph and network layout</i>
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**Description**

Plot a network to illustrate the estimated sparse component

**Usage**

```
plot_network(mat, threshold = 0.1)
```

**Arguments**

mat	a p by p matrix, indicating the sparse component
threshold	the threshold for presenting the edges in the network

**Value**

A network plot for the sparse component

**Examples**

```
set.seed(1)
est_mats <- matrix(rnorm(400, 0, 1), 20, 20)
plot_network(est_mats, threshold = 0.1)
```

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prox.nuclear.func      *Proximal function with nuclear norm penalty updating*

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### Description

Proximal function with nuclear norm

### Usage

prox.nuclear.func(w1, y, A, b, L, lambda, AtA, Atb)

### Arguments

w1	previously updated model parameter
y	updated model parameter
A	design matrix
b	correspond vector, or matrix
L	learning rate
lambda	tuning parameter for low-rank component
AtA	Gram matrix of design matrix A
Atb	inner product of design matrix A and correspond vector b

### Value

Value of proximal function with nuclear norm penalty

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prox.sparse.func      *Proximal function with l1-norm penalty updating*

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### Description

Proximal function with l1-norm

### Usage

prox.sparse.func(w1, y, A, b, L, lambda, AtA, Atb)



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shrinkage	<i>Shrinkage function for sparse soft-thresholding</i>
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**Description**

Shrinkage function for sparse soft-thresholding

**Usage**

```
shrinkage(y, tau)
```

**Arguments**

y	A matrix, or a vector for thresholding
tau	A positive number, threshold

**Value**

A thresholded matrix, or vector

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shrinkage.lr	<i>Shrinkage function for low-rank soft-thresholding</i>
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**Description**

Shrinkage function for low-rank soft-thresholding

**Usage**

```
shrinkage.lr(y, tau)
```

**Arguments**

y	A matrix, or a vector for thresholding
tau	A positive number, threshold

**Value**

A thresholded matrix, or vector



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sparse.pen	<i>L1-norm penalty for sparse component</i>
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**Description**

L1-norm penalty for sparse component

**Usage**

```
sparse.pen(x, lambda)
```

**Arguments**

x	Model parameter
lambda	Tuning parameter

**Value**

Value of l1-norm penalty term

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summary.LSVAR	<i>Summary of LSVAR S3 class</i>
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**Description**

summary function for S3 class for the fitting result

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'LSVAR'
summary(object, threshold = 0.2, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	the S3 class object of LSVAR
threshold	the threshold for sparse component visualization
...	not in use

**Value**

A series of summary for the S3 result

**Examples**

```

n <- 300
p <- 20
try <- testVAR(n, p, struct = "LS", signal = 0.75, rank = 2,
              singular_vals = c(1, 0.8))
data <- as.matrix(try$series)
lambda <- 0.1; mu <- 1
fit <- fista.LpS(data, lambda = lambda, mu = mu, x.true = try$model_param)
summary(fit, threshold = 0.2)

```

testVAR

*Function to generate a VAR process***Description**

A function to generate synthetic time series process based on the given structure

**Usage**

```

testVAR(
  n,
  p,
  struct = c("sparse", "low rank", "LS")[1],
  sp_density = 0.1,
  signal = NULL,
  rank = NULL,
  singular_vals,
  spectral_radius = 0.9,
  sigma = NULL,
  skip = 50,
  seed = 1
)

```

**Arguments**

n	the length of time series
p	the number of multivariate time series
struct	a character string indicating the structure of the transition matrix, here are three options: sparse, low rank and LS (low rank plus sparse)
sp_density	a numeric value, indicating the sparsity density of sparse components, default is 0.1
signal	a numeric value, indicating the magnitude of transition matrix
rank	a positive integer, the rank for low rank component
singular_vals	a numeric vector, indicating the singular values for the low rank component, the length of singular value must equal to the rank

spectral_radius	a numeric value, controlling the stability of the process, default is 0.9
sigma	a numeric matrix, indicating the covariance matrix of noise term
skip	a numeric value, indicating the number of skipped time points in the beginning of the process
seed	an integer, indicating the seed for random seed.

**Value**

A list object, including

**series** the generated time series

**noise** the noise term

**model\_param** true transition matrix

**Examples**

```
n <- 300; p <- 15
signal <- 0.75
rank <- 3
singular_vals <- c(1, 0.75, 0.5)
try <- testVAR(n, p, struct = "LS", signal = signal, rank = rank,
              singular_vals = singular_vals)
data <- as.matrix(try$series)
```

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