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MN-package

*Matrix Normal Distribution*

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### Description

Density computation, random matrix generation and maximum likelihood estimation of the matrix normal distribution. For references see: Pocuca N., Gallagher M. P., Clark K. M. & McNicholas P. D. (2019). Assessing and Visualizing Matrix Variate Normality. arXiv:1910.02859 and the relevant wikipedia page.

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Density of the matrix normal distribution

*Density of the matrix normal distribution*

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### Description

Density of the matrix normal distribution.

### Usage

`dmn(X, M, U, V, logged = FALSE)`

**Arguments**

X	A list with k elements, k matrices of dimension $n \times p$ each. In the case of one matrix only, this may be given as a numerical matrix and not as an element in a list.
M	The mean matrix of the distribution, a numerical matrix of dimensions $n \times p$ .
U	The covariance matrix associated with the rows, a numerical matrix of dimensions $n \times n$ .
V	The covariance matrix associated with the columns, a numerical matrix of dimensions $p \times p$ .
logged	Should the logarithm of the density be computed?

**Value**

A numeric vector with the (logged) density values.

**Author(s)**

Omar Alzeley.

R implementation and documentation: Omar Alzeley <oazeley@uqu.edu.sa>.

**References**

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Matrix\\_normal\\_distribution#Definition](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Matrix_normal_distribution#Definition)

Pocuca, N., Gallagher, M. P., Clark, K. M., & McNicholas, P. D. (2019). Assessing and Visualizing Matrix Variate Normality. arXiv:1910.02859.

**See Also**

[rmn](#), [mn.mle](#), [ddplot](#)

**Examples**

```
M <- as.matrix(iris[1:8, 1:4])
U <- cov( matrix( rnorm(100 * 8), ncol = 8 ) )
V <- cov( iris[1:50, 1:4] )
X <- rmn(10, M, U, V)
dmn(X, M, U, V, TRUE)
```

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**Distance-Distance Plot***Distance-Distance Plot*

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**Description**

Distance-Distance Plot

**Usage**`ddplot(X, M, U, V)`**Arguments**

X	A list with k elements, k matrices of dimension $n \times p$ each. In the case of one matrix only, this may be given as a numerical matrix and not as an element in a list.
M	The mean matrix of the distribution, a numerical matrix of dimensions $n \times p$ .
U	The covariance matrix associated with the rows, a numerical matrix of dimensions $n \times n$ .
V	The covariance matrix associated with the columns, a numerical matrix of dimensions $p \times p$ .

**Details**

The distance-distance plot is produced. This is a scatter plot of the Mahalanobis distances computed using the estimated parameters from the multivariate normal and matrix normal distribution. See Pocuca et al. (2019) for more details.

**Value**

A scatter plot of the Mahalanobis distances.

**Author(s)**

Michail Tsagris and Omar Alzeley.

R implementation and documentation: Michail Tsagris <mtsagris@uoc.gr> and Omar Alzeley <oazeley@uqu.edu.sa>.

**References**

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**See Also**

[rmn](#), [mn.mle](#), [dmn](#), [ddkstest](#)

**Examples**

```
M <- as.matrix(iris[1:8, 1:4])
U <- cov( matrix( rnorm(100 * 8), ncol = 8 ) )
V <- cov( iris[1:50, 1:4] )
X <- rmn(100, M, U, V)
ddplot(X, M, U, V)
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Kolmogorov-Smirnov test for matrix normality

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**Description**

Kolmogorov-Smirnov test for matrix normality

**Usage**

```
ddkstest(X, M, U, V, alpha = 0.05)
```

**Arguments**

X	A list with k elements, k matrices of dimension $n$ times $p$ each. In the case of one matrix only, this may be given as a numerical matrix and not as an element in a list.
M	The mean matrix of the distribution, a numerical matrix of dimensions $n \times p$ .
U	The covariance matrix associated with the rows, a numerical matrix of dimensions $n \times n$ .
V	The covariance matrix associated with the columns, a numerical matrix of dimensions $p \times p$ .
alpha	The significance level for the test, set by default equal to 0.05.

**Details**

The Kolmogorov-Smirnov test for matrix normality is performed. See Pocuca (2019) for more details.

**Value**

A message. If the Kronecker product covariance structure is not present, the message reads "Reject" and "Not reject otherwise".

**Author(s)**

Michail Tsagris.

R implementation and documentation: Michail Tsagris <mtsagris@uoc.gr>.

**References**

Pocuca N., Gallagher M. P., Clark K. M. & McNicholas P. D. (2019). Assessing and Visualizing Matrix Variate Normality. arXiv:1910.02859.

**See Also**

[rmn](#), [mn.mle](#), [dmn](#), [ddplot](#)

**Examples**

```
M <- as.matrix(iris[1:8, 1:4])
U <- cov( matrix( rnorm(100 * 8), ncol = 8 ) )
V <- cov( iris[1:50, 1:4] )
X <- rmn(200, M, U, V)
ddkstest(X, M, U, V)
```

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Maximum likelihood estimation of the the matrix normal distribution

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**Description**

Maximum likelihood estimation of the the matrix normal distribution.

**Usage**

```
mn.mle(X)
```

**Arguments**

**X** A list with k elements (k is the sample size), k matrices of dimension  $n$  times  $p$  each.

**Value**

A list including:

<b>runtime</b>	The runtime required for the whole fitting procedure.
<b>iters</b>	The number of iterations required for the estimation of the U and V matrices.
<b>M</b>	The estimated mean matrix of the distribution, a numerical matrix of dimensions $n \times p$ .
<b>U</b>	The estimated covariance matrix associated with the rows, a numerical matrix of dimensions $n \times n$ .
<b>V</b>	The estimated covariance matrix associated with the columns, a numerical matrix of dimensions $p \times p$ .

**Author(s)**

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R implementation and documentation: Michail Tsagris <mtsagris@uoc.gr>.

**References**

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**See Also**

[dmn](#), [rmn](#), [ddplot](#)

**Examples**

```
M <- as.matrix(iris[1:8, 1:4])
U <- cov( matrix( rnorm(100 * 8), ncol = 8 ) )
V <- cov( iris[1:50, 1:4] )
X <- rmn(200, M, U, V)
mod <- mn.mle(X)
```

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Random matrices simulation from the matrix normal distribution

*Random matrices simulation from the matrix normal distribution*

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**Description**

Random matrices simulation from the matrix normal distribution.

**Usage**

```
rmn(k, M, U, V)
```

**Arguments**

k	The sample size, the number of matrices to simulate.
M	The mean matrix of the distribution, a numerical matrix of dimensions $n \times p$ .
U	The covariance matrix associated with the rows, a numerical matrix of dimensions $n \times n$ .
V	The covariance matrix associated with the columns, a numerical matrix of dimensions $p \times p$ .

**Value**

A list with k elements, k matrices of dimension  $n \times p$  each. These are the random matrices drawn from a matrix normal distribution.

**Author(s)**

Michail Tsagris.

R implementation and documentation: Michail Tsagris <[mtsagris@uoc.gr](mailto:mtsagris@uoc.gr)>.

**References**

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**Examples**

```
M <- as.matrix(iris[1:8, 1:4])
U <- cov( matrix( rnorm(100 * 8), ncol = 8 ) )
V <- cov( iris[1:50, 1:4] )
X <- rmn(10, M, U, V)
```



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