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ic_criterion	<i>Information criterion (IC1/IC2) for selecting number of factors</i>
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Description

Information criterion (IC1/IC2) for selecting number of factors

Usage

```
ic_criterion(  
  X,  
  r_max = 10,  
  ic_type = c("IC1", "IC2"),  
  data_type = "count",  
  C = NULL,  
  max_iter = 30,  
  verbose = FALSE  
)
```

Arguments

X	Data matrix (may contain missing values coded as NA)
r_max	Maximum number of factors to consider (default: 10)
ic_type	IC criterion type: "IC1" or "IC2" (default: "IC1")
data_type	Type of data: "continuous", "count", or "binary"
C	CJMLE projection constant (if NULL, auto-calculated)
max_iter	Maximum CJMLE iterations (default: 30)
verbose	Print progress information (default: FALSE)

Value

List with r_hat (optimal rank), ic_values, loglik_values

Examples

```
# Generate Poisson data with known rank
set.seed(2025)
n <- 100; p <- 100; r_true <- 2

# Generate true factors
F_true <- matrix(runif(n * r_true, min = -2, max = 2), n, r_true)
B_true <- matrix(runif(p * r_true, min = -2, max = 2), p, r_true)
M_true <- F_true %*% t(B_true)

# Generate Poisson observations
lambda <- exp(M_true)
X <- matrix(rpois(n * p, as.vector(lambda)), n, p)

# Add 10% missing values
n_missing <- floor(n * p * 0.1)
missing_idx <- sample(n * p, n_missing)
X[missing_idx] <- NA

# Use IC1 to select rank
result_IC1 <- ic_criterion(
  X = X,
  r_max = 6,
  ic_type = "IC1",
  data_type = "count",
  verbose = TRUE
)

print(paste("True rank:", r_true))
print(paste("Estimated rank (IC1):", result_IC1$r_hat))

# Use IC2 to select rank
result_IC2 <- ic_criterion(
  X = X,
  r_max = 6,
  ic_type = "IC2",
  data_type = "count",
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

identify

Identify factor decomposition via SVD

Description

Identify factor decomposition via SVD

Usage

```
identify(M, r)
```

Arguments

M	Matrix to decompose
r	Number of factors

Value

List with F (row factors) and B (column factors)

Examples

```
# Generate Poisson data
set.seed(123)
n0 <- 50; p0 <- 50; r <- 2
F_true <- matrix(runif(n0 * r, min = -2, max = 2), n0, r)
B_true <- matrix(runif(p0 * r, min = -2, max = 2), p0, r)
F_true <- F_true / sqrt(r)
B_true <- B_true / sqrt(r)
M_true <- F_true %*% t(B_true)

# Decompose using identify
result <- identify(M_true, r = 2)
F_hat <- result$F
B_hat <- result$B

# Check reconstruction
M_reconstructed <- F_hat %*% t(B_hat)
print(max(abs(M_reconstructed - M_true))) # Should be very small
```

relative_error

Calculate relative error between estimated and true matrices

Description

Calculate relative error between estimated and true matrices

Usage

```
relative_error(M_hat, M_true)
```

Arguments

M_hat	Estimated matrix
M_true	True matrix

Value

Relative Frobenius norm error

Examples

```
M_true <- matrix(1:9, 3, 3)
M_hat <- M_true + matrix(rnorm(9, 0, 0.1), 3, 3)
relative_error(M_hat, M_true)
```

source_detection	<i>Detect positive and negative transfer sources using ratio method</i>
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Description

Detect positive and negative transfer sources using ratio method

Usage

```
source_detection(
  X_sources,
  X0,
  r,
  C,
  C2,
  data_type = "count",
  c_penalty = 0.1,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

X_sources	List of source data matrices (may contain missing values)
X0	Target data matrix (complete)
r	Number of factors
C	CJMLE projection constant
C2	Refinement projection constant
data_type	Type of data: "continuous", "count", or "binary"
c_penalty	Penalty coefficient (default: 0.1)
verbose	Print progress information (default: TRUE)

Value

List with positive_sources, negative_sources, and diagnostic info

source_potential	<i>Identify potential sources based on rank comparison using IC criterion</i>
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Description

Identify potential sources based on rank comparison using IC criterion

Usage

```
source_potential(
  X_sources,
  X0,
  r_max = 10,
  ic_type = "IC1",
  data_type = "count",
  C = NULL,
  max_iter = 30,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

X_sources	List of source data matrices (may contain missing values)
X0	Target data matrix (may contain missing values)
r_max	Maximum number of factors to consider (default: 10)
ic_type	IC criterion type: "IC1" or "IC2" (default: "IC1")
data_type	Type of data: "continuous", "count", or "binary"
C	CJMLE projection constant (if NULL, auto-calculated)
max_iter	Maximum CJMLE iterations (default: 30)
verbose	Print progress information (default: TRUE)

Value

List with positive_potential_sources, negative_sources, r_target, r_sources

Examples

```
# Generate Poisson data
set.seed(2025)

# Generate 5 sources with different ranks
n1 <- 100; p1 <- 100
source_list <- list()

# Sources 1-2: rank 2 (same as target)
r_s <- 2
```

```

F_s <- matrix(runif(n1 * r_s, min = -2, max = 2), n1, r_s)
B_s <- matrix(runif(p1 * r_s, min = -2, max = 2), p1, r_s)
M_s <- F_s %*% t(B_s)
for (s in 1:2) {
  X_s <- matrix(rpois(n1 * p1, exp(M_s)), n1, p1)

  # Add 10% missing values
  n_missing <- floor(n1 * p1 * 0.1)
  missing_idx <- sample(n1 * p1, n_missing)
  X_s[missing_idx] <- NA

  source_list[[s]] <- X_s
}

# Sources 3-5: rank 3 (different from target)
for (s in 3:5) {
  r_s_negs <- 3
  F_s_negs <- matrix(runif(n1 * r_s_negs, min = -2, max = 2), n1, r_s_negs)
  B_s_negs <- matrix(runif(p1 * r_s_negs, min = -2, max = 2), p1, r_s_negs)
  M_s_negs <- F_s_negs %*% t(B_s_negs)
  X_s_negs <- matrix(rpois(n1 * p1, exp(M_s_negs)), n1, p1)

  n_missing <- floor(n1 * p1 * 0.1)
  missing_idx <- sample(n1 * p1, n_missing)
  X_s_negs[missing_idx] <- NA

  source_list[[s]] <- X_s_negs
}

# Target data: rank 2
n0 <- 50; p0 <- 50; r_target <- 2
M_target <- M_s[1:n0, 1:p0]
X_target <- matrix(rpois(n0 * p0, exp(M_target)), n0, p0)

# Identify potential sources
result <- source_potential(
  X_sources = source_list,
  X0 = X_target,
  r_max = 5,
  ic_type = "IC1",
  data_type = "count",
  verbose = TRUE
)

print(result$positive_potential_sources) # Should be c(1, 2)
print(result$negative_sources)          # Should be c(3, 4, 5)
print(result$r_target)                   # Should be 2
print(result$r_sources)                   # Should be c(2, 2, 3, 3, 3)

```

Description

Single source transfer learning for generalized factor models

Usage

```
transGFM(
  source_data,
  target_data,
  r,
  data_type = "count",
  lambda_seq = seq(0, 10, by = 1),
  K_cv = 3,
  sigma2 = 1,
  max_iter_cjmlc = 30,
  max_iter_refine = 30,
  max_iter_nuclear = 30,
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

source_data	Source data matrix (may contain missing values coded as NA)
target_data	Target data matrix (complete)
r	Number of factors
data_type	Type of data: "continuous", "count", or "binary"
lambda_seq	Sequence of lambda values for CV (default: seq(0, 10, by = 1))
K_cv	Number of CV folds (default: 3)
sigma2	Variance parameter for continuous data (default: 1)
max_iter_cjmlc	Maximum iterations for CJMLE (default: 30)
max_iter_refine	Maximum iterations for refinement (default: 30)
max_iter_nuclear	Maximum iterations for nuclear MLE (default: 100)
verbose	Print progress information (default: FALSE)

Value

List containing final estimate M_{trans} and intermediate results

Examples

```
# Generate Poisson data
set.seed(2025)

# Source data (100 x 100 with 10% missing)
n1 <- 100; p1 <- 100; r <- 2
```

```

F_source <- matrix(runif(n1 * r, min = -2, max = 2), n1, r)
B_source <- matrix(runif(p1 * r, min = -2, max = 2), p1, r)
M_source <- F_source %*% t(B_source)
lambda_source <- exp(M_source)
X_source <- matrix(rpois(n1 * p1, as.vector(lambda_source)), n1, p1)

# Add 10% missing values to source
n_missing <- floor(n1 * p1 * 0.1)
missing_idx <- sample(n1 * p1, n_missing)
X_source[missing_idx] <- NA

# Target data (50 x 50, complete)
n0 <- 50; p0 <- 50
M_target_true <- M_source[1:n0, 1:p0]
lambda_target <- exp(M_target_true)
X_target <- matrix(rpois(n0 * p0, as.vector(lambda_target)), n0, p0)

# Run transGFM
result <- transGFM(
  source_data = X_source,
  target_data = X_target,
  r = 2,
  data_type = "count",
  lambda_seq = seq(0, 5, by = 1),
  K_cv = 3,
  verbose = FALSE
)

# Check results
print(paste("Optimal lambda:", result$optimal_lambda))
print(paste("Final relative error:",
            relative_error(result$M_trans, M_target_true)))

```

transGFM_multi

Multiple source transfer learning for generalized factor models

Description

Multiple source transfer learning for generalized factor models

Usage

```

transGFM_multi(
  source_data_list,
  target_data,
  r,
  data_type = "count",
  method = "AD",
  lambda_seq = seq(0, 10, by = 1),

```

```

K_cv = 3,
sigma2 = 1,
max_iter_cjmle = 30,
max_iter_refine = 30,
max_iter_nuclear = 100,
verbose = FALSE
)

```

Arguments

source_data_list	List of source data matrices (may contain missing values)
target_data	Target data matrix (complete)
r	Number of factors
data_type	Type of data: "continuous", "count", or "binary"
method	Fusion method: "AD" (Average-Debias) or "DA" (Debias-Average)
lambda_seq	Sequence of lambda values for CV
K_cv	Number of CV folds
sigma2	Variance parameter for continuous data
max_iter_cjmle	Maximum iterations for CJMLE
max_iter_refine	Maximum iterations for refinement
max_iter_nuclear	Maximum iterations for nuclear MLE
verbose	Print progress information

Value

List containing final estimate and intermediate results

Examples

```

# Generate Poisson data
set.seed(2025)

# Generate 3 source datasets (100 x 100 with different missing rates)
n1 <- 100; p1 <- 100; r <- 2
source_list <- list()
F_s <- matrix(runif(n1 * r, min = -2, max = 2), n1, r)
B_s <- matrix(runif(p1 * r, min = -2, max = 2), p1, r)
M_s <- F_s %*% t(B_s)
for (s in 1:3) {
  X_s <- matrix(rpois(n1 * p1, exp(M_s)), n1, p1)

  # Add missing values (10%, 12%, 14% for sources 1-3)
  missing_rate <- 0.1 + (s - 1) * 0.02
  n_missing <- floor(n1 * p1 * missing_rate)
  missing_idx <- sample(n1 * p1, n_missing)
}

```

```
X_s[missing_idx] <- NA

source_list[[s]] <- X_s
}

# Target data (50 x 50, complete)
n0 <- 50; p0 <- 50
M_target_true <- M_s[1:n0, 1:p0]
X_target <- matrix(rpois(n0 * p0, exp(M_target_true)), n0, p0)

# Run transGFM_multi with AD method
result_AD <- transGFM_multi(
  source_data_list = source_list,
  target_data = X_target,
  r = 2,
  data_type = "count",
  method = "AD",
  lambda_seq = seq(0, 5, by = 1),
  K_cv = 3,
  verbose = FALSE
)

# Run transGFM_multi with DA method
result_DA <- transGFM_multi(
  source_data_list = source_list,
  target_data = X_target,
  r = 2,
  data_type = "count",
  method = "DA",
  verbose = FALSE
)

# Compare results
print(paste("AD method error:", relative_error(result_AD$M_trans, M_target_true)))
print(paste("DA method error:", relative_error(result_DA$M_trans, M_target_true)))
```

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