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**Description**

Methods for estimating online Robust Reduced-Rank Regression.

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ORRRR	<i>Online Robust Reduced-Rank Regression</i>
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**Description**

Online robust reduced-rank regression with two major estimation methods:

**SMM** Stochastic Majorisation-Minimisation

**SAA** Sample Average Approximation

**Usage**

```
ORRRR(
  y,
  x,
  z = NULL,
  mu = TRUE,
  r = 1,
  initial_size = 100,
  addon = 10,
  method = c("SMM", "SAA"),
  SAAMethod = c("optim", "MM"),
```

```

    ...,
    initial_A = matrix(rnorm(P * r), ncol = r),
    initial_B = matrix(rnorm(Q * r), ncol = r),
    initial_D = matrix(rnorm(P * R), ncol = R),
    initial_mu = matrix(rnorm(P)),
    initial_Sigma = diag(P),
    ProgressBar = requireNamespace("lazybar"),
    return_data = TRUE
)

```

### Arguments

<code>y</code>	Matrix of dimension $N \times P$ . The matrix for the response variables. See Detail.
<code>x</code>	Matrix of dimension $N \times Q$ . The matrix for the explanatory variables to be projected. See Detail.
<code>z</code>	Matrix of dimension $N \times R$ . The matrix for the explanatory variables not to be projected. See Detail.
<code>mu</code>	Logical. Indicating if a constant term is included.
<code>r</code>	Integer. The rank for the reduced-rank matrix $AB'$ . See Detail.
<code>initial_size</code>	Integer. The number of data points to be used in the first iteration.
<code>addon</code>	Integer. The number of data points to be added in the algorithm in each iteration after the first.
<code>method</code>	Character. The estimation method. Either "SMM" or "SAA". See Description and Detail.
<code>SAAmethod</code>	Character. The sub solver used in each iteration when the method is chosen to be "SAA". See Detail.
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments to function <code>optim</code> when the method is "SAA" and the SAAmethod is "optim" <code>RRRR</code> when the method is "SAA" and the SAAmethod is "MM"
<code>initial_A</code>	Matrix of dimension $P \times r$ . The initial value for matrix $A$ . See Detail.
<code>initial_B</code>	Matrix of dimension $Q \times r$ . The initial value for matrix $B$ . See Detail.
<code>initial_D</code>	Matrix of dimension $P \times R$ . The initial value for matrix $D$ . See Detail.
<code>initial_mu</code>	Matrix of dimension $P \times 1$ . The initial value for the constant $\mu$ . See Detail.
<code>initial_Sigma</code>	Matrix of dimension $P \times P$ . The initial value for matrix $\Sigma$ . See Detail.
<code>ProgressBar</code>	Logical. Indicating if a progress bar is shown during the estimation process. The progress bar requires package <code>dplyr</code> to work.
<code>return_data</code>	Logical. Indicating if the data used is return in the output. If set to TRUE, <code>update.RRRR</code> can update the model by simply provide new data. Set to FALSE to save output size.

## Details

The formulation of the reduced-rank regression is as follow:

$$y = \mu + AB'x + Dz + innov,$$

where for each realization  $y$  is a vector of dimension  $P$  for the  $P$  response variables,  $x$  is a vector of dimension  $Q$  for the  $Q$  explanatory variables that will be projected to reduce the rank,  $z$  is a vector of dimension  $R$  for the  $R$  explanatory variables that will not be projected,  $\mu$  is the constant vector of dimension  $P$ ,  $innov$  is the innovation vector of dimension  $P$ ,  $D$  is a coefficient matrix for  $z$  with dimension  $P * R$ ,  $A$  is the so called exposure matrix with dimension  $P * r$ , and  $B$  is the so called factor matrix with dimension  $Q * r$ . The matrix resulted from  $AB'$  will be a reduced rank coefficient matrix with rank of  $r$ . The function estimates parameters  $\mu$ ,  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $D$ , and  $Sigma$ , the covariance matrix of the innovation's distribution.

The algorithm is online in the sense that the data is continuously incorporated and the algorithm can update the parameters accordingly. See `?update.RRRR` for more details.

At each iteration of SAA, a new realisation of the parameters is achieved by solving the minimisation problem of the sample average of the desired objective function using the data currently incorporated. This can be computationally expensive when the objective function is highly nonconvex. The SMM method overcomes this difficulty by replacing the objective function by a well-chosen majorising surrogate function which can be much easier to optimise.

SMM method is robust in the sense that it assumes a heavy-tailed Cauchy distribution for the innovations.

## Value

A list of the estimated parameters of class ORRRR.

**method** The estimation method being used

**SAAMethod** If SAA is the major estimation method, what is the sub solver in each iteration.

**spec** The input specifications.  $N$  is the sample size.

**history** The path of all the parameters during optimization and the path of the objective value.

**mu** The estimated constant vector. Can be NULL.

**A** The estimated exposure matrix.

**B** The estimated factor matrix.

**D** The estimated coefficient matrix of  $z$ .

**Sigma** The estimated covariance matrix of the innovation distribution.

**obj** The final objective value.

**data** The data used in estimation if `return_data` is set to TRUE. NULL otherwise.

## Author(s)

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## See Also

`update.RRRR`, `RRRR`, `RRR`

## Examples

```
set.seed(2222)
data <- RRR_sim()
res <- ORRRR(y=data$y, x=data$x, z = data$z)
res
```

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plot.RRRR

*Plot Objective value of a Robust Reduced-Rank Regression*

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## Description

Plot Objective value of a Robust Reduced-Rank Regression

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'RRRR'
plot(x, aes_x = c("iteration", "runtime"), xlog10 = TRUE, ...)
```

## Arguments

x	An RRRR object.
aes_x	Either "iteration" or "runtime". The x axis in the plot.
xlog10	Logical, indicates whether the scale of x axis is log 10 transformed.
...	Additional argument to ggplot2.

## Value

An ggplot2 object

## Author(s)

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## Examples

```
set.seed(2222)
data <- RRR_sim()
res <- RRRR(y=data$y, x=data$x, z = data$z)
plot(res)
```

RRR

*Reduced-Rank Regression using Gaussian MLE***Description**

Gaussian Maximum Likelihood Estimation method for Reduced-Rank Regression. This method is not robust in the sense that it assumes a Gaussian distribution for the innovations which does not take into account the heavy-tailedness of the true distribution and outliers.

**Usage**

```
RRR(y, x, z = NULL, mu = TRUE, r = 1)
```

**Arguments**

<code>y</code>	Matrix of dimension $N \times P$ . The matrix for the response variables. See Detail.
<code>x</code>	Matrix of dimension $N \times Q$ . The matrix for the explanatory variables to be projected. See Detail.
<code>z</code>	Matrix of dimension $N \times R$ . The matrix for the explanatory variables not to be projected. See Detail.
<code>mu</code>	Logical. Indicating if a constant term is included.
<code>r</code>	Integer. The rank for the reduced-rank matrix $AB'$ . See Detail.

**Details**

The formulation of the reduced-rank regression is as follow:

$$y = \mu + AB'x + Dz + innov,$$

where for each realization  $y$  is a vector of dimension  $P$  for the  $P$  response variables,  $x$  is a vector of dimension  $Q$  for the  $Q$  explanatory variables that will be projected to reduce the rank,  $z$  is a vector of dimension  $R$  for the  $R$  explanatory variables that will not be projected,  $\mu$  is the constant vector of dimension  $P$ ,  $innov$  is the innovation vector of dimension  $P$ ,  $D$  is a coefficient matrix for  $z$  with dimension  $P \times R$ ,  $A$  is the so called exposure matrix with dimension  $P \times r$ , and  $B$  is the so called factor matrix with dimension  $Q \times r$ . The matrix resulted from  $AB'$  will be a reduced rank coefficient matrix with rank of  $r$ . The function estimates parameters  $\mu$ ,  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $D$ , and  $\Sigma$ , the covariance matrix of the innovation's distribution, assuming the innovation has a Gaussian distribution.

**Value**

A list of the estimated parameters of class RRR.

**spec** The input specifications.  $N$  is the sample size.

**mu** The estimated constant vector. Can be NULL.

**A** The estimated exposure matrix.

**B** The estimated factor matrix.

**D** The estimated coefficient matrix of  $z$ . Can be NULL.

**Sigma** The estimated covariance matrix of the innovation distribution.

**Author(s)**

Yangzhuoran Yang

**References**

S. Johansen, "Estimation and Hypothesis Testing of Cointegration Vectors in Gaussian Vector Autoregressive Models," *Econometrica*, vol. 59, p. 1551, Nov. 1991.

**See Also**

For robust reduced-rank regression estimation see function [RRRR](#).

**Examples**

```
set.seed(2222)
data <- RRR_sim()
res <- RRR(y=data$y, x=data$x, z = data$z)
res
```

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RRRR

*Robust Reduced-Rank Regression using Majorisation-Minimisation*

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**Description**

Majorisation-Minimisation based Estimation for Reduced-Rank Regression with a Cauchy Distribution Assumption. This method is robust in the sense that it assumes a heavy-tailed Cauchy distribution for the innovations. This method is an iterative optimization algorithm. See References for a similar setting.

**Usage**

```
RRRR(  
  y,  
  x,  
  z = NULL,  
  mu = TRUE,  
  r = 1,  
  itr = 100,  
  earllystop = 1e-04,  
  initial_A = matrix(rnorm(P * r), ncol = r),  
  initial_B = matrix(rnorm(Q * r), ncol = r),  
  initial_D = matrix(rnorm(P * R), ncol = R),  
  initial_mu = matrix(rnorm(P)),  
  initial_Sigma = diag(P),  
  return_data = TRUE  
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>y</code>	Matrix of dimension $N \times P$ . The matrix for the response variables. See Detail.
<code>x</code>	Matrix of dimension $N \times Q$ . The matrix for the explanatory variables to be projected. See Detail.
<code>z</code>	Matrix of dimension $N \times R$ . The matrix for the explanatory variables not to be projected. See Detail.
<code>mu</code>	Logical. Indicating if a constant term is included.
<code>r</code>	Integer. The rank for the reduced-rank matrix $AB'$ . See Detail.
<code>itr</code>	Integer. The maximum number of iteration.
<code>earlystop</code>	Scalar. The criteria to stop the algorithm early. The algorithm will stop if the improvement on objective function is small than $earlystop * objective\_from\_ast\_iteration$ .
<code>initial_A</code>	Matrix of dimension $P \times r$ . The initial value for matrix $A$ . See Detail.
<code>initial_B</code>	Matrix of dimension $Q \times r$ . The initial value for matrix $B$ . See Detail.
<code>initial_D</code>	Matrix of dimension $P \times R$ . The initial value for matrix $D$ . See Detail.
<code>initial_mu</code>	Matrix of dimension $P \times 1$ . The initial value for the constant $mu$ . See Detail.
<code>initial_Sigma</code>	Matrix of dimension $P \times P$ . The initial value for matrix Sigma. See Detail.
<code>return_data</code>	Logical. Indicating if the data used is return in the output. If set to TRUE, update.RRRR can update the model by simply provide new data. Set to FALSE to save output size.

**Details**

The formulation of the reduced-rank regression is as follow:

$$y = \mu + AB'x + Dz + innov,$$

where for each realization  $y$  is a vector of dimension  $P$  for the  $P$  response variables,  $x$  is a vector of dimension  $Q$  for the  $Q$  explanatory variables that will be projected to reduce the rank,  $z$  is a vector of dimension  $R$  for the  $R$  explanatory variables that will not be projected,  $\mu$  is the constant vector of dimension  $P$ ,  $innov$  is the innovation vector of dimension  $P$ ,  $D$  is a coefficient matrix for  $z$  with dimension  $P \times R$ ,  $A$  is the so called exposure matrix with dimension  $P \times r$ , and  $B$  is the so called factor matrix with dimension  $Q \times r$ . The matrix resulted from  $AB'$  will be a reduced rank coefficient matrix with rank of  $r$ . The function estimates parameters  $\mu$ ,  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $D$ , and  $Sigma$ , the covariance matrix of the innovation's distribution, assuming the innovation has a Cauchy distribution.

**Value**

A list of the estimated parameters of class RRRR.

**spec** The input specifications.  $N$  is the sample size.

**history** The path of all the parameters during optimization and the path of the objective value.

**mu** The estimated constant vector. Can be NULL.

**A** The estimated exposure matrix.

**B** The estimated factor matrix.



**D** The estimated coefficient matrix of  $z$ .

**Sigma** The estimated covariance matrix of the innovation distribution.

**obj** The final objective value.

**data** The data used in estimation if `return_data` is set to TRUE. NULL otherwise.

### Author(s)

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### References

Z. Zhao and D. P. Palomar, "Robust maximum likelihood estimation of sparse vector error correction model," in 2017 IEEE Global Conference on Signal and Information Processing (GlobalSIP), pp. 913–917, IEEE, 2017.

### Examples

```
set.seed(2222)
data <- RRR_sim()
res <- RRRR(y=data$y, x=data$x, z = data$z)
res
```

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RRR\_sim

*Simulating data for Reduced-Rank Regression*

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### Description

Simulate data for Reduced-rank regression. See `Detail` for the formulation of the simulated data.

### Usage

```
RRR_sim(
  N = 1000,
  P = 3,
  Q = 3,
  R = 1,
  r = 1,
  mu = rep(0.1, P),
  A = matrix(rnorm(P * r), ncol = r),
  B = matrix(rnorm(Q * r), ncol = r),
  D = matrix(rnorm(P * R), ncol = R),
  varcov = diag(P),
  innov = rmvtnorm::rmvt(N, sigma = varcov, df = 3),
  mean_x = 0,
  mean_z = 0,
  x = NULL,
  z = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

N	Integer. The total number of simulated realizations.
P	Integer. The dimension of the response variable matrix. See Detail.
Q	Integer. The dimension of the explanatory variable matrix to be projected. See Detail.
R	Integer. The dimension of the explanatory variable matrix not to be projected. See Detail.
r	Integer. The rank of the reduced rank coefficient matrix. See Detail.
mu	Vector with length P. The constants. Can be NULL to drop the term. See Detail.
A	Matrix with dimension P*r. The exposure matrix. See Detail.
B	Matrix with dimension Q*r. The factor matrix. See Detail.
D	Matrix with dimension P*R. The coefficient matrix for z. Can be NULL to drop the term. See Detail.
varcov	Matrix with dimension P*P. The covariance matrix of the innovation. See Detail.
innov	Matrix with dimension N*P. The innovations. Default to be simulated from a Student t distribution, See Detail.
mean_x	Integer. The mean of the normal distribution $x$ is simulated from.
mean_z	Integer. The mean of the normal distribution $z$ is simulated from.
x	Matrix with dimension N*Q. Can be used to specify $x$ instead of simulating form a normal distribution.
z	Matrix with dimension N*R. Can be used to specify $z$ instead of simulating form a normal distribution.

**Details**

The data simulated can be used for the standard reduced-rank regression testing with the following formulation

$$y = \mu + AB'x + Dz + innov,$$

where for each realization  $y$  is a vector of dimension  $P$  for the  $P$  response variables,  $x$  is a vector of dimension  $Q$  for the  $Q$  explanatory variables that will be projected to reduce the rank,  $z$  is a vector of dimension  $R$  for the  $R$  explanatory variables that will not be projected,  $\mu$  is the constant vector of dimension  $P$ ,  $innov$  is the innovation vector of dimension  $P$ ,  $D$  is a coefficient matrix for  $z$  with dimension  $P * R$ ,  $A$  is the so called exposure matrix with dimension  $P * r$ , and  $B$  is the so called factor matrix with dimension  $Q * r$ . The matrix resulted from  $AB'$  will be a reduced rank coefficient matrix with rank of  $r$ . The function simulates  $x$ ,  $z$  from multivariate normal distribution and  $y$  by specifying parameters  $\mu$ ,  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $D$ , and  $varcov$ , the covariance matrix of the innovation's distribution. The constant  $\mu$  and the term  $Dz$  can be dropped by setting NULL for arguments  $\mu$  and  $D$ . The  $innov$  in the argument is the collection of innovations of all the realizations.

**Value**

A list of the input specifications and the data  $y$ ,  $x$ , and  $z$ , of class RRR\_data.

**y** Matrix of dimension N\*P

**x** Matrix of dimension N\*Q

**z** Matrix of dimension N\*R

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**Examples**

```
set.seed(2222)
data <- RRR_sim()
```

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update.RRRR

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*Update the RRRR/ORRRR type model with addition data*


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**Description**

update.RRRR will update online robust reduced-rank regression model with class RRRR/ORRRR using newly added data to achieve online estimation. Estimation methods:

**SMM** Stochastic Majorisation-Minimisation

**SAA** Sample Average Approximation

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'RRRR'
update(
  object,
  newy,
  newx,
  newz = NULL,
  addon = object$spec$addon,
  method = object$method,
  SAAMethod = object$SAAMethod,
  ...,
  ProgressBar = requireNamespace("dplyr")
)
```

**Arguments**

object	A model with class RRRR/ORRRR
newy	Matrix of dimension $N \times P$ , the new data y. The matrix for the response variables. See Detail.
newx	Matrix of dimension $N \times Q$ , the new data x. The matrix for the explanatory variables to be projected. See Detail.
newz	Matrix of dimension $N \times R$ , the new data z. The matrix for the explanatory variables not to be projected. See Detail.
addon	Integer. The number of data points to be added in the algorithm in each iteration after the first.

method	Character. The estimation method. Either "SMM" or "SAA". See Description.
SAAmethod	Character. The sub solver used in each iteration when the method is chosen to be "SAA". See Detail.
...	Additional arguments to function optim when the method is "SAA" and the SAAmethod is "optim" RRRR when the method is "SAA" and the SAAmethod is "MM"
ProgressBar	Logical. Indicating if a progress bar is shown during the estimation process. The progress bar requires package dplyr to work.

### Details

The formulation of the reduced-rank regression is as follow:

$$y = \mu + AB'x + Dz + innov,$$

where for each realization  $y$  is a vector of dimension  $P$  for the  $P$  response variables,  $x$  is a vector of dimension  $Q$  for the  $Q$  explanatory variables that will be projected to reduce the rank,  $z$  is a vector of dimension  $R$  for the  $R$  explanatory variables that will not be projected,  $\mu$  is the constant vector of dimension  $P$ ,  $innov$  is the innovation vector of dimension  $P$ ,  $D$  is a coefficient matrix for  $z$  with dimension  $P * R$ ,  $A$  is the so called exposure matrix with dimension  $P * r$ , and  $B$  is the so called factor matrix with dimension  $Q * r$ . The matrix resulted from  $AB'$  will be a reduced rank coefficient matrix with rank of  $r$ . The function estimates parameters  $\mu$ ,  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $D$ , and  $Sigma$ , the covariance matrix of the innovation's distribution.

See ?ORRRR for details about the estimation methods.

### Value

A list of the estimated parameters of class ORRRR.

**method** The estimation method being used

**SAAmethod** If SAA is the major estimation method, what is the sub solver in each iteration.

**spec** The input specifications.  $N$  is the sample size.

**history** The path of all the parameters during optimization and the path of the objective value.

**mu** The estimated constant vector. Can be NULL.

**A** The estimated exposure matrix.

**B** The estimated factor matrix.

**D** The estimated coefficient matrix of  $z$ .

**Sigma** The estimated covariance matrix of the innovation distribution.

**obj** The final objective value.

**data** The data used in estimation.

### Author(s)

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**See Also**

ORRRR, RRRR, RRR

**Examples**

```
set.seed(2222)
data <- RRR_sim()
newdata <- RRR_sim(A = data$spec$A,
                  B = data$spec$B,
                  D = data$spec$D)
res <- ORRRR(y=data$y, x=data$x, z = data$z)
res <- update(res, newy=newdata$y, newx=newdata$x, newz=newdata$z)
res
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