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factorstochvol-package

*Bayesian Estimation of (Sparse) Latent Factor Stochastic Volatility Models through MCMC*

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## Description

This package provides a Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) sampler for fully Bayesian estimation of latent factor stochastic volatility models. Sparsity can be achieved through the usage of Normal-Gamma priors on the factor loadings matrix.

## Details

In recent years, multivariate factor stochastic volatility (SV) models have been increasingly used to analyze financial and economic time series because they can capture joint (co-)volatility dynamics by a small number of latent time-varying factors. The main advantage of such a model is its parsimony, as all variances and covariances of a time series vector are governed by a low-dimensional common factor with the components following independent SV models. For problems of this kind, MCMC is a very efficient estimation method, it is however associated with a considerable computational burden when the number of assets is moderate to large. To overcome this, the latent volatility states are drawn "all without a loop" (AWOL), ancillarity-sufficiency interweaving strategies (ASIS) are applied to sample the univariate components as well as the factor loadings. Thus, this package can be applied directly estimate time-varying covariance and correlation matrices for medium-and high-dimensional time series. To guarantee sparsity, a hierarchical Normal-Gamma prior can be used for the factor loadings matrix which shrinks the unnecessary factor loadings towards zero.

## Note

This package is currently in active development; the interface of some of the functions might change. Moreover, even though I tried to carefully check everything, factorstochvol may still contain typos, inconsistencies, or even bugs. Your comments and suggestions are warmly welcome!

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**See Also**[stochvol](#)**Examples**

```
set.seed(1)

# simulate data from a (small) factor SV model:
sim <- fsvsim(series = 5, factors = 2)

# estimate the model (CAVEAT: only few draws!)
res <- fsvsample(sim$y, factors = 2, draws = 2000, burnin = 500)

# plot implied volas overtime:
votimeplot(res)

# plot correlation matrix at some points in time:
par(mfrow = c(2,2))
corimageplot(res, seq(1, nrow(sim$y), length.out = 4),
             fsvsimobj = sim, plotCI = 'circle',
             plotdatedist = -2)

# plot (certain) covariances and correlations over time
par(mfrow = c(2,1))
covtimeplot(res, 1)
cortimeplot(res, 1)

# plot (all) correlations over time
corplot(res, fsvsimobj = sim, these = 1:10)

# plot factor loadings
par(mfrow = c(1,1))
facloadpointplot(res, fsvsimobj = sim)
facloadpairplot(res)
facloadcredplot(res)
facloaddensplot(res, fsvsimobj = sim)

# plot latent log variances
logvartimeplot(res, fsvsimobj = sim, show = "fac")
logvartimeplot(res, fsvsimobj = sim, show = "idi")

# plot communalities over time
comtimeplot(res, fsvsimobj = sim, show = 'joint')
comtimeplot(res, fsvsimobj = sim, show = 'series')
```

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| comtimeplot | <i>Plot communalities over time.</i> |
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### Description

comtimeplot plots the communalities over time, i.e. the series-specific percentage of variance explained through the common factors.

### Usage

```
comtimeplot(  
  x,  
  fsvsimobj = NULL,  
  show = "series",  
  maxrows = 5,  
  ylim = c(0, 100)  
)
```

### Arguments

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| x         | Object of class 'fsvdraws', usually resulting from a call to <a href="#">fsvsample</a> .                        |
| fsvsimobj | Object of class 'fsvsim' (or NULL), usually resulting from a call to <a href="#">fsvsim</a> . Defaults to NULL. |
| show      | Indicator whether to show joint ('joint'), series-specific ('series'), or both ('both') communalities.          |
| maxrows   | Single positive integer denoting the maximum number of series in each plot. Defaults to 5.                      |
| ylim      | Vector of length two denoting the range of the horizontal axis. Defaults to 1.                                  |

### Details

This function displays the joint (average) communalities over time and all series-specific communalities. If communalities haven't been stored during sampling, comtimeplot produces an error.

### Value

Returns x invisibly.

### See Also

Other plotting: [corimageplot\(\)](#), [corplot\(\)](#), [cortimeplot\(\)](#), [evdiag\(\)](#), [facloadcredplot\(\)](#), [facloaddensplot\(\)](#), [facloadpairplot\(\)](#), [facloadpointplot\(\)](#), [facloadtraceplot\(\)](#), [logvartimeplot\(\)](#), [paratraceplot\(\)](#), [plot.fsvdraws\(\)](#), [plotalot\(\)](#), [voltimeplot\(\)](#)

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| corelement | <i>Extract "true" model-implied correlations of two series only</i> |
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### Description

corelement extracts the model-implied (time-varying) correlations between (exactly) two component series.

### Usage

```
corelement(x, i, j, these = seq_len(nrow(x$y)))
```

### Arguments

|       |  |
|-------|--|
| x     | Object of class 'fsvsim', usually resulting from a call of the function <a href="#">fsvsim</a> . |
| i     | Index of component series 1.   |
| j     | Index of component series 2.   |
| these | Vector indicating which points in time should be extracted.                                      |

### Value

Vector with the requested correlations.

### See Also

Other simulation: [cormat.fsvsim\(\)](#), [covelement\(\)](#), [covmat.fsvsim\(\)](#)

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|--------------|---|
| corimageplot | <i>Plot correlation matrices for certain points in time</i> |
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### Description

corimageplot plots the model-implied correlation matrices for one or several points in time.

### Usage

```
corimageplot(
  x,
  these = seq_len(nrow(x$y)),
  order = "original",
  these4order = these,
  plotdatedist = 0,
  plotCI = "n",
  date.cex = 1.5,
  col = NULL,
```

```

    fsvsimobj = NULL,
    plottype = "corrplot",
    ...
)

```

### Arguments

|                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| <code>x</code>            | Object of class 'fsvdraws', usually resulting from a call to <a href="#">fsvsample</a> .  |
| <code>these</code>        | Index vector containing the time points to plot. Defaults to <code>seq_len(nrow(x\$y))</code> .   |
| <code>order</code>        | String, where 'none' and 'original' indicate not to mess with the series ordering. Other keywords (e.g. 'hclust') will be forwarded to <a href="#">corrMatOrder</a> .                           |
| <code>these4order</code>  | Index vector containing the time points used for ordering. Probably, the default (these) is what you want.  |
| <code>plotdatedist</code> | Numerical value indicating where the dates should be plotted.   |
| <code>plotCI</code>       | String. If not equal to 'n', posterior credible regions are added (posterior mean +/- 2 posterior sd). Ignored if <code>plottype</code> is "imageplot".   |
| <code>date.cex</code>     | Size multiplier for the dates.  |
| <code>col</code>          | Color palette or NULL (the default).  |
| <code>fsvsimobj</code>    | To indicate data generating values in case of simulated data, pass an object of type <code>fsvsim</code> (usually the result of a call to <a href="#">fsvsim</a> ).                             |
| <code>plottype</code>     | Indicates which type of plot should be drawn. Can be "corrplot" for <a href="#">corrplot</a> (recommended for up to around 20 series), or "imageplot" for a simpler <a href="#">image</a> plot. |
| <code>...</code>          | Additional parameters will be passed on to <a href="#">corrplot</a> . Ignored if <code>plottype</code> is "imageplot".  |

### Value

Returns `x` invisibly.

### Note

If correlations haven't been stored during sampling, `corimageplot` produces an error.

### See Also

Other plotting: [comtimeplot\(\)](#), [corplot\(\)](#), [cortimeplot\(\)](#), [evdiag\(\)](#), [facloadcredplot\(\)](#), [facloaddensplot\(\)](#), [facloadpairplot\(\)](#), [facloadpointplot\(\)](#), [facloadtraceplot\(\)](#), [logvartimeplot\(\)](#), [paratraceplot\(\)](#), [plot.fsvdraws\(\)](#), [plotalot\(\)](#), [voltimeplot\(\)](#)

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| cormat | <i>Generic extraction of correlation matrix</i> |
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### Description

Generic function for extracting model-implied correlation matrices, either from the MCMC output, or from the simulated model. Details about the function's behavior can be found in [cormat.fsvdraws](#) (the function invoked when applied to MCMC output) or [cormat.fsvsim](#) (the function invoked when applied to a simulated model).

### Usage

```
cormat(x, ...)
```

### Arguments

|     |  |
|-----|--|
| x   | An object of class fsvdraws or fsvsim. |
| ... | Arguments to be passed to methods.     |

### Value

Structure containing the model-implied covariance matrix.

### See Also

Other generics: [covmat\(\)](#)

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|-----------------|--|
| cormat.fsvdraws | <i>Extract posterior draws of the model-implied correlation matrix</i> |
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### Description

cormat extracts draws from the model-implied correlation matrix from an fsvdraws object for all points in time which have been stored.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'fsvdraws'
cormat(x, timepoints = "all", ...)
```

### Arguments

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| x          | Object of class 'fsvdraws', usually resulting from a call of <a href="#">fsvsample</a> .  |
| timepoints | Vector indicating at which point(s) in time (of those that have been stored during sampling) the correlation matrices should be extracted. Can also be "all" or "last". |
| ...        | Ignored.  |

**Value**

Array of dimension  $m$  times  $m$  times  $\text{draws}$  times  $\text{timepoints}$  containing the posterior draws for the model-implied covariance matrix.

**Note**

Currently crudely implemented as a double loop in pure R, may be slow.

**See Also**

Other extractors: [covmat.fsvdraws\(\)](#), [runningcormat\(\)](#), [runningcovmat\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
set.seed(1)
sim <- fsvsim(n = 500, series = 3, factors = 1) # simulate
res <- fsvsample(sim$y, factors = 1, keeptime = "all") # estimate
cors <- cormat(res, "last") # extract

# Trace plot of determinant of posterior correlation matrix
# at time t = n = 500:
detdraws <- apply(cors[,,1], 3, det)
ts.plot(detdraws)
abline(h = mean(detdraws), col = 2)           # posterior mean
abline(h = median(detdraws), col = 4)        # posterior median
abline(h = det(cormat(sim, "last")[,1]), col = 3) # implied by DGP

# Trace plot of draws from posterior correlation of Sim1 and Sim2 at
# time t = n = 500:
ts.plot(cors[1,2,,1])
abline(h = cormat(sim, "last")[1,2,1], col = 3) # "true" value

# Smoothed kernel density estimate:
plot(density(cors[1,2,,1], adjust = 2))

# Summary statistics:
summary(cors[1,2,,1])
```

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cormat.fsvsim

*Extract "true" model-implied correlation matrix for several points in time*

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**Description**

cormat extracts the model-implied (time-varying) covariance matrix from an fsvsim object.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'fsvsim'
cormat(x, timepoints = "all", ...)
```

**Arguments**

|                         |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| <code>x</code>          | Object of class 'fsvsim', usually resulting from a call of the function <a href="#">fsvsim</a> .                       |
| <code>timepoints</code> | Vector indicating at which point(s) in time the correlation matrices should be extracted. Can also be "all" or "last". |
| <code>...</code>        | Ignored.   |

**Value**

Array of dimension  $m$  times  $m$  times  $\text{length}(\text{timepoints})$ , containing the model-implied correlation matrix.

**Note**

Currently crudely implemented as an R loop over all time points, may be slow.

**See Also**

Other simulation: [corelement\(\)](#), [covelement\(\)](#), [covmat.fsvsim\(\)](#)

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corplot

*Plots pairwise correlations over time*

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**Description**

corplot gives an overview of (certain) pairwise correlations. Throws a warning if these haven't been stored during sampling.

**Usage**

```
corplot(
  x,
  fsvsimobj = NULL,
  these = 1:(ncol(x$y) * (ncol(x$y) - 1)/2),
  start = 1,
  end = nrow(x$y),
  maxrows = 10,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| <code>x</code>         | Object of class 'fsvdraws', usually resulting from a call to <a href="#">fsvsample</a> .  |
| <code>fsvsimobj</code> | To indicate data generating values in case of simulated data, pass an object of type <code>fsvsim</code> (usually the result of a call to <a href="#">fsvsim</a> ). |
| <code>these</code>     | Indicator which correlations should be plotted. Default is all.   |
| <code>start</code>     | First point in time to plot.  |
| <code>end</code>       | Last point in time to plot.   |
| <code>maxrows</code>   | The maximum number of rows per page.  |
| <code>...</code>       | Other arguments will be passed on to <a href="#">ts.plot</a> .  |

**Value**

Returns `x` invisibly.

**See Also**

Other plotting: [comtimeplot\(\)](#), [corimageplot\(\)](#), [cortimeplot\(\)](#), [evdiag\(\)](#), [facloadcredplot\(\)](#), [facloaddensplot\(\)](#), [facloadpairplot\(\)](#), [facloadpointplot\(\)](#), [facloadtraceplot\(\)](#), [logvartimeplot\(\)](#), [paratraceplot\(\)](#), [plot.fsvdraws\(\)](#), [plotalot\(\)](#), [voltimeplot\(\)](#)

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| <code>cortimeplot</code> | <i>Plot correlations over time.</i> |
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**Description**

`cortimeplot` draws correlations over time.

**Usage**

```
cortimeplot(
  x,
  series,
  these = seq_len(nrow(x$y)),
  type = "cor",
  statistic = "mean"
)

covtimeplot(
  x,
  series,
  these = seq_len(nrow(x$y)),
  type = "cov",
  statistic = "mean"
)
```

**Arguments**

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| <code>x</code>         | Object of class 'fsvdraws', usually resulting from a call to <a href="#">fsvsample</a> .            |
| <code>series</code>    | Single number, coercible to integer. Indicates the series relative to which correlations are drawn. |
| <code>these</code>     | Index vector containing the time points to plot. Defaults to <code>seq_len(nrow(x\$y))</code> .     |
| <code>type</code>      | What to plot, usually "cor" or "cov".   |
| <code>statistic</code> | Which posterior summary should be plotted, usually "mean".  |

**Details**

This function displays one component series' time-varying correlations with the other components series. Throws an error if correlations haven't been stored during sampling.

**Value**

Returns `x` invisibly.

**See Also**

Other plotting: [comtimeplot\(\)](#), [corimageplot\(\)](#), [corplot\(\)](#), [evdiag\(\)](#), [facloadcredplot\(\)](#), [facloaddensplot\(\)](#), [facloadpairplot\(\)](#), [facloadpointplot\(\)](#), [facloadtraceplot\(\)](#), [logvartimeplot\(\)](#), [paratraceplot\(\)](#), [plot.fsvdraws\(\)](#), [plotalot\(\)](#), [voltimeplot\(\)](#)

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covelement

*Extract "true" model-implied covariances of two series only*

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**Description**

`covelement` extracts the model-implied (time-varying) covariances between (exactly) two component series.

**Usage**

```
covelement(x, i, j, these = seq_len(nrow(x$y)))
```

**Arguments**

|                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| <code>x</code>     | Object of class 'fsvsim', usually resulting from a call of the function <a href="#">fsvsim</a> . |
| <code>i</code>     | Index of component series 1.   |
| <code>j</code>     | Index of component series 2.   |
| <code>these</code> | Vector indicating which points in time should be extracted, defaults to all.                     |

**Value**

Vector with the requested covariances.

**See Also**

Other simulation: [corelement\(\)](#), [cormat.fsvsim\(\)](#), [covmat.fsvsim\(\)](#)

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 covmat

*Generic extraction of covariance matrix*


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**Description**

Generic function for extracting model-implied covariance matrices, either from the MCMC output, or from the simulated model. Details about the function's behavior can be found in [covmat.fsvdraws](#) (the function invoked when applied to MCMC output) or [covmat.fsvsim](#) (the function invoked when applied to a simulated model).

**Usage**

```
covmat(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x                    An object of class `fsvdraws` or `fsvsim`.  
 ...                  Arguments to be passed to methods.

**Value**

Structure containing the model-implied covariance matrix.

**See Also**

Other generics: [cormat\(\)](#)

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 covmat.fsvdraws

*Extract posterior draws of the model-implied covariance matrix*


---

**Description**

`covmat` extracts draws from the model-implied covariance matrix from an `fsvdraws` object for all points in time which have been stored.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'fsvdraws'
covmat(x, timepoints = "all", ...)
```

**Arguments**

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| <code>x</code>          | Object of class 'fsvdraws', usually resulting from a call of <a href="#">fsvsample</a> .  |
| <code>timepoints</code> | Vector indicating at which point(s) in time (of those that have been stored during sampling) the correlation matrices should be extracted. Can also be "all" or "last". |
| <code>...</code>        | Ignored.  |

**Value**

Array of dimension `m` times `m` times `draws` times `timepoints` containing the posterior draws for the model-implied covariance matrix.

**Note**

Currently crudely implemented as a double loop in pure R, may be slow.

**See Also**

Other extractors: [cormat.fsvdraws\(\)](#), [runningcormat\(\)](#), [runningcovmat\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
set.seed(1)
sim <- fsvsim(n = 500, series = 3, factors = 1) # simulate
res <- fsvsample(sim$y, factors = 1, keeptime = "all") # estimate
covs <- covmat(res, "last") # extract

# Trace plot of determinant of posterior covariance matrix
# at time t = n = 500:
detdraws <- apply(covs[, , 1], 3, det)
ts.plot(detdraws)
abline(h = mean(detdraws), col = 2)           # posterior mean
abline(h = median(detdraws), col = 4)        # posterior median
abline(h = det(covmat(sim, "last")[, 1]), col = 3) # implied by DGP

# Trace plot of draws from posterior covariance of Sim1 and Sim2 at
# time t = n = 500:
ts.plot(covs[1, 2, 1])
abline(h = covmat(sim, "last")[1, 2, 1], col = 3) # "true" value

# Smoothed kernel density estimate:
plot(density(covs[1, 2, 1], adjust = 2))

# Summary statistics:
summary(covs[1, 2, 1])
```

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|---------------|--|
| covmat.fsvsim | <i>Extract "true" model-implied covariance matrix for several points in time</i> |
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**Description**

covmat extracts the model-implied (time-varying) covariance matrix from an fsvsim object.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'fsvsim'
covmat(x, timepoints = "all", ...)
```

**Arguments**

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| x          | Object of class 'fsvsim', usually resulting from a call of the function <a href="#">fsvsim</a> .                       |
| timepoints | Vector indicating at which point(s) in time the correlation matrices should be extracted. Can also be "all" or "last". |
| ...        | Ignored.   |

**Value**

Array of dimension  $m$  times  $m$  times  $\text{length}(\text{timepoints})$ , containing the model-implied covariance matrix.

**Note**

Currently crudely implemented as an R loop over all time points, may be slow.

**See Also**

Other simulation: [corelement\(\)](#), [cormat.fsvsim\(\)](#), [covelement\(\)](#)

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| evdiag | <i>Plots posterior draws and posterior means of the eigenvalues of crossprod(facload)</i> |
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**Description**

evdiag computes, returns, and visualizes the eigenvalues of  $\text{crossprod}(\text{facload})$ . This can be used as a rough guide to choose the numbers of factors in a model.

**Usage**

```
evdiag(x)
```

**Arguments**

`x` Object of class 'fsvdraws', usually resulting from a call to `fsvsample`.

**Value**

Invisibly returns a matrix with posterior samples of the eigenvalues of `crossprod(facload)`

**Note**

Experimental feature. Please be aware that - for the sake of simplicity and interpretability - both the time-varying idiosyncratic as well as the time-varying factor volatilities are simply ignored.

**See Also**

Other plotting: `comtimeplot()`, `corimageplot()`, `corplot()`, `cortimeplot()`, `facloadcredplot()`, `facloaddensplot()`, `facloadpairplot()`, `facloadpointplot()`, `facloadtraceplot()`, `logvartimeplot()`, `paratraceplot()`, `plot.fsvdraws()`, `plotalot()`, `voltimeplot()`

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expweightcov

*Computes the empirical exponentially weighted covariance matrix*

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**Description**

A common way to get estimates for time-varying covariance matrices is the compute the exponentially weighted empirical covariance matrix.

**Usage**

```
expweightcov(dat, alpha = 4/126, hist = 180)
```

**Arguments**

`dat` Matrix containing the data, with `n` rows (points in time) and `m` columns (component series).

`alpha` Speed of decay.

`hist` How far to go back in time?

**Value**

A `m` times `m` covariance matrix estimate.

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| facloadcredplot | <i>Displays bivariate marginal posterior distribution of factor loadings.</i> |
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**Description**

facloadcredplot illustrates the bivariate marginals of the factor loadings distribution. It is a monochrome variant of [facloadpairplot](#).

**Usage**

```
facloadcredplot(x, quant = c(0.01, 0.99))
```

**Arguments**

|       |  |
|-------|--|
| x     | Object of class 'fsvdraws', usually resulting from a call to <a href="#">fsvsample</a> . |
| quant | Posterior quantiles to be plotted.   |

**Value**

Returns x invisibly.

**See Also**

Other plotting: [comtimeplot\(\)](#), [corimageplot\(\)](#), [corplot\(\)](#), [cortimeplot\(\)](#), [evdiag\(\)](#), [facloaddensplot\(\)](#), [facloadpairplot\(\)](#), [facloadpointplot\(\)](#), [facloadtraceplot\(\)](#), [logvartimeplot\(\)](#), [paratraceplot\(\)](#), [plot.fsvdraws\(\)](#), [plotalot\(\)](#), [voltimeplot\(\)](#)

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| facloaddensplot | <i>Density plots of factor loadings draws</i> |
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**Description**

facloaddensplot draws kernel smoothed density plots of the marginal factor loadings posterior.

**Usage**

```
facloaddensplot(x, fsvsimobj = NULL, rows = 5, thesecols = NULL, xlim = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| x         | Object of class 'fsvdraws', usually resulting from a call to <a href="#">fsvsample</a> .   |
| fsvsimobj | To indicate data generating values in case of simulated data, pass an object of type fsvsim (usually the result of a call to <a href="#">fsvsim</a> ). |
| rows      | Number of rows per page.   |
| thesecols | Which factor loadings columns should be plotted? Defaults to 1:r.  |
| xlim      | Vector of length two containing lower and upper bounds of the horizontal axis. If NULL, these are automatically determined.                            |

**Value**

Returns `x` invisibly.

**See Also**

Other plotting: [comtimeplot\(\)](#), [corimageplot\(\)](#), [corplot\(\)](#), [cortimeplot\(\)](#), [evdiag\(\)](#), [facloadcredplot\(\)](#), [facloadpairplot\(\)](#), [facloadpointplot\(\)](#), [facloadtraceplot\(\)](#), [logvartimeplot\(\)](#), [paratraceplot\(\)](#), [plot.fsvdraws\(\)](#), [plotalot\(\)](#), [voltimeplot\(\)](#)

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| facloadpairplot | <i>Displays bivariate marginal posterior distributions of factor loadings.</i> |
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**Description**

`facloadpairplot` illustrates the bivariate marginals of the factor loadings distribution. For a monochrome variant, see [facloadcredplot](#).

**Usage**

```
facloadpairplot(x, maxpoints = 500, alpha = 20/maxpoints, cex = 3)
```

**Arguments**

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| <code>x</code>         | Object of class 'fsvdraws', usually resulting from a call to <a href="#">fsvsample</a> .   |
| <code>maxpoints</code> | The maximum amount of posterior draws to plot. If the number of draws stored in <code>x</code> exceeds this number, draws are thinned accordingly. |
| <code>alpha</code>     | Level of transparency.   |
| <code>cex</code>       | Controls the size of the dots.   |

**Value**

Returns `x` invisibly.

**See Also**

Other plotting: [comtimeplot\(\)](#), [corimageplot\(\)](#), [corplot\(\)](#), [cortimeplot\(\)](#), [evdiag\(\)](#), [facloadcredplot\(\)](#), [facloaddensplot\(\)](#), [facloadpointplot\(\)](#), [facloadtraceplot\(\)](#), [logvartimeplot\(\)](#), [paratraceplot\(\)](#), [plot.fsvdraws\(\)](#), [plotalot\(\)](#), [voltimeplot\(\)](#)

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facloadpointplot      *Displays point estimates of the factor loadings posterior.*

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### Description

facloadpointplot illustrates point estimates (mean, median, ...) of the estimated factor loadings matrix.

### Usage

```
facloadpointplot(
  x,
  fsvsimobj = NULL,
  statistic = "median",
  cex = 6.5,
  alpha = 0.2,
  allpairs = FALSE,
  col = NULL
)
```

### Arguments

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| x         | Object of class 'fsvdraws', usually resulting from a call to <a href="#">fsvsample</a> .   |
| fsvsimobj | To indicate data generating values in case of simulated data, pass an object of type fsvsim (usually the result of a call to <a href="#">fsvsim</a> ). |
| statistic | Character string indicating which posterior statistic should be displayed.   |
| cex       | Controls the size of the dots.   |
| alpha     | Controls the level of transparency.  |
| allpairs  | Logical value; if set to TRUE, all possible pairwise combinations will be plotted.   |
| col       | Vector of length m (number of component series), containing <a href="#">rgb</a> -type color codes used for plotting. Will be recycled if necessary.    |

### Value

Returns x invisibly, throws a warning if there aren't any factors to plot.

### See Also

Other plotting: [comtimeplot\(\)](#), [corimageplot\(\)](#), [corplot\(\)](#), [cortimeplot\(\)](#), [evdiag\(\)](#), [facloadcredplot\(\)](#), [facloaddensplot\(\)](#), [facloadpairplot\(\)](#), [facloadtraceplot\(\)](#), [logvartimeplot\(\)](#), [paratraceplot\(\)](#), [plot.fsvdraws\(\)](#), [plotalot\(\)](#), [voltimeplot\(\)](#)

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facloadtraceplot      *Trace plots of factor loadings draws*

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### Description

facloadtraceplot draws trace plots of the factor loadings. Can be an important tool to check MCMC convergence if inference about (certain) factor loadings sought.

### Usage

```
facloadtraceplot(  
  x,  
  fsvsimobj = NULL,  
  thinning = NULL,  
  maxrows = 10,  
  ylim = NULL  
)
```

### Arguments

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| x         | Object of class 'fsvdraws', usually resulting from a call to <a href="#">fsvsample</a> .   |
| fsvsimobj | To indicate data generating values in case of simulated data, pass an object of type fsvsim (usually the result of a call to <a href="#">fsvsim</a> ). |
| thinning  | Plot every thinningth draw.  |
| maxrows   | Indicates the maximum number of rows to be drawn per page.   |
| ylim      | Vector of length two containing lower and upper bounds of the vertical axis. If NULL, these are automatically determined.                              |

### Value

Returns x invisibly.

### See Also

Other plotting: [comtimeplot\(\)](#), [corimageplot\(\)](#), [corplot\(\)](#), [cortimeplot\(\)](#), [evdiag\(\)](#), [facloadcredplot\(\)](#), [facloaddensplot\(\)](#), [facloadpairplot\(\)](#), [facloadpointplot\(\)](#), [logvartimeplot\(\)](#), [paratraceplot\(\)](#), [plot.fsvdraws\(\)](#), [plotalot\(\)](#), [voltimeplot\(\)](#)

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`findrestrict`*Ad-hoc method for (weakly) identifying the factor loadings matrix*

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### Description

In factor SV models, the identification of the factor loadings matrix is often chosen through a preliminary static factor analysis. After a maximum likelihood factor model is fit to the data, variables are ordered as follows: The variable with the lowest loadings on all factors except the first (relative to it) is determined to lead the first factor, the variable with the lowest loadings on all factors except the first two (relative to these) is determined to lead the second factor, etc.

### Usage

```
findrestrict(dat, factors, transload = abs, relto = "all")
```

### Arguments

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| <code>dat</code>       | Matrix containing the data, with $n$ rows (points in time) and $m$ columns (component series).  |
| <code>factors</code>   | Number of factors to be used.   |
| <code>transload</code> | Function for transforming the estimated factor loadings before ordering. Defaults to the absolute value function.   |
| <code>relto</code>     | Can be 'none', 'current' or 'all'. If 'none', the series with the highest loadings is placed first, the series with the second highest is placed second, and so on. If 'current', the current factor loading is used as a reference, if 'all', all previous loadings are summed up to be the reference. |

### Value

A  $m$  times `factors` matrix indicating the restrictions.

### Note

This function is automatically invoked by `fsvsample` if `restrict` is set to 'auto'.

### See Also

`ledermann`

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 fsvsample

*Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) Sampling for the Factor Stochastic Volatility Model.*


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### Description

fsvsample simulates from the joint posterior distribution and returns the MCMC draws. It is the main workhorse to conduct inference for factor stochastic volatility models in this package.

### Usage

```
fsvsample(
  y,
  factors = 1,
  draws = 1000,
  thin = 1,
  burnin = 1000,
  restrict = "none",
  zeromean = TRUE,
  priorfacloadtype = "rowwiseng",
  priorfacload = 0.1,
  priorng = c(1, 1),
  priormu = c(0, 10),
  priorphiidi = c(10, 3),
  priorphifac = c(10, 3),
  priorsigmaidi = 1,
  priorsigmafac = 1,
  priorh0idi = "stationary",
  priorh0fac = "stationary",
  priorbeta = c(0, 10000),
  keeptime = "last",
  heteroskedastic = TRUE,
  priorhomoskedastic = NA,
  runningstore = 6,
  runningstorethin = 10,
  runningstoremoments = 2,
  signident = TRUE,
  signswitch = FALSE,
  interweaving = 4,
  quiet = FALSE,
  samplefac = TRUE,
  startfac,
  startpara,
  startlogvar,
  startlatent,
  startlogvar0,
  startlatent0,
```

```

    startfacload,
    startfacloadvar,
    expert
)

```

### Arguments

|                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| <code>y</code>                | Data matrix. Each of $m$ columns is assumed to contain a single (univariate) series of length $n$ .   |
| <code>factors</code>          | Number of latent factors to be estimated.   |
| <code>draws</code>            | Number of MCMC draws kept after burn-in.  |
| <code>thin</code>             | Single number greater or equal to 1, coercible to integer. Every $\text{thin}$ th MCMC draw is kept and returned. The default value is 1, corresponding to no thinning of the draws, i.e. every draw is stored.   |
| <code>burnin</code>           | Number of initial MCMC draws to be discarded.   |
| <code>restrict</code>         | Either "upper", "none", or "auto", indicating whether the factor loadings matrix should be restricted to have zeros above the diagonal ("upper"), whether all elements should be estimated from the data ("none"), or whether the function <code>findrestrict</code> should be invoked for a priori finding suitable zeros. Setting <code>restrict</code> to "upper" or "auto" often stabilizes MCMC estimation and can be important for identifying the factor loadings matrix, however, it generally is a strong prior assumption. Setting <code>restrict</code> to "none" is usually the preferred option if identification of the factor loadings matrix is of less concern but covariance estimation or prediction is the goal. Alternatively, <code>restrict</code> can be a logical matrix of dimension $c(m, r)$ indicating which elements should be unrestricted (where <code>restrict</code> is FALSE) or zero (where <code>restrict</code> is TRUE). |
| <code>zeromean</code>         | Logical. If FALSE, a constant mean is included in the model for each of the $m$ univariate series. If TRUE, the mean is not modeled. Defaults to TRUE.  |
| <code>priorfacloadtype</code> | Can be "normal", "rowwiseng", "colwiseng". <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"normal": Normal prior. The value of <code>priorfacload</code> is interpreted as the standard deviations of the Gaussian prior distributions for the factor loadings.</li> <li>"rowwiseng": Row-wise Normal-Gamma prior. The value of <code>priorfacload</code> is interpreted as the shrinkage parameter <math>a</math>.</li> <li>"colwiseng": Column-wise Normal-Gamma prior. The value of <code>priorfacload</code> is interpreted as the shrinkage parameter <math>a</math>.</li> </ul> For details please see Kastner (2019).  |
| <code>priorfacload</code>     | Either a matrix of dimensions $m$ times <code>factors</code> with positive elements or a single number (which will be recycled accordingly). The meaning of <code>priorfacload</code> depends on the setting of <code>priorfacloadtype</code> and is explained there.   |
| <code>priorng</code>          | Two-element vector with positive entries indicating the Normal-Gamma prior's hyperparameters $c$ and $d$ .  |
| <code>priormu</code>          | Vector of length 2 denoting prior mean and standard deviation for unconditional levels of the idiosyncratic log variance processes.   |

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|---------------------------------|--|
| <code>priorphiidi</code>        | Vector of length 2, indicating the shape parameters for the Beta prior distributions of the transformed parameters $(\phi+1)/2$ , where $\phi$ denotes the persistence of the idiosyncratic log variances.   |
| <code>priorphifac</code>        | Vector of length 2, indicating the shape parameters for the Beta prior distributions of the transformed parameters $(\phi+1)/2$ , where $\phi$ denotes the persistence of the factor log variances.  |
| <code>priorsigmaidi</code>      | Vector of length $m$ containing the prior volatilities of log variances. If <code>priorsigmaidi</code> has exactly one element, it will be recycled for all idiosyncratic log variances.   |
| <code>priorsigmafac</code>      | Vector of length <code>factors</code> containing the prior volatilities of log variances. If <code>priorsigmafac</code> has exactly one element, it will be recycled for all factor log variances.   |
| <code>priorh0idi</code>         | Vector of length 1 or $m$ , containing information about the Gaussian prior for the initial idiosyncratic log variances. If an element of <code>priorh0idi</code> is a nonnegative number, the conditional prior of the corresponding initial log variance $h_0$ is assumed to be Gaussian with mean 0 and standard deviation <code>priorh0idi</code> times $\sigma$ . If an element of <code>priorh0idi</code> is the string 'stationary', the prior of the corresponding initial log volatility is taken to be from the stationary distribution, i.e. $h_0$ is assumed to be Gaussian with mean 0 and variance $\sigma^2/(1-\phi^2)$ .           |
| <code>priorh0fac</code>         | Vector of length 1 or <code>factors</code> , containing information about the Gaussian prior for the initial factor log variances. If an element of <code>priorh0fac</code> is a nonnegative number, the conditional prior of the corresponding initial log variance $h_0$ is assumed to be Gaussian with mean 0 and standard deviation <code>priorh0fac</code> times $\sigma$ . If an element of <code>priorh0fac</code> is the string 'stationary', the prior of the corresponding initial log volatility is taken to be from the stationary distribution, i.e. $h_0$ is assumed to be Gaussian with mean 0 and variance $\sigma^2/(1-\phi^2)$ . |
| <code>priorbeta</code>          | numeric vector of length 2, indicating the mean and standard deviation of the Gaussian prior for the regression parameters. The default value is <code>c(0, 10000)</code> , which constitutes a very vague prior for many common datasets. Not used if <code>zeromean</code> is TRUE.  |
| <code>keeptime</code>           | Either a number coercible to a positive integer, or a string equal to "all" or "last". If a number different from 1 is provided, only every <code>keeptimeth</code> latent log-volatility is being monitored. If, e.g., <code>keeptime = 3</code> , draws for the latent log variances $h_1, h_4, h_7, \dots$ will be kept. If <code>keeptime</code> is set to "all", this is equivalent to setting it to 1. If <code>keeptime</code> is set to "last" (the default), only draws for the very last latent log variances $h_n$ are kept.  |
| <code>heteroskedastic</code>    | Vector of length 1, 2, or $m + \text{factors}$ , containing logical values indicating whether time-varying ( <code>heteroskedastic = TRUE</code> ) or constant ( <code>heteroskedastic = FALSE</code> ) variance should be estimated. If <code>heteroskedastic</code> is of length 2 it will be recycled accordingly, whereby the first element is used for all idiosyncratic variances and the second element is used for all factor variances.   |
| <code>priorhomoskedastic</code> | Only used if at least one element of <code>heteroskedastic</code> is set to FALSE. In that case, <code>priorhomoskedastic</code> must be a matrix with positive entries and dimension <code>c(m, 2)</code> . Values in column 1 will be interpreted as the shape and values in   |

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|                     | column 2 will be interpreted as the rate parameter of the corresponding inverse gamma prior distribution of the idiosyncratic variances.  |
| runningstore        | <p>Because most machines these days do not have enough memory to store all draws for all points in time, setting <code>runningstore</code> to an integer greater than 0 will cause <code>fsvsample</code> to store the first <code>runningstore</code> moments ergodic moments of certain variables of interest. More specifically, mean, variance, skewness, etc. will be stored for certain variables if <code>runningstore</code> is set to a value...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <math>\geq 1</math>: Latent log variances <math>h_1, h_2, \dots, h_{(n+r)}</math>.</li> <li>• <math>\geq 2</math>: Latent factors <math>f_1, \dots, f_r</math>.</li> <li>• <math>\geq 3</math>: Latent volatilities <math>\sqrt{\exp(h_1, h_2, \dots, h_{(n+r)})}</math>.</li> <li>• <math>\geq 4</math>: Conditional covariance matrix and the square roots of its diagonal elements.</li> <li>• <math>\geq 5</math>: Conditional correlation matrix.</li> <li>• <math>\geq 6</math>: Communalities, i.e. proportions of variances explained through the common factors.</li> </ul> |
| runningstorethin    | How often should the calculation of running moments be conducted? Set to a value $> 1$ if you want to avoid time consuming calculations at every MCMC iteration.  |
| runningstoremoments | Selects how many running moments (up to 4) should be calculated.  |
| signident           | If set to <code>FALSE</code> , no ex-post sign-identification is performed. Defaults to <code>TRUE</code> .   |
| signswitch          | Set to <code>TRUE</code> to turn on a random sign switch of factors and loadings. Note that the signs of each factor loadings matrix column and the corresponding factor cannot be identified from the likelihood.  |
| interweaving        | <p>The following values for interweaving the factor loadings are accepted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0: No interweaving.</li> <li>• 1: Shallow interweaving through the diagonal entries.</li> <li>• 2: Deep interweaving through the diagonal entries.</li> <li>• 3: Shallow interweaving through the largest absolute entries in each column.</li> <li>• 4: Deep interweaving through the largest absolute entries in each column.</li> </ul> <p>For details please see Kastner et al. (2017). A value of 4 is the highly recommended default.</p>   |
| quiet               | Logical value indicating whether the progress bar and other informative output during sampling should be omitted. The default value is <code>FALSE</code> , implying verbose output.  |
| samplefac           | If set to <code>FALSE</code> , the factors are not sampled (but remain at their starting values forever). This might be useful if one wants to include observed factors instead of latent ones.   |
| startfac            | <i>optional</i> numeric matrix of dimension $c(\text{factors}, n)$ , containing the starting values of the latent factors. In case of a single factor model, a numeric vector of length $n$ is also accepted.   |

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| startpara       | <i>optional</i> numeric matrix of dimension $c(3, m + \text{factors})$ , containing the starting values for the parameter draws. The first $m$ columns must contain parameter values corresponding to the idiosyncratic volatilities, the subsequent factor columns must contain parameter values corresponding to the factor volatilities. The first row of startpara corresponds to $\mu$ , the level of the log variances (can be arbitrary numerical values), the second row corresponds to $\phi$ , the persistence parameters of the log variances (numeric values between $-1$ and $1$ ), and the third row corresponds to $\sigma$ (positive numeric values).   |
| startlogvar     | <i>optional</i> numeric matrix of dimension $c(n, m + \text{factors})$ , containing the starting values of the latent log variances. The first $m$ rows correspond to the idiosyncratic log variances, the subsequent factor rows correspond to the factor log variances. Was previously called startlatent.  |
| startlatent     | <i>Deprecated.</i> Please use startlogvar instead.  |
| startlogvar0    | <i>optional</i> numeric vector of length $m + \text{factors}$ , containing the starting values of the initial latent log variances. The first $m$ elements correspond to the idiosyncratic log variances, the subsequent factor elements correspond to the factor log variances. Was previously called startlatent0.  |
| startlatent0    | <i>Deprecated.</i> Please use startlogvar0 instead.   |
| startfacload    | <i>optional</i> numeric matrix of dimension $c(m, \text{factors})$ , containing the starting values of the factor loadings. In case of a single factor model, a numeric vector of length $n$ is also accepted.  |
| startfacloadvar | <i>optional</i> numeric matrix of dimension $c(m, \text{factors})$ , containing the starting values of the factor loadings variances $\tau_{ij}^2$ . Used only when the normal-gamma prior is employed (priorfacloadtype != "normal") while ignored when static loadings variances are used (priorfacloadtype == "normal").   |
| expert          | <i>optional</i> named list of expert parameters for the univariate SV models (will be transformed and passed to the stochvol package). For most applications, the default values probably work best. Interested users are referred to Kastner and Frühwirth-Schnatter (2014), the package vignette, and Kastner (2016). If expert is provided, it may contain the following named elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>parameterization: Character string equal to "centered", "noncentered", "GIS_C", or "GIS_NC". Defaults to "GIS_C".</li> <li>mhcontrol: Single numeric value controlling the proposal density of a Metropolis-Hastings (MH) update step when sampling <math>\sigma</math>. If mhcontrol is smaller than 0, an independence proposal will be used, while values greater than zero control the stepsize of a log-random-walk proposal. Defaults to <math>-1</math>.</li> <li>gammaprior: Single logical value indicating whether a Gamma prior for <math>\sigma^2</math> should be used. If set to FALSE, an Inverse Gamma prior is employed. Defaults to TRUE.</li> <li>truncnormal: Single logical value indicating whether a truncated Gaussian distribution should be used as proposal for draws of <math>\phi</math>. If set to FALSE, a regular Gaussian prior is employed and the draw is immediately discarded when values outside the unit ball happen to be drawn. Defaults to FALSE.</li> </ul> |

- `mhsteps`: Either 1, 2, or 3. Indicates the number of blocks used for drawing from the posterior of the parameters. Defaults to 2.
- `proposalvar4sigmaphi`: Single positive number indicating the conditional prior variance of  $\sigma \times \phi$  in the ridge *proposal* density for sampling  $(\mu, \phi)$ . Defaults to  $10^8$ .
- `proposalvar4sigmatheta`: Single positive number indicating the conditional prior variance of  $\sigma \times \theta$  in the ridge *proposal* density for sampling  $(\mu, \phi)$ . Defaults to  $10^{12}$ .

## Details

For details concerning the factor SV algorithm please see Kastner et al. (2017), details about the univariate SV estimation can be found in Kastner and Frühwirth-Schnatter (2014).

## Value

The value returned is a list object of class `fsvdraws` holding

- `facload`: Array containing draws from the posterior distribution of the factor loadings matrix.
- `fac`: Array containing factor draws from the posterior distribution.
- `logvar`: Array containing idiosyncratic and factor initial log variance draws.
- `logvar0`: Array containing idiosyncratic and factor log variance draws.
- `para`: Array containing parameter draws from the posterior distribution.
- `y`: Matrix containing the data supplied.
- `latestauxiliary`: List containing the latest draws of auxiliary quantities used for sampling the factor loadings matrix.
- `runningstore`: List whose elements contain ergodic moments of certain variables of interest. See argument `runningstore` for details about what is being stored here.
- `config`: List containing information on configuration parameters.
- `priors`: List containing prior hyperparameter values.
- `identifier`: Matrix containing the indices of the series used for ex-post sign-identification along with the corresponding minimum distances to zero. See `signident` for details.

To display the output, use `print`, `plot`, and in particular specialized extractors and printing functions. The `print` method prints a high-level overview; specialized extractors such as `covmat` or `runningcovmat` are also available. The `plot` method invokes a simple covariance matrix plot; specialized plotting functions are linked in the documentation of `plot.fsvdraws`.

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## Examples

```
# Load exchange rate data (ships with stochvol):
data(exrates, package = "stochvol")
exrates$date <- NULL

# Compute the percentage log returns:
dat <- 100 * logret(exrates)

# We are going to fit a one-factor model so the ordering is irrelevant
# NOTE that these are very few draws, you probably want more...
res <- fsvsample(dat, factors = 2, draws = 2000, burnin = 1000,
  runningstore = 6, zeromean = FALSE)

voltimeplot(res)

corimageplot(res, nrow(dat), plotCI = 'circle')

oldpar <- par(ask = TRUE)
plot(res)
par(oldpar)
pairs(t(res$beta[1:4, ]))
```

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fsvsim

*Simulate data from a factor SV model*

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## Description

fsvsim generates simulated data from a factor SV model.

## Usage

```
fsvsim(
  n = 1000,
  series = 10,
  factors = 1,
  facload = "dense",
  idipara,
  facpara,
  heteroskedastic = rep(TRUE, series + factors),
```

```

    df = Inf
  )

```

### Arguments

|                              |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| <code>n</code>               | Length of the series to be generated.  |
| <code>series</code>          | Number of component series $m$ .   |
| <code>factors</code>         | Number of factors $r$ .  |
| <code>facload</code>         | Can either be a matrix of dimension $m$ times $r$ or one of the keywords "dense" and "sparse". If "dense" is chosen, a (rather) dense lower triangular factor loadings matrix is randomly generated. If "sparse" is chosen, a (rather) sparse lower triangular factor loadings matrix is randomly generated. |
| <code>idipara</code>         | <i>Optional</i> matrix of idiosyncratic SV parameters to be used for simulation. Must have exactly three columns containing the values of $\mu$ , $\phi$ and $\sigma$ for each of $m$ series, respectively. If omitted, plausible values are generated.  |
| <code>facpara</code>         | <i>Optional</i> matrix of idiosyncratic SV parameters to be used for simulation. Must have exactly two columns containing the values of $\phi$ and $\sigma$ for each of $r$ factors, respectively. If omitted, plausible values are generated.   |
| <code>heteroskedastic</code> | Logical vector of length $m+r$ . When TRUE, time-varying volatilities are generated; when FALSE, constant volatilities (equal to $\mu$ ) are generated.  |
| <code>df</code>              | If not equal to Inf, the factors are misspecified (come from a t distribution instead of a Gaussian). Only used for testing.   |

### Value

The value returned is a list object of class `fsvsim` holding

- `y`The simulated data, stored in a  $n$  times  $m$  matrix with colnames 'Sim1', 'Sim2', etc.
- `fac`The simulated factors, stored in a  $r$  times  $r$  matrix.
- `facload`Factor loadings matrix.
- `facvol`Latent factor log-variances for times 1 to  $n$ .
- `facvol0`Initial factor log-variances for time 0.
- `facpara`The parameters of the factor volatility processes.
- `idivol`Latent idiosyncratic log-variances for times 1 to  $n$ .
- `idivol0`Initial idiosyncratic log-variances for time 0.
- `idipara`The parameters of the idiosyncratic volatility processes.

### Note

This object can be passed to many plotting functions to indicate the data generating processes when visualizing results.

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| ledermann | <i>Ledermann bound for the number of factors</i> |
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**Description**

In the static factor case, the Ledermann bound is the largest integer rank for which a unique decomposition of the covariance matrix is possible. (This is the largest possible number of factors which can be used for [factanal](#).)

**Usage**

```
ledermann(m)
```

**Arguments**

|   |                             |
|---|-----------------------------|
| m | Number of component series. |
|---|-----------------------------|

**Value**

The Ledermann bound, a nonnegative integer.

**See Also**

preorder

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| logret | <i>Compute the log returns of a vector-valued time series</i> |
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**Description**

logret computes the log returns of a multivariate time series, with optional de-meaning.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'matrix'
logret(dat, demean = FALSE, standardize = FALSE, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'data.frame'
logret(dat, demean = FALSE, standardize = FALSE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| dat         | The raw data, a matrix or data frame with n (number of timepoints) rows and m (number of component series) columns.                                |
| demean      | Logical value indicating whether the data should be de-meanned.  |
| standardize | Logical value indicating whether the data should be standardized (in the sense that each component series has an empirical variance equal to one). |
| ...         | Ignored.   |

**Value**

Matrix containing the log returns of the (de-meaned) data.

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| logvarimeplot | <i>Plot log-variances over time.</i> |
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**Description**

logvarimeplot plots the idiosyncratic and factor log-variances over time.

**Usage**

```
logvarimeplot(x, fsvsimobj = NULL, show = "both", maxrows = 5)
```

**Arguments**

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| x         | Object of class 'fsvdraws', usually resulting from a call to <a href="#">fsvsample</a> .  |
| fsvsimobj | To indicate data generating values in case of simulated data, pass an object of type fsvsim (usually the result of a call to <a href="#">fsvsim</a> ).  |
| show      | If set to "fac", only factor log-volatilities will be displayed. If set to "idi", only idiosyncratic log-volatilities will be displayed. If set to "both", factor log-volatilities will be drawn first, followed by the idiosyncratic log-volatilities. |
| maxrows   | Indicates the maximum number of rows to be drawn per page.  |

**Details**

This function displays the posterior distribution (mean  $\pm 2$ sd) of log-variances of both the factors and the idiosyncratic series. If these haven't been stored during sampling, logvarimeplot produces an error.

**Value**

Returns x invisibly.

**See Also**

Other plotting: [comtimeplot\(\)](#), [corimageplot\(\)](#), [corplot\(\)](#), [cortimeplot\(\)](#), [evdiag\(\)](#), [facloadcredplot\(\)](#), [facloaddensplot\(\)](#), [facloadpairplot\(\)](#), [facloadpointplot\(\)](#), [facloadtraceplot\(\)](#), [paratraceplot\(\)](#), [plot.fsvdraws\(\)](#), [plotalot\(\)](#), [voltimeplot\(\)](#)

orderident

*A posteriori factor order identification*

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**Description**

orderident provides some (very ad-hoc) methods for identifying the ordering of the factors after running the (unrestricted) MCMC sampler by ordering according to the argument method.

**Usage**

```
orderident(x, method = "summed")
```

**Arguments**

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| x      | Object of class 'fsvdraws', usually resulting from a call to <a href="#">fsvsample</a> .  |
| method | Methods currently supported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <code>summean</code> Sort by sum of mean loadings (descending).</li><li>• <code>summeaninv</code> Sort by sum of mean loadings (ascending).</li><li>• <code>summeanabs</code> Sort by sum of mean absolute loadings (descending).</li><li>• <code>summed</code> Sort by sum of median loadings (descending).</li><li>• <code>summedinv</code> Sort by sum of median loadings (ascending).</li><li>• <code>summedabs</code> Sort by sum of median absolute loadings (descending).</li><li>• <code>maxmed</code> Sort by maximum median loadings (descending).</li><li>• <code>maxmedinv</code> Sort by maximum median loadings (ascending).</li><li>• <code>maxmedrel</code> Sort by maximum median loadings, relative to the sum of all median loadings on that factor (descending).</li><li>• <code>maxmedabsrel</code> Sort by maximum absolute median loadings, relative to the sum of all median loadings on that factor (descending).</li></ul> |

**Value**

Returns an object of class 'fsvdraws' with adjusted ordering.

**See Also**

Other postprocessing: [signident\(\)](#)

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| paratraceplot | <i>Trace plots of parameter draws.</i> |
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**Description**

paratraceplot draws trace plots of all parameters ( $\mu$ ,  $\phi$ ,  $\sigma$ ). Can be an important tool to check MCMC convergence if inference about (certain) parameters is sought.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'fsvdraws'
paratraceplot(x, fsvsimobj = NULL, thinning = NULL, maxrows = 3, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| x         | Object of class 'fsvdraws', usually resulting from a call to <a href="#">fsvsample</a> .   |
| fsvsimobj | To indicate data generating values in case of simulated data, pass an object of type fsvsim (usually the result of a call to <a href="#">fsvsim</a> ). |
| thinning  | Plot every thinningth draw.  |
| maxrows   | Indicates the maximum number of rows to be drawn per page.   |
| ...       | Ignored.   |

**Value**

Returns x invisibly.

**See Also**

Other plotting: [comtimeplot\(\)](#), [corimageplot\(\)](#), [corplot\(\)](#), [cortimeplot\(\)](#), [evdiag\(\)](#), [facloadcredplot\(\)](#), [facloaddensplot\(\)](#), [facloadpairplot\(\)](#), [facloadpointplot\(\)](#), [facloadtraceplot\(\)](#), [logvartimeplot\(\)](#), [plot.fsvdraws\(\)](#), [plotalot\(\)](#), [volttimeplot\(\)](#)

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|---------------|-------------------------------|
| plot.fsvdraws | <i>Default factor SV plot</i> |
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**Description**

Displays the correlation matrix at the last sampling point in time.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'fsvdraws'
plot(x, quantiles = c(0.05, 0.5, 0.95), col = NULL, fsvsimobj = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| x         | Object of class 'fsvdraws', usually resulting from a call to <a href="#">fsvsample</a> .  |
| quantiles | Posterior quantiles to be visualized. Must be of length 1 or 3.   |
| col       | Optional color palette.   |
| fsvsimobj | To indicate data generating values in case of simulated data, pass an optional object of type <a href="#">fsvsim</a> (usually the result of a call to <a href="#">fsvsim</a> ). |
| ...       | Other arguments will be passed on to <a href="#">corrplot</a> .   |

**Value**

Returns x invisibly.

**See Also**

Other plotting: [comtimeplot\(\)](#), [corimageplot\(\)](#), [corplot\(\)](#), [cortimeplot\(\)](#), [evdiag\(\)](#), [facloadcredplot\(\)](#), [facloaddensplot\(\)](#), [facloadpairplot\(\)](#), [facloadpointplot\(\)](#), [facloadtraceplot\(\)](#), [logvartimeplot\(\)](#), [paratraceplot\(\)](#), [plotalot\(\)](#), [voltimeplot\(\)](#)

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plotalot

*Several factor SV plots useful for model diagnostics*

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**Description**

Draws a collection of plots to explore the posterior distribution of a fitted factor SV model.

**Usage**

```
plotalot(x, fsvsimobj = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| x         | Object of class 'fsvdraws', usually resulting from a call to <a href="#">fsvsample</a> .   |
| fsvsimobj | To indicate data generating values in case of simulated data, pass an object of type <a href="#">fsvsim</a> (usually the result of a call to <a href="#">fsvsim</a> ). |
| ...       | Other arguments will be passed on to the subfunctions.   |

**Value**

Returns x invisibly.

**See Also**

Other plotting: [comtimeplot\(\)](#), [corimageplot\(\)](#), [corplot\(\)](#), [cortimeplot\(\)](#), [evdiag\(\)](#), [facloadcredplot\(\)](#), [facloaddensplot\(\)](#), [facloadpairplot\(\)](#), [facloadpointplot\(\)](#), [facloadtraceplot\(\)](#), [logvartimeplot\(\)](#), [paratraceplot\(\)](#), [plot.fsvdraws\(\)](#), [voltimeplot\(\)](#)



```
# Visualize the predictive distribution
pairs(t(preddraws), col = rgb(0,0,0,.1), pch = 16)
```

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predcor

*Predicts correlation matrix*

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### Description

predcor simulates from the posterior predictive distribution of the model-implied correlation matrix.

### Usage

```
predcor(x, ahead = 1, each = 1)
```

### Arguments

|       |  |
|-------|--|
| x     | Object of class 'fsvdraws', usually resulting from a call to <a href="#">fsvsample</a> .   |
| ahead | Vector of timepoints, indicating how many steps to predict ahead.  |
| each  | Single integer (or coercible to such) indicating how often should be drawn from the posterior predictive distribution for each draw that has been stored during MCMC sampling. |

### Value

4-dimensional array containing draws from the predictive correlation distribution.

### Note

Currently crudely implemented as a triple loop in pure R, may be slow.

### See Also

Other predictors: [predcond\(\)](#), [predcov\(\)](#), [predh\(\)](#), [predloglikWB\(\)](#), [predloglik\(\)](#), [predprecWB\(\)](#)

### Examples

```
set.seed(1)
sim <- fsvsim(series = 3, factors = 1) # simulate
res <- fsvsample(sim$y, factors = 1) # estimate

# Predict 1, 10, and 100 days ahead:
predobj <- predcor(res, ahead = c(1, 10, 100))

# Trace plot of draws from posterior predictive distribution
# of the correlation of Sim1 and Sim2:
```

```

# (one, ten, and 100 days ahead):
plot.ts(predobj[1,2,,])

# Smoothed kernel density estimates of predicted covariance
# of Sim1 and Sim2:
plot(density(predobj[1,2,,"1"], adjust = 2))
lines(density(predobj[1,2,,"10"], adjust = 2), col = 2)
lines(density(predobj[1,2,,"100"], adjust = 2), col = 3)

```

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| predcov | <i>Predicts covariance matrix</i> |
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### Description

predcov simulates from the posterior predictive distribution of the model-implied covariance matrix.

### Usage

```
predcov(x, ahead = 1, each = 1)
```

### Arguments

|       |  |
|-------|--|
| x     | Object of class 'fsvdraws', usually resulting from a call to <a href="#">fsvsample</a> .   |
| ahead | Vector of timepoints, indicating how many steps to predict ahead.  |
| each  | Single integer (or coercible to such) indicating how often should be drawn from the posterior predictive distribution for each draw that has been stored during MCMC sampling. |

### Value

4-dimensional array containing draws from the predictive covariance distribution.

### Note

Currently crudely implemented as a triple loop in pure R, may be slow.

### See Also

Other predictors: [predcond\(\)](#), [predcor\(\)](#), [predh\(\)](#), [predloglikWB\(\)](#), [predloglik\(\)](#), [predprecWB\(\)](#)

## Examples

```

set.seed(1)
sim <- fsvsim(series = 3, factors = 1) # simulate
res <- fsvsample(sim$y, factors = 1) # estimate

# Predict 1, 10, and 100 days ahead:
predobj <- predcov(res, ahead = c(1, 10, 100))

# Trace plot of draws from posterior predictive distribution
# of the covariance of Sim1 and Sim2:
# (one, ten, and 100 days ahead):
plot.ts(predobj[1,2,,])

# Smoothed kernel density estimates of predicted covariance
# of Sim1 and Sim2:
plot(density(predobj[1,2,,"1"], adjust = 2))
lines(density(predobj[1,2,,"10"], adjust = 2), col = 2)
lines(density(predobj[1,2,,"100"], adjust = 2), col = 3)

```

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predh

*Predicts factor and idiosyncratic log-volatilities h*

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## Description

predh simulates from the posterior predictive distribution of the latent log-variances  $h$ , both for factors as well as for idiosyncratic series.

## Usage

```
predh(x, ahead = 1, each = 1)
```

## Arguments

|       |  |
|-------|--|
| x     | Object of class 'fsvdraws', usually resulting from a call to <a href="#">fsvsample</a> .   |
| ahead | Vector of timepoints, indicating how many steps to predict ahead.  |
| each  | Single integer (or coercible to such) indicating how often should be drawn from the posterior predictive distribution for each draw that has been stored during MCMC sampling. |

## Value

List of class fsvpredh containing two elements:

- idihArray containing the draws of the latent idiosyncratic log-volatilities.
- factorhArray containing the draws of the latent factor log-volatilities.

**See Also**

Other predictors: [predcond\(\)](#), [predcor\(\)](#), [predcov\(\)](#), [predloglikWB\(\)](#), [predloglik\(\)](#), [predprecWB\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
set.seed(1)
sim <- fsvsim(series = 3, factors = 1) # simulate
res <- fsvsample(sim$y, factors = 1) # estimate

# Predict 1, 10, and 100 days ahead:
predobj <- predh(res, ahead = c(1, 10, 100))

# Trace plot of draws from posterior predictive factor log-variance
# (one, ten, and 100 days ahead):
plot.ts(predobj$factorh[1,,])

# Smoothed kernel density estimates of predicted volas:
plot(density(exp(predobj$factorh[1,,"1"]/2), adjust = 2))
lines(density(exp(predobj$factorh[1,,"10"]/2), adjust = 2), col = 2)
lines(density(exp(predobj$factorh[1,,"100"]/2), adjust = 2), col = 3)
```

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predloglik

*Evaluates the predictive log likelihood using the predicted covariance matrix*

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**Description**

predloglik approximates the predictive log likelihood by simulating from the predictive distribution of the covariance matrix and evaluating the corresponding multivariate normal distribution.

**Usage**

```
predloglik(
  x,
  y,
  ahead = 1,
  each = 1,
  alldraws = FALSE,
  indicator = rep(TRUE, ncol(y))
)
```

**Arguments**

**x** Object of class 'fsvdraws', usually resulting from a call to [fsvsample](#).

**y** Matrix of dimension length(ahead) times m where the predictive density should be evaluated.

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| ahead     | Vector of timepoints, indicating how many steps to predict ahead.  |
| each      | Single integer (or coercible to such) indicating how often should be drawn from the posterior predictive distribution for each draw that has been stored during MCMC sampling. |
| alldraws  | Should all the draws be returned or just the final results? (Can be useful to assess convergence.)   |
| indicator | Logical vector of length $m$ indicating which component series should be evaluated. The default is to evaluate all of them.  |

**Value**

Vector of length `length(ahead)` with log predictive likelihoods.

**See Also**

Uses [predcov](#). If  $m$  is large but only few factors are used, consider also using [predloglikWB](#).

Other predictors: [predcond\(\)](#), [predcor\(\)](#), [predcov\(\)](#), [predh\(\)](#), [predloglikWB\(\)](#), [predprecWB\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
set.seed(1)

# Simulate a time series of length 1100:
sim <- fsvsim(n = 1100, series = 3, factors = 1)
y <- sim$y

# Estimate using only 1000 days:
res <- fsvsample(y[seq_len(1000)], factors = 1)

# Evaluate the 1, 10, and 100 days ahead predictive log
# likelihood:
ahead <- c(1, 10, 100)
scores <- predloglik(res, y[1000+ahead,], ahead = ahead, each = 10)
print(scores)
```

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predloglikWB

*Evaluates the predictive log likelihood using the Woodbury identity*

---

**Description**

`predloglikWB` approximates the predictive log likelihood exploiting the factor structure and using the Woodbury identity and the corresponding matrix determinant lemma. This is recommended only if many series and few factors are present.

**Usage**

```
predloglikWB(x, y, ahead = 1, each = 1, alldraws = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| x        | Object of class 'fsvdraws', usually resulting from a call to <a href="#">fsvsample</a> .   |
| y        | Matrix of dimension length(ahead) times m where the predictive density should be evaluated.  |
| ahead    | Vector of timepoints, indicating how many steps to predict ahead.  |
| each     | Single integer (or coercible to such) indicating how often should be drawn from the posterior predictive distribution for each draw that has been stored during MCMC sampling. |
| alldraws | Should all the draws be returned or just the final results? (Can be useful to assess convergence.)   |

**Value**

Vector of length length(ahead) with log predictive likelihoods.

**Note**

Currently crudely implemented as a triple loop in pure R, may be slow.

**See Also**

Uses [predprecWB](#). If m is small or many factors are used, consider also using [predcov](#).

Other predictors: [predcond\(\)](#), [predcor\(\)](#), [predcov\(\)](#), [predh\(\)](#), [predloglik\(\)](#), [predprecWB\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
set.seed(1)

# Simulate a time series of length 1100:
sim <- fsvsim(n = 1100, series = 3, factors = 1)
y <- sim$y

# Estimate using only 1000 days:
res <- fsvsample(y[seq_len(1000)], factors = 1)

# Evaluate the 1, 10, and 100 days ahead predictive log
# likelihood:
ahead <- c(1, 10, 100)
scores <- predloglikWB(res, y[1000+ahead,], ahead = ahead, each = 10)
print(scores)
```

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predprecWB *Predicts precision matrix and its determinant (Woodbury variant)*

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### Description

predprecWB simulates from the posterior predictive distribution of the model-implied precision matrix and its determinant using the Woodbury matrix identity and the matrix determinant lemma

### Usage

```
predprecWB(x, ahead = 1, each = 1)
```

### Arguments

|       |  |
|-------|--|
| x     | Object of class 'fsvdraws', usually resulting from a call to <a href="#">fsvsample</a> .   |
| ahead | Vector of timepoints, indicating how many steps to predict ahead.  |
| each  | Single integer (or coercible to such) indicating how often should be drawn from the posterior predictive distribution for each draw that has been stored during MCMC sampling. |

### Value

List containing two elements:

- precisionArray containing the draws of the predicted precision matrix.
- precisionlogdetMatrix containing the draws of the determinant of the predicted precision matrix.

### Note

Currently crudely implemented as a triple loop in pure R, may be slow.

### See Also

Usually used for evaluating the predictive likelihood when many series but few factors are used, see [predloglik](#) and [predloglikWB](#).

Other predictors: [predcond\(\)](#), [predcor\(\)](#), [predcov\(\)](#), [predh\(\)](#), [predloglikWB\(\)](#), [predloglik\(\)](#)

**Description**

In factor SV models, the ordering of variables is often chosen through a preliminary static factor analysis. These methods are implemented in `preorder`. After a maximum likelihood factor model fit to the data, factor loadings are ordered as follows: The variable with the highest loading on factor 1 is placed first, the variable with the highest loading on factor 2 second (unless this variable is already placed first, in which case the variable with the second highest loading is taken).

**Usage**

```
preorder(  
  dat,  
  factors = ledermann(ncol(dat)),  
  type = "fixed",  
  transload = identity  
)
```

**Arguments**

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| <code>dat</code>       | Matrix containing the data, with $n$ rows (points in time) and $m$ columns (component series).   |
| <code>factors</code>   | Number of factors to be used, defaults to the Ledermann bound.   |
| <code>type</code>      | Can be "fixed" or "dynamic". The option "fixed" means that a factors-factor model is fit once and the entire ordering is determined according to this fit (the default). The option "dynamic" means that the model is re-fit <code>factors</code> times with the number of factors going from 1 to <code>factors</code> and in each round the correspondingly largest loading is chosen. |
| <code>transload</code> | Function for transforming the estimated factor loadings before ordering. Defaults to the identity function.  |

**Value**

A vector of length  $m$  with the ordering found.

**See Also**

`ledermann`

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| <code>print.fsvdraws</code> | <i>Pretty printing of an fsvdraws object</i> |
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**Description**

Pretty printing of an fsvdraws object

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'fsvdraws'
print(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| <code>x</code>   | Object of class 'fsvdraws', usually resulting from a call of <a href="#">fsvsample</a> . |
| <code>...</code> | Ignored.   |

**Value**

Returns x invisibly.

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| <code>runningcormat</code> | <i>Extract summary statistics for the posterior correlation matrix which have been stored during sampling</i> |
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**Description**

`runningcormat` extracts summary statistics from the model-implied correlation matrix from an fsvdraws object for one point in time.

**Usage**

```
runningcormat(x, i, statistic = "mean", type = "cor")
```

**Arguments**

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| <code>x</code>         | Object of class 'fsvdraws', usually resulting from a call of <a href="#">fsvsample</a> . |
| <code>i</code>         | A single point in time.  |
| <code>statistic</code> | Indicates which statistic should be extracted. Defaults to 'mean'.                       |
| <code>type</code>      | Indicates whether covariance (cov) or correlation (cor) should be extracted.             |

**Value**

Matrix containing the requested correlation matrix summary statistic.

**See Also**

Other extractors: [cormat.fsvdraws\(\)](#), [covmat.fsvdraws\(\)](#), [runningcovmat\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
set.seed(1)
sim <- fsvsim(n = 500, series = 3, factors = 1) # simulate
res <- fsvsample(sim$y, factors = 1, runningstore = 6) # estimate

cor100mean <- runningcormat(res, 100) # extract mean at t = 100
cor100sd <- runningcormat(res, 100, statistic = "sd") # extract sd
lower <- cor100mean - 2*cor100sd
upper <- cor100mean + 2*cor100sd

true <- cormat(sim, 100)[,1] # true value

# Visualize mean +/- 2sd and data generating values
par(mfrow = c(3,3), mar = c(2, 2, 2, 2))
for (i in 1:3) {
  for (j in 1:3) {
    plot(cor100mean[i,j], ylim = range(lower, upper), pch = 3,
         main = paste(i, j, sep = ' vs. '), xlab = '', ylab = '')
    lines(c(1,1), c(lower[i,j], upper[i,j]))
    points(true[i,j], col = 3, cex = 2)
  }
}
```

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runningcovmat

*Extract summary statistics for the posterior covariance matrix which have been stored during sampling*

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**Description**

runningcovmat extracts summary statistics from the model-implied covariance matrix from an fsvdraws object for one point in time.

**Usage**

```
runningcovmat(x, i, statistic = "mean", type = "cov")
```

**Arguments**

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| x         | Object of class 'fsvdraws', usually resulting from a call of <a href="#">fsvsample</a> . |
| i         | A single point in time.  |
| statistic | Indicates which statistic should be extracted. Defaults to 'mean'.                       |
| type      | Indicates whether covariance (cov) or correlation (cor) should be extracted.             |

**Value**

Matrix containing the requested covariance matrix summary statistic.

**See Also**

Other extractors: [cormat.fsvdraws\(\)](#), [covmat.fsvdraws\(\)](#), [runningcormat\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
set.seed(1)
sim <- fsvsim(n = 500, series = 3, factors = 1) # simulate
res <- fsvsample(sim$y, factors = 1) # estimate

cov100mean <- runningcovmat(res, 100) # extract mean at t = 100
cov100sd <- runningcovmat(res, 100, statistic = "sd") # extract sd
lower <- cov100mean - 2*cov100sd
upper <- cov100mean + 2*cov100sd

true <- covmat(sim, 100) # true value

# Visualize mean +/- 2sd and data generating values
par(mfrow = c(3,3), mar = c(2, 2, 2, 2))
for (i in 1:3) {
  for (j in 1:3) {
    plot(cov100mean[i,j], ylim = range(lower, upper), pch = 3,
         main = paste(i, j, sep = ' vs. '), xlab = '', ylab = '')
    lines(c(1,1), c(lower[i,j], upper[i,j]))
    points(true[i,j,1], col = 3, cex = 2)
  }
}
```

---

signident

*A posteriori sign identification*

---

**Description**

signident provides methods for identifying the signs of the factor loadings after running the MCMC sampler

**Usage**

```
signident(x, method = "maximin", implementation = 3)
```

**Arguments**

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| x              | Object of class 'fsvdraws', usually resulting from a call to <a href="#">fsvsample</a> .   |
| method         | Can be "diagonal" or "maximin". If "diagonal" is chosen, the diagonal elements of the factor loadings matrix are assumed to have positive signs and the others are arranged accordingly. If "maximin" is chosen, for each factor, <code>signident</code> looks for the series where the minimum absolute loadings are biggest and chooses this series to have positive loadings. |
| implementation | Either 1, 2, or 3 (the default). Determines how the reordering is implemented. Should not be necessary to depart from the default.   |

**Value**

Returns an object of class 'fsvdraws' with adjusted factors and factor loadings. Moreover, a list element called 'identifier' is added, providing the numbers of the series used for identification and the corresponding minimum distances to zero.

**See Also**

Other postprocessing: [orderident\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
set.seed(1)
sim <- fsvsim(series = 8, factors = 2) # simulate
res <- fsvsample(sim$y, factors = 2, signswitch = TRUE,
                 draws = 2000, burnin = 1000) # estimate

# Plot unidentified loadings:
facloaddensplot(res, fsvsimobj = sim, rows = 8)

# Identify:
res <- signident(res)

# Plot identified loadings:
facloaddensplot(res, fsvsimobj = sim, rows = 8)
```

---

votimeplot

*Plot series-specific volatilities over time.*


---

**Description**

`votimeplot` plots the marginal volatilities over time, i.e. the series-specific conditional standard deviations. If these haven't been stored during sampling (because `runningstore` has been set too low), `votimeplot` throws a warning.

**Usage**

```
votimeplot(x, these = seq_len(nrow(x$y)), legend = "topright", ...)
```

**Arguments**

|        |  |
|--------|--|
| x      | Object of class 'fsvdraws', usually resulting from a call to <a href="#">fsvsample</a> .   |
| these  | Index vector containing the time points to plot. Defaults to <code>seq_len(nrow(x\$y))</code> , i.e., all timepoints.                                |
| legend | Where to position the <a href="#">legend</a> . If set to <code>NULL</code> , labels will be put directly next to the series. Defaults to "topright". |
| ...    | Additional parameters will be passed on to <a href="#">ts.plot</a> .   |

**Value**

Returns x invisibly.

**See Also**

Other plotting: [comtimeplot\(\)](#), [corimageplot\(\)](#), [corplot\(\)](#), [cortimeplot\(\)](#), [evdiag\(\)](#), [facloadcredplot\(\)](#), [facloaddensplot\(\)](#), [facloadpairplot\(\)](#), [facloadpointplot\(\)](#), [facloadtraceplot\(\)](#), [logvartimeplot\(\)](#), [paratraceplot\(\)](#), [plot.fsvdraws\(\)](#), [plotalot\(\)](#)

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