

Package ‘sparvaride’

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Type Package

Title Variance Identification in Sparse Factor Analysis

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Description This is an implementation of the algorithm described in Section 3 of Hosszejni and Frühwirth-Schnatter (2022) <[doi:10.48550/arXiv.2211.00671](https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2211.00671)>. The algorithm is used to verify that the counting rule $CR(r,1)$ holds for the sparsity pattern of the transpose of a factor loading matrix. As detailed in Section 2 of the same paper, if $CR(r,1)$ holds, then the idiosyncratic variances are generically identified. If $CR(r,1)$ does not hold, then we do not know whether the idiosyncratic variances are identified or not.

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BuildResaveData best

VignetteBuilder knitr

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URL <https://hdarjus.github.io/sparvaride/>

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counting_rule_holds *Verify that the counting rule CR(r,1) holds*

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Usage

```
counting_rule_holds(delta)
```

Arguments

delta an $m \times r$ matrix of 0s and 1s, where $\text{delta}(i, j) == 1$ if and only if the i -th observation loads on the j -th factor

Value

TRUE if CR(r,1) holds, FALSE otherwise

References

Hosszejni and Fruehwirth-Schnatter (2022). "Cover It Up! Bipartite Graphs Uncover Identifiability in Sparse Factor Analysis". arXiv:2211.00671

See Also

[stats::factanal\(\)](#)

Examples

```
# Two example matrices
cr_holds <-
  matrix(c(1, 0, 0,
           1, 0, 1,
           0, 1, 0,
           0, 1, 1,
           0, 1, 1,
           1, 1, 1,
           1, 1, 1),
```

```
7, 3, byrow = TRUE)

cr_does_not_hold <-
  matrix(c(1, 0, 0,
           0, 0, 1,
           0, 1, 0,
           0, 1, 0,
           0, 1, 0,
           1, 1, 1,
           1, 1, 1),
         7, 3, byrow = TRUE)

# Check if the counting rule holds
counting_rule_holds(cr_holds)
#> [1] TRUE
counting_rule_holds(cr_does_not_hold)
#> [1] FALSE
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