

Package ‘rrum’

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with Gibbs Sampling

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*Gibbs sampler to estimate the rRUM***Description**

Obtains samples from posterior distributon for the reduced Reparametrized Unified Model (rRUM).

Usage

```
rrum(
  Y,
  Q,
  chain_length = 10000L,
  as = 1,
  bs = 1,
  ag = 1,
  bg = 1,
  delta0 = rep(1, 2^ncol(Q))
)
```

Arguments

Y	A matrix with N rows and J columns, where N represnts the number of individuals and J the number of items. Y indicates the individuals' responses to each of the items.
Q	A matrix with J rows and K columns indicating which attributes are required to answer each of the items. An entry of 1 indicates attribute k is required to answer item j. An entry of one indicates attribute k is not required.
chain_length	A numeric indicating the number of iterations of Gibbs sampler to be run. Default is set to 10000.
as	A numeric, parameter for the prior distribution of pistar. High values as encourage higher values of pistar and lower values of rstar.
bs	A numeric, parameter for the prior distribution of pistar. High values as encourage lower values of pistar and higher values of rstar.
ag	A numeric, parameter for the prior distribution of rstar. High values as encourage higher values of rstar.
bg	A numeric, parameter for the prior distribution of pistar. High values as encourage lower values of rstar.
delta0	A vector, parameters for the Dirichlet prior on pi.

Value

A list that contains

- PISTAR: A matrix where each column represents one draw from the posterior distribution of pistar.
- RSTAR: A $J \times K \times \text{chain_length}$ array where J represents the number of items, and K represents the number of attributes. Each slice represents one draw from the posterior distribution of rstar.
- PI: A matrix where each column represents one draw from the posterior distribution of pi.
- ALPHA: An $N \times K \times \text{chain_length}$ array where N represents the number of individuals, and K represents the number of attributes. Each slice represents one draw from the posterior distribution of alpha.

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References

Culpepper, S. A. & Hudson, A. (In Press). An improved strategy for Bayesian estimation of the reduced reparameterized unified model. *Applied Psychological Measurement*.

Hudson, A., Culpepper, S. A., & Douglas, J. (2016, July). Bayesian estimation of the generalized NIDA model with Gibbs sampling. Paper presented at the annual International Meeting of the Psychometric Society, Asheville, North Carolina.

See Also

`simcdm::sim_rrum_items()`

Examples

```
# Set seed for reproducibility
set.seed(217)

## Define Simulation Parameters

N = 1000 # Number of Individuals
J = 6    # Number of Items
K = 2    # Number of Attributes

# Matrix where rows represent attribute classes
As = attribute_classes(K)

# Latent Class probabilities
pis = c(.1, .2, .3, .4)

# Q Matrix
Q = rbind(c(1, 0),
          c(0, 1),
          c(1, 0),
```

```
        c(0, 1),
        c(1, 1),
        c(1, 1)
    )

# The probabilities of answering each item correctly for individuals
# who do not lack any required attribute
pistar = rep(.9, J)

# Penalties for failing to have each of the required attributes
rstar = .5 * Q

# Randomized alpha profiles
alpha = As[sample(1:(K ^ 2), N, replace = TRUE, pis),]

# Simulate data
rrum_items = simcdm::sim_rrum_items(Q, rstar, pistar, alpha)

## Not run:
# Note: This portion of the code is computationally intensive.

# Recover simulation parameters with Gibbs Sampler
Gibbs.out = rrum(rrum_items, Q)

# Iterations to be discarded from chain as burnin
burnin = 1:5000

# Calculate summarizes of posterior distributions
rstar.mean = with(Gibbs.out, apply(RSTAR[,-burnin], c(1, 2), mean))
pistar.mean = with(Gibbs.out, apply(PISTAR[,-burnin], 1, mean))
pis.mean = with(Gibbs.out, apply(PI[,-burnin], 1, mean))

## End(Not run)
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