

Package ‘errum’

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Title Exploratory Reduced Reparameterized Unified Model Estimation

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Description Perform a Bayesian estimation of the exploratory reduced reparameterized unified model (ErRUM) described by Culpepper and Chen (2018) [doi:10.3102/1076998618791306](https://doi.org/10.3102/1076998618791306).

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Suggests simcdm

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*Exploratory reduced Reparameterized Unified Model (ErRUM)***Description**

Obtains samples from posterior distribution for the Exploratory reduced Reparameterized Unified Model (ErRUM).

Usage

```
errum(
  y,
  k = 3,
  burnin = 1000,
  chain_length = 10000,
  verbose = FALSE,
  X = matrix(1, nrow = ncol(y)),
  v0 = 4,
  v1 = 2,
  cv0 = 0.1,
  cv1 = 10,
  bnu = 16
)
```

Arguments

y	Binary responses to assessments in <i>matrix</i> form with dimensions $N \times J$.
k	Number of Attribute Levels as a positive integer.
burnin	Number of Observations to discard on the chain.
chain_length	Length of the MCMC chain
verbose	Display estimation progress updates.
X, v0, v1, cv0, cv1, bnu	Additional tuning parameters

Value

An *errum* object that has:

- PISTAR
- RSTAR
- PIs
- QS
- m_Delta
- Delta_biject

- M2
- M1
- NUS

See Also

`simcdm::attribute_bijection()`, `simcdm::sim_rrum_items()`

Examples

```
# Setup Simulation Parameters
N = 5
K = 3
J = 30
# Note:
# Sample size has been reduced to create a minimally
# viable example that can be run during CRAN's automatic check.
# Please make sure to have a larger sample size of around 3,000.

# Sample true attribute profiles
Z      = matrix(rnorm(N * K), N, K)
Sig     = matrix(.5, K, K)
diag(Sig) = 1
theta   = Z %%% chol(Sig)

thvals  = matrix(qnorm((1:K) / (K + 1)),
                 N, K, byrow = TRUE)

Alphas  = 1 * (theta > thvals)

# Defining matrix of possible attribute profiles
As = as.matrix(expand.grid(c(0, 1), c(0, 1), c(0, 1)))
Q = rbind(As[rep(c(2, 3, 5), 4),],
          As[rep(c(4, 6, 7), 4),],
          As[rep(8, 6),])

# Use simulation functions available in simcdm
if (requireNamespace("simcdm", quietly = TRUE)) {

  a = As %%% simcdm::attribute_bijection(K)
  As = As[a + 1,]

  # Setting item parameters
  pistar = rep(.9, J)
  rstar = matrix(.6, J, K) * Q

  # Simulate data under rRUM model
  Y = simcdm::sim_rrum_items(Q, rstar, pistar, Alphas)

  # Estimation Settings
  chainLength = 10000 # Run with 20000
  burnin = chainLength / 2
```

```
# Gibbs Estimation
model = errum(Y, K, burnin, chainLength)
}
```

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