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$$\text{subject to} \quad L + S = M$$

where $\|L\|_*$ is the nuclear norm of L (sum of singular values).

Note

Use `citation("rpca")` to cite this R package.

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F2norm   *Frobenius norm of a matrix*

Description

Frobenius norm of a matrix.

Usage

```
F2norm(M)
```

Arguments

M   A matrix.

Value

Frobenius norm of M.

Examples

```
## The function is currently defined as
function (M)
sqrt(sum(M^2))

F2norm(matrix(runif(100),nrow=5))
```

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rpca   *Decompose a matrix into a low-rank component and a sparse component by solving Principal Components Pursuit*

Description

This function decomposes a rectangular matrix M into a low-rank component, and a sparse component, by solving a convex program called Principal Component Pursuit.

Usage

```
rpca(M,
     lambda = 1/sqrt(max(dim(M))), mu = prod(dim(M))/(4 * sum(abs(M))),
     term.delta = 10^(-7), max.iter = 5000, trace = FALSE,
     thresh.nuclear.fun = thresh.nuclear, thresh.l1.fun = thresh.l1,
     F2norm.fun = F2norm)
```

Arguments

M	a rectangular matrix that is to be decomposed into a low-rank component and a sparse component $M = L + S$.
lambda	parameter of the convex problem $\|L\|_* + \lambda\|S\|_1$ which is minimized in the Principal Components Pursuit algorithm. The default value is the one suggested in Candès, E. J., section 1.4, and together with reasonable assumptions about L and S guarantees that a correct decomposition is obtained.
mu	parameter from the augumented Lagrange multiplier formulation of the PCP, Candès, E. J., section 5. Default value is the one suggested in references.
term.delta	The algorithm terminates when $\|M - L - S\|_F \leq \delta\|M\|_F$ where $\| \ \|_F$ is Frobenius norm of a matrix.
max.iter	Maximal number of iterations of the augumented Lagrange multiplier algorithm. A warning is issued if the algorithm does not converge by then.
trace	Print out information with every iteration.
thresh.nuclear.fun, thresh.l1.fun, F2norm.fun	
	Arguments for internal use only.

Details

These functions decompose a rectangular matrix M into a low-rank component, and a sparse component, by solving a convex program called Principal Component Pursuit:

$$\text{minimize} \quad \|L\|_* + \lambda\|S\|_1$$

$$\text{subject to} \quad L + S = M$$

where $\|L\|_*$ is the nuclear norm of L (sum of singular values).

Value

The function returns two matrices S and L, which have the property that $L + S \simeq M$, where the quality of the approximation depends on the argument `term.delta`, and the convergence of the algorithm.

S	The sparse component of the matrix decomposition.
L	The low-rank component of the matrix decomposition.
L.svd	The singular value decomposition of L, as returned by the function `La.svd` .

convergence$converged
        TRUE if the algorithm converged with respect to `term.delta`.

convergence$iterations
        Number of performed iterations.

convergence$final.delta
        The final iteration `delta` which is compared with `term.delta`.

convergence$all.delta
        All `delta` from all iterations.

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References

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Examples

```
data(iris)
M <- as.matrix(iris[,1:4])
Mcent <- sweep(M,2,colMeans(M))

res <- rpca(Mcent)

## Check convergence and number of iterations
with(res$convergence,list(converged,iterations))
## Final delta F2 norm divided by F2norm(Mcent)
with(res$convergence,final.delta)

## Check properites of the decomposition
with(res,c(
all(abs( L+S - Mcent ) < 10^-5),
all( L == L.svd$u%*%(L.svd$d*L.svd$vt) )
))
# [1] TRUE TRUE

## The low rank component has rank 2
```

```
length(res$L.svd$d)
## However, the sparse component is not sparse
## - thus this data set is not the best example here.
mean(res$S==0)

## Plot the first (the only) two principal components
## of the low-rank component L
rpc<-res$L.svd$u%*%diag(res$L.svd$d)
plot(jitter(rpc[,1:2],amount=.001),col=iris[,5])

## Compare with classical principal components
pc <- prcomp(M,center=TRUE)
plot(pc$x[,1:2],col=iris[,5])
points(rpc[,1:2],col=iris[,5],pch="+")

## "Sparse" elements distribution
plot(density(abs(res$S),from=0))
curve(dexp(x,rate=1/mean(abs(res$S))),add=TRUE,lty=2)

## Plot measurements against measurements corrected by sparse components
par(mfcol=c(2,2))
for(i in 1:4) {
plot(M[,i],M[,i]-res$S[,i],col=iris[,5],xlab=colnames(M)[i])
}
```

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thresh.l1   *Shrinkage operator*

Description

Shrinkage operator: $S[x] = sgn(x) \max(|x| - thr, 0)$. For description see section 5 of Candès, E. J., Li, X., Ma, Y., & Wright, J. (2011). Robust principal component analysis?.

Usage

```
thresh.l1(x, thr)
```

Arguments

x	a vector or a matrix.
thr	threshold >= 0 to shrink with.

Value

$S[x] = sgn(x) \max(|x| - thr, 0)$

References

Candès, E. J., Li, X., Ma, Y., & Wright, J. (2011). Robust principal component analysis?. Journal of the ACM (JACM), 58(3), 11

Yuan, X., & Yang, J. (2009). Sparse and low-rank matrix decomposition via alternating direction methods. preprint, 12.

See Also

thresh.nuclear

Examples

```
## The function is currently defined as
function(x,thr){sign(x)*pmax(abs(x)-thr,0)}

summary(thresh.l1(runif(100),0.3))
```

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thresh.nuclear	*Thresholding operator*

Description

Thresholding operator, an application of the shrinkage operator on a singular value decomposition: D[X] = U S[Sigma] V . For description see section 5 of Candès, E. J., Li, X., Ma, Y., & Wright, J. (2011). Robust principal component analysis?.

Usage

```
thresh.nuclear(M, thr)
```

Arguments

M	a rectangular matrix.
thr	threshold >= 0 to shrink singular values with.

Value

Returned is a thresholded Singular Value Decomposition with `thr` subtracted from singular values, and values smaller than 0 dropped together with their singular vectors.

u, d, vt	as in return value of `La.svd`
L	the resulting low-rank matrix: $L = UDV^t$

References

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See Also

thresh.l1

Examples

```
## The function is currently defined as
function (M, thr) {
    s <- La.svd.cmp(M)
    dd <- thresh.l1(s$d, thr)
    id <- which(dd != 0)
    s$d <- dd[id]
    s$u <- s$u[, id, drop = FALSE]
    s$vt <- s$vt[id, , drop = FALSE]
    s$L <- s$u %*% (s$d * s$vt)
    s
  }

l<-thresh.nuclear(matrix(runif(600),nrow=20),2)
l$d
```

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