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**Description** Provides implementations of computationally efficient maximum likelihood parameter estimation algorithms for models representing linear dynamical systems. Currently, two such algorithms (one offline and one online) are implemented for the single-output cumulative structural equation model with an additive-noise output measurement equation and assumptions of normality and independence. The corresponding scientific papers are referenced in the descriptions of the functions implementing these algorithms.

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`calculate_likelihood` *calculate\_likelihood*

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### Description

Calculates the likelihood function value for given data and statistical measure values of the output-differenced version of the single-output cumulative structural equation model with an additive-noise output measurement equation and assumptions of normality and independence. Suitable when there are no contradictions in statistical measure values.

### Usage

```
calculate_likelihood(dat, params)
```

### Arguments

<code>dat</code>	An $(n + 1) \times (m + 1)$ data frame of finite numeric elements (possibly except for row 1, columns 1 to $m$ ) containing observed input (columns 1 to $m$ ) and output (column $m + 1$ ) data of the original model.
<code>params</code>	A list consisting of three elements: 1) Sigma $((m + 1) \times (m + 1)$ matrix of finite numeric elements); 2) <code>sigma_y^2</code> (vector of length 1, finite numeric element); 3) <code>mu</code> $((m + 1) \times 1$ matrix of finite numeric elements).

### Value

Calculated likelihood function value (vector of length 1, numeric element).

### Examples

```
set.seed(1)

m <- 4
k <- 2

L <- matrix(runif((m + 1) * k, min = -10, max = 10), nrow = m + 1)
sigma <- matrix(runif(m + 2, min = 0, max = 10), nrow = m + 2)
mu <- matrix(runif(m + 1, min = -10, max = 10), nrow = m + 1)

data <- generate_data(100, L, sigma, mu)
estimated_parameters <- estimate_parameters(data, 0.00001)

calculate_likelihood(data, estimated_parameters)
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estimate\_parameters    *estimate\_parameters*

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### Description

Calculates maximum likelihood estimates of the statistical measures of the output-differenced version of the single-output cumulative structural equation model with an additive-noise output measurement equation and assumptions of normality and independence.

### Usage

```
estimate_parameters(dat, tol)
```

### Arguments

dat	An $(n + 1) \times (m + 1)$ data frame of finite numeric elements (possibly except for row 1, columns 1 to $m$ ) containing observed input (columns 1 to $m$ ) and output (column $m + 1$ ) data of the original model.
tol	A tolerance parameter of the golden section search algorithm used for minimizing the one-dimensional likelihood function (vector of length 1, finite positive numeric element).

### Value

A list consisting of three elements: 1) estimate of the covariance at lag 0 of the data that result from the output-differenced model (Sigma;  $(m + 1) \times (m + 1)$  matrix of numeric elements); 2) estimate of the only non-zero element of the negative covariance at lag 1 of the data that result from the output-differenced model (sigma\_y^2; vector of length 1, numeric element); 3) estimate of the mean of the data that result from the output-differenced model (mu;  $(m + 1) \times 1$  matrix of numeric elements).

### References

Leonidas Sakalauskas, Vytautas Dulskis, & Darius Plikynas (2024). A Technique for Efficient Estimation of Dynamic Structural Equation Models: A Case Study. *Structural Equation Modeling: A Multidisciplinary Journal*, 31(4), 635-650. DOI: 10.1080/10705511.2023.2282378

### Examples

```
set.seed(1)

m <- 4
k <- 2

L <- matrix(runif((m + 1) * k, min = -10, max = 10), nrow = m + 1)
sigma <- matrix(runif(m + 2, min = 0, max = 10), nrow = m + 2)
mu <- matrix(runif(m + 1, min = -10, max = 10), nrow = m + 1)

data <- generate_data(100, L, sigma, mu)
```

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estimate_parameters(data, 0.00001)
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estimate_parameters_on
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estimate_parameters_on
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### Description

Online maximum likelihood estimation of the statistical measures of the output-differenced version of the single-output cumulative structural equation model with an additive-noise output measurement equation and assumptions of normality and independence.

### Usage

```
estimate_parameters_on(dat, s)
```

### Arguments

<code>dat</code>	An $(n + 1) \times (m + 1)$ data frame of finite numeric elements (possibly except for row 1, columns 1 to $m$ ) containing observed input (columns 1 to $m$ ) and output (column $m + 1$ ) data of the original model.
<code>s</code>	Initial value of parameter $s$ (a vector of length 1 containing a finite numeric element that belongs to the interval $[0, 1]$ ).

### Value

A list containing  $n$  sublists, each representing a progressively larger data sample (with 1 to  $n$  observation points), where each sublist consists of three elements: 1) estimate of the covariance at lag 0 of the data that result from the output-differenced model (an  $(m + 1) \times (m + 1)$  matrix of numeric elements); 2) estimate of the only non-zero element of the negative covariance at lag 1 of the data that result from the output-differenced model (a vector of length 1 containing a numeric element); 3) estimate of the mean of the data that result from the output-differenced model (an  $(m + 1) \times 1$  matrix of numeric elements).

### References

Vytautas Dulskis & Leonidas Sakalauskas (2025). Toward Efficient Online Estimation of Dynamic Structural Equation Models: A Case Study. *Journal of Statistical Computation and Simulation*, 1-24. DOI: 10.1080/00949655.2025.2515955

**Examples**

```
set.seed(1)

m <- 4
k <- 2

L <- matrix(runif((m + 1) * k, min = -10, max = 10), nrow = m + 1)
sigma <- matrix(runif(m + 2, min = 0, max = 10), nrow = m + 2)
mu <- matrix(runif(m + 1, min = -10, max = 10), nrow = m + 1)

data <- generate_data(100, L, sigma, mu)

estimate_parameters_on(data, 0.35)
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evaluate\_estimates      *evaluate\_estimates*

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**Description**

Calculates a discrepancy-function-based metric of accuracy of the statistical measure estimates for the output-differenced version of the single-output cumulative structural equation model with an additive-noise output measurement equation and assumptions of normality and independence. Suitable when there are no contradictions in the factuais/estimates.

**Usage**

```
evaluate_estimates(f, e, n)
```

**Arguments**

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|---|---|
| f | A list consisting of three elements: 1) the factual Sigma $((m + 1) \times (m + 1)$ matrix of finite numeric elements); 2) the factual $\sigma_y^2$ (vector of length 1, finite numeric element); 3) the factual mu $((m + 1) \times 1$ matrix of finite numeric elements). |
| e | Analogous to parameter f but with estimates instead of factuais.  |
| n | The number of time moments used for obtaining parameter e (vector of length 1, finite positive integer).  |

**Value**

Calculated accuracy metric value (vector of length 1, numeric element). The lower the value, the better the accuracy, with 0 indicating perfect accuracy.

**Examples**

```

set.seed(1)

m <- 4
k <- 2

L <- matrix(runif((m + 1) * k, min = -10, max = 10), nrow = m + 1)
sigma <- matrix(runif(m + 2, min = 0, max = 10), nrow = m + 2)
mu <- matrix(runif(m + 1, min = -10, max = 10), nrow = m + 1)

n <- 100
data <- generate_data(n, L, sigma, mu)

Sigma <- L %*% t(L) + diag(sigma[1:(m + 1), ] ^ 2)
sigma_y_squared <- sigma[m + 2, ] ^ 2
Sigma[m + 1, m + 1] <- Sigma[m + 1, m + 1] + 2 * sigma_y_squared

factual_parameters <- list(Sigma, sigma_y_squared, mu)
estimated_parameters <- estimate_parameters(data, 0.00001)

evaluate_estimates(factual_parameters, estimated_parameters, n)

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generate\_data

*generate\_data*


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**Description**

Generates data according to the single-output cumulative structural equation model with an additive-noise output measurement equation and assumptions of normality and independence, with given model parameter values.

**Usage**

```
generate_data(n, L, sigma, mu)
```

**Arguments**

n	The number of time moments to generate the data for (vector of length 1, finite positive integer).
L	Factor loadings ((m + 1) x k matrix of finite numeric elements: the first m rows correspond to the input measurement equation; the last row corresponds to the transition equation).
sigma	Standard deviations of the error/noise terms ((m + 2) x 1 matrix of finite non-negative numeric elements: the first m rows correspond to the input measurement equation; the row before the last one corresponds to the transition equation; the last row corresponds to the output measurement equation).

**mu** Intercept terms  $((m + 1) \times 1$  matrix of finite numeric elements: the first  $m$  rows correspond to the input measurement equation; the last row corresponds to the transition equation).

**Value**

An  $(n + 1) \times (m + 1)$  data frame of numeric elements (except for row 1, columns 1 to  $m$  that contain NA's) containing observed input (columns 1 to  $m$ ) and output (column  $m + 1$ ) data.

**Examples**

```
set.seed(1)

m <- 4
k <- 2

L <- matrix(runif((m + 1) * k, min = -10, max = 10), nrow = m + 1)
sigma <- matrix(runif(m + 2, min = 0, max = 10), nrow = m + 2)
mu <- matrix(runif(m + 1, min = -10, max = 10), nrow = m + 1)
generate_data(10, L, sigma, mu)
```

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