

# Package ‘graphicalVAR’

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graphicalVAR

*Estimate the graphical VAR model.*


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### Description

Estimates the graphical VAR (Wild et al., 2010) model through LASSO estimation coupled with extended Bayesian information criterion for choosing the optimal tuning parameters. The estimation procedure is outlined by Rothman, Levina and Zhu (2010) and is further described by Abegaz and Wit (2013). The procedure here is based on the work done in the R package SparseTSCGM (Abegaz and Wit, 2014).

### Usage

```
graphicalVAR(data, nLambda = 50, verbose = TRUE, gamma = 0.5, scale
              = TRUE, lambda_beta, lambda_kappa, maxit.in = 100,
              maxit.out = 100, deleteMissings = TRUE,
              penalize.diagonal = TRUE, lambda_min_kappa = 0.05,
              lambda_min_beta = 0.05)
```

### Arguments

data	A matrix or data frame containing repeated measures (rows) on a set of variables (columns). Must not contain missing data.
nLambda	The number of both lambda parameters to test. Defaults to 50, which results in 2500 models to evaluate.
verbose	Logical, should a progress bar be printed to the console?
gamma	The EBIC hyper-parameter. Set to 0 to use regular BIC.
scale	Logical, should responses be standardized before estimation?
lambda_beta	An optional vector of lambda_beta values to test. Set lambda_beta = 0 argument and lambda_kappa = 0 for unregularized estimation.
lambda_kappa	An optional vector of lambda_kappa values to test. Set lambda_beta = 0 argument and lambda_kappa = 0 for unregularized estimation.
maxit.in	Maximum number of iterations in the inner loop (computing beta)
maxit.out	Maximum number of iterations in the outer loop
deleteMissings	Logical, should missing responses be deleted?
penalize.diagonal	Logical, should the diagonal of beta be penalized (i.e., penalize auto-regressions)?
lambda_min_kappa	Multiplier of maximal tuning parameter for kappa
lambda_min_beta	Multiplier of maximal tuning parameter for beta

## Details

Let  $y_t$  denote the vector of centered responses of a subject on a set of items on time point  $t$ . The graphical VAR model, using only one lag, is defined as follows:

$$y_t = \text{Beta } y_{t-1} + \text{epsilon}_t$$

In which  $\text{epsilon}_t$  is a vector of error and is independent between time points but not within time points. Within time points, the error is normally distributed with mean vector 0 and precision matrix (inverse covariance matrix)  $\text{Kappa}$ . The  $\text{Beta}$  matrix encodes the between time point interactions and the  $\text{Kappa}$  matrix encodes the within time point interactions. We aim to find a sparse solution for both  $\text{Beta}$  and  $\text{Kappa}$ , and do so by applying the LASSO algorithm as detailed by Rothman, Levina and Zhu (2010). The LASSO algorithm uses two tuning parameters,  $\text{lambda\_beta}$  controlling the sparsity in  $\text{Beta}$  and  $\text{lambda\_kappa}$  controlling the sparsity in  $\text{Kappa}$ . We estimate the model under a (by default) 50 by 50 grid of tuning parameters and choose the tuning parameters that optimize the extended Bayesian Information Criterion (EBIC; Chen and Chen, 2008).

After estimation, the  $\text{Beta}$  and  $\text{Kappa}$  matrices can be standardized as described by Wild et al. (2010). The  $\text{Kappa}$  matrix can be standardized to partial contemporaneous correlations (PCC) as follows:

$$\text{PCC}(y_{i,t}, y_{j,t}) = -\text{kappa}_{ij} / (\sqrt{\text{kappa}_{ii} \text{kappa}_{jj}})$$

Similarly, the  $\text{beta}$  matrix can be standardized to partial directed correlations (PDC):

$$\text{PDC}(y_{i,t-1}, y_{j,t}) = \text{beta}_{ji} / \sqrt{\text{sigma}_{jj} \text{kappa}_{ii} + \text{beta}_{ji}^2}$$

In which  $\text{sigma}$  is the inverse of  $\text{kappa}$ . Note that this process transposes the  $\text{beta}$  matrix. This is done because in representing a directed network it is typical to let rows indicate the node of origin and columns the node of destination.

Set  $\text{lambda\_beta} = 0$  argument and  $\text{lambda\_kappa} = 0$  for unregularized estimation.

## Value

A graphicalVAR object, which is a list containing:

PCC	The partial contemporaneous correlation network
PDC	The partial directed correlation network
beta	The estimated beta matrix
kappa	The estimated kappa matrix
EBIC	The optimal EBIC
path	Results of all tested tuning parameters
labels	A vector containing the node labels

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## Examples

```
# Simulate model:
Mod <- randomGVARmodel(4,probKappaEdge = 0.8,probBetaEdge = 0.8)

# Simulate data:
Data <- graphicalVARsim(100,Mod$beta,Mod$kappa)

# Estimate model:
Res <- graphicalVAR(Data, gamma = 0, nLambda = 10)

# Plot results:
layout(t(1:2))
plot(Mod, "PCC", layout = "circle")
plot(Res, "PCC", layout = "circle")

plot(Mod, "PDC", layout = "circle")
plot(Res, "PDC", layout = "circle")
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graphicalVARsim

*Simulates data from the graphical VAR model*


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## Description

Simulates data from the graphical VAR model, see [graphicalVAR](#) for details.

## Usage

```
graphicalVARsim(nTime, beta, kappa, mean = rep(0, ncol(kappa)), init =
  mean, warmup = 100, lbound = rep(-Inf, ncol(kappa)),
  ubound = rep(Inf, ncol(kappa)))
```

**Arguments**

nTime	Number of time points to sample
beta	The Beta matrix to use
kappa	The Kappa matrix to use
mean	Means to use
init	Initial values
warmup	The amount of samples to use as warmup (not returned)
lbound	Lower bound, at every time point values below this bound are set to the bound.
ubound	Upper bound, at every time point values above this bound are set to the bound.

**Value**

A matrix containing the simulated data.

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plot.graphicalVAR      *Plot method for graphicalVAR objects*

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**Description**

Sends the estimated PCC and PDC networks to [qgraph](#).

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'graphicalVAR'
plot(x, include = c("PCC", "PDC"), repulsion = 1,
      horizontal = TRUE, titles = TRUE, sameLayout = TRUE,
      unweightedLayout = FALSE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	A graphicalVAR object
include	A vector of at most two containing "PCC" and "PDC" indicating which networks should be plotted and in what order.
repulsion	The repulsion argument used in <a href="#">qgraph</a>
horizontal	Logical, should the networks be plotted horizontal or vertical?
titles	Logical, should titles be added to the plots?
sameLayout	Logical, should both networks be plotted in the same layout?
unweightedLayout	Logical, should the layout be based on the unweighted network instead of the weighted network?
...	Arguments sent to <a href="#">qgraph</a>

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print.graphicalVAR      *S3 methods for graphicalVAR objects.*

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**Description**

Prints a short overview of the results of [graphicalVAR](#)

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'graphicalVAR'
print(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'graphicalVAR'
summary(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	A graphicalVAR object
object	A graphicalVAR object
...	Not used.

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randomGVARmodel      *Simulate a graphical VAR model*

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**Description**

Simulates an contemporaneous and temporal network using the method described by Yin and Li (2001)

**Usage**

```
randomGVARmodel(Nvar, probKappaEdge = 0.1, probKappaPositive = 0.5, probBetaEdge = 0.1,
  probBetaPositive = 0.5, maxtry = 10, kappaConstant = 1.1)
```

**Arguments**

nvar	Number of variables
probKappaEdge	Probability of an edge in contemporaneous network
probKappaPositive	Proportion of positive edges in contemporaneous network
probBetaEdge	Probability of an edge in temporal network
probBetaPositive	Proportion of positive edges in temporal network
maxtry	Maximum number of attempts to create a stationary VAR model
kappaConstant	The constant used in making kappa positive definite. See Yin and Li (2001)

**Details**

The resulting simulated networks can be plotted using the plot method.

**Value**

A list containing:

kappa	True kappa structure (residual inverse variance-covariance matrix)
beta	True beta structure
PCC	True partial contemporaneous correlations
PDC	True partial temporal correlations

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**References**

Yin, J., & Li, H. (2011). A sparse conditional gaussian graphical model for analysis of genetical genomics data. *The annals of applied statistics*, 5(4), 2630-2650.

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