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balance	<i>Balance a Square Matrix via LAPACK's DGEBAL</i>
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Description

Balance a square matrix via LAPACK's DGEBAL. This is an R interface, mainly used for experimentation.

This LAPACK routine is used internally for Eigenvalue decompositions, but also, in Ward(1977)'s algorithm for the matrix exponential.

The name `balance()` is preferred nowadays, where "dgebal" will probably become deprecated.

Usage

```
balance(A, job = c("B", "N", "P", "S"))
dgebal(A, job = c("B", "N", "P", "S"))
```

Arguments

A	a square ($n \times n$) numeric matrix.
job	a one-letter string specifying the 'job' for DGEBAL. P Permutation S Scaling B Both permutation and scaling N None

Details

An excerpt of the LAPACK documentation about DGEBAL(), describing the result

i1 ("ILO") (output) integer

i2 ("IHI") (output) integer

i1 and i2 are set to integers such that on exit $z[i, j] = 0$ if $i > j$ and $j = 1, \dots, i1 - 1$ or $i = i2 + 1, \dots, n$.

If `job = 'N'` or `'S'`, $i1 = 1$ and $i2 = n$.

scale (output) numeric vector of length n . Details of the permutations and scaling factors applied to A. If $P[j]$ is the index of the row and column interchanged with row and column j and $D[j]$ is the scaling factor applied to row and column j , then $scale[j] = P[j]$ for $j = 1, \dots, i1 - 1$ = $D[j]$ for $j = i1, \dots, i2$, = $P[j]$ for $j = i2 + 1, \dots, n$.

The order in which the interchanges are made is n to $i2+1$, then 1 to $i1-1$.

Look at the LAPACK documentation for more details.

Value

A list with components

`z` the transformation of matrix A , after permutation and or scaling.
`scale` numeric vector of length n , containing the permutation and/or scale vectors applied.
`i1, i2` integers (length 1) in $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$, denoted by ILO and IHI respectively in the LAPACK documentation. Only relevant for "P" or "B", they describe where permutations and where scaling took place; see the Details section.

Author(s)

Martin Maechler

References

LAPACK Reference Manual

See Also

[eigen](#), [expm](#).

Examples

```
m4 <- rbind(c(-1,-1, 0, 0),
            c( 0, 0,10,10),
            c( 0, 0,10, 0),
            c( 0,10, 0, 0))
(b4 <- balance(m4))

## --- for testing and didactical reasons : ----

demo(balanceTst) # also defines the balanceTst() function
                # which in its tests ``defines'' what
                # the return value means, notably (i1,i2,scale)
```

expAtv

*Compute Matrix Exponential $\exp(A t) * v$ directly*

Description

Compute $\exp(At) * v$ directly, without evaluating $\exp(A)$.

Usage

```
expAtv(A, v, t = 1,
       method = "Sidje98",
       rescaleBelow = 1e-6,
       tol = 1e-07, btol = 1e-07, m.max = 30, mxrej = 10,
       verbose = getOption("verbose"))
```

Arguments

A	n x n matrix
v	n - vector
t	number (scalar);
method	a string indicating the method to be used; there's only one currently; we would like to add newer ones.
rescaleBelow	if <code>norm(A, "1")</code> is smaller than <code>rescaleBelow</code> , rescale A to norm 1 and t such that At remains unchanged. This step is in addition to Sidje's original algorithm and easily seen to be necessary even in simple cases (e.g., $n = 3$).
tol, btol	tolerances; these are tuning constants of the "Sidje1998" method which the user should typically <i>not</i> change.
m.max, mxrej	integer constants you should only change if you know what you're doing
verbose	flag indicating if the algorithm should be verbose..

Value

a list with components

eAtvfixme...

Author(s)

Ravi Varadhan, Johns Hopkins University; Martin Maechler (cosmetic, generalization to sparse matrices; rescaling (see `rescaleBelow`)).

References

Roger B. Sidje (1998) EXPOKIT: Software Package for Computing Matrix Exponentials. *ACM - Transactions On Mathematical Software* **24**(1), 130–156.

((NOT yet available!))

Al-Mohy, A. and Higham, N. (2011). Computing the Action of the Matrix Exponential, with an Application to Exponential Integrators. *SIAM Journal on Scientific Computing*, **33**(2), 488–511.

See Also

[expm](#)

Examples

```
source(system.file("demo", "exact-fn.R", package = "expm"))
##-> rnilMat() ; xct10
set.seed(1)
(s5 <- Matrix(m5 <- rnilMat(5))); v <- c(1,6:9)
(em5 <- expm(m5))
r5 <- expAtv(m5, v)
r5. <- expAtv(s5, v)
stopifnot(all.equal(r5, r5., tolerance = 1e-14),
```

```

all.equal(c(em5 %*% v), r5$eAtv))

v <- 10:1
with(xct10, all.equal(expm(m), expm))
all.equal(c(xct10$expm %*% v),
          expAtv(xct10$m, v)$eAtv)

```

expm

Matrix Exponential

Description

This function computes the exponential of a square matrix A , defined as the sum from $r = 0$ to infinity of $A^r/r!$. Several methods are provided. The Taylor series and Padé approximation are very importantly combined with scaling and squaring.

Usage

```

expm(x, method = c("Higham08.b", "Higham08",
                  "AlMohy-Hi09",
                  "Ward77", "PadeRBS", "Pade", "Taylor", "Pade0", "Taylor0",
                  "R_Eigen", "R_Pade", "R_Ward77", "hybrid_Eigen_Ward"),
     order = 8, trySym = TRUE, tol = .Machine$double.eps, do.sparseMsg = TRUE,
     preconditioning = c("2bal", "1bal", "buggy"))

```

Arguments

x	a square matrix.
method	"Higham08.b", "Ward77", "Pade" or "Taylor", etc; The default is now "Higham08.b" which uses Higham's 2008 algorithm with <i>additional</i> balancing preconditioning, see expm.Higham08 . The versions with "*O" call the original Fortran code, whereas the first ones call the BLAS-using and partly simplified newer code. "R_Pade" uses an R-code version of "Pade" for didactical reasons, and "R_Ward77" uses an R version of "Ward77", still based on LAPACK's dgebal, see R interface dgebal . This has enabled us to diagnose and fix the bug in the original octave implementation of "Ward77". "R_Eigen" tries to diagonalise the matrix x, if not possible, "R_Eigen" raises an error. "hybrid_Eigen_Ward" method also tries to diagonalise the matrix x, if not possible, it uses "Ward77" algorithm.
order	an integer, the order of approximation to be used, for the "Pade" and "Taylor" methods. The best value for this depends on machine precision (and slightly on x) but for the current double precision arithmetic, one recommendation (and the Matlab implementations) uses order = 6 unconditionally; our default, 8, is from Ward(1977, p.606)'s recommendation, but also used for "AlMohy-Hi09" where a high order order=12 may be more appropriate (and slightly more expensive).

trySym	logical indicating if method = "R_Eigen" should use <code>isSymmetric(x)</code> and take advantage for (almost) symmetric matrices.
tol	a given tolerance used to check if x is computationally singular when method = "hybrid_Eigen_Ward".
do.sparseMsg	logical allowing a message about sparse to dense coercion; setting it FALSE suppresses that message.
preconditioning	a string specifying which implementation of Ward(1977) should be used when method = "Ward77".

Details

The exponential of a matrix is defined as the infinite Taylor series

$$e^M = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{M^k}{k!}.$$

For the "Pade" and "Taylor" methods, there is an "accuracy" attribute of the result. It is an upper bound for the L2 norm of the Cauchy error `expm(x, *, order + 10) - expm(x, *, order)`.

Currently, only algorithms which are "R-code only" accept *sparse* matrices (see the `sparseMatrix` class in package **Matrix**), i.e., currently only "R_Eigen" and "Higham08".

Value

The matrix exponential of x.

Note

For a good general discussion of the matrix exponential problem, see Moler and van Loan (2003).

Author(s)

The "Ward77" method:

Vincent Goulet <vincent.goulet@act.ulaval.ca>, and Christophe Dutang, based on code translated by Doug Bates and Martin Maechler from the implementation of the corresponding Octave function contributed by A. Scottedward Hodel <A.S.Hodel@eng.auburn.edu>.

The "PadeRBS" method:

Roger B. Sidje, see the EXPOKIT reference.

The "Pade0" and "Taylor0" methods:

Marina Shapira (U Oxford, UK) and David Firth (U Warwick, UK);

The "Pade" and "Taylor" methods are slight modifications of the "*O" ([O]riginal versions) methods, by Martin Maechler, using BLAS and LINPACK where possible.

The "hybrid_Eigen_Ward" method by Christophe Dutang is a C translation of "R_Eigen" method by Martin Maechler.

The "Higham08" and "Higham08.b" (current default) were written by Michael Stadelmann, see [expm.Higham08](#).

The "AlMohy-Hi09" implementation (R code interfacing to stand-alone C) was provided and donated by Drew Schmidt, U. Tennessee.

References

Ward, R. C. (1977). Numerical computation of the matrix exponential with accuracy estimate. *SIAM J. Num. Anal.* **14**, 600–610.

Roger B. Sidje (1998). EXPOKIT: Software package for computing matrix exponentials. *ACM - Transactions on Mathematical Software* **24**(1), 130–156.

Moler, C and van Loan, C (2003). Nineteen dubious ways to compute the exponential of a matrix, twenty-five years later. *SIAM Review* **45**, 3–49. At <http://epubs.siam.org/doi/pdf/10.1137/S00361445024180>

Awad H. Al-Mohy and Nicholas J. Higham (2009) A New Scaling and Squaring Algorithm for the Matrix Exponential. *SIAM. J. Matrix Anal. & Appl.*, **31**(3), 970–989.

See Also

The package vignette for details on the algorithms and calling the function from external packages. [expm.Higham08](#) for "Higham08".

`expAtv(A,v,t)` computes $e^{At}v$ (for scalar t and n -vector v) *directly* and more efficiently than computing e^{At} .

Examples

```
x <- matrix(c(-49, -64, 24, 31), 2, 2)
expm(x)
expm(x, method = "AlMohy-Hi09")
## -----
## Test case 1 from Ward (1977)
## -----
test1 <- t(matrix(c(
  4, 2, 0,
  1, 4, 1,
  1, 1, 4), 3, 3))
expm(test1, method="Pade")
## Results on Power Mac G3 under Mac OS 10.2.8
##           [,1]           [,2]           [,3]
## [1,] 147.86662244637000 183.76513864636857 71.79703239999643
## [2,] 127.78108552318250 183.76513864636877 91.88256932318409
## [3,] 127.78108552318204 163.67960172318047 111.96810624637124
## -- these agree with ward (1977, p608)

## Compare with the naive "R_Eigen" method:
try(
  expm(test1, method="R_Eigen")
) ## platform dependently, sometimes gives an error from solve
## or is accurate or one older result was
##           [,1]           [,2]           [,3]
## [1,] 147.86662244637003 88.500223574029647 103.39983337000028
## [2,] 127.78108552318220 117.345806155250600 90.70416537273444
## [3,] 127.78108552318226 90.384173332156763 117.66579819582827
## -- hopelessly inaccurate in all but the first column.
##
```



```

      0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0,
      0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0),
  .Dim = c(10, 10))
attributes(expm(test4, method="Pade"))
max(abs(expm(test4, method="Pade") - expm(test4, method="R_Eigen")))
##[1] 8.746826694186494e-08
## -- here mexp2 is accurate only to 7 d.p., whereas mexp
##    is correct to at least 14 d.p.
##
## Note that these results are achieved with the default
## settings order=8, method="Pade" -- accuracy could
## presumably be improved still further by some tuning
## of these settings.

##
## example of computationally singular matrix
##
m <- matrix(c(0,1,0,0), 2,2)
try(
  expm(m, m="R_Eigen")
)
## error since m is computationally singular
expm(m, m="hybrid")
## hybrid use the Ward77 method

```

expm.Higham08

Matrix Exponential [Higham 2008]

Description

Calculation of matrix exponential e^A with the ‘Scaling & Squaring’ method with balancing.

Implementation of Higham’s Algorithm from his book (see references), Chapter 10, Algorithm 10.20.

The balancing option is an extra from Michael Stadelmann’s Masters thesis.

Usage

```
expm.Higham08(A, balancing = TRUE)
```

Arguments

A	square matrix, may be a " sparseMatrix ", currently only if balancing is false.
balancing	logical indicating if balancing should happen (before and after scaling and squaring).

Details

The algorithm comprises the following steps

1. 0.Balancing
2. 1.Scaling
3. 2.Padé-Approximation
4. 3.Squaring
5. 4.Reverse Balancing

Value

a matrix of the same dimension as A, the matrix exponential of A.

Author(s)

Michael Stadelmann (final polish by Martin Maechler).

References

Higham, N.-J. (2008). *Functions of Matrices: Theory and Computation*; Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics, Philadelphia, PA, USA.

Michael Stadelmann (2009). *Matrixfunktionen; Analyse und Implementierung*. [in German] Master's thesis and Research Report 2009-12, SAM, ETH Zurich; <http://www.sam.math.ethz.ch/reports/2009>, or <ftp://ftp.sam.math.ethz.ch/pub/sam-reports/reports/reports2009/2009-12.pdf>.

See Also

For now, the other algorithms `expm`. **This will change there will be one function with optional arguments to chose the method !.**

`expmCond`, to compute the exponential-*condition* number.

Examples

```
## The *same* examples as in ../expm.Rd {FIXME} --
x <- matrix(c(-49, -64, 24, 31), 2, 2)
expm.Higham08(x)

## -----
## Test case 1 from Ward (1977)
## -----
test1 <- t(matrix(c(
  4, 2, 0,
  1, 4, 1,
  1, 1, 4), 3, 3))
expm.Higham08(test1)
##           [,1]           [,2]           [,3]
## [1,] 147.86662244637000 183.76513864636857 71.79703239999643
## [2,] 127.78108552318250 183.76513864636877 91.88256932318409
```

```

## [3,] 127.78108552318204 163.67960172318047 111.96810624637124
## -- these agree with ward (1977, p608)

## -----
## Test case 2 from Ward (1977)
## -----
test2 <- t(matrix(c(
  29.87942128909879, .7815750847907159, -2.289519314033932,
  .7815750847907159, 25.72656945571064, 8.680737820540137,
  -2.289519314033932, 8.680737820540137, 34.39400925519054),
  3, 3))
expm.Higham08(test2)
expm.Higham08(test2, balancing = FALSE)
##           [,1]           [,2]           [,3]
##[1,]  5496313853692405 -18231880972009100 -30475770808580196
##[2,] -18231880972009160  60605228702221760 101291842930249376
##[3,] -30475770808580244 101291842930249200 169294411240850880
## -- in this case a very similar degree of accuracy.

## -----
## Test case 3 from Ward (1977)
## -----
test3 <- t(matrix(c(
  -131, 19, 18,
  -390, 56, 54,
  -387, 57, 52), 3, 3))
expm.Higham08(test3)
expm.Higham08(test3, balancing = FALSE)
##           [,1]           [,2]           [,3]
##[1,] -1.5096441587713636 0.36787943910439874 0.13533528117301735
##[2,] -5.6325707997970271 1.47151775847745725 0.40600584351567010
##[3,] -4.9349383260294299 1.10363831731417195 0.54134112675653534
## -- agrees to 10dp with Ward (1977), p608. ??? (FIXME)

## -----
## Test case 4 from Ward (1977)
## -----
test4 <-
  structure(c(0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1e-10,
    1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0,
    0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0,
    0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0,
    0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0,
    0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0,
    0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0,
    0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0,
    0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0,
    0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0),
  .Dim = c(10, 10))

E4 <- expm.Higham08(test4)
Matrix(zapsmall(E4))

```

```

S4 <- as(test4, "sparseMatrix") # some R based expm() methods work for sparse:
ES4 <- expm.Higham08(S4, bal=FALSE)
stopifnot(all.equal(E4, unname(as.matrix(ES4))))
## NOTE: Need much larger sparse matrices for sparse arith to be faster!

##
## example of computationally singular matrix
##
m <- matrix(c(0,1,0,0), 2,2)
eS <- expm.Higham08(m) # "works" (hmm ...)

```

expmCond

Exponential Condition Number of a Matrix

Description

Compute the exponential condition number of a matrix, either with approximation methods, or exactly and very slowly.

Usage

```

expmCond(A, method = c("1.est", "F.est", "exact"),
         expm = TRUE, abstol = 0.1, reltol = 1e-6,
         give.exact = c("both", "1.norm", "F.norm"))

```

Arguments

A	a square matrix
method	a string; either compute 1-norm or F-norm <i>approximations</i> , or compute these <i>exactly</i> .
expm	logical indicating if the matrix exponential itself, which is computed anyway, should be returned as well.
abstol, reltol	for method = "F.est", numerical ≥ 0 , as <i>absolute</i> and <i>relative</i> error tolerance.
give.exact	for method = "exact", specify if only the 1-norm, the Frobenius norm, or both are to be computed.

Details

method = "exact", aka Kronecker-Sylvester algorithm, computes a Kronecker matrix of dimension $n^2 \times n^2$ and hence, with $O(n^5)$ complexity, is prohibitely slow for non-small n . It computes the *exact* exponential-condition numbers for both the Frobenius and/or the 1-norm, depending on give.exact.

The two other methods compute approximations, to these norms, i.e., **estimate** them, using algorithms from Higham, chapt.~3.4, both with complexity $O(n^3)$.

Value

when `expm = TRUE`, for `method = "exact"`, a `list` with components

`expm` containing the matrix exponential, `expm.Higham08(A)`.

`expmCond(F|1)` numeric scalar, (an approximation to) the (matrix exponential) condition number, for either the 1-norm (`expmCond1`) or the Frobenius-norm (`expmCondF`).

When `expm` is false and `method` one of the approximations ("`*.est`"), the condition number is returned directly (i.e., `numeric` of length one).

Author(s)

Michael Stadelmann (final polish by Martin Maechler).

References

Awad H. Al-Mohy and Nicholas J. Higham (2009). *Computing Fréchet Derivative of the Matrix Exponential, with an application to Condition Number Estimation*; MIMS EPrint 2008.26; Manchester Institute for Mathematical Sciences, U. Manchester, UK. http://eprints.ma.man.ac.uk/1218/01/covered/MIMS_ep2008_26.pdf

Higham, N.-J. (2008). *Functions of Matrices: Theory and Computation*; Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics, Philadelphia, PA, USA.

Michael Stadelmann (2009) *Matrixfunktionen ...* Master's thesis; see reference in `expm.Higham08`.

See Also

`expm.Higham08` for the matrix exponential.

Examples

```
set.seed(101)
(A <- matrix(round(rnorm(3^2),1), 3,3))

eA <- expm.Higham08(A)
stopifnot(all.equal(eA, expm::expm(A), tolerance= 1e-15))

C1 <- expmCond(A, "exact")
C2 <- expmCond(A, "1.est")
C3 <- expmCond(A, "F.est")
all.equal(C1$expmCond1, C2$expmCond, tolerance= 1e-15)# TRUE
all.equal(C1$expmCondF, C3$expmCond)# relative difference of 0.001...
```

 expmFrechet

Frechet Derivative of the Matrix Exponential

Description

Compute the Frechet (actually ‘Fréchet’) derivative of the matrix exponential operator.

Usage

```
expmFrechet(A, E, method = c("SPS", "blockEnlarge"), expm = TRUE)
```

Arguments

A	square matrix ($n \times n$).
E	the “small Error” matrix, used in $L(A, E) = f(A + E, A)$
method	string specifying the method / algorithm; the default “SPS” is “Scaling + Pade + Squaring” as in the algorithm 6.4 below; otherwise see the ‘Details’ section.
expm	logical indicating if the matrix exponential itself, which is computed anyway, should be returned as well.

Details

Calculation of e^A and the Exponential Frechet-Derivative $L(A, E)$.

When method = “SPS” (by default), the with the Scaling - Padé - Squaring Method is used, in an R-Implementation of Al-Mohy and Higham (2009)’s Algorithm 6.4.

Step 1: Scaling (of A and E)

Step 2: Padé-Approximation of e^A and $L(A, E)$

Step 3: Squaring (reversing step 1)

method = “blockEnlarge” uses the matrix identity of

$$f([AE; 0A]) = [f(A)Df(A); 0f(A)]$$

for the $2n \times 2n$ block matrices where $f(A) := \text{expm}(A)$ and $Df(A) := L(A, E)$. Note that “blockEnlarge” is much simpler to implement but slower (CPU time is doubled for $n = 100$).

Value

a list with components

expm	if expm is true, the matrix exponential ($n \times n$ matrix).
Lexpm	the Exponential-Frechet-Derivative $L(A, E)$, a matrix of the same dimension.

Author(s)

Michael Stadelmann (final polish by Martin Maechler).

References

see [expmCond](#).

See Also

[expm.Higham08](#) for the matrix exponential. [expmCond](#) for exponential condition number computations which are based on `expmFrechet`.

Examples

```
(A <- cbind(1, 2:3, 5:8, c(9,1,5,3)))
E <- matrix(1e-3, 4,4)
(L.AE <- expmFrechet(A, E))
all.equal(L.AE, expmFrechet(A, E, "block"), tolerance = 1e-14) ## TRUE
```

logm

Matrix Logarithm

Description

This function computes the (principal) matrix logarithm of a square matrix. A logarithm of a matrix A is L such that $A = e^L$ (meaning $A == \text{expm}(L)$), see the documentation for the matrix exponential, [expm](#), which can be defined as

$$e^L := \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} L^r / r!.$$

Usage

```
logm(x, method = c("Higham08", "Eigen"),
     tol = .Machine$double.eps)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	a square matrix.
<code>method</code>	a string specifying the algorithmic method to be used. The default uses the algorithm by Higham(2008). The simple "Eigen" method tries to diagonalise the matrix <code>x</code> ; if that is not possible, it raises an error.
<code>tol</code>	a given tolerance used to check if <code>x</code> is computationally singular when <code>method = "Eigen"</code> .

Details

The exponential of a matrix is defined as the infinite Taylor series

$$e^M = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{M^k}{k!}.$$

The matrix logarithm of A is a matrix M such that $\exp(M) = A$. Note that there typically are an infinite number number of such matrices, and we compute the *principal* matrix logarithm, see the references.

Method "Higham08" works via "inverse scaling and squaring", and from the Schur decomposition, applying a matrix square root computation. It is somewhat slow but also works for non-diagonalizable matrices.

Value

A matrix 'as x' with the matrix logarithm of x, i.e., `all.equal(expm(logm(x)), x, tol)` is typically true for quite small tolerance `tol`.

Author(s)

Method "Higham08" was implemented by Michael Stadelmann as part of his master thesis in mathematics, at ETH Zurich; the "Eigen" method by Christophe Dutang.

References

Higham, N.-J. (2008). *Functions of Matrices: Theory and Computation*; Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics, Philadelphia, PA, USA.

The Matrix Logarithm is very nicely defined by Wikipedia, http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Matrix_logarithm.

See Also

[expm](#)

Examples

```
m <- diag(2)
logm(m)
expm(logm(m))

## Here, logm() is barely defined, and Higham08 has needed an amendment
## in order for not to loop forever:
D0 <- diag(x=c(1, 0.))
(L. <- logm(D0))
stopifnot( all.equal(D0, expm(L.)) )

## A matrix for which clearly no logm(.) exists:
(m <- cbind(1:2, 1))
(l.m <- try(logm(m))) ## all NA or even error {on Solaris}
```



```
## The "Eigen" method ``works`` but wrongly :
expm(logm(m, "Eigen"))
```

matpow

*Matrix Power***Description**

Compute the k -th power of a matrix. Whereas x^k computes *element wise* powers, $x \%^\% k$ corresponds to $k - 1$ matrix multiplications, $x \%*\% x \%*\% \dots \%*\% x$.

Usage

```
x \%^\% k
```

Arguments

x a square [matrix](#).
 k an integer, $k \geq 0$.

Details

Argument k is coerced to integer using [as.integer](#).
The algorithm uses $O(\log_2(k))$ matrix multiplications.

Value

A matrix of the same dimension as x .

Note

If you think you need x^k for $k < 0$, then consider instead `solve(x \%^\% (-k))`.

Author(s)

Based on an R-help posting of Vicente Canto Casasola, and Vincent Goulet's C implementation in **actuar**.

See Also

[%*\%](#) for matrix multiplication.

Examples

```
A <- cbind(1, 2 * diag(3)[-1])
A
A \%^\% 2
stopifnot(identical(A, A \%^\% 1),
           A \%^\% 2 == A \%*\% A)
```

 matStig

Stig's "infamous" Example Matrix

Description

Stig Mortensen wrote on Oct 22, 2007 to the authors of the **Matrix** package with subject “Strange result from expm”. There, he presented the following 8×8 matrix for which the Matrix `expm()` gave a “strange” result. As we later researched, the result indeed was wrong: the correct entries were wrongly permuted. The reason has been in the underlying source code in Octave from which it had been ported to **Matrix**.

Usage

```
data(matStig)
```

Author(s)

Martin Maechler

Examples

```
data(matStig)

as(matStig, "sparseMatrix") # since that prints more nicely.

## For more compact printing:
op <- options(digits = 4)

E1 <- expm(matStig, "Ward77", preconditioning="buggy") # the wrong result
as(E1, "sparseMatrix")
str(E2 <- expm(matStig, "Pade"))# the correct one (has "accuracy" attribute)
as(E2, "sparseMatrix")
attr(E2,"accuracy") <- NULL # don't want it below
E3 <- expm(matStig, "R_Eigen") # even that is fine here
all.equal(E1,E2) # not at all equal (rel.difference >~ 1.)
stopifnot(all.equal(E3,E2)) # ==

##_____ The "proof" that "Ward77" is wrong _____
M <- matStig
Et1 <- expm(t(M), "Ward77", precond= "buggy")
Et2 <- expm(t(M), "Pade"); attr(Et2,"accuracy") <- NULL
all.equal(Et1, t(E1)) # completely different (rel.diff ~ 1.7 (platform dep.))
stopifnot(all.equal(Et2, t(E2))) # the same (up to tolerance)

options(op)
```

sqrtm	<i>Matrix Square Root</i>
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Description

This function computes the matrix square root of a square matrix. The sqrt of a matrix A is S such that $A = SS$.

Usage

```
sqrtm(x)
```

Arguments

`x` a square matrix.

Details

The matrix square root S of M , $S = \text{sqrtm}(M)$ is defined as one (the “principal”) S such that $SS = S^2 = M$, (in \mathbf{R} , `all.equal(S %% S , M)`).

The method works from the Schur decomposition.

Value

A matrix ‘as x’ with the matrix sqrt of x.

Author(s)

Michael Stadelmann wrote the first version.

References

Higham, N.-J. (2008). *Functions of Matrices: Theory and Computation*; Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics, Philadelphia, PA, USA.

See Also

[expm](#), [logm](#)

Examples

```
m <- diag(2)
sqrtm(m) == m # TRUE

(m <- rbind(cbind(1, diag(1:3)),2))
sm <- sqrtm(m)
sm
zapsmall(sm %% sm) # Zap entries ~ 2e-16
stopifnot(all.equal(m, sm %% sm))
```

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