

# Package ‘rrum’

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with Gibbs Sampling

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of the Reduced Reparameterized Unified Model ('rrum'), described by  
Culpepper and Hudson (2017) <doi: 10.1177/0146621617707511>.

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 rrum-package

*rrum: Bayesian Estimation of 'RRUM' Model with Gibbs Sampling*


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### Description

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### Details

Implementation of a Bayesian estimation for the reduced Reparameterized Unified Model (rRUM).

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### References

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 rrum

*Gibbs sampler to estimate the rRUM*


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### Description

Obtains samples from posterior distributon for the reduced Reparametrized Unified Model (rRUM).

### Usage

```
rrum(Y, Q, chain_length = 10000L, as = 1, bs = 1, ag = 1, bg = 1,
     delta0 = rep(1, 2*ncol(Q)))
```

**Arguments**

Y	A matrix with N rows and J columns, where N represents the number of individuals and J the number of items. Y indicates the individuals' responses to each of the items.
Q	A matrix with J rows and K columns indicating which attributes are required to answer each of the items. An entry of 1 indicates attribute k is required to answer item j. An entry of 0 indicates attribute k is not required.
chain_length	A numeric indicating the number of iterations of Gibbs sampler to be run. Default is set to 10000.
as	A numeric, parameter for the prior distribution of pstar. High values as encourage higher values of pstar and lower values of rstar.
bs	A numeric, parameter for the prior distribution of pstar. High values as encourage lower values of pstar and higher values of rstar.
ag	A numeric, parameter for the prior distribution of rstar. High values as encourage higher values of rstar.
bg	A numeric, parameter for the prior distribution of pstar. High values as encourage lower values of rstar.
delta0	A vector, parameters for the Dirichlet prior on pi.

**Value**

A list that contains

- PISTAR: A matrix where each column represents one draw from the posterior distribution of pstar.
- RSTAR: A  $J \times K \times \text{chain\_length}$  array where J represents the number of items, and K represents the number of attributes. Each slice represents one draw from the posterior distribution of rstar.
- PI: A matrix where each column represents one draw from the posterior distribution of pi.
- ALPHA: An  $N \times K \times \text{chain\_length}$  array where N represents the number of individuals, and K represents the number of attributes. Each slice represents one draw from the posterior distribution of alpha.

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**See Also**

```
simcdm::sim_rrum_items()
```

**Examples**

```
# Set seed for reproducibility
set.seed(217)

## Define Simulation Parameters

N = 1000 # Number of Individuals
J = 6    # Number of Items
K = 2    # Number of Attributes

# Matrix where rows represent attribute classes
As = attribute_classes(K)

# Latent Class probabilities
pis = c(.1, .2, .3, .4)

# Q Matrix
Q = rbind(c(1, 0),
          c(0, 1),
          c(1, 0),
          c(0, 1),
          c(1, 1),
          c(1, 1)
        )

# The probabilities of answering each item correctly for individuals
# who do not lack any required attribute
pistar = rep(.9, J)

# Penalties for failing to have each of the required attributes
rstar = .5 * Q

# Randomized alpha profiles
alpha = As[sample(1:(K ^ 2), N, replace = TRUE, pis),]

# Simulate data
rrum_items = simcdm::sim_rrum_items(Q, rstar, pistar, alpha)

## Not run:
# Note: This portion of the code is computationally intensive.

# Recover simulation parameters with Gibbs Sampler
Gibbs.out = rrum(rrum_items, Q)

# Iterations to be discarded from chain as burnin
burnin = 1:5000

# Calculate summarizes of posterior distributions
```

```
rstar.mean = with(Gibbs.out, apply(RSTAR[,-burnin], c(1, 2), mean))
pistar.mean = with(Gibbs.out, apply(PISTAR[,-burnin], 1, mean))
pis.mean    = with(Gibbs.out, apply(PI[,-burnin], 1 ,mean))

## End(Not run)
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