

# Package ‘SAGM’

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**Description** Implements the methodological developments found in Hermes, van Heerwaarden, and Behrouzi (2023) <[doi:10.48550/arXiv.2308.04325](https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2308.04325)>, and allows for the statistical modeling of asymmetric between-location effects, as well as within-location effects using spatial autoregressive graphical models. The package allows for the generation of spatial weight matrices to capture asymmetric effects for strip-type intercropping designs, although it can handle any type of spatial data commonly found in other sciences.

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intercrop

*Intercropping data*

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**Description**

This is a generated dataset containing of 4 different variables, measured across 40 plots on a strip-type intercropping design consisting of 2 crops.

**Usage**

```
data("intercrop")
```

**Format**

The format is: 40 by 4 matrix

**Details**

Contains generated data similar to the data used in the Hermes et al. (2023) paper, except that this data consists of a a single row of alternating crops.

**Source**

Generated

**References**

1. Hermes, S., van Heerwaarden, J., and Behrouzi, P. (2023). A Spatial Autoregressive Graphical Model with Applications in Intercropping. arXiv preprint, arXiv:2308.04325.

**Examples**

```
data(intercrop)
```

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make\_weights

*make\_weights*

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**Description**

Create 2 weight matrices to capture asymmetric spatial effects for strip-type intercropping designs.

**Usage**

```
make_weights(n)
```

**Arguments**

n Number of observations.

**Value**

W\_BA A  $n \times n$  spatial weight matrix capturing the locations of type A that are adjacent to locations of type B.

W\_AB A  $n \times n$  spatial weight matrix capturing the locations of type B that are adjacent to locations of type A.

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**Examples**

```
make_weights(20)
```

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SAGM

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**Description**

This function applies the spatial autoregressive graphical model on a given dataset and array of spatial weight matrices. Different identifiability constraints can be imposed to estimate the  $\Psi_k$ . The method allows for both normal and normal-gamma priors, where the values for the hyperparameters can be specified by the user. Returns posterior samples for  $\Theta_E$  and the  $\Psi_k$ .

**Usage**

```
SAGM(X, W, prior, constraint, triangular, idx_mat, zeta, kappa, b0, b1,
      nBurnin, nIter, verbose)
```

**Arguments**

X A  $n \times p$  matrix, where  $n$  is the number of observations and  $p$  is the number of variables.

W A  $n \times n \times 2$  array, where the 2 generated spatial matrices are stacked. Note that the order in which the weight matrices are stacked corresponds to the order of the estimated spatial effect matrices.

prior	Prior choice on the spatial effects. Either normal ("normal") or normal-gamma ("ng").
constraint	Identifiability constraint on the spatial effects. Either symmetric ("symmetric"), triangular ("triangular") or informative ("informative").
triangular	Type of triangular restriction. Can be upper-triangular, or lower-triangular, or both, e.g. triangular = c("upper", "upper"). Only has an effect whenever constraint = "triangular"
idx_mat	A $n_{\text{known}} \times 5 \times$ matrix, where $n_{\text{known}}$ is the number of known spatial effects. This matrix contains the indices, means and standard deviations of the known spatial effects that is specified by the user. The matrix only needs to be specified whenever constraint = "informative" is entered.
zeta	Value of hyperparameter $\zeta$ .
kappa	Value of hyperparameter $\kappa$ .
b0	Value of hyperparameter $b_0$ .
b1	Value of hyperparameter $b_1$ .
nBurnin	Number of burnin samples.
nIter	Number of post-burnin Gibbs samples.
verbose	Return progress of parameter estimation (True) or not (False).

### Value

Theta	A $p \times p \times n_{\text{Iter}}$ array consisting of the post-burnin samples for the within-plot dependencies.
Psi	A $p \times p \times 2 \times n_{\text{Iter}}$ array consisting of the post-burnin samples for the between-plot effects. The order of the third dimension of the array corresponds to that of the $W$ .
lambda_sq	A $p \times p \times n_{\text{Iter}}$ array consisting of the post-burnin samples for $\Lambda^2$ . This output is of secondary interest.
tau_sq	A vector of length $n_{\text{Iter}}$ consisting of the post-burnin samples for $\tau^2$ . This output is of secondary interest.
accpt_rate	Value of the acceptance rate of the Metropolis Hastings step.

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**Examples**

```
data(intercrop)
n <- nrow(intercrop)

W <- make_weights(n)

# Suppose we have 16 known effects. Here we assign informative normal
# priors to these effects
idx_mat <- matrix(NA, 16, 5)
idx_mat[1,] <- c(1,1,1,1, 0.1)
idx_mat[2,] <- c(1,2,1,1, 0.1)
idx_mat[3,] <- c(1,3,1,1, 0.1)
idx_mat[4,] <- c(1,1,2,1, 0.1)
idx_mat[5,] <- c(1,2,2,1, 0.1)
idx_mat[6,] <- c(1,3,2,1, 0.1)
idx_mat[7,] <- c(4,1,1,-1, 0.1)
idx_mat[8,] <- c(4,2,1,-1, 0.1)
idx_mat[9,] <- c(4,3,1,-1, 0.1)
idx_mat[10,] <- c(4,4,1,-1, 0.1)
idx_mat[11,] <- c(4,1,2,-1, 0.1)
idx_mat[12,] <- c(4,2,2,-1, 0.1)
idx_mat[13,] <- c(4,3,2,-1, 0.1)
idx_mat[14,] <- c(4,4,2,-1, 0.1)
idx_mat[15,] <- c(2,3,1,-1, 0.1)
idx_mat[16,] <- c(2,3,2,-1, 0.1)

W <- array(c(W$W_BA, W$W_AB), dim = c(n,n,2))
est <- SAGM(X = intercrop, W = W, prior = "normal", constraint = "informative",
triangular = c("upper","upper"), idx_mat = idx_mat, zeta = 0.1, kappa = 0.1,
b0 = 0.01, b1 = 0.01, nBurnin = 1000, nIter = 1000, verbose = TRUE)
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