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amd_order	<i>AMD ordering</i>
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Description

AMD ordering

Usage

amd_order(mat)

Arguments

mat A matrix

Details

Generates the approximate minimum degree ordering of the matrix for use in efficient Cholesky decomposition of $PA P^T$.

Value

A list with the permutation vector and it's inverse.

dense_to_sparse	<i>Generate sparse matrix representation of a matrix</i>
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Description

Generate sparse matrix representation of a matrix

Usage

dense_to_sparse(mat)

Arguments

mat A matrix

Value

A list with the matrix in compressed row storage format.

Examples

```
M <- diag(10)
#put a few random values in
M[lower.tri(M)][seq(1,45,by=5)] <- c(0.1,0.5,0.9,0.6,0.8,0.9,0.2,0.3,0.1)
M[upper.tri(M)][seq(1,45,by=5)] <- c(0.1,0.5,0.9,0.6,0.8,0.9,0.2,0.3,0.1)
L <- dense_to_sparse(M)
```

 LDL_Cholesky

Generate LDL decomposition from Matrix class 'dsCMatrix'

Description

Generates the Cholesky decomposition L as $A == LL^T$ from a sparse matrix

Usage

```
LDL_Cholesky(mat)
```

Arguments

mat A matrix of class 'dsCMatrix'

Value

A list of matrices L and D

 LL_Cholesky

Generate Cholesky decomposition from Matrix class 'dsCMatrix'

Description

Generates the Cholesky decomposition L as $A == LL^T$ from a sparse matrix

Usage

```
LL_Cholesky(mat)
```

Arguments

mat A matrix of class 'dsCMatrix'

Value

A matrix of class 'ddiMatrix'

`sparse_chol`*Sparse Cholesky decomposition*

Description

Sparse Cholesky decomposition

Usage

```
sparse_chol(mat)
```

Arguments

`mat` A matrix

Details

Generates the LDL decomposition of a symmetric, sparse matrix using the method described by Timothy Davis (see references). This function accepts a standard matrix, converts to sparse format, generates the LDL decomposition and returns the Cholesky decomposition $LD^{0.5}$.

Value

A lower-triangular matrix.

Examples

```
M <- diag(10)
#put a few random values in
M[lower.tri(M)][seq(1,45,by=5)] <- c(0.1,0.5,0.9,0.6,0.8,0.9,0.2,0.3,0.1)
M[upper.tri(M)][seq(1,45,by=5)] <- c(0.1,0.5,0.9,0.6,0.8,0.9,0.2,0.3,0.1)
L <- sparse_chol(M)
```

`sparse_chol_crs`*Sparse Cholesky decomposition with sparse representation*

Description

Sparse Cholesky decomposition with sparse representation

Usage

```
sparse_chol_crs(n, Ap, Ai, Ax)
```

Arguments

n	Integer specifying the dimension of the matrix
Ap	numeric (integer valued) vector of pointers, one for each column (or row), to the initial (zero-based) index of elements in the column (or row).
Ai	Integer vector specifying the row positions of the non-zero values of the matrix
Ax	values of the non-zero matrix entries

Details

Generates the LDL decomposition of a symmetric, sparse matrix using the method described by Timothy Davis (see references). Required input is a matrix in sparse format from the matrix package, see [sparseMatrix](#), or the package function [dense_to_sparse](#). To instead use a matrix directly, see [sparse_chol](#).

Value

A list with elements n, Ai, Ap, Ax (corresponding to above arguments) for matrix L, and element D, which contains the diagonal values of matrix D.

Examples

```
n <- 10
Ap <- c(0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 11, 15, 19)
Ai <- c(1, 2, 3, 4, 2,5, 6, 5,7, 5,8, 1,5,8,9, 2,5,7,10)
Ax <- c(1.7, 1., 1.5, 1.1, .02,2.6, 1.2, .16,1.3, .09,1.6,
       .13,.52,.11,1.4, .01,.53,.56,3.1)
out <-sparse_chol_crs(n,Ap,Ai,Ax)
sparse_L(out)
sparse_D(out)
```

sparse_D

Generate matrix D from 'sparse_chol' output

Description

Generates the D matrix of the LDL decomposition from the output of the 'sparse_chol' function

Usage

```
sparse_D(mat)
```

Arguments

mat	List returned by 'sparse_chol'
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Value

A matrix of class 'ddiMatrix'

sparse_L	<i>Generate matrix L from 'sparse_chol' output</i>
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Description

Generates the L matrix of the LDL decomposition from the output of the 'sparse_chol' function

Usage

```
sparse_L(mat)
```

Arguments

mat List returned by 'sparse_chol'

Value

A matrix of class 'dsCMatrix'

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