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Description A set of asymptotic methods that can be used to directly estimate the expected (Fisher) information matrix by Liu, Tian, and Xin (2016) <doi:10.3102/1076998615621293> in diagnostic classification models or cognitive diagnostic models are provided when marginal maximum likelihood estimation is used. For these methods, both the item and structural model parameters are considered simultaneously. Specifically, the observed information matrix, the empirical cross-product information matrix and the sandwich-type co-variance matrix that can be used to estimate the asymptotic co-variance matrix (or the model parameter standard errors) within the context of diagnostic classification models are provided.

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amps	<i>Generate the possible attribute mastery profile</i>
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Description

This function is used to generate the possible attribute mastery profile.

Usage

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amps(q_matrix, ind_zero_probs = NULL)
```

Arguments

`q_matrix` A $J \times K$ matrix (Q-matrix) defines which attributes are measured by which items.

`ind_zero_probs` a vector of integers indicating which attribute mastery profiles have zero probability. The default is NULL (none of the attribute mastery profiles has zero probability).

Value

A matrix giving the generated attribute mastery profiles.

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Examples

```
# Example 1.
simqmatrix <- sim_DINA_N1000$simqmatrix
simqmatrix
attr_mast_patt <- amps(q_matrix=simqmatrix)
attr_mast_patt

# Example 2.
ind_zero_probs <- c(3,7)
attr_mast_patt <- amps(q_matrix=simqmatrix, ind_zero_probs=ind_zero_probs)
attr_mast_patt
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dcminfo	<i>The information matrix for diagnostic classification models (or cognitive diagnostic models)</i>
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Description

This function is used to estimate the information matrix for diagnostic classification models (DCMs; Rupp, Templin, & Henson, 2010) or cognitive diagnostic models, such as the the observed information matrix, the empirical cross-product information matrix and the sandwich-type covariance matrix that can be used to estimate the asymptotic covariance matrix or the model parameter standard errors.

Usage

```
dcminfo(dat, delta, attr_probs, q_matrix, Mj, Aj, attr_mast_patt = NULL,
  linkfct = "logit", info_type = "Sw")
```

Arguments

dat	A $N \times J$ binary data matrix consisting of the responses of N examinees to J items.
delta	A list of item parameter estimates.
attr_probs	A vector of the estimated attribute mastery profile probability.
q_matrix	A $J \times K$ matrix (Q-matrix) defines which attributes are measured by which items.
Mj	A list of the design matrices and labels for each item (see de la Torre, 2011).
Aj	A list of the possible combinations of the required attributes for each item (see de la Torre, 2011).
attr_mast_patt	A $L \times K$ binary matrix defines the attribute mastery profiles. see amps.
linkfct	Type of the link function for the DCMs. It can be "logit", "identity", or "log". In the current version, only the "logit" link function is now available.

info_type The returned information (or covariance) matrix type. The It can be "XPD" (the empirical cross-product information matrix), "Obs"(the observed information matrix), or "Sw" (the sandwich-type covariance matrix). The default is "Sw".

Value

A matrix giving information, or covariance matrix.

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Examples

```
#Example 1.
#The sandwich-type covariance matrix, the empirical cross-product information matrix,
#and the observed information matrix for the DINA model

simresp <- sim_DINA_N1000$simresp
head(simresp)

simdelta <- sim_DINA_N1000$simdelta
simdelta

simqmatrix <- sim_DINA_N1000$simqmatrix
simqmatrix

simAj <- sim_DINA_N1000$simAj
simAj

simMj <- sim_DINA_N1000$simMj
simMj

simAttrProbs <- sim_DINA_N1000$simAttrProbs
simAttrProbs

# The number of the item parameters
N_delta <- length(unlist(simdelta))
N_delta
```

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#Example 1.1 The sandwich-type covariance matrix

Sw_res <- dcminfo(dat=simresp, delta=simdelta, attr_probs=simAttrProbs,
                 q_matrix=simqmatrix, Mj=simMj, Aj=simAj)

Sw_se_delta <- sqrt(diag(Sw_res))[1:N_delta]

Sw_est_delta_se <- data.frame(delta_est= unlist(simdelta), se_delta=Sw_se_delta)
Sw_est_delta_se

#Example 1.2 The empirical cross-product information matrix

XPD_res <- dcminfo(dat=simresp, delta=simdelta, attr_probs=simAttrProbs,
                 q_matrix=simqmatrix, Mj=simMj, Aj=simAj, info_type = "XPD")

# Calculate the covariance matrix of the model parameters based on the XPD matrix
inv_XPD_res <- solve(XPD_res)

XPD_se_delta <- sqrt(diag(inv_XPD_res))[1:N_delta]
XPD_est_delta_se <- data.frame(delta_est= unlist(simdelta), se_delta=XPD_se_delta)
XPD_est_delta_se

#Example 1.3 The observed information matrix

Obs_res <- dcminfo(dat=simresp, delta=simdelta, attr_probs=simAttrProbs,
                 q_matrix=simqmatrix, Mj=simMj, Aj=simAj, info_type = "Obs")

# Calculate the covariance matrix of the model parameters based on the Obs matrix
inv_Obs_res <- solve(Obs_res)

Obs_se_delta <- sqrt(diag(inv_Obs_res))[1:N_delta]
Obs_est_delta_se <- data.frame(delta_est= unlist(simdelta), se_delta=Obs_se_delta)
Obs_est_delta_se

# Example 2.
#The sandwich-type covariance matrix, the empirical cross-product information matrix,
#and the observed information matrix for the C-RUM

simresp <- sim_CRUM_N1000$simresp
head(simresp)

simdelta <- sim_CRUM_N1000$simdelta
simdelta

simqmatrix <- sim_CRUM_N1000$simqmatrix
simqmatrix

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simAj <- sim_CRUM_N1000$simAj
simAj

simMj <- sim_CRUM_N1000$simMj
simMj

simAttrProbs <- sim_CRUM_N1000$simAttrProbs
simAttrProbs

# The number of the item parameters
N_delta <- length(unlist(simdelta))
N_delta

#Example 2.1 The sandwich-type covariance matrix

Sw_res <- dcmfinfo(dat=simresp, delta=simdelta, attr_probs=simAttrProbs,
                  q_matrix=simqmatrix, Mj=simMj, Aj=simAj)

Sw_se_delta <- sqrt(diag(Sw_res))[1:N_delta]

Sw_est_delta_se <- data.frame(delta_est= unlist(simdelta), se_delta=Sw_se_delta)
Sw_est_delta_se

#Example 2.2 The empirical cross-product information matrix

XPD_res <- dcmfinfo(dat=simresp, delta=simdelta, attr_probs=simAttrProbs,
                  q_matrix=simqmatrix, Mj=simMj, Aj=simAj, info_type = "XPD")

# Calculate the covariance matrix of the model parameters based on the XPD matrix
inv_XPD_res <- solve(XPD_res)

XPD_se_delta <- sqrt(diag(inv_XPD_res))[1:N_delta]
XPD_est_delta_se <- data.frame(delta_est= unlist(simdelta), se_delta=XPD_se_delta)
XPD_est_delta_se

#Example 2.3 The observed information matrix

Obs_res <- dcmfinfo(dat=simresp, delta=simdelta, attr_probs=simAttrProbs,
                  q_matrix=simqmatrix, Mj=simMj, Aj=simAj, info_type = "Obs")

# Calculate the covariance matrix of the model parameters based on the Obs matrix
inv_Obs_res <- solve(Obs_res)

Obs_se_delta <- sqrt(diag(inv_Obs_res))[1:N_delta]
Obs_est_delta_se <- data.frame(delta_est= unlist(simdelta), se_delta=Obs_se_delta)
Obs_est_delta_se

#Example 3. User-specified attribute mastery patterns

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```

attr_mast_patt <- amps(q_matrix=simqmatrix)

Sw_res <- dcmfinfo(dat=simresp, delta=simdelta, attr_probs=simAttrProbs,
attr_mast_patt = attr_mast_patt, q_matrix=simqmatrix, Mj=simMj, Aj=simAj)

Sw_se_delta <- sqrt(diag(Sw_res))[1:N_delta]

Sw_est_delta_se <- data.frame(delta_est= unlist(simdelta), se_delta=Sw_se_delta)
Sw_est_delta_se

#Example 4. Using the gdina function from the CDM package
library("CDM")
d1 <- CDM::gdina(data = sim_DINA_N1000$simresp, q.matrix = sim_DINA_N1000$simqmatrix,
maxit= 1000, rule="DINA", linkfct = "logit", calc.se=FALSE)
delta <- d1$delta
N_delta <- length(unlist(delta))
attr_probs <- d1$control$attr.prob[,1]
attr_mast_patt <- amps(q_matrix=simqmatrix)
Mj <- d1$Mj
Aj <- d1$Aj

#Example 4.1 The sandwich-type covariance matrix

Sw_res <- dcmfinfo(dat=sim_DINA_N1000$simresp, delta=delta, attr_probs=attr_probs,
q_matrix=sim_DINA_N1000$simqmatrix, Mj=Mj, Aj=Aj)

Sw_se_delta <- sqrt(diag(Sw_res))[1:N_delta]

Sw_est_delta_se <- data.frame(delta_est= unlist(delta), se_delta=Sw_se_delta)
Sw_est_delta_se

#Example 4.2 The empirical cross-product information matrix

XPD_res <- dcmfinfo(dat=sim_DINA_N1000$simresp, delta=delta, attr_probs=attr_probs,
q_matrix=simqmatrix, Mj=Mj, Aj=Aj, info_type = "XPD")

# Calculate the covariance matrix of the model parameters based on the XPD matrix
inv_XPD_res <- solve(XPD_res)

XPD_se_delta <- sqrt(diag(inv_XPD_res))[1:N_delta]
XPD_est_delta_se <- data.frame(delta_est= unlist(delta), se_delta=XPD_se_delta)
XPD_est_delta_se

#Example 4.3 The observed information matrix

Obs_res <- dcmfinfo(dat=sim_DINA_N1000$simresp, delta=delta, attr_probs=attr_probs,
q_matrix=simqmatrix, Mj=Mj, Aj=Aj, info_type = "Obs")

```

```
# Calculate the covariance matrix of the model parameters based on the Obs matrix
inv_Obs_res <- solve(Obs_res)

Obs_se_delta <- sqrt(diag(inv_Obs_res))[1:N_delta]
Obs_est_delta_se <- data.frame(delta_est= unlist(delta), se_delta=Obs_se_delta)
Obs_est_delta_se
```

sim_CRUM_N1000	<i>Simulated observed response data, Q-matrix and model parameters (compensatory reparameterized unified model)</i>
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Description

Artificial Q-matrix for 14 items with 3 attributes. A list of observed response data for 14 items, that was generated using the compensatory reparameterized unified model (C-RUM; Hartz, 2002).

Usage

```
sim_CRUM_N1000
```

Format

A list of observed response data Q-matrix, model parameters for 14 items with components:

simresp simulated responses data matrix of 1000 examinees response to 14 items.

simdelta A list of simulated item parameters for 14 items.

simqmatrix Artificial Q-matrix specifies the relationship between 14 items and 3 attributes.

simAj A list of the possible combinations of the required attributes for 14 items (see de la Torre, 2011).

simMj A list of the design matrices and labels for 14 items (see de la Torre, 2011).

simAttrProbs A Simulated vector of the probabilities of attribute mastery profile of 2^3 .

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Hartz, S. M. (2002). A bayesian framework for the unified model for assessing cognitive abilities: Blending theory with practicality (Unpublished doctoral dissertation). University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

sim_DINA_N1000	<i>Simulated observed response data, Q-matrix and model parameters (the deterministic inputs, noisy "and" gate model)</i>
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Description

Artificial Q-matrix for 14 items with 3 attributes. A list of observed response data for 14 items, that was generated using the the deterministic inputs, noisy "and" gate model (DINA; Haertel, 1989; Junker & Sijtsma, 2001) .

Usage

sim_DINA_N1000

Format

A list of observed response data Q-matrix, model parameters for 14 items with components:

simresp simulated responses data matrix of 1000 examinees response to 14 items.

simdelta A list of simulated item parameters for 14 items.

simqmatrix Artificial Q-matrix specifies the relationship between 14 items and 3 attributes.

simAj A list of the possible combinations of the required attributes for 14 items (see de la Torre, 2011).

simMj A list of the design matrices and labels for 14 items (see de la Torre, 2011).

simAttrProbs A Simulated vector of the probabilities of attribute mastery profile of 2^3 .

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