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as.matrix.FastTransform

Convert fast transform to matrix

Description

Converts a fast transform created by fort() to the equivalent matrix form.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'FastTransform'
as.matrix(x, ...)
```

Arguments

х	An object of class FastTransform, created using fort().
	Extra parameters (ignored).

Value

A matrix object equivalent to x.

See Also

fort()

Examples

```
fast_transform <- fort(4, 15)
slow_transform <- as.matrix(fast_transform)
fast_result <- fast_transform %*% diag(4)
slow_result <- slow_transform %*% diag(4)
norm(fast_result - slow_result) # should be small</pre>
```

determinant.FastTransform

Calculate the Determinant of a Transform

Description

det calculates the determinant of a FastTransform object. determinant returns separately the modulus of the determinant, optionally (by default) on the logarithm scale, and the sign of the determinant. If the input transform (x) is not square, the function will fail with an error.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'FastTransform'
determinant(x, logarithm = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

x	Object of FastTransform type with dim_in == dim_out.
logarithm	Logical. if TRUE (default) return the logarithm of the modulus of the determinant.
	Extra parameters (ignored).

Value

For det, the determinant of x. For determinant, the same output format as determinant.matrix().

See Also

fort()

Examples

```
det(fort(16)) # either 1 or -1
determinant(fort(16))
```

dim.FastTransform Dimensions of fast transform

Description

Retrieves the dimensions of a fast transform created by fort() (i.e., the number of rows and columns of an equivalent matrix). It returns the same value that one would get from dim(as.matrix()), but much more efficiently.

Usage

S3 method for class 'FastTransform'
dim(x)

Arguments

х

An object of class FastTransform, created using fort().

Value

A vector of length 2 containing the dimensions of the fast transform (i.e., number of rows and number of columns, in this order).

See Also

fort()

Examples

dim(fort(3, 17)) # should return c(17,3)
dim(t(fort(3, 17))) # should return c(3,17)

FastTransform FastTransform *class*

Description

General specification of the type of objects generated by fort(), which correspond to structured linear transforms. Useful objects of this class must be also part of a subclass which extends this one with a specific implementation of a structured linear transform (e.g., FastTransformFFT1 or FastTransformFFT2).

Details

It is generally not recommended that the fields and methods described here are used directly, unless you have some specific reason (e.g., require low-level access to objects or want to use pipe operators). Instead, you should use fort() and the typical S3 methods for matrices, such as %*%.FastTransform and solve.FastTransform.

Public fields

inverse Logical. Indicates whether the object currently represents a forward or inverse transform.

invertible Logical. Indicates whether the inverse transform can also be expressed as a FastTransform object.

dim_in Dimensionality of the input for the forward transform.

dim_out Dimensionality of the output for the forward transform.

blocksize Dimensionality of the internal transformation (always a power of 2).

fwd_par List of parameters used in the forward transform.

fwd_mtrx Cached matrix representation of the forward transform.

rev_par List of parameters used in the inverse transform.

rev_mtrx Cached matrix representation of the inverse transform.

fort_type String indicating the type of structured transform being used.

cache_matrix Logical. Indicates whether to cache calculated matrices or not (default is TRUE).

logdet List with cached determinants of the forward and inverse transforms

FastTransform

Methods

Public methods:

- FastTransform\$fwd_eval()
- FastTransform\$rev_eval()
- FastTransform\$calculate_rev_par()
- FastTransform\$new()
- FastTransform\$evaluate()
- FastTransform\$get_ncol()
- FastTransform\$get_nrow()
- FastTransform\$get_dim()
- FastTransform\$get_n_par()
- FastTransform\$get_inverse()
- FastTransform\$get_transpose()
- FastTransform\$get_logdet()
- FastTransform\$get_norm()
- FastTransform\$get_norm_margin()
- FastTransform\$as_matrix()
- FastTransform\$print()
- FastTransform\$summary()
- FastTransform\$clone()

Method fwd_eval(): Function that performs the forward transform. Do *not* call this directly unless you know what you are doing: use the FastTransform\$evaluate() method instead.

Usage:

FastTransform\$fwd_eval(x)

Arguments:

x Input matrix of the *correct* dimensionality

Returns: A matrix with the same number of columns as x.

Method rev_eval(): Function that performs the inverse transform. Do *not* call this directly unless you know what you are doing: use the FastTransform\$evaluate() method instead.

Usage:

FastTransform\$rev_eval(x)

Arguments:

x Input matrix of the *correct* dimensionality

Returns: A matrix with the same number of columns as x.

Method calculate_rev_par(): Function that calculates and caches the parameters for the inverse transform. Do not call this directly unless you know what you are doing. If you need the inverse transform, use the FastTransform\$get_inverse() method instead.

Usage:

FastTransform\$calculate_rev_par()

Method new(): Raw object creation function. Note that calling this function does *not* result in a useful object. Instead, you should call the fort() function.

Usage:

FastTransform\$new(dim_in, dim_out, blocksize)

Arguments:

dim_in Dimensionality of the input for the forward transform.

dim_out Dimensionality of the output for the forward transform.

blocksize Dimensionality of the internal transformation (*must* be a power of 2).

Returns: A matrix with the same number of columns as x.

Method evaluate(): Evaluates the result of applying the transform represented by this object on an input matrix x. It is important that the provided matrix has compatible dimensionality since *no input validation is performed*. This method is compatible with the use of pipe operators (e.g., |> or **magrittr**'s %>% and %<>% pipe operators).

Usage:

FastTransform\$evaluate(x)

Arguments:

x Input matrix with correct dimensionality.

Returns: A matrix with the same number of columns as x.

Examples:

```
x <- fort(4) # random transform
y <- diag(4) # data to transform
x %*% y # y transformed by x
y |> x$evaluate() # same as previous line
```

Method get_ncol(): Returns the number of columns of the linear transform represented by this object.

Usage: FastTransform\$get_ncol()

Returns: A numeric value.

Method get_nrow(): Returns the number of rows of the linear transform represented by this object.

Usage:

FastTransform\$get_nrow()

Returns: A numeric value.

Method get_dim(): Returns the dimensions of the linear transform represented by this object.

Usage:

FastTransform\$get_dim()

Returns: A numeric vector with length 2.

Method get_n_par(): Returns the number of parameters required to represent the linear transform represented by this object.

Usage:

FastTransform\$get_n_par()

Returns: A numeric value.

Method get_inverse(): Returns a new FastTransform object that represents the inverse transform of the transform represented by this object.

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Usage:
FastTransform\$get_inverse()

Returns: A new object of type FastTransform.

Method get_transpose(): Returns either a FastTransform object that represents the transpose of the transform represented by this object (if the value of the invertible field is TRUE), or an equivalent matrix.

Usage:

FastTransform\$get_transpose()

Returns: Either an new object of type FastTransform or a matrix.

Method get_logdet(): Returns information on the determinant of the transform represented by this object. Fails if dim_in != dim_out. The modulus of the determinant is provided in log scale.

Usage:

FastTransform\$get_logdet()

Returns: The same type of object returned by determinant.matrix.

Method get_norm(): Returns norm of the matrix equivalent to the linear transform represented by this object.

Usage:

FastTransform\$get_norm(type = "o")

Arguments:

type String indicating the type of matrix norm to calculate, using the same convention as base::norm (default is "o", which corresponds to the maximum absolute column sum).

Returns: A numeric value.

Method get_norm_margin(): Returns norms of the rows (or columns) or the matrix equivalent to the linear transform represented by this object.

Usage:

FastTransform\$get_norm_margin(type = "2", by = 1)

Arguments:

- type String indicating the type of matrix norm to calculate, using a convention compatible with base::norm (default is "2", which corresponds to the Euclidian norm; use "o" for L1 norm, "m" for Inf norm).
- by The norms of the rows are calculated by default (by = 1). To calculate the norms of columns instead, use by = 2.

Returns: A vector of numeric values.

Method as_matrix(): Returns the matrix equivalent to the transform represented by this object.

Usage:

FastTransform\$as_matrix()

Returns: A matrix.

Method print(): Prints terse information about the object.

Usage:
FastTransform\$print()

Returns: The object itself (invisibly).

Method summary(): Prints verbose information about the object.

Usage:

FastTransform\$summary()

Returns: The object itself (invisibly).

Method clone(): The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

```
Usage:
FastTransform$clone(deep = FALSE)
Arguments:
deep Whether to make a deep clone.
```

See Also

- fort() and fort-package, for more detailed information
- FastTransformFFT1 and FastTransformFFT2, for specific FastTransform subclasses

Examples

```
## ------
## Method `FastTransform$evaluate`
## ------
x <- fort(4) # random transform
y <- diag(4) # data to transform
x %*% y # y transformed by x</pre>
```

FastTransformFFT1 FastTransformFFT1 subclass

Description

 ${\tt FastTransform} {\tt FFT1}\ subclass$

FastTransformFFT1 subclass

Details

A specific implementation of a structured fast transform. Inherits from FastTransform.

In particular, the fft1 type applies the following set of operations to each input (column) vector:

- 1. Permute/expand (P_1) rows and pack them into a complex vector x;
- 2. Apply a $y = D_2 F D_1 x$ linear transform, where F represents a complex FFT, and D_i represent diagonal matrices of random unitary complex values;
- 3. Unpack complex vector y to real vector and permute/contract (P_2) rows.

y |> x\$evaluate() # same as previous line

FastTransformFFT1

Note that this transform will be orthonormal only when $dim_i = dim_out = blocksize$ (in which case, both P_1 and P_2 are permutations).

Otherwise, when $dim_in < blocksize$, P_1 represents an expansion (rather than a permutation), and when $dim_out < blocksize$, P_2 represents a contraction/decimation (rather than a permutation). When both of these conditions are true, the resulting transform will *not* be exactly orthogonal or semi-orthogonal, but the rows and columns of the transform are still going to be generally uncorrelated.

It is **not** recommended that the methods described below are called directly. Instead, use the methods described in the fort() documentation, if possible, unless you positively need low-level access (e.g., to speed up computation on *pre-validated* inputs).

Super class

fort::FastTransform -> FastTransformFFT1

Methods

Public methods:

- FastTransformFFT1\$new()
- FastTransformFFT1\$fwd_eval()
- FastTransformFFT1\$rev_eval()
- FastTransformFFT1\$calculate_rev_par()
- FastTransformFFT1\$clone()

Method new(): Object creation function. It is recommended to call the fort() function with type = "FastTransformFFT1", instead of this method, since *no input validation is performed by this method*.

Usage:

FastTransformFFT1\$new(dim_in, dim_out, blocksize)

Arguments:

dim_in Dimensionality of the input for the forward transform.

dim_out Dimensionality of the output for the forward transform.

blocksize Dimensionality of the internal transformation (*must* be a power of 2).

Returns: A matrix with the same number of columns as x.

Method fwd_eval(): Function that performs the forward transform. Do *not* call this directly unless you know what you are doing: use the %*%.FastTransform or FastTransform\$evaluate() methods instead.

Usage:

FastTransformFFT1\$fwd_eval(x)

Arguments:

x Input matrix of the *correct* dimensionality

Returns: A matrix with the same number of columns as x.

Method rev_eval(): Function that performs the inverse transform. Do *not* call this directly unless you know what you are doing: use the %*%.FastTransform or FastTransform\$evaluate() methods instead.

Usage:

FastTransformFFT1\$rev_eval(x)
Arguments:
x Input matrix of the correct dimensionality
Returns: A matrix with the same number of columns as x.

Method calculate_rev_par(): Function that calculates and caches the parameters for the inverse transform. Do not call this directly unless you know what you are doing. If you need the inverse transform, use the solve.FastTransform or FastTransform\$get_inverse() methods instead.

Usage: FastTransformFFT1\$calculate_rev_par() Returns: The object itself (invisibly).

Method clone(): The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

Usage:

FastTransformFFT1\$clone(deep = FALSE)

Arguments:

deep Whether to make a deep clone.

See Also

fort(), FastTransform

FastTransformFFT2 FastTransformFFT2 subclass

Description

FastTransformFFT2 subclass FastTransformFFT2 subclass

Details

A specific implementation of a structured fast transform. Inherits from FastTransform.

In particular, the fft2 type applies the following set of operations to each input (column) vector:

- 1. Permute/expand (P_1) rows and pack them into a complex vector x;
- 2. Apply a $y = D_3 F D_2 F D_1 x$ linear transform, where F represents a complex FFT, and D_i represent diagonal matrices of random unitary complex values;
- 3. Unpack complex vector y to real vector and permute/contract (P_2) rows.

Note that this transform will be orthonormal only when $dim_i = dim_out = blocksize$ (in which case, both P_1 and P_2 are permutations).

Otherwise, when $dim_in < blocksize$, P_1 represents an expansion (rather than a permutation), and when $dim_out < blocksize$, P_2 represents a contraction/decimation (rather than a permutation). When both of these conditions are true, the resulting transform will *not* be exactly orthogonal or semi-orthogonal, but the rows and columns of the transform are still going to be generally uncorrelated.

It is **not** recommended that the methods described below are called directly. Instead, use the methods described in the fort() documentation, if possible, unless you positively need low-level access (e.g., to speed up computation on *pre-validated* inputs).

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FastTransformFFT2

Super class

fort::FastTransform -> FastTransformFFT2

Methods

Public methods:

- FastTransformFFT2\$new()
- FastTransformFFT2\$fwd_eval()
- FastTransformFFT2\$rev_eval()
- FastTransformFFT2\$calculate_rev_par()
- FastTransformFFT2\$clone()

Method new(): Object creation function. It is recommended to call the fort() function with type = "FastTransformFFT2", instead of this method, since *no input validation is performed by this method*.

Usage:

FastTransformFFT2\$new(dim_in, dim_out, blocksize)

Arguments:

dim_in Dimensionality of the input for the forward transform.

dim_out Dimensionality of the output for the forward transform.

blocksize Dimensionality of the internal transformation (must be a power of 2).

Returns: A matrix with the same number of columns as x.

Method fwd_eval(): Function that performs the forward transform. Do *not* call this directly unless you know what you are doing: use the %*%.FastTransform or FastTransform\$evaluate() methods instead.

```
Usage:
FastTransformFFT2$fwd_eval(x)
```

Arguments:

x Input matrix of the *correct* dimensionality

Returns: A matrix with the same number of columns as x.

Method rev_eval(): Function that performs the inverse transform. Do *not* call this directly unless you know what you are doing: use the %*%.FastTransform or FastTransform\$evaluate() methods instead.

Usage:
FastTransformFFT2\$rev_eval(x)

Arguments:

x Input matrix of the *correct* dimensionality

Returns: A matrix with the same number of columns as x.

Method calculate_rev_par(): Function that calculates and caches the parameters for the inverse transform. Do not call this directly unless you know what you are doing. If you need the inverse transform, use the solve.FastTransform or FastTransform\$get_inverse() methods instead.

Usage: FastTransformFFT2\$calculate_rev_par() Returns: The object itself (invisibly).

Method clone(): The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

Usage: FastTransformFFT2\$clone(deep = FALSE) Arguments: deep Whether to make a deep clone.

See Also

fort(), FastTransform

fort

Create a Fast Orthogonal Random Transform

Description

fort() creates an object (that inherits from class FastTransform) which represents a fast random $\mathbb{R}^{dim_in} \to \mathbb{R}^{dim_out}$ linear transform. This transform will be orthonormal when $dim_in = dim_out$ and they are a power of 2, and approximately orthogonal or semi-orthogonal (in the sense that either $W^T W \approx I_{dim_in}$ or $WW^T \approx I_{dim_out}$, if W represents the transform and I_n represents an N-dimensional identity matrix) otherwise.

Usage

```
fort(
  dim_in,
  dim_out = NULL,
  type = "default",
  cache_matrix = TRUE,
  seed = NULL
)
```

Arguments

dim_in	Either a scalar indicating the input dimensionality, or a vector of length 2 indi- cating the input and output dimensionality of the transform (if dim_out is not specified).
dim_out	A scalar indicating the output dimensionality of the transform (not required if the first parameter is a vector of length 2).
type	A string indicating the type of transform to use (optional); current valid options are: fft2 (i.e. default).
cache_matrix	Logical that controls whether matrices are cached when as.matrix() is called; should be set to FALSE if saving memory is important (optional, default = TRUE).
seed	If set, defines the seed used to generate the random transform (optional, default = NULL).

Details

The goal of fort() is to provide an easy and efficient way of calculating fast orthogonal random transforms (when dim_in is the same as dim_out) or semi-orthogonal transforms (when dim_in is different from dim_out) within R, by using fast structured transforms (like the Fast Fourier Transform or the Fast Walsh-Hadamard Transform) to avoid matrix multiplications, in the same spirit as the Fastfood (Rahimi et al. (2007)), ACDC (Moczulski et al. (2015)), HD (Yu et al. (2016)) and SD (Choromanski et al. (2017)) families of random structured transforms.

Internally, all fort transforms assume a blocksize which *must* be a power of 2 and no smaller than $\max(\dim_in, \dim_out)$. The resulting transform will be practically orthonormal when $dim_in = dim_out$ and they match the blocksize of the transform, and practically semi-orthogonal when $dim_in \neq dim_out$ and $\max(\dim_in, \dim_out)$ matches the blocksize. Otherwise, these properties will *only approximately* hold, since the output will result from a decimated transform (i.e., the rows and columns of the transform should be decorrelated, but not necessarily orthogonal).

Value

An object of a class that inherits from class FastTransform and which represents a fast linear transform.

fort transform types

The specific type of transform returned depends on the value passed in the type parameter, but all methods rely on alternating between applying permutations (complexity O(N)), diagonal scaling matrices (complexity O(N)) and structured fast linear transforms (such as the Fast Fourier Transform or the Fast Walsh-Hadamard Transform, which can be implemented with complexity $O(N\log N)$). Thus, it becomes possible to reduce the complexity of transforming an \mathbb{R}^N vector from $O(N^2)$ (using matrix multiplication) to $O(N\log N)$.

Currently, the available options for the type parameter are:

- default: this is the default option, if no type is specified; currently, it assumes the fft2 type, but this is subject to change (so avoid this option in non-interactive usage);
- fft1: this type of fort transform uses the Fast Fourier Transform as base transform (which is used once); for more technical details, see FastTransformFFT1.
- fft2: this type of fort transform uses the Fast Fourier Transform as base transform (which is used twice); for more technical details, see FastTransformFFT2.

Using fort transforms

In practice, to apply the fast transform to the columns of a matrix, you should use the %*% operator as if the output of fort() was a matrix (e.g., fort(4,6) %*% matrix(1:12,4,3) will output a 6 by 3 matrix that results from applying the transform on the left to the matrix on the right of the %*% operator).

Objects generated by fort() are also compatible with other methods applicable to matrix objects, such as dim(), ncol(), nrow(), solve(), t() and det(). Furthermore, these object can also be easily converted to matrices (using as.matrix()), if required.

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See Also

- How to apply fort transforms: **%*****%**.FastTransform
- How to obtain a fort transform in matrix form: as.matrix.FastTransform()
- How to invert fort transforms: solve.FastTransform()
- How to access low-level functionality of fort transforms: FastTransform

Examples

```
fort(16) # a random orthogonal transform from R^16 to R^16
fort(5, 33) # a random transform from R^5 to R^33
fort(c(5, 33)) # same as previous line
# apply a random orthogonal transformation to the canonical R^4 basis
fort(4) %*% diag(4)
```

solve.FastTransform Solve a System of Equations

Description

Solves an equation of the form a %*% x = b for x, where a is a linear operation represented by a FastTransform object, while b can be either a vector or a matrix. If b is missing, it returns a FastTransform object corresponding to the inverse (or a generalized inverse) of a.

Usage

S3 method for class 'FastTransform'
solve(a, b, ...)

Arguments

а	An object of class FastTransform, created using fort().
b	A numeric vector or matrix (to solve the equation), or nothing (to obtain a generalized inverse of a).
•••	Extra parameters (ignored).

Details

Note that the inverse transform will only be fast (i.e., avoid matrix multiplication) if $dim_in = dim_out = blocksize$.

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Value

Either a matrix (representing x), or a FastTransform object (representing a generalized inverse of a; if parameter b is missing).

See Also

fort()

Examples

```
a <- fort(4)
inv_a <- solve(a) # inverse of a
inv_a %*% diag(4) # applying the inverse of a
solve(a, diag(4)) # should give the same output</pre>
```

summary.FastTransform Summarize fast transform

Description

Provides a summary of a fast transform created by fort() with slightly more detail than the information provided by using print().

Usage

S3 method for class 'FastTransform'
summary(object, ...)

Arguments

object	An object of class FastTransform, created using fort().
	Extra parameters (ignored).

Value

The input object (invisibly).

See Also

fort()

Examples

summary(fort(3, 17))

t.FastTransform Transform Transpose

Description

Given a FastTransform object x, t returns the transpose of x. If x represents an orthonormal transformation (i.e., if x\$invertible is TRUE), then a FastTransform object (representing the transpose of x) will be returned; otherwise, a matrix object (representing the transpose of x) will be returned, with a warning.

Usage

S3 method for class 'FastTransform'
t(x)

Arguments

х

An object of class FastTransform, created using fort().

Value

Either an object of class FastTransform (if x\$invertible is TRUE) or a matrix.

See Also

fort() and solve.FastTransform()

Examples

```
(a <- fort(4))
(b <- t(t(a))) # transpose a twice
# the result below should be close to zero
sum((a %*% diag(4) - b %*% diag(4))^2)</pre>
```

%*%.FastTransform Apply a fast transform

Description

Applies a fast transform created by fort() (x) to the columns of a conformable matrix (y).

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'FastTransform'
x %*% y
```

Arguments

х	An object of class FastTransform, created using fort().
У	A numeric (real) matrix/vector with an appropriate number of rows/elements.

%***%

Value

A numeric (real) matrix with the same number of columns as y.

See Also

fort() to create FastTransform objects, and %***% for unsafe evaluation

Examples

```
Z <- fort(4, 1024)
Z %*% matrix(1:2, 4, 3) # output is a 1024 by 3 matrix
# the example below works: y is assumed to be a single column vector
Z %*% 1:4 # output is a 1024 by 1 matrix
```

%***%

Unsafely apply a fast transform

Description

Applies a fast transform created by fort() (x) to the columns of a conformable matrix (y), typically equivalent to the use of the %*% operator, but using an unsafe method.

Usage

x %***% y

Arguments

Х	An object of class FastTransform, created using fort().
У	A numeric (real) matrix/vector with an appropriate number of rows/elements.

Details

This operator works in a similar way to %*%, but avoids dispatching and does not perform any type of validation of its inputs, in order to reduce overhead when performing repeated operations inside a function on pre-validated inputs.

It is not recommended that this operator is used interactively and/or on non-validated inputs.

Value

A numeric (real) matrix with the same number of columns as y.

See Also

fort(), %*%.FastTransform

Examples

```
Z <- fort(4, 1024)
Z %*% matrix(1:2, 4, 3) # output is a 1024 by 3 matrix
Z %***% matrix(1:2, 4, 3) # output is also a 1024 by 3 matrix
```

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