

# Package: FinCovRegularization (via r-universe)

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**Description** Estimation and regularization for covariance matrix of asset returns. For covariance matrix estimation, three major types of factor models are included: macroeconomic factor model, fundamental factor model and statistical factor model. For covariance matrix regularization, four regularized estimators are included: banding, tapering, hard-thresholding and soft- thresholding. The tuning parameters of these regularized estimators are selected via cross-validation.

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| banding | <i>Banding Operator on Covariance Matrix</i> |
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### Description

Apply banding operator on a covariance matrix with a banding parameter.

### Usage

```
banding(sigma, k = 0)
```

### Arguments

|       |                         |
|-------|-------------------------|
| sigma | a p*p covariance matrix |
| k     | banding parameter       |

### Value

a regularized covariance matrix after banding operation

### References

"High-Dimensional Covariance Estimation" by Mohsen Pourahmadi

### Examples

```
data(m.excess.c10sp9003)
cov.SAM <- cov(m.excess.c10sp9003)
banding(cov.SAM, 7)
```

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`banding.cv`*Select Tuning Parameter for Banding Covariance Matrix by CV*

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**Description**

Apply K-fold cross-validation for selecting tuning parameters for banding covariance matrix using grid search strategy

**Usage**

```
banding.cv(matrix, n.cv = 10, norm = "F", seed = 142857)
```

**Arguments**

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| <code>matrix</code> | a $N \times p$ matrix, $N$ indicates sample size and $p$ indicates the dimension                                    |
| <code>n.cv</code>   | times that cross-validation repeated, the default number is 10  |
| <code>norm</code>   | the norms used to measure the cross-validation errors, which can be the Frobenius norm "F" or the operator norm "O" |
| <code>seed</code>   | random seed, the default value is 142857  |

**Details**

For cross-validation, this function split the sample randomly into two pieces of size  $n_1 = n - n/\log(n)$  and  $n_2 = n/\log(n)$ , and repeat this  $k$  times

**Value**

An object of class "CovCv" containing the cross-validation's result for covariance matrix regularization, including:

|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| <code>regularization</code> | regularization method, which is "Banding"           |
| <code>parameter.opt</code>  | selected optimal parameter by cross-validation      |
| <code>cv.error</code>       | the corresponding cross-validation errors           |
| <code>n.cv</code>           | times that cross-validation repeated                |
| <code>norm</code>           | the norm used to measure the cross-validation error |
| <code>seed</code>           | random seed   |

**References**

"High-Dimensional Covariance Estimation" by Mohsen Pourahmadi

**Examples**

```

data(m.excess.c10sp9003)
retcov.cv <- banding.cv(m.excess.c10sp9003, n.cv = 10,
                       norm = "F", seed = 142857)
summary(retcov.cv)
plot(retcov.cv)
# Low dimension

```

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F.norm2

*The Squared Frobenius Norm*


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**Description**

Calculate the squared Frobenius norm of a matrix

**Usage**

```
F.norm2(matrix)
```

**Arguments**

matrix            a matrix

**Value**

a scalar of the squared Frobenius norm

**Examples**

```

data(m.excess.c10sp9003)
cov.SAM <- cov(m.excess.c10sp9003)
F.norm2(cov.SAM)

```

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FinCovRegularization    *FinCovRegularization: Covariance Matrix Estimation and Regularization for Finance*


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**Description**

Estimation and regularization for covariance matrix of asset returns. For covariance matrix estimation, three major types of factor models are included: macroeconomic factor model, fundamental factor model and statistical factor model. For covariance matrix regularization, four regularized estimators are included: banding, tapering, hard-thresholding and soft-thresholding. The tuning parameters of these regularized estimators are selected via cross-validation.

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FundamentalFactor.Cov *Covariance Matrix Estimation by Fundamental Factor Model*


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**Description**

Estimate covariance matrix by fitting a fundamental factor model using OLS or WLS regression

**Usage**

```
FundamentalFactor.Cov(assets, exposure, method = "WLS")
```

**Arguments**

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| assets   | a N*p matrix of asset returns, N indicates sample size and p indicates the dimension of asset returns  |
| exposure | a p*q matrix of exposure indicator for the fundamental factor model, p corresponds to the dimension of asset returns, q indicates the number of fundamental industries |
| method   | a character, indicating regression method: "OLS" or "WLS"  |

**Value**

an estimated p\*p covariance matrix

**Examples**

```
data(m.excess.c10sp9003)
assets <- m.excess.c10sp9003[,1:10]
Indicator <- matrix(0,10,3)
dimnames(Indicator) <- list(colnames(assets),c("Drug", "Auto", "Oil"))
Indicator[c("ABT", "LLY", "MRK", "PFE"), "Drug"] <- 1
Indicator[c("F", "GM"), "Auto"] <- 1
Indicator[c("BP", "CVX", "RD", "XOM"), "Oil"] <- 1
FundamentalFactor.Cov(assets, exposure=Indicator, method="WLS")
```

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GMVP

*Global Minimum Variance Portfolio*


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**Description**

Computing a global minimum variance portfolio weights from the estimated covariance matrix of return series.

**Usage**

```
GMVP(cov.mat, short = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

`cov.mat` an estimated  $p \times p$  covariance matrix  
`short` logical flag, indicating whether shortsales on the risky assets are allowed

**Value**

a numerical vector containing the estimated portfolio weights

**Examples**

```
data(m.excess.c10sp9003)
assets <- m.excess.c10sp9003[,1:10]
GMVP(cov(assets), short=TRUE)
GMVP(cov(assets), short=FALSE)
```

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`hard.thresholding`      *Hard-Thresholding Operator on Covariance Matrix*

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**Description**

Apply hard-thresholding operator on a covariance matrix with a hard-thresholding parameter.

**Usage**

```
hard.thresholding(sigma, threshold = 0.5)
```

**Arguments**

`sigma` a  $p \times p$  covariance matrix  
`threshold` hard-thresholding parameter

**Value**

a regularized covariance matrix after hard-thresholding operation

**References**

"High-Dimensional Covariance Estimation" by Mohsen Pourahmadi

**Examples**

```
data(m.excess.c10sp9003)
cov.SAM <- cov(m.excess.c10sp9003)
hard.thresholding(cov.SAM, threshold = 0.001)
```

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| Ind.Cov | <i>Independence operator on Covariance Matrix</i> |
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**Description**

Apply independence model on a covariance matrix.

**Usage**

```
Ind.Cov(sigma)
```

**Arguments**

sigma            a covariance matrix

**Value**

a regularized covariance matrix after applying independence model

**Examples**

```
data(m.excess.c10sp9003)
cov.SAM <- cov(m.excess.c10sp9003)
Ind.Cov(cov.SAM)
```

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|--------------------|--|
| m.excess.c10sp9003 | <i>10 stock and S&amp;P 500 excess returns</i> |
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**Description**

A dataset containing monthly excess returns of 10 stocks and S&P 500 index return from January 1990 to December 2003

**Usage**

```
data(m.excess.c10sp9003)
```

**Format**

A matrix with 168 rows and 11 variables

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MacroFactor.Cov      *Covariance Matrix Estimation by Macroeconomic Factor Model*

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**Description**

Estimate covariance matrix by fitting a macroeconomic factor model using time series regression

**Usage**

```
MacroFactor.Cov(assets, factor)
```

**Arguments**

|        |  |
|--------|--|
| assets | a N*p matrix of asset returns, N indicates sample size and p indicates the dimension of asset returns            |
| factor | a numerical vector of length N, or a N*q matrix of macroeconomic factor(s), q indicates the dimension of factors |

**Value**

an estimated p\*p covariance matrix

**Examples**

```
data(m.excess.c10sp9003)
assets <- m.excess.c10sp9003[,1:10]
factor <- m.excess.c10sp9003[,11]
MacroFactor.Cov(assets, factor)
```

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O.norm2      *The Squared Operator Norm*

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**Description**

Calculate the squared Operator norm of a matrix

**Usage**

```
O.norm2(matrix)
```

**Arguments**

|        |          |
|--------|----------|
| matrix | a matrix |
|--------|----------|

**Value**

a scalar of the squared Operator norm



**Examples**

```
data(m.excess.c10sp9003)
cov.SAM <- cov(m.excess.c10sp9003)
O.norm2(cov.SAM)
```

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RiskParity

*Risk Parity Portfolio*


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**Description**

Computing a Risk Parity portfolio weights from the estimated covariance matrix of return series.

**Usage**

```
RiskParity(cov.mat)
```

**Arguments**

`cov.mat` an estimated  $p \times p$  covariance matrix

**Value**

a numerical vector containing the estimated portfolio weights

**Examples**

```
data(m.excess.c10sp9003)
assets <- m.excess.c10sp9003[,1:10]
RiskParity(cov(assets))
```

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soft.thresholding

*Soft-Thresholding Operator on Covariance Matrix*


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**Description**

Apply soft-thresholding operator on a covariance matrix with a soft-thresholding parameter.

**Usage**

```
soft.thresholding(sigma, threshold = 0.5)
```

**Arguments**

`sigma` a covariance matrix  
`threshold` soft-thresholding parameter

**Value**

a regularized covariance matrix after soft-thresholding operation

**References**

"High-Dimensional Covariance Estimation" by Mohsen Pourahmadi

**Examples**

```
data(m.excess.c10sp9003)
cov.SAM <- cov(m.excess.c10sp9003)
soft.thresholding(cov.SAM, threshold = 0.001)
```

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StatFactor.Cov

*Covariance Matrix Estimation by Statistical Factor Model*

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**Description**

Estimate covariance matrix by fitting a statistical factor model using principle components analysis

**Usage**

```
StatFactor.Cov(assets, k = 0)
```

**Arguments**

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| assets | a matrix of asset returns   |
| k      | numbers of factors, if k = 0, automatically estimating by Kaiser method |

**Value**

an estimated  $p \times p$  covariance matrix

**Examples**

```
data(m.excess.c10sp9003)
assets <- m.excess.c10sp9003[,1:10]
StatFactor.Cov(assets, 3)
```

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| tapering | <i>Tapering Operator on Covariance Matrix</i> |
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**Description**

Apply tapering operator on a covariance matrix with tapering parameters.

**Usage**

```
tapering(sigma, l, h = 1/2)
```

**Arguments**

|       |   |
|-------|---|
| sigma | a p*p covariance matrix                     |
| l     | tapering parameter                          |
| h     | the ratio between taper l_h and parameter l |

**Value**

a regularized covariance matrix after tapering operation

**References**

"High-Dimensional Covariance Estimation" by Mohsen Pourahmadi

**Examples**

```
data(m.excess.c10sp9003)
cov.SAM <- cov(m.excess.c10sp9003)
tapering(cov.SAM, l=7, h = 1/2)
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|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| tapering.cv | <i>Select Tuning Parameter for Tapering Covariance Matrix by CV</i> |
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**Description**

Apply K-fold cross-validation for selecting tuning parameters for tapering covariance matrix using grid search strategy

**Usage**

```
tapering.cv(matrix, h = 1/2, n.cv = 10, norm = "F", seed = 142857)
```

**Arguments**

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| matrix | a $N \times p$ matrix, $N$ indicates sample size and $p$ indicates the dimension                                    |
| h      | the ratio between taper $l_h$ and parameter $l$   |
| n.cv   | times that cross-validation repeated, the default number is 10  |
| norm   | the norms used to measure the cross-validation errors, which can be the Frobenius norm "F" or the operator norm "O" |
| seed   | random seed, the default value is 142857  |

**Details**

For cross-validation, this function split the sample randomly into two pieces of size  $n_1 = n - n/\log(n)$  and  $n_2 = n/\log(n)$ , and repeat this  $k$  times

**Value**

An object of class "CovCv" containing the cross-validation's result for covariance matrix regularization, including:

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| regularization | regularization method, which is "Tapering"          |
| parameter.opt  | selected optimal parameter by cross-validation      |
| cv.error       | the corresponding cross-validation errors           |
| n.cv           | times that cross-validation repeated                |
| norm           | the norm used to measure the cross-validation error |
| seed           | random seed   |

**References**

"High-Dimensional Covariance Estimation" by Mohsen Pourahmadi

**Examples**

```
data(m.excess.c10sp9003)
retcov.cv <- tapering.cv(m.excess.c10sp9003, n.cv = 10,
                        norm = "F", seed = 142857)
summary(retcov.cv)
plot(retcov.cv)
# Low dimension
```

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|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| threshold.cv | <i>Select Tuning Parameter for Thresholding Covariance Matrix by CV</i> |
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**Description**

Apply K-fold cross-validation for selecting tuning parameters for thresholding covariance matrix using grid search strategy

**Usage**

```
threshold.cv(matrix, method = "hard", thresh.len = 20, n.cv = 10,
             norm = "F", seed = 142857)
```

**Arguments**

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| matrix     | a $N \times p$ matrix, $N$ indicates sample size and $p$ indicates the dimension   |
| method     | thresholding method, "hard" or "soft"  |
| thresh.len | the number of thresholding values tested in cross-validation, the thresholding values will be a sequence of thresh.len equally spaced values from minimum threshold constant to largest covariance in sample covariance matrix |
| n.cv       | times that cross-validation repeated, the default number is 10   |
| norm       | the norms used to measure the cross-validation errors, which can be the Frobenius norm "F" or the operator norm "O"  |
| seed       | random seed, the default value is 142857   |

**Details**

For cross-validation, this function split the sample randomly into two pieces of size  $n_1 = n - n/\log(n)$  and  $n_2 = n/\log(n)$ , and repeat this  $k$  times

**Value**

An object of class "CovCv" containing the cross-validation's result for covariance matrix regularization, including:

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| regularization | regularization method, which is "Hard Thresholding" or "Soft Thresholding" |
| parameter.opt  | selected optimal parameter by cross-validation                             |
| cv.error       | the corresponding cross-validation errors                                  |
| n.cv           | times that cross-validation repeated                                       |
| norm           | the norm used to measure the cross-validation error                        |
| seed           | random seed  |
| threshold.grid | thresholding values tested in cross-validation                             |

**References**

"High-Dimensional Covariance Estimation" by Mohsen Pourahmadi

**Examples**

```
data(m.excess.c10sp9003)
retcov.cv <- threshold.cv(m.excess.c10sp9003, method = "hard",
                          thresh.len = 20, n.cv = 10, norm = "F", seed = 142857)
summary(retcov.cv)
plot(retcov.cv)
# Low dimension
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