

# Package ‘fad’

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**Description** Compute maximum likelihood estimators of parameters in a Gaussian factor model using the the matrix-free methodology described in Dai et al. (2020) <[doi:10.1080/10618600.2019.1704296](https://doi.org/10.1080/10618600.2019.1704296)>. In contrast to the factanal() function from 'stats' package, fad() can handle high-dimensional datasets where number of variables exceed the sample size and is also substantially faster than the EM algorithms.

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fad	<i>Factor Analysis for data (high or low dimensional).</i>
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### Description

Perform fast matrix-free maximum-likelihood factor analysis on a covariance matrix or data matrix, works if number of variables is more than number of observations.

### Usage

```
fad(
  x,
  factors,
  data = NULL,
  covmat = NULL,
  n.obs = NA,
  subset,
  na.action,
  start = NULL,
  scores = c("none", "regression", "Bartlett"),
  rotation = "varimax",
  control = NULL,
  lower = 0.005,
  ...
)
```

### Arguments

x	A formula or a numeric matrix or an object that can be coerced to a numeric matrix.
factors	The number of factors to be fitted.
data	An optional data frame (or similar: see <a href="#">model.frame</a> ), used only if x is a formula. By default the variables are taken from <code>environment(formula)</code> .
covmat	A covariance matrix, or a covariance list as returned by <a href="#">cov.wt</a> . Of course, correlation matrices are covariance matrices.
n.obs	The number of observations, used if covmat is a covariance matrix.
subset	A specification of the cases to be used, if x is used as a matrix or formula.

na.action	The na.action to be used if x is used as a formula.
start	NULL or a matrix of starting values, each column giving an initial set of uniquenesses.
scores	Type of scores to produce, if any. The default is none, "regression" gives Thompson's scores, "Bartlett" given Bartlett's weighted least-squares scores. Partial matching allows these names to be abbreviated. Also note that some of the scores-types are not applicable when $p > n$ .
rotation	character. "none" or the name of a function to be used to rotate the factors: it will be called with first argument the loadings matrix, and should return a list with component loadings giving the rotated loadings, or just the rotated loadings. The options included in the package are: varimax, promax, quartimax, equamax.
control	A list of control values: <b>nstart</b> The number of starting values to be tried if start = NULL. Default 1. <b>trace</b> logical. Output tracing information? Default FALSE. <b>opt</b> A list of control values to be passed to <code>optim</code> 's control argument. <b>rotate</b> a list of additional arguments for the rotation function.
lower	The lower bound for uniquenesses during optimization. Should be $> 0$ . Default 0.005.
...	Components of control can also be supplied as named arguments to fad.

## Value

An object of class "fad" with components

loadings	A matrix of loadings on the correlation scale, one column for each factor. The factors are ordered in decreasing order of sums of squares of loadings, and given the sign that will make the sum of the loadings positive. This is of class "loadings"
uniquenesses	The uniquenesses computed on the correlation scale.
sd	The estimated standard deviations.
criteria	The results of the optimization: the value of the criterion (a linear function of the negative log-likelihood) and information on the iterations used.
factors	The argument factors.
dof	The number of degrees of freedom of the factor analysis model.
method	The method: always "mle".
rotmat	The rotation matrix if relevant.
scores	If requested, a matrix of scores. <code>napredict</code> is applied to handle the treatment of values omitted by the na.action.
n.obs	The number of observations if available, or NA.
call	The matched call.
na.action	If relevant.
loglik, BIC	The maximum log-likelihood and the Bayesian Information Criteria.

**See Also**[factanal](#)**Examples**

```

set.seed(1234)

## Simulate a 200 x 3 loadings matrix ~i.i.d N(0,1)
L <- matrix(rnorm(200*3),200,3)

## Simulate the uniquenesses i.i.d U(0.2,0.9)
D <- runif(200,0.2,0.9)

## Generate a data matrix of size 50 x 200 with rows
## ~i.i.d. N(0,LL'+diag(D))
X <- tcrossprod(matrix(rnorm(50*3),50,3),L) + matrix(rnorm(50*200),50,200) %*% diag(sqrt(D))

## Fit a factor model with 3 factors:
fit = fad(X,3)

## Print the loadings:
print(fit$loadings)

```

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fads

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*Factor Analysis for data on a sphere (high or low dimensional).*


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**Description**

Perform fast matrix-free maximum-likelihood factor analysis on data on sphere, works if number of variables is more than number of observations.

**Usage**

```

fads(
  inputs,
  q,
  ii = 123,
  M = NULL,
  L = NULL,
  D = NULL,
  gamma = NA,
  maxiter = 10000,
  epsi = 1e-04
)

```

**Arguments**

inputs	A numeric matrix or an object that can be coerced to a numeric matrix.
q	The number of factors to be fitted.
ii	The random seeds for initialization. Default 123 if no initial values of parameters are imported.
M	The initial values of mean.
L	The initial values of loading matrix.
D	The initial values of uniquenesses.
gamma	The common constant used in the eBIC formula. Default 'NA'.
maxiter	The maximum iterations. Default 10,000
epsi	The absolute difference between final data log-likelihood values on consecutive step. Default 0.0001.

**Value**

An object of class "fads" with components

mu	The estimate mean.
loadings	A matrix of loadings on the correlation scale, one column for each factor. The factors are ordered in decreasing order of sums of squares of loadings, and given the sign that will make the sum of the loadings positive. This is of class "loadings"
uniquenesses	The uniquenesses computed on the correlation scale.
sd	The estimated standard deviations.
iter	The number of iterations
gerr	the difference between the gradients on consecutive step.
loglik, eBIC	The maximum log-likelihood the extended Bayesian Information Criteria (Chen and Chen, 2008).

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print.fad

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*Print the Output of Factor Analysis*


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**Description**

Prints the output of the fad.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'fad'
print(x, digits = 3, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x                    an object of class fad.  
digits              number of decimal places to use in printing uniquenesses and loadings.  
...                  further arguments to print.

**Value**

None.

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print.fads

*Print the Output of Factor Analysis*

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**Description**

Prints the output of the fads.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'fads'  
print(x, digits = 3, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x                    an object of class fads.  
digits              number of decimal places to use in printing uniquenesses and loadings.  
...                  further arguments to print.

**Value**

None.

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