

# Package ‘thamesblock’

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**Title** Truncated Harmonic Mean Estimator of the Marginal Likelihood for Block Models

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**Description** Implements the truncated harmonic mean estimator (THAMES) and other estimators of the reciprocal marginal likelihood for block models. This is done via reciprocal importance sampling, using posterior samples and unnormalized log posterior values. For further information see Metodiev, Perrot-Dockès, Fouetilou, Latouche & Raftery (2026).

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ChibPartition

*Computes the ChibPartition estimator***Description**

Computes the ChibPartition estimator

**Usage**

```
ChibPartition(lps, clusterList, num_clusters)
```

**Arguments**

<code>lps</code>	log-prior + log-likelihood values (collapsed sample)
<code>clusterList</code>	the posterior sample of cluster allocations
<code>num_clusters</code>	the number of clusters

**Value**

an estimator of the reciprocal log marginal likelihood

**References**

Hairault, A., Robert, C. P., Rousseau, J. (2022). Evidence estimation in finite and infinite mixture models and applications. arXiv preprint arXiv:2205.05416.

**Examples**

```
num_clusters = 2 # number of clusters
iterations = 6 # size of the MCMC sample
size_dataset = 10 # size of the data
# the MCMC sample (usually it is much larger than this)
clustermat = rbind(c(0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0),
c(0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0),
c(0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0),
c(0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0),
c(1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0))
clusterList = list(c(0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0),
c(0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0),
c(0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0),
c(0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0),
c(0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0),
c(1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0))

# an example dataset with one edge between nodes 1 and 2, no edge otherwise
dataset = matrix(0, nrow=size_dataset, ncol=size_dataset)
dataset[1,2] = 1
dataset[2,1] = 1
```

```

# should be implemented in Rcpp for optimal performance

logprior = function(clustermat){
  dirichlet_hyperparameter_vector = rep(1, num_clusters)
  logprior_values = numeric(iterations)

  for(iter in (1:iterations)){
    update_dirichlet_hyperparameter_vector = numeric(num_clusters)
    for(cluster_index in 0:(num_clusters-1)){
      update_dirichlet_hyperparameter_vector[cluster_index + 1] =
        dirichlet_hyperparameter_vector[cluster_index + 1] +
        sum(clustermat[iter,] == cluster_index)
    }
    logprior_values[iter] = lgamma(sum(dirichlet_hyperparameter_vector)) +
      sum(lgamma(dirichlet_hyperparameter_vector)) -
      lgamma(sum(update_dirichlet_hyperparameter_vector)) -
      sum(lgamma(update_dirichlet_hyperparameter_vector))
  }
  return(logprior_values)
}

loglik = function(clustermat){
  alpha_hyperparameters = matrix(1, nrow=num_clusters, ncol=num_clusters)
  beta_hyperparameters = matrix(1, nrow=num_clusters, ncol=num_clusters)
  loglik_values = numeric(iterations)
  for(iter in iterations){
    updated_alpha_hyperparameters = matrix(nrow=num_clusters, ncol=num_clusters)
    updated_beta_hyperparameters = matrix(nrow=num_clusters, ncol=num_clusters)
    for(cluster_index_1 in 0:(num_clusters-1)){
      for(cluster_index_2 in 0:(num_clusters-1)){
        updated_alpha_hyperparameters[cluster_index_1 + 1,
          cluster_index_2 + 1] =
          alpha_hyperparameters[cluster_index_1 + 1,
            cluster_index_2 + 1] +
          sum(dataset[which(clustermat[iter,] == cluster_index_1),
            which(clustermat[iter,] == cluster_index_2)])
        updated_beta_hyperparameters[cluster_index_1 + 1,
          cluster_index_2 + 1] =
          beta_hyperparameters[cluster_index_1 + 1,
            cluster_index_2 + 1] +
          sum(1 - dataset[which(clustermat[iter,] == cluster_index_1),
            which(clustermat[iter,] == cluster_index_2)])
        loglik_values[iter] = loglik_values[iter] +
          lgamma(alpha_hyperparameters[cluster_index_1 + 1,
            cluster_index_2 + 1] +
            beta_hyperparameters[cluster_index_1 + 1,
              cluster_index_2 + 1]) +
          lgamma(updated_alpha_hyperparameters[cluster_index_1 + 1,
            cluster_index_2 + 1]) +
          lgamma(updated_beta_hyperparameters[cluster_index_1 + 1,
            cluster_index_2 + 1]) -
          lgamma(updated_alpha_hyperparameters[cluster_index_1 + 1,

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                                cluster_index_2 + 1] +
      updated_beta_hyperparameters[cluster_index_1 + 1,
                                cluster_index_2 + 1]) -
      lgamma(alpha_hyperparameters[cluster_index_1 + 1,
                                cluster_index_2 + 1]) -
      lgamma(beta_hyperparameters[cluster_index_1 + 1,
                                cluster_index_2 + 1])
    }
  }
}
return(loglik_values)
}
logpost = function(clustermat) logprior(clustermat) + loglik(clustermat)
lps = logpost(clustermat)
ChibPartition(lps=lps, clusterList=clusterList, num_clusters=num_clusters)

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```
compute_nobile_identity
```

*Nobile's identity for the marginal likelihood*

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## Description

This function, partially copied from the thamesmix package, uses the identity from Nobile (2004, 2007) to compute an estimate of the marginal likelihood of a stochastic block model with  $G$  clusters given an estimate of the marginal likelihood of a stochastic block model with  $G-1$  clusters and an estimate of the proportion of empty components.

## Usage

```
compute_nobile_identity(
  logZhatGminus1,
  clustermat,
  dirichlet_vec,
  size_dataset
)
```

## Arguments

logZhatGminus1	marginal likelihood estimate with one component less
clustermat	the posterior sample of cluster allocations
dirichlet_vec	hyperparameter-vector of the dirichlet prior
size_dataset	size of the data

## Details

NOTE: It is important to verify that an estimate of the logarithm, not an estimate of the negative logarithm is used.

**Value**

estimate of the marginal likelihood for G

**References**

Nobile, A. (2004). On the posterior distribution of the number of components in a finite mixture. *The Annals of Statistics* 32(5), 2044–2073.

Nobile, A. (2007). Bayesian finite mixtures: a note on prior specification and posterior computation. arXiv preprint arXiv:0711.0458.

Martin Metodiev, Marie Perrot-Dockès, Guilhem Fouetilou, Pierre Latouche, Adrian E. Raftery. "Simulation-consistent Estimation of the Marginal Likelihood for Block Models."

**Examples**

```
num_clusters = 2 # number of clusters
iterations = 6 # size of the MCMC sample
size_dataset = 10 # size of the data
# the MCMC sample (usually it is much larger than this)
clustermat = rbind(c(0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0),
c(0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0),
c(0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0),
c(0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0),
c(1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0))

compute_nobile_identity(logZhatGminus1 = -909.49,
clustermat = clustermat,
dirichlet_vec = rep(1,num_clusters),
size_dataset=size_dataset)
```

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harmonic\_mean\_estimator

*Computes the harmonic mean estimator*

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**Description**

Computes the harmonic mean estimator

**Usage**

```
harmonic_mean_estimator(logliks)
```

**Arguments**

logliks            the log-likelihood values

**Value**

an estimator of the reciprocal log marginal likelihood

**References**

Newton, M. A., & Raftery, A. E. (1994). Approximate Bayesian inference with the weighted likelihood bootstrap. *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society Series B: Statistical Methodology*, 56(1), 3-26.

**Examples**

```

num_clusters = 2 # number of clusters
iterations = 6 # size of the MCMC sample
size_dataset = 10 # size of the data
# the MCMC sample (usually it is much larger than this)
clustermat = rbind(c(0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0),
c(0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0),
c(0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0),
c(0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0),
c(1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0))

# an example dataset with one edge between nodes 1 and 2, no edge otherwise
dataset = matrix(0, nrow=size_dataset, ncol=size_dataset)
dataset[1,2] = 1
dataset[2,1] = 1

# should be implemented in Rcpp for optimal performance

loglik = function(clustermat){
alpha_hyperparameters = matrix(1, nrow=num_clusters, ncol=num_clusters)
beta_hyperparameters = matrix(1, nrow=num_clusters, ncol=num_clusters)
loglik_values = numeric(iterations)
for(iter in iterations){
updated_alpha_hyperparameters = matrix(nrow=num_clusters, ncol=num_clusters)
updated_beta_hyperparameters = matrix(nrow=num_clusters, ncol=num_clusters)
for(cluster_index_1 in 0:(num_clusters-1)){
for(cluster_index_2 in 0:(num_clusters-1)){
updated_alpha_hyperparameters[cluster_index_1 + 1,
cluster_index_2 + 1] =
alpha_hyperparameters[cluster_index_1 + 1,
cluster_index_2 + 1] +
sum(dataset[which(clustermat[iter,] == cluster_index_1),
which(clustermat[iter,] == cluster_index_2)])
updated_beta_hyperparameters[cluster_index_1 + 1,
cluster_index_2 + 1] =
beta_hyperparameters[cluster_index_1 + 1,
cluster_index_2 + 1] +
sum(1 - dataset[which(clustermat[iter,] == cluster_index_1),
which(clustermat[iter,] == cluster_index_2)])
loglik_values[iter] = loglik_values[iter] +
lgamma(alpha_hyperparameters[cluster_index_1 + 1,

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                                cluster_index_2 + 1] +
                                beta_hyperparameters[cluster_index_1 + 1,
                                cluster_index_2 + 1]) +
lgamma(updated_alpha_hyperparameters[cluster_index_1 + 1,
                                cluster_index_2 + 1]) +
lgamma(updated_beta_hyperparameters[cluster_index_1 + 1,
                                cluster_index_2 + 1]) -
lgamma(updated_alpha_hyperparameters[cluster_index_1 + 1,
                                cluster_index_2 + 1] +
                                updated_beta_hyperparameters[cluster_index_1 + 1,
                                cluster_index_2 + 1]) -
lgamma(alpha_hyperparameters[cluster_index_1 + 1,
                                cluster_index_2 + 1]) -
lgamma(beta_hyperparameters[cluster_index_1 + 1,
                                cluster_index_2 + 1])
    }
  }
}
return(loglik_values)
}
logliks = loglik(clustermat)
harmonic_mean_estimator(logliks=logliks)

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risvb

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*Computes the RISVB estimator for block models*


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## Description

Computes the RISVB estimator for block models

## Usage

```
risvb(num_clusters, lps, clustermat, split = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

num_clusters	the number of clusters
lps	log-prior + log-likelihood values (collapsed sample)
clustermat	the posterior sample of cluster allocations
split	splits the sample in two parts if true

Literature: "Simulation-consistent Estimation of the Marginal Likelihood for Block Models" by Martin Metodiev, Marie Perrot-Dockès, Guilhem Fouetilou, Pierre Latouche, and Adrian E. Raftery "Accurate Computation of Marginal Data Densities Using Variational Bayes" by Gholamreza Hajargasht and Tomasz Wozniak

## Value

an estimator of the reciprocal log marginal likelihood

## Examples

```

num_clusters = 2 # number of clusters
iterations = 6 # size of the MCMC sample
size_dataset = 10 # size of the data
# the MCMC sample (usually it is much larger than this)
clustermat = rbind(c(0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0),
c(0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0),
c(0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0),
c(0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0),
c(1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0))

# an example dataset with one edge between nodes 1 and 2, no edge otherwise
dataset = matrix(0, nrow=size_dataset, ncol=size_dataset)
dataset[1,2] = 1
dataset[2,1] = 1

# should be implemented in Rcpp for optimal performance

logprior = function(clustermat){
  dirichlet_hyperparameter_vector = rep(1, num_clusters)
  logprior_values = numeric(iterations)

  for(iter in (1:iterations)){
    update_dirichlet_hyperparameter_vector = numeric(num_clusters)
    for(cluster_index in 0:(num_clusters-1)){
      update_dirichlet_hyperparameter_vector[cluster_index + 1] =
        dirichlet_hyperparameter_vector[cluster_index + 1] +
        sum(clustermat[iter,] == cluster_index)
    }
    logprior_values[iter] = lgamma(sum(dirichlet_hyperparameter_vector)) +
      sum(lgamma(dirichlet_hyperparameter_vector)) -
      lgamma(sum(update_dirichlet_hyperparameter_vector)) -
      sum(lgamma(update_dirichlet_hyperparameter_vector))
  }
  return(logprior_values)
}

loglik = function(clustermat){
  alpha_hyperparameters = matrix(1, nrow=num_clusters, ncol=num_clusters)
  beta_hyperparameters = matrix(1, nrow=num_clusters, ncol=num_clusters)
  loglik_values = numeric(iterations)
  for(iter in iterations){
    updated_alpha_hyperparameters = matrix(nrow=num_clusters, ncol=num_clusters)
    updated_beta_hyperparameters = matrix(nrow=num_clusters, ncol=num_clusters)
    for(cluster_index_1 in 0:(num_clusters-1)){
      for(cluster_index_2 in 0:(num_clusters-1)){
        updated_alpha_hyperparameters[cluster_index_1 + 1,
          cluster_index_2 + 1] =
          alpha_hyperparameters[cluster_index_1 + 1,
            cluster_index_2 + 1] +
          sum(dataset[which(clustermat[iter,] == cluster_index_1),

```

```

        which(clustermat[iter,] == cluster_index_2]))
updated_beta_hyperparameters[cluster_index_1 + 1,
                             cluster_index_2 + 1] =
beta_hyperparameters[cluster_index_1 + 1,
                     cluster_index_2 + 1] +
sum(1 - dataset[which(clustermat[iter,] == cluster_index_1),
                 which(clustermat[iter,] == cluster_index_2)])
loglik_values[iter] = loglik_values[iter] +
lgamma(alpha_hyperparameters[cluster_index_1 + 1,
                              cluster_index_2 + 1] +
        beta_hyperparameters[cluster_index_1 + 1,
                              cluster_index_2 + 1]) +
lgamma(updated_alpha_hyperparameters[cluster_index_1 + 1,
                                      cluster_index_2 + 1]) +
lgamma(updated_beta_hyperparameters[cluster_index_1 + 1,
                                    cluster_index_2 + 1]) -
lgamma(updated_alpha_hyperparameters[cluster_index_1 + 1,
                                      cluster_index_2 + 1] +
        updated_beta_hyperparameters[cluster_index_1 + 1,
                                      cluster_index_2 + 1]) -
lgamma(alpha_hyperparameters[cluster_index_1 + 1,
                              cluster_index_2 + 1]) -
lgamma(beta_hyperparameters[cluster_index_1 + 1,
                              cluster_index_2 + 1])
    }
}
}
return(loglik_values)
}
logpost = function(clustermat) logprior(clustermat) + loglik(clustermat)
lps = logpost(clustermat)
risvb(num_clusters=num_clusters, lps=lps, clustermat=clustermat)

```

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thamesblock

*Computes the THAMES for the stochastic block model*


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### Description

Computes the THAMES for the stochastic block model

### Usage

```
thamesblock(num_clusters, logpost, clustermat, split = TRUE, seed = 1)
```

### Arguments

num_clusters	the number of clusters
logpost	log-prior + log-likelihood values (collapsed sample)
clustermat	the posterior sample of cluster allocations

split            splits the sample in two parts if true  
seed            the seed

### Value

an estimator of the reciprocal log marginal likelihood

### References

Martin Metodiev, Marie Perrot-Dockès, Guilhem Fouetilou, Pierre Latouche, Adrian E. Raftery.  
"Simulation-consistent Estimation of the Marginal Likelihood for Block Models."

### Examples

```
num_clusters = 2 # number of clusters
iterations = 6 # size of the MCMC sample
size_dataset = 10 # size of the data
# the MCMC sample (usually it is much larger than this)
clustermat = rbind(c(0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0),
c(0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0),
c(0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0),
c(0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0),
c(1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0))

# an example dataset with one edge between nodes 1 and 2, no edge otherwise
dataset = matrix(0, nrow=size_dataset, ncol=size_dataset)
dataset[1,2] = 1
dataset[2,1] = 1

# should be implemented in Rcpp for optimal performance

logprior = function(clustermat){
  dirichlet_hyperparameter_vector = rep(1, num_clusters)
  logprior_values = numeric(iterations)

  for(iter in (1:iterations)){
    update_dirichlet_hyperparameter_vector = numeric(num_clusters)
    for(cluster_index in 0:(num_clusters-1)){
      update_dirichlet_hyperparameter_vector[cluster_index + 1] =
        dirichlet_hyperparameter_vector[cluster_index + 1] +
        sum(clustermat[iter,] == cluster_index)
    }
    logprior_values[iter] = lgamma(sum(dirichlet_hyperparameter_vector)) +
      sum(lgamma(dirichlet_hyperparameter_vector)) -
      lgamma(sum(update_dirichlet_hyperparameter_vector)) -
      sum(lgamma(update_dirichlet_hyperparameter_vector))
  }
  return(logprior_values)
}

loglik = function(clustermat){
```

```

alpha_hyperparameters = matrix(1, nrow=num_clusters, ncol=num_clusters)
beta_hyperparameters = matrix(1, nrow=num_clusters, ncol=num_clusters)
loglik_values = numeric(iterations)
for(iter in iterations){
  updated_alpha_hyperparameters = matrix(nrow=num_clusters, ncol=num_clusters)
  updated_beta_hyperparameters = matrix(nrow=num_clusters, ncol=num_clusters)
  for(cluster_index_1 in 0:(num_clusters-1)){
    for(cluster_index_2 in 0:(num_clusters-1)){
      updated_alpha_hyperparameters[cluster_index_1 + 1,
                                    cluster_index_2 + 1] =
      alpha_hyperparameters[cluster_index_1 + 1,
                            cluster_index_2 + 1] +
      sum(dataset[which(clustermat[iter,] == cluster_index_1),
                    which(clustermat[iter,] == cluster_index_2)])
      updated_beta_hyperparameters[cluster_index_1 + 1,
                                   cluster_index_2 + 1] =
      beta_hyperparameters[cluster_index_1 + 1,
                            cluster_index_2 + 1] +
      sum(1 - dataset[which(clustermat[iter,] == cluster_index_1),
                       which(clustermat[iter,] == cluster_index_2)])
      loglik_values[iter] = loglik_values[iter] +
      lgamma(alpha_hyperparameters[cluster_index_1 + 1,
                                    cluster_index_2 + 1] +
              beta_hyperparameters[cluster_index_1 + 1,
                                    cluster_index_2 + 1]) +
      lgamma(updated_alpha_hyperparameters[cluster_index_1 + 1,
                                           cluster_index_2 + 1]) +
      lgamma(updated_beta_hyperparameters[cluster_index_1 + 1,
                                           cluster_index_2 + 1]) -
      lgamma(updated_alpha_hyperparameters[cluster_index_1 + 1,
                                           cluster_index_2 + 1] +
              updated_beta_hyperparameters[cluster_index_1 + 1,
                                           cluster_index_2 + 1]) -
      lgamma(alpha_hyperparameters[cluster_index_1 + 1,
                                    cluster_index_2 + 1]) -
      lgamma(beta_hyperparameters[cluster_index_1 + 1,
                                    cluster_index_2 + 1])
    }
  }
}
return(loglik_values)
}
logpost = function(clustermat) logprior(clustermat) + loglik(clustermat)
thamesblock(num_clusters=num_clusters, logpost=logpost, clustermat=clustermat)

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