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 scov

*Computes a structured estimator for covariance matrices*


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### Description

This function computes the WSCE, SCE or IVE estimator for large covariances in the presence of pairwise and spatial covariates from Metodiev et al. (2024).

### Usage

```
scov(
  pairwise_covariate_matrices,
  dataset,
  adj_matrix = NULL,
  mean_estim = NULL,
  sd_estim = NULL,
  grid_size = 100,
  parallelize = FALSE,
  ncores = 8,
  adj_positions = 1:nrow(adj_matrix),
  interaction_effects = list(),
  init = NULL,
  use_bootstrap = FALSE,
  num_bootstrap_iters = 100,
  semiparametric = FALSE,
  misspecification = FALSE,
  seed = 0,
  verbose = TRUE,
  joint_estimation = FALSE
)
```

### Arguments

<code>pairwise_covariate_matrices</code>	named list of square matrices
<code>dataset</code>	the dataset given in matrix form
<code>adj_matrix</code>	adjacency matrix of the spatial covariate
<code>mean_estim</code>	mean vector estimate
<code>sd_estim</code>	standard deviation vector estimate
<code>grid_size</code>	grid-size for spatial effect
<code>parallelize</code>	uses parallel-processing if TRUE
<code>ncores</code>	number of cores for the parallelization
<code>adj_positions</code>	positions within the adjacency matrix
<code>interaction_effects</code>	list of interaction effects

`init` the initialization parameter vector  
`use_bootstrap` uses bootstrapping if TRUE  
`num_bootstrap_iters` number of bootstrap simulations  
`semiparametric` computes the IVE if TRUE, the SCE else  
`misspecification` computes the WSCE if TRUE, the WSCE else  
`seed` a seed (can't be set to NULL)  
`verbose` prints progress if TRUE  
`joint_estimation` estimates everything jointly if TRUE, uses a 2 step procedure if FALSE

### Value

Returns a named list with the following elements:

`parm`, estimated parameters of pairwise, spatial effects `average_effects`, average effects of the covariates `corrmat_estim`, estimator of the correlation matrix `covmat_estim`, estimator of the covariance matrix `bic`, the Bayesian information criterion (BIC) `lambda`, the asymptotically optimal weight of the WSCE

### References

Metodiev, M., Perrot-Dockès, M., Ouadah, S., Fosdick, B. K., Robin, S., Latouche, P., & Raftery, A. E. (2024). A Structured Estimator for large Covariance Matrices in the Presence of Pairwise and Spatial Covariates. arXiv preprint arXiv:2411.04520.

### Examples

```

intercept = matrix(1,ncol=4,nrow=4)
X1 = rbind(c(1,1,1,0),c(1,1,1,0),c(1,1,1,0),c(0,0,0,1))
X2 = rbind(c(1,0,0,0),c(0,1,1,1),c(0,1,1,1),c(0,1,1,1))
covar_mats = list(intercept=intercept,X1=X1,X2=X2)
adj_matrix = rbind(c(0,1,0,0),c(1,0,0,0),c(0,0,0,1),c(0,0,1,0))
mean = rep(0,4)
sigma = 0.05*intercept+0.2*X1+0.2*X2+0.1*X2*X1+0.4*(diag(4) + adj_matrix)
diag(sigma) = 1
dataset = rmvnorm::rmvnorm(1000,mean=mean,sigma=sigma)
scov(covar_mats, dataset, adj_matrix,
interaction_effects=list(c("X1", "X2")),
parallelize=FALSE,ncores=1)
  
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