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Description Functions that read and solve linear inverse problems (food web problems, linear programming problems).

These problems find solutions to linear or quadratic functions:
min or max $f(x)$, where $f(x) = \|Ax - b\|^2$ or $f(x) = \sum(a_i * x_i)$
subject to equality constraints $Ex = f$ and inequality constraints $Gx \geq h$.

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LIM-package	<i>Linear Inverse Model examples and solution methods</i>
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Description

functions that read and solve linear inverse problems (food web problems, linear programming problems, flux balance analysis).

These problems find solutions to linear or quadratic functions: min or max ($f(x)$), where $f(x) = \|Ax - b\|^2$ or $f(x) = \text{sum}(ai * xi)$

subject to equality constraints $Ex = f$ and inequality constraints $Gx \geq h$.

Uses package limSolve.

Details

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The model problem is formulated in text files in a way that is natural and comprehensible. Functions in LIM then converts this input into the required linear equality and inequality conditions, which can be solved either by least squares or by linear programming techniques. By letting an algorithm formulate the mathematics, it is simple to reformulate the model in case a parameter value changes, or a component is added or removed.

Three different types of problems are supported:

flow networks,

reaction networks (e.g. flux balance analysis).

and other (operations research) problems.

The first two cases are based on mass balances of the components.

The package includes many examples

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References

Description of the software:

van Oevelen D, Van den Meersche K, Meysman FJR Soetaert K, Middelburg JJ, Vezina AF., 2009. Quantifying Food Web Flows Using Linear Inverse Models. *Ecosystems* 13: 32-45 DOI: 10.1007/s10021-009-9297-6.

<http://www.springerlink.com/content/4q6h4011511731m5/fulltext.pdf>

(please use the above citation when using the software)

About food web modelling:

Soetaert, K., van Oevelen, D., 2009. Modeling food web interactions in benthic deep-sea ecosystems: a practical guide. *Oceanography* (22) 1: 130-145.

Application of deep-water food web:

van Oevelen, Dick, Gerard Duineveld, Marc Lavaleye, Furu Mienis, Karline Soetaert, and Carlo H. R. Heip, 2009. The cold-water coral community as hotspot of carbon cycling on continental margins: A food web analysis from Rockall Bank (northeast Atlantic). *Limnology and Oceanography* 54:1829-1844.

http://www.aslo.org/lo/toc/vol_54/issue_6/1829.pdf

A flux balance analysis application:

Karline Soetaert. Escherichia coli Core Metabolism Model in LIM. LIM package vignette (see also below).

See Also

[Read](#), [Setup](#) for reading files and creating the model

[Ldei](#), [Lsei](#), [Linp](#),

[Flowmatrix](#), [Plotranges](#), [Variables](#),

[Varranges](#), [Xranges](#), [Xsample](#).

Examples

```
## Not run:  
## show examples (see respective help pages for details)  
example(Lsei)  
example(LIMRigaSpring)  
example(Ldei)  
example(Xsample)
```

```
example(Varranges)

## run demos
demo("LIMexamples")

## open the directory with R sourcecode examples
browseURL(paste(system.file(package="LIM"), "/doc/examples/Foodweb", sep=""))
browseURL(paste(system.file(package="LIM"), "/doc/examples/LinearProg", sep=""))
browseURL(paste(system.file(package="LIM"), "/doc/examples/Reactions", sep=""))

## the deep-water coral food -web
browseURL(paste(system.file(package="LIM"), "/doc/examples/Foodweb/coral", sep=""))

## show package vignette with tutorial about how to create input files
vignette("LIM")

## E.coli example vignette - flux balance analysis
vignette("LIMecoli")

browseURL(paste(system.file(package="LIM"), "/doc", sep=""))

## End(Not run)
```

FILERigaAutumn

Input text "file" for gulf of Riga autumn planktonic food web

Description

Input text "file" for the Carbon flux Gulf of Riga planktonic food web in autumn as described in Donali et al. (1999).

The Gulf of Riga is a highly eutrophic system in the Baltic Sea

The foodweb comprises 7 functional compartments and two external compartments, connected with 26 flows.

Units of the flows are mg C/m³/day

The "dataset" RigaAutumnFile is included to demonstrate the use of a text input file for food web models.

The original file, RigaAutumn.input can be found in subdirectory 'web' of the packages directory

In this subdirectory you will find many foodweb example input files

- They can be read using [Read\(file\)](#)
- Or they can be directly solved using [Setup\(file\)](#)

Usage

```
data(FILERigaAutumn)
```

Format

vector of character strings as present in the original file

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References

Donali, E., Olli, K., Heiskanen, A.S., Andersen, T., 1999. Carbon flow patterns in the planktonic food web of the Gulf of Riga, the Baltic Sea: a reconstruction by the inverse method. *Journal of Marine Systems* 23, 251..268.

See Also

[LIMRigaAutumn](#) a list containing the linear inverse model specification, generated from file 'RigaAutumn.input'

Examples

```
print(FILERigaAutumn)

# RigaAutumnInput is a vector of text strings -
# here it is first converted to a "File"
# When using the example files in the LIM directory,
# this first statement is not necessary
## Not run:
File <- textConnection(FILERigaAutumn)
RigaAutumn.input <- Read(File)

## End(Not run)
```

Flowmatrix

Generates a flow matrix for an inverse (foodweb) problem

Description

Given a linear inverse model food web input list, generates a flow matrix, that contains the values of flows

Usage

```
Flowmatrix(lim, web = NULL)
```

Arguments

lim	a list that contains the linear inverse model specification, as generated by function <code>setup.limfile</code> .
web	the solved (food) web problem, i.e. the values of the unknowns; if not specified, the model is solved first, using <code>Lsei</code>

Value

the flow matrix, containing the magnitude of the flows.

The value on row *i* and column *j* is the flow *from* *i* and *to* *j*

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See Also

[plotweb](#) from package `diagram`, which takes as input the flow matrix and plots the food web

Examples

```
Flowmatrix(LIMRigaAutumn)
```

Ldei

Solves a linear inverse model using least distance programming

Description

Solves a linear inverse model using least distance programming, i.e. minimizes the sum of squared unknowns.

Input presented either:

- as matrices E, F, A, B, G, H (Ldei.double)
- as a list (Ldei.lim) or
- as a lim input file (Ldei.limfile)

Usage

```
Ldei(...)
## S3 method for class 'lim'
Ldei(lim, ...)
## S3 method for class 'limfile'
Ldei(file, verbose = TRUE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'character'
Ldei(...)
## S3 method for class 'double'
Ldei(...)
```

Arguments

<code>lim</code>	a list that contains the linear inverse model specification, as generated by function <code>setup.limfile</code> .
<code>file</code>	name of the inverse input file.
<code>verbose</code>	if TRUE: prints warnings and messages to the screen.
<code>...</code>	other arguments passed to function <code>ldei</code> from package <code>limSolve</code> .

Details

Solves the following inverse problem:

$$\min(\sum Cost_i * x_i^2)$$

subject to

$$Ax = B$$

$$Gx \geq H$$

Value

a list containing:

X	vector containing the solution of the least distance problem.
unconstrained.Solution	vector containing the unconstrained solution of the least distance problem.
residualNorm	scalar, the sum of residuals of equalities and violated inequalities.
solutionNorm	scalar, the value of the quadratic function at the solution.
IsError	logical, TRUE, if an error occurred.
Error	ldei error text.
type	ldei.

Author(s)

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References

- Lawson C.L. and Hanson R.J. 1974. SOLVING LEAST SQUARES PROBLEMS, Prentice-Hall
- Lawson C.L. and Hanson R.J. 1995. Solving Least Squares Problems. SIAM classics in applied mathematics, Philadelphia. (reprint of book)

See Also

- [ldei](#), the more general function from package `limSolve`.
- [Linp](#), to solve the linear inverse problem by linear programming.
- [Lsei](#), to solve the linear inverse problem by lsei (least squares with equality and inequality constraints).
- function [ldei](#) from package `limSolve`.

Examples

```
Ldei(LIMRigaAutumn)
```

Description

A manufacturer produces a feeding mix for pet animals.

The feed mix contains two nutritive ingredients and one ingredient (filler) to provide bulk.

One kg of feed mix must contain a minimum quantity of each of four nutrients as below:

Nutrient	A	B	C	D
gram	80	50	25	5

The ingredients have the following nutrient values and cost

(gram/kg)	A	B	C	D	Cost/kg
Ingredient 1	100	50	40	10	40
Ingredient 2	200	150	10	-	60
Filler	-	-	-	-	0

The linear inverse models LIMBlending and LIMinputBlending are generated from the file Blending.input which can be found in subdirectory /examples/LinearProg of the package directory

LIMBlending is generated by function Setup

LIMinputBlending is generated by function Read

The problem is to find the composition of the feeding mix that minimises the production costs subject to the constraints above.

Stated otherwise: what is the optimal amount of ingredients in one kg of feeding mix?

Mathematically this can be estimated by solving a linear programming problem:

$$\min(\sum Cost_i * x_i)$$

subject to

$$x_i \geq 0$$

$$Ex = f$$

$$Gx \geq h$$

Where the Cost (to be minimised) is given by:

$$x_1 * 40 + x_2 * 60$$

The equality ensures that the sum of the three fractions equals 1:

$$1 = x_1 + x_2 + x_3$$

And the inequalities enforce the nutritional constraints:

$$100 * x_1 + 200 * x_2 > 80$$

$$50 * x_1 + 150 * x_2 > 50$$

and so on

The solution is Ingredient1 (x_1) = 0.5909, Ingredient2 (x_2)=0.1364 and Filler (x_3)=0.2727.

Usage

```
LIMBlending
LIMinputBlending
```

Format

LIMBlending is of type `lim`, which is a list of matrices, vectors, names and values that specify the linear inverse model problem.

see the return value of [Setup](#) for more information about this list

LIMinputBlending is of type `liminput`, see the return value of [Read](#) for more information.

A more complete description of these structures is in `vignette("LIM")`

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See Also

`browseURL(paste(system.file(package="LIM"), "/doc/examples/LinearProg/", sep=""))`

contains "blending.input", the input file; read this with [Setup](#)

[LIMTakapoto](#), [LIMEcoli](#) and many others

Examples

```
# 1. Solve the model with linear programming
res <- Linp(LIMBlending, ispos = TRUE)

# show results
print(c(res$X, Cost = res$solutionNorm))

# 2. Possible ranges of the three ingredients
(xr <- Xranges(LIMBlending, ispos = TRUE))
Nx <- LIMBlending$NUnknowns

# plot
dotchart(x = as.vector(res$X), xlim = range(xr),
         labels = LIMBlending$Unknowns,
         main = "Optimal blending with ranges",
         sub = "using linp and xranges", pch = 16)
```

```

segments(xr[,1], 1:Nx, xr[,2], 1:Nx)
legend ("topright", pch = c(16, NA), lty = c(NA, 1),
        legend = c("Minimal cost", "range"))

# 3. Random sample of the three ingredients
# The inequality that all x > 0 has to be added!
blend <- LIMBlending
blend$G <- rbind(blend$G, diag(3))
blend$H <- c(blend$H, rep(0, 3))

xs <- Xsample(blend)

pairs(xs, main = "Blending, 3000 solutions with xsample")

```

LIMBrouageMudflat	<i>Linear inverse model specification for the Intertidal mudflat food web on the Atlantic coast of France</i>
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Description

Linear inverse model specification for the Intertidal mudflat food web on the Atlantic coast of France as in Leguerrier et al., 2003.

The foodweb comprises 16 functional compartments and 3 external compartments, connected with 95 flows.

Units of the flows are g C/m²/year

The linear inverse model LIMBrouageMudflat is generated from the file BrouageMudflat.input which can be found in subdirectory /examples/FoodWeb of the package directory

In this subdirectory you will find many foodweb example input files

These files can be read using [Read](#) and their output processed by [Setup](#) which will produce a linear inverse problem specification similar to LIMBrouageMudflat

Usage

```
data(LIMBrouageMudflat)
```

Format

a list of matrices, vectors, names and values that specify the linear inverse model problem.

see the return value of [Setup](#) for more information about this list

A more complete description of this structures is in vignette("LIM")

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References

Leguerrier, D., Niquil, N., Boileau, N., Rzeznik, J., Sauriau, P.G., Le Moine, O., Bacher, C., 2003. Numerical analysis of the food web of an intertidal mudflat ecosystem on the Atlantic coast of France. *Marine Ecology Progress Series* 246, 17-37.

See Also

`browseURL(paste(system.file(package="LIM"), "/doc/examples/Foodweb/", sep=""))`
contains "BrouageMudflat.input", the input file; read this with `Setup`
[LIMTakapoto](#), [LIMRigaSummer](#) and many others

Examples

```
Brouage <- Flowmatrix(LIMBrouageMudflat)
plotweb(Brouage, main = "Brouage mudflat food web", sub = "gC/m2/yr")
# Some ranges are infinite ->marked with "*"
Plotranges(LIMBrouageMudflat, lab.cex = 0.7, sub = "*=unbounded",
           xlab = "gC/m2/year", main = "Brouage mudflat, Flowranges")
Plotranges(LIMBrouageMudflat, type = "V", lab.cex = 0.7,
           sub = "*=unbounded",
           xlab = "gC/m2/year",main="Brouage mudflat, Variable ranges")
```

LIMCaliforniaSediment *Linear inverse model specification for the Santa Monica Basin sediment food web*

Description

Linear inverse model specification for the Santa Monica Basin (California) sediment food web as in Eldridge and Jackson (1993).

The Santa Monica Basin is a hypoxic-anoxic basin located near California.

The model contains both chemical and biological species.

The foodweb comprises 7 functional compartments and five external compartments, connected with 32 flows.

Units of the flows are mg /m2/day

The linear inverse model LIMCaliforniaSediment is generated from the file 'CaliforniaSediment.input' which can be found in subdirectory /examples/FoodWeb of the package directory

In this subdirectory you will find many foodweb example input files

These files can be read using [Read](#) and their output processed by [Setup](#) which will produce a linear inverse problem specification similar to LIMCaliforniaSediment

Usage

```
data(LIMCaliforniaSediment)
```

Format

a list of matrices, vectors, names and values that specify the linear inverse model problem.

see the return value of [Setup](#) for more information about this list

A more complete description of this structures is in vignette("LIM")

Author(s)

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References

Eldridge, P.M., Jackson, G.A., 1993. Benthic trophic dynamics in California coastal basin and continental slope communities inferred using inverse analysis. *Marine Ecology Progress Series* 99, 115-135.

See Also

`browseURL(paste(system.file(package="LIM"), "/doc/examples/Foodweb/", sep=""))`

contains "CaliforniaSediment.input", the input file; read this with [Setup](#)

[LIMTakapoto](#), [LIMRigaSummer](#) and many others

Examples

```
CaliforniaSediment <- Flowmatrix(LIMCaliforniaSediment)
plotweb(CaliforniaSediment, main = "Santa Monica Basin Benthic web",
        sub = "mgN/m2/day", lab.size = 0.8)
## Not run:
xr <- LIMCaliforniaSediment$NUnknowns
i1 <- 1:(xr/2)
i2 <- (xr/2+1):xr
Plotranges(LIMCaliforniaSediment, index = i1, lab.cex = 0.7,
           sub = "*unbounded",
           main = "Santa Monica Basin Benthic web, Flowranges - part1")
Plotranges(LIMCaliforniaSediment, index = i2, lab.cex = 0.7,
           sub = "*unbounded",
           main = "Santa Monica Basin Benthic web, Flowranges - part2")
## End(Not run)
```

Description

Linear inverse model specification for the deep-water coral ecosystem at Rockall Bank, North-East Atlantic. See van Oevelen et al. (2009)

Units of the flows are mmol C/m²/day

The linear inverse model LIMCoralRockall is generated from the file 'CWCRockall.input' which can be found in subdirectory /examples/FoodWeb of the package directory

Usage

```
data(LIMCoralRockall)
```

Format

a list of matrices, vectors, names and values that specify the linear inverse model problem.

see the return value of [Setup](#) for more information about this list

A more complete description of this structure is in vignette("LIM")

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References

van Oevelen, Dick, Gerard Duineveld, Marc Lavaleye, Furu Mienis, Karline Soetaert, and Carlo H. R. Heip, 2009.

The cold-water coral community as hotspot of carbon cycling on continental margins: A food web analysis from Rockall Bank (northeast Atlantic). *Limnology and Oceanography* 54 : 1829 – 1844.

http://www.aslo.org/lo/toc/vol_54/issue_6/1829.pdf

See Also

```
browseURL(paste(system.file(package="LIM"), "/examples/Foodweb/", sep=""))
```

contains "CWCRockall.input", the input file; read this with [Setup](#)

[LIMTakapoto](#), [LIMRigaSummer](#) and many others

Examples

```
Coral <- Flowmatrix(LIMCoralRockall)
```

```
plotweb(Coral, main = "Deep Water Coral Foodweb, Rockall Bank",  
        sub = "mmolC/m2/day", lab.size = 0.8)
```

```
## Not run:
```

```
xr <- LIMCoralRockall$Unknowns
```

```
i1 <- 1:(xr/2)
```

```

i2 <- (xr/2+1):xr

pm <- par(mfrow = c(1, 1))
Simplest <- Ldei(LIMCoralRockall)$X
Ranges <- Xranges(LIMCoralRockall)
Plotranges(Ranges[i1, 1], Ranges[i1, 2], Simplest[i1], lab.cex = 0.7,
           main = "Deep Water Coral - ranges part 1")

Plotranges(Ranges[i2, 1], Ranges[i2, 2], Simplest[i2], lab.cex = 0.7,
           main = "Deep Water Coral - ranges part 2")
par(mfrow = pm)

## End(Not run)

```

LIMEcoli

*The Escherichia Coli Core Metabolism: Reaction network model
specification*

Description

Linear inverse model specification for performing Flux Balance Analysis of the E.coli metabolism (as from http://gcrp.ucsd.edu/Downloads/Flux_Balance_Analysis).

The original input file can be found in the package subdirectory `/examples/Reactions/E_coli.lim`

There are 53 substances:

GLC, G6P, F6P, FDP, T3P2, T3P1, 13PDG, 3PG, 2PG, PEP, PYR, ACCOA, CIT, ICIT, AKG, SUCCOA, SUCC, FUM, MAL, OA, ACTP, ETH, AC, LAC, FOR, D6PGL, D6PGC, RL5P, X5P, R5P, S7P, E4P, RIB, GLX, NAD, NADH, NADP, NADPH, HEXT, Q, FAD, FADH, AMP, ADP, ATP, GL3P, CO2, PI, PPI, O2, COA, GL, QH2

and 13 externals:

Biomass, GLCxt, GLxt, RIBxt, ACxt, LACxt, FORxt, ETHxt, SUCCxt, PYRxt, PIxt, O2xt, CO2xt

There are 70 unknown reactions (named by the gene encoding for it):

GLK1, PGI1, PFKA, FBP, FBA, TPIA, GAPA, PGK, GPMA, ENO, PPSA, PYKA, ACEE, ZWF, PGL, GND, RPIA, RPE, TKTA1, TKTA2, TALA, GLTA, ACNA, ICDA, SUCA, SUCC1, SDHA1, FRDA, FUMA, MDH, DLD1, ADHE2, PFLA, PTA, ACKA, ACS, PCKA, PPC, MAEB, SFCA, ACEA, ACEB, PPA, GLPK, GPSA1, RBSK, NUOA, FDOH, GLPD, CYOA, SDHA2, PNT1A, PNT2A, ATPA, GLCUP, GLCPTS, GLUP, RIBUP, ACUP, LACUP, FORUP, ETHUP, SUCCUP, PYRUP, PIUP, O2TX, CO2TX, ATPM, ADK, Growth

The model contains:

- 54 equalities ($Ax=B$): the 53 mass balances (one for each substance) and one equation that sets the ATP drain flux for constant maintenance requirements to a fixed value (5.87)
- 70 unknowns (x), the reaction rates
- 62 inequalities ($Gx>h$). The first 28 inequalities impose bounds on some reactions. The last 34 inequalities impose that the reaction rates have to be positive (for unidirectional reactions only).
- 2 functions that have to be maximised, the biomass production (growth).

Usage

```
LIMEcoli
```

Format

LIMEcoli is of type `lim`, which is a list of matrices, vectors, names and values that specify the linear inverse model problem.

see the return value of [Setup](#) for more information about this list

A more complete description of this structures is in `vignette("LIM")`

Author(s)

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References

Edwards, J.S., Covert, M., and Palsson, B., (2002) Metabolic Modeling of Microbes: the Flux Balance Approach, *Environmental Microbiology*, 4(3): pp. 133-140.

See Also

```
browseURL(paste(system.file(package="LIM"), "/doc/examples/Reactions/", sep=""))
contains "E_coli.lim", the input file; read this with Setup
```

Examples

```
# 1. parsimonious (simplest) solution
pars <- Ldei(LIMEcoli)

# 2. the ranges of each reaction
xr <- Xranges(LIMEcoli, central = TRUE, full = TRUE)

# 3. the optimal solution - solved with linear programming
LP <- Linp(LIMEcoli)
Optimal <- t(LP$X)

# show the results
data.frame(pars = pars$X, Optimal, xr[,1:3])

# The central value of linear programming problem is a valid solution
# the central point is a valid solution:
X <- xr[, "central"]
max(abs(LIMEcoli$A*%X - LIMEcoli$B))
min(LIMEcoli$G*%X - LIMEcoli$H)

# 4. Sample solution space - this takes a while - note that iter is not enough
print(system.time(
  xs <- Xsample(LIMEcoli, iter = 200, type = "mirror", test = TRUE) ))
```

```

pairs(xs[ ,1:10], pch = ".", cex = 2)

# Print results:
data.frame(pars = pars$X, Optimal = Optimal, xr[ ,1:2],
           Mean = colMeans(xs), sd = apply(xs,2,sd))

# Plot results
par(mfrow = c(1, 2))
nr <- LIMEcoli$NUnknowns
ii <- 1:(nr/2)
dotchart(Optimal[ii, 1], xlim = range(xr), pch = 16, cex = 0.8)
segments(xr[ii, 1], 1:nr, xr[ii, 2], 1:nr)
ii <- (nr/2+1):nr
dotchart(Optimal[ii, 1], xlim = range(xr), pch = 16, cex = 0.8)
segments(xr[ii, 1], 1:nr, xr[ii, 2], 1:nr)
mtext(side = 3, cex = 1.5, outer = TRUE, line = -1.5,
      "E coli Core Metabolism, optimal solution and ranges")

```

LIMEverglades

Linear inverse model specification for the herpetological food web of the Everglades

Description

Linear inverse model specification for the herpetological wet prairie example from the everglades. as described in Diffendorfer et al., 2001

The everglades are a freshwater wetland in Florida, USA.

The model contains 9 functional compartments and 3 external compartments, connected with 402 flows.

Units of the flows are gram wet weight / Ha / year

The linear inverse model LIMEverglades is generated from the file Everglades.input which can be found in subdirectory /examples/FoodWeb of the package directory

In this subdirectory you will find many foodweb example input files

These files can be read using [Read](#) and their output processed by [Setup](#) which will produce a linear inverse problem specification similar to LIMEverglades

Usage

```
data(LIMEverglades)
```

Format

a list of matrices, vectors, names and values that specify the linear inverse model problem.

see the return value of [Setup](#) for more information about this list

A more complete description of this structures is in vignette("LIM")

Author(s)

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References

Diffendorfer, J.E., Richards, P.M., Dalrymple, G.H., DeAngelis, D.L., 2001. Applying Linear Programming to estimate fluxes in ecosystems or food webs: an example from the herpetological assemblage of the freshwater Everglades. *Ecol. Model.* 144, 99-120.

See Also

`browseURL(paste(system.file(package="LIM"), "/doc/examples/Foodweb/", sep=""))`

contains "Everglades.input", the input file; read this with `Setup`

[LIMTakapoto](#), [LIMRigaSummer](#) and many others

Examples

```
# Cannot be solved, but the least squares solution is found
Flows <- Lsei(LIMEverglades, parsimonious = TRUE)
Everglades <- Flowmatrix(LIMEverglades)
plotweb(Everglades, main = "Everglades Herpetological Wet Prairie model",
        sub = "g WW/Ha/Yr", lab.size = 0.8)
```

LIMRigaAutumn

*Linear inverse model specification for the Gulf of Riga *autumn* planktonic food web*

Description

Linear inverse model specification for the Gulf of Riga planktonic food web in *autumn* as in Donali et al. (1999).

The Gulf of Riga is a highly eutrophic system in the Baltic Sea.

The foodweb comprises 7 functional compartments and two external compartments, connected with 26 flows. Units of the flows are mg C/m³/day

The linear inverse model LIMRigaAutumn is generated from the file RigaAutumn.input which can be found in subdirectory /examples/FoodWeb of the package directory

In this subdirectory you will find many foodweb example input files

These files can be read using [Read](#) and their output processed by [Setup](#) which will produce a linear inverse problem specification similar to LIMRigaAutumn

Usage

```
data(LIMRigaAutumn)
```

Format

a list of matrices, vectors, names and values that specify the linear inverse model problem.

see the return value of [Setup](#) for more information about this list

A more complete description of this structures is in vignette("LIM")

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References

Donali, E., Olli, K., Heiskanen, A.S., Andersen, T., 1999. Carbon flow patterns in the planktonic food web of the Gulf of Riga, the Baltic Sea: a reconstruction by the inverse method. *Journal of Marine Systems* 23, 251..268.

See Also

`browseURL(paste(system.file(package="LIM"), "/doc/examples/Foodweb/", sep=""))`

contains "RigaAutumn.input", the input file; read this with [Setup](#)

[LIMTakapoto](#), [LIMRigaSummer](#), [LIMRigaSpring](#) and many others

Examples

```
rigaAutumn <- Flowmatrix(LIMRigaAutumn)
plotweb(rigaAutumn, main = "Gulf of Riga planktonic food web, autumn",
        sub = "mgC/m3/day")
# ranges of flows
Plotranges(LIMRigaAutumn, lab.cex = 0.7, xlab = "mgC/m3/d",
          main = "Gulf of Riga planktonic food web, autumn, Flowranges")
# ranges of variables
Plotranges(LIMRigaAutumn, type="V", lab.cex = 0.7, xlab = "mgC/m3/d",
          main = "Gulf of Riga planktonic food web, autumn, variables")
```

LIMRigaSpring

*Linear inverse model specification for the Gulf of Riga *spring* planktonic food web.*

Description

Linear inverse model specification for the Gulf of Riga planktonic food web in *spring* as in Donali et al. (1999).

The Gulf of Riga is a highly eutrophic system in the Baltic Sea.

The foodweb comprises 7 functional compartments and two external compartments, connected with 26 flows.

Units of the flows are mg C/m³/day

The linear inverse model LIMRigaSpring is generated from the file RigaSpring.input which can be found in subdirectory /examples/FoodWeb of the package directory

In this subdirectory you will find many foodweb example input files

These files can be read using [Read](#) and their output processed by [Setup](#) which will produce a linear inverse problem specification similar to LIMRigaSpring.

Usage

```
data(LIMRigaSpring)
```

Format

a list of matrices, vectors, names and values that specify the linear inverse model problem.

see the return value of [Setup](#) for more information about this list

A more complete description of this structures is in vignette("LIM")

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References

Donali, E., Olli, K., Heiskanen, A.S., Andersen, T., 1999. Carbon flow patterns in the planktonic food web of the Gulf of Riga, the Baltic Sea: a reconstruction by the inverse method. *Journal of Marine Systems* 23, 251..268.

See Also

`browseURL(paste(system.file(package="LIM"), "/doc/examples/Foodweb/", sep=""))`

contains "RigaSpring.input", the input file; read this with [Setup](#)

[LIMTakapoto](#), [LIMRigaAutumn](#), [LIMRigaAutumn](#) and many others

Examples

```
rigaSpring <- Flowmatrix(LIMRigaSpring)
plotweb(rigaSpring, main = "Gulf of Riga planktonic food web, spring",
        sub = "mgC/m3/day")
Plotranges(LIMRigaSpring, lab.cex = 0.7,
           main = "Gulf of Riga planktonic food web, spring, Flowranges")
Plotranges(LIMRigaSpring, type = "V", lab.cex = 0.7,
           main = "Gulf of Riga planktonic food web, spring, Variable ranges")
```

LIMRigaSummer	<i>Linear inverse model specification for the Gulf of Riga *summer* planktonic food web.</i>
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Description

Linear inverse model specification for the Gulf of Riga planktonic food web in *summer* as in Donali et al. (1999).

The Gulf of Riga is a highly eutrophic system in the Baltic Sea.

The foodweb comprises 7 functional compartments and two external compartments, connected with 26 flows.

Units of the flows are mg C/m³/day

The linear inverse model LIMRigaSummer is generated from the file RigaSummer.input which can be found in subdirectory /examples/FoodWeb of the package directory

In this subdirectory you will find many foodweb example input files

These files can be read using [Read](#) and their output processed by [Setup](#) which will produce a linear inverse problem specification similar to LIMRigaSummer

Usage

```
data(LIMRigaSummer)
```

Format

a list of matrices, vectors, names and values that specify the linear inverse model problem.

see the return value of [Setup](#) for more information about this list.

A more complete description of this structures is in vignette("LIM")

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References

Donali, E., Olli, K., Heiskanen, A.S., Andersen, T., 1999. Carbon flow patterns in the planktonic food web of the Gulf of Riga, the Baltic Sea: a reconstruction by the inverse method. *Journal of Marine Systems* 23, 251..268.

See Also

```
browseURL(paste(system.file(package="LIM"), "/doc/examples/Foodweb/", sep=""))
```

contains "RigaSummer.input", the input file; read this with [Setup](#)

[LIMTakapoto](#), [LIMRigaAutumn](#), [LIMRigaSpring](#) and many others

Examples

```
rigaSummer <- Flowmatrix(LIMRigaSummer)
plotweb(rigaSummer, sub = "mgC/m3/day",
        main = "Gulf of Riga planktonic food web, summer")
Plotranges(LIMRigaSummer, type = "V", lab.cex = 0.7,
          main = "Gulf of Riga planktonic food web, summer, Variable ranges")
```

LIMSchedtIntertidal *Linear inverse model specification for the Schelde Intertidal flat food web*

Description

Linear inverse model specification for the Westerschelde Intertidal flat food web in June as in Van Oevelen et al. (2006).

The Westerschelde is a highly eutrophic estuary in the Netherlands.

The food web model was created for the intertidal flat called the "Molenplaat", site 2.

It is the basic input model.

The foodweb comprises 7 functional compartments and five external compartments, connected with 32 flows.

Units of the flows are mg C/m²/day

The linear inverse model LIMSchedtIntertidal is generated from the file `SchedtIntertidal.input` which can be found in subdirectory `/examples/FoodWeb` of the package directory

In this subdirectory you will find many foodweb example input files

These files can be read using [Read](#) and their output processed by [Setup](#) which will produce a linear inverse problem specification similar to LIMSchedtIntertidal

Usage

```
data(LIMSchedtIntertidal)
```

Format

a list of matrices, vectors, names and values that specify the linear inverse model problem.

see the return value of [Setup](#) for more information about this list

A more complete description of this structures is in `vignette("LIM")`

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References

Van Oevelen, D., Soetaert, K., Middelburg, J.J., Herman, P.M.J., Moodley, L., Hamels, I., Moens, T., Heip, C.H.R., 2006b. Carbon flows through a benthic food web: Integrating biomass, isotope and tracer data. *J. Mar. Res.* 64, 1-30.

See Also

`browseURL(paste(system.file(package="LIM"), "/doc/examples/Foodweb/", sep=""))`
contains "ScheldtIntertidal.input", the input file; read this with `Setup`
[LIMTakapoto](#), [LIMRigaSummer](#) and many others

Examples

```
ScheldtIntertidal <- Flowmatrix(LIMScheldtIntertidal)
plotweb(ScheldtIntertidal, main = "Scheldt intertidal flat food web",
        sub = "mgC/m2/day")
Plotranges(LIMScheldtIntertidal, lab.cex = 0.7,
           main = "Scheldt intertidal flat food web, Flowranges")
Plotranges(LIMScheldtIntertidal, type = "V", lab.cex = 0.7,
           main = "Scheldt intertidal flat food web, Variable ranges")
```

LIMTakapoto

Linear inverse model specification for the Takapoto atoll planktonic food web.

Description

Linear inverse model specification for the Carbon flux model of the Takapoto atoll planktonic food web

as reconstructed by inverse modelling by Niquil et al. (1998).

The Takapoto Atoll lagoon is located in the French Polynesia of the South Pacific

The food web comprises 7 functional compartments and three external compartments/sinks connected with 32 flows.

Units of the flows are mg C/m²/day

The linear inverse model LIMTakapoto is generated from the file Takapoto.input which can be found in subdirectory /examples/FoodWeb of the package directory

In this subdirectory you will find many foodweb example input files

These files can be read using [Read](#) and their output processed by [Setup](#) which will produce a linear inverse problem specification similar to LIMTakapoto

Usage

`data(LIMTakapoto)`

Format

a list of matrices, vectors, names and values that specify the linear inverse model problem.

see the return value of [Setup](#) for more information about this list

A more complete description of this structures is in vignette("LIM")

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References

Niquil, N., Jackson, G.A., Legendre, L., Delesalle, B., 1998. Inverse model analysis of the planktonic food web of Takapoto Atoll (French Polynesia). *Marine Ecology Progress Series* 165, 17..29.

See Also

`browseURL(paste(system.file(package="LIM"), "/doc/examples/Foodweb/", sep=""))`

contains "Takapoto.input", the input file; read this with [Setup](#)

[LIMRigaAutumn](#) and many others

Examples

```
Takapoto <- Flowmatrix(LIMTakapoto)
plotweb(Takapoto, main="Takapoto atoll planktonic food web",
        sub = "mgC/m2/day", lab.size = 1)
# some ranges extend to infinity - they are marked with "*"
Plotranges(LIMTakapoto, lab.cex = 0.7,
           sub = "*unbounded", xlab = "mgC/m2/d",
           main = "Takapoto atoll planktonic food web, Flowranges")
# ranges of variables, exclude first
Plotranges(LIMTakapoto, type = "V", lab.cex = 0.7,
           index = 2:23, xlab = "mgC/m2/d",
           main = "Takapoto atoll planktonic food web, Variable ranges")
```

Linp

Solves a linear inverse model using linear programming.

Description

Solves a linear inverse model using linear programming

Input presented either as:

- matrices E, F, A, B, G, H (Linp.double) or
- as a list (Linp.lim) or
- as a lim input file (Linp.limfile)

Usage

```

Linp(...)
## S3 method for class 'lim'
Linp(lim, cost = NULL, ispos = lim$ispos, ...)
## S3 method for class 'limfile'
Linp(file, verbose = TRUE,...)
## S3 method for class 'character'
Linp(...)
## S3 method for class 'double'
Linp(...)

```

Arguments

lim	a list that contains the linear inverse model specification, as generated by function <code>setup.limfile</code> .
file	name of the inverse input file.
verbose	if TRUE: when reading the file, prints warnings and messages to the screen.
cost	if not NULL, a vector with the coefficients of the cost function (to be minimised).
ispos	if TRUE: all x-values have to be positive.
...	other arguments passed to function <code>linp</code> from package <code>limSolve</code> .

Details

Solves the following inverse problem:

$$\min(\sum Cost_i * x_i)$$

or

$$\max(\sum Profit_i * x_i)$$

subject to

$$x_i \geq 0$$

$$Ax = B$$

$$Gx \geq H$$

and where $Cost_i$ or $Profit_i$ are weighting coefficients

Value

a list containing:

X	vector containing the solution of the linear programming problem.
unconstrained.solution	vector containing the unconstrained solution of the linear programming problem.
residualNorm	scalar, the sum of residuals of equalities and violated inequalities.
solutionNorm	scalar, the value of the quadratic function at the solution.

IsError	logical, TRUE if an error occurred.
Error	linp error text.
type	linp.

Author(s)

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References

Michel Berkelaar and others (2005). lpSolve: Interface to Lpsolve v. 5 to solve linear/integer programs. R package version 1.1.9.

See Also

linp, the more general function from package lpSolve
[Ldei](#), to solve the linear inverse problem by least distance programming
[Lsei](#), to solve the linear inverse problem by lsei (least squares with equality and inequality constraints)
 function [linp](#) from package limSolve

Examples

```
# the Blending example
Linp(LIMBlending)

# the E coli example: two functions to maximimise
Linp(LIMEcoli)

# E coli example, but only first function optimised..
Linp(LIMEcoli, cost = -LIMEcoli$Profit[1,])

# a foodweb example: need to specify the cost function
# here just sum of absolute values of flows...
Linp(LIMRigaAutumn, cost = (rep(1, LIMRigaAutumn$NUnknowns)))
```

Lsei

Solves a linear inverse model using the least squares method.

Description

Solves a linear inverse model using the least squares method

Input presented as:

- matrices E, F, A, B, G, H (Lsei.double) or
- a list (Lsei.lim) or
- as a lim input file (Lsei.limfile)

Useful for solving overdetermined lims.

Usage

```

Lsei(...)
## S3 method for class 'double'
Lsei(...)
## S3 method for class 'lim'
Lsei(lim, exact = NULL, parsimonious = FALSE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'limfile'
Lsei(file, exact = NULL, parsimonious = FALSE,
      verbose = TRUE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'character'
Lsei(...)

```

Arguments

lim	a list that contains the linear inverse model specification, as generated by function <code>setup.limfile</code> .
exact	if not NULL, a vector containing the numbers of the equations to be solved exactly; if NULL, all equations are considered exact.
parsimonious	if TRUE, also minimises the sum of squared unknowns.
file	name of the inverse input file.
verbose	if TRUE: when reading the file, prints warnings and messages to the screen.
...	other arguments passed to function <code>lsei</code> from package <code>limSolve</code> .

Details

Solves the following inverse problem:

$$\min(\|AAx - BB\|^2)$$

, the approximate equations subject to

$$Ex = F$$

, the mass balances

$$Gx \geq H$$

, the constraints.

and where E and F make up the equations from A and B, as specified by vector `exact`.

AA and BB are the equations from A and B, NOT in vector `exact`.

in case `exact = NULL`, there are no approximate equations.

in case `parsimonious = TRUE`, then the sum of squared unknowns is also minimised. This means that AA is augmented with the unity matrix (of size `Nunknowns`) and BB contains `Nunknowns` additional zeros.

For overdetermined lim problems, for instance, the inverse equations may be split up in the mass balance equations which have to be exactly met and the other equations which have to be approximated.

This is, it is assumed that the first `*NComponents*` equations, the mass balances, should be met exactly and the call to the function is: `Lsei(lim, exact = 1:lim$NComponents, ...)`

If the `lim` is underdetermined, an alternative is to use `Ldei` instead.

This will return the parsimonious solution.

The results should be similar with `Lsei(..., parsimonious=TRUE)`.

In theory both `Lsei.lim` and `Ldei` should return the same value for underdetermined systems.

Value

a list containing:

<code>X</code>	vector containing the solution of the least squares problem.
<code>residualNorm</code>	scalar, the sum of residuals of equalities and violated inequalities.
<code>solutionNorm</code>	scalar, the value of the minimised quadratic function at the solution.
<code>IsError</code>	TRUE if an error occurred.
<code>Error</code>	error text.
<code>type</code>	<code>lsei</code> .

Author(s)

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References

K. H. Haskell and R. J. Hanson, An algorithm for linear least squares problems with equality and nonnegativity constraints, Report SAND77-0552, Sandia Laboratories, June 1978.

K. H. Haskell and R. J. Hanson, Selected algorithms for the linearly constrained least squares problem - a users guide, Report SAND78-1290, Sandia Laboratories, August 1979.

K. H. Haskell and R. J. Hanson, An algorithm for linear least squares problems with equality and nonnegativity constraints, *Mathematical Programming* 21 (1981), pp. 98-118.

R. J. Hanson and K. H. Haskell, Two algorithms for the linearly constrained least squares problem, *ACM Transactions on Mathematical Software*, September 1982.

See Also

`lsei`, the more general function from package `limSolve`

`Linp`, to solve the linear inverse problem by linear programming

`Ldei`, to solve the linear inverse problem by least distance programming

function `lsei` from package `limSolve`

Examples

```
Lsei(LIMRigaAutumn, parsimonious = TRUE)
```

 Plotranges

Plots the minimum and maximum and central values

Description

Plots minimum and maximum ranges.

Takes as input either a lim list, as generated by Setup or a set of vectors specifying the minimum, maximum and the central value, or a data.frame that contains min, max and central values.

Usage

```
Plotranges(...)
## S3 method for class 'double'
Plotranges(min, max, value = NULL, labels = NULL, log = "",
  pch = 16, pch.col = "black", line.col = "gray",
  seg.col = "black", xlim = NULL, main = NULL,
  xlab = NULL, ylab = NULL, lab.cex = 1.0, mark = NULL,...)

## S3 method for class 'lim'
Plotranges(lim = NULL, labels = NULL, type = "X", log = "",
  pch = 16, pch.col = "black", line.col = "gray",
  seg.col = "black", xlim = NULL, main = NULL,
  xlab = NULL, ylab = NULL, lab.cex = 1.0, index = NULL, ...)

## S3 method for class 'character'
Plotranges(file, ...)
```

Arguments

min	minimum value.
max	maximum value.
value	median or mean value.
lim	a list that contains the linear inverse model specification, as generated by function setup.limfile.
file	name of the inverse input file.
labels	names of each value.
type	one of "X" or "V" for plotting of unknowns (X) or variables.
log	if = x: logarithmic scale for x-axis.
pch	pch symbol used for mean value.
pch.col	pch color for mean value.
line.col	color for each variable, spanning x-axis.
seg.col	color for variable range.

xlim	limits on x-axis.
main	main title.
xlab	x-axis label.
ylab	y-axis label.
lab.cex	label expansion value.
index	list of elements to be plotted, a vector of integers; default = all elements.
mark	list of elements to be marked with a "*", i.e. when range is unbounded.
...	arguments passed to R-function "text" when writing labels.

Value

Only when a lim list was inputted. A data frame with

min	the minimum.
max	the maximum.
values	the central value.

Author(s)

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Examples

```
# The Takapoto food web.
# some ranges extend to infinity - they are marked with "*"
Plotranges(LIMTakapoto, lab.cex = 0.7, sub = "*=unbounded",
           xlab = "mgC/m2/d",
           main = "Takapoto atoll planktonic food web, Flowranges")
# ranges of variables, exclude first variable
Plotranges(LIMTakapoto, type = "V", lab.cex = 0.7,
           index = 2:23, xlab = "mgC/m2/d",
           main = "Takapoto atoll planktonic food web, Variable ranges")
```

PrintMat

Writes linear inverse matrices to the screen

Description

Prints the linear inverse problem:

- inverse matrices and vectors A, b of the equalities

$$Ax = b$$

- inverse matrices and vectors G, h of the inequalities

$$Gx \geq h$$

- if present, also writes the cost/profit function

Usage

```
PrintMat(lim)
```

Arguments

`lim` a list that contains the linear inverse model specification, as generated by function `setup.limfile`.

Value

returns nothing.

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Examples

```
PrintMat(LIMblending)
```

Read	<i>Reads an inverse input file</i>
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Description

Reads an inverse input file and creates the inverse problem as a list, of type "liminput"

Usage

```
Read(file, verbose = FALSE, checkLinear = TRUE, remtabs = TRUE)
```

Arguments

`file` name of inverse input file.
`verbose` if TRUE: prints warnings and messages to the screen.
`checkLinear` if FALSE: does not check for linearity
`remtabs` remove tabs.

Details

The structure of an inverse input file is explained in vignette("LIM") which should be consulted.

In short the inverse input file contains the declaration sections enclosed inbetween two lines starting with a `##`.

For instance, the following section declares two components

```
# COMP
State1
```

State2

END COMP

Only the first 4 characters of the section names are read

The following sections are allowed:

- Parameters - ## PARAMETERS
- Components - ## STOCKS or ## DECISION VARIABLES or ## STATES or ## UNKNOWNNS
- Externals - ## EXTERNALS
- Rates - ## RATES
- Flows - ## FLOWS
- Variables - ## VARIABLES
- Cost - ## COST or ## MINIMISE
- Profit - ## PROFIT or ## MAXIMISE
- Equalities - ## EQUALITIES
- InEqualities - ## INEQUALITIES or ## CONSTRAINTS

Any (part of a) line starting with a "!" is considered a comment.

Input is NOT case sensitive

The output of this function is used as input in function [Setup](#) which creates the inverse matrices

By default, only linear problems can be solved, and the function checks whether the input is linear.

To toggle off this check, set `checkLinear` to FALSE.

Some input files contain tabs, which are converted to spaces, unless this logical is set to FALSE.

Value

a list containing :

<code>file</code>	name of the inverse input file.
<code>pars</code>	a data.frame with parameter declarations.
<code>comp</code>	a data.frame with compartments (or states, stocks).
<code>rate</code>	a data.frame with rate declarations.
<code>extern</code>	a data.frame with external declarations.
<code>flows</code>	a data.frame with flow declarations.
<code>vars</code>	a data.frame with variable declarations.
<code>cost</code>	a data.frame with cost declarations.
<code>profit</code>	a data.frame with profit declarations.
<code>equations</code>	a data.frame with equality declarations.
<code>constraints</code>	a data.frame with constraint declarations.
<code>reactions</code>	a data.frame with reaction declarations.
<code>posreac</code>	a vector with TRUE values if reaction or flow is unidirectional (and the unknown x is thus positive), FALSE if it is two-way reaction or flow, and x can be positive or negative.

marker	a data.frame with marker declarations - see vignette("LIM").
parnames	a vector with parameter names.
varnames	a vector with variable names.
compnames	a vector with compartment names.
externnames	a vector with names of externals.
Type	a string; one of "web" (flows are unknowns), "reaction" (reaction rates unknown) and "simple" (compartments are unknowns).

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See Also

[Setup](#) the function to create inverse matrices, based on output of Read.

Examples

```
# this input has been created with function Read:
  LIMinputBlending

## Not run:
  wd <- getwd()
  setwd(paste(system.file(package = "LIM"), "/doc/examples/Foodweb", sep = ""))
  Read("RigaAutumn.input")
  setwd(wd)

## End(Not run)
```

Setup

Creates linear inverse matrices

Description

Creates the linear problem with equality and inequality equations.

Takes as input either a liminput list, as generated by Read or a filename with the linear inverse model specifications. Creates:

- inverse matrices and vectors A, b, G, h of the equalities/inequalities:

$$Ax = b$$

$$Gx \geq h$$

- if present, also generates the cost/profit function which is used as:

$$\min(cost)$$

or

$$\max(profit)$$

- if the input was a flow network, Setup will also create the flow matrix (see details).

Usage

```

Setup(...)
## S3 method for class 'limfile'
Setup(file, verbose = TRUE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'character'
Setup(...)
## S3 method for class 'liminput'
Setup(liminput,...)

```

Arguments

file	name of the inverse input file.
verbose	if TRUE: prints warnings and messages to the screen.
liminput	list of elements, as returned by Read.
...	extra parameters allowing this to be a generic function.

Value

a list containing:

file	name of the inverse input file.
NUnknowns	number of unknowns.
NEquations	number of equations.
NConstraints	number of constraints.
NComponents	number of components.
NExternal	number of externals.
NVariables	number of variables.
A	matrix A of equalities $Ax=B$.
B	vector B of equalities $Ax=B$.
G	matrix G of inequalities $Gx>h$.
H	vector H of inequalities $Gx=h$.
Cost	cost vector (to minimise), the weight of each unknown; if not specified; 1 for all unknowns.
Profit	profit vector (to maximise).
Flowmatrix	matrix where element ij denotes flow from compartment i to j.
VarA	matrix VarA of variable equation $VarA*x=VarB$.
VarB	vector VarB of variable equation $VarA*x=VarB$.
Flows	a vector with flow names.
Parameters	a data.frame with parameter names and values.
Components	a data.frame with state names and values.
Externals	a data.frame with external names and values.
rates	a data.frame with rate names and values.

markers	a data.frame with marker names and values.
Variables	a vector with variable names.
Unknowns	a vector with names of unknowns (either states or flows).
Weight	a vector with the weights of unknowns- default is 1.

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See Also

[Read](#) function that reads inverse input files and produces the input list used by Setup
[Lsei](#), [Ldei](#), [Linp](#) functions to solve inverse problem, based on output generated by `setup.limfile`

Examples

```
LIMinputBlending
Setup(LIMinputBlending )
```

Variables	<i>Generates the values of variables for a linear inverse (foodweb) problem</i>
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Description

Given an linear inverse model input list, generates the values of the inverse variables

Usage

```
Variables (lim, res, ...)
```

Arguments

lim	a list that contains the linear inverse model specification, as generated by function <code>setup.limfile</code> .
res	the solved linear inverse problem; if not specified, the model is solved first, using <code>Lsei.lim<</code> .
...	extra parameters passed to function <code>Lsei.lim</code> .

Value

the variables, a one-column data.frame

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See Also

[Varranges](#) which estimates the ranges of variables.

Examples

```
Variables(LIMRigaAutumn)
```

Varranges

Generates ranges of the variables for a linear inverse problem

Description

Given an inverse input list, generates the minimal and maximal values of the variables (linear combinations of unknowns).

Usage

```
Varranges(lim, ...)
```

Arguments

lim	a list that contains the linear inverse model specification, as generated by function <code>setup.limfile</code> .
...	extra arguments passed to function <code>varranges</code> .

Value

a 2-columned vector containing the minimum (column 1) and maximum (column 2) of each variable.

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See Also

[Xranges](#) which estimates the ranges of unknowns

[Plotranges](#) to plot the ranges

Examples

```
Varranges(LIMRigaAutumn)
```

Xranges

Generates ranges of the unknowns of a linear inverse problem

Description

Given an inverse input list, generates the minimal and maximal values of the unknowns

Usage

```
Xranges (lim, ...)
```

Arguments

`lim` a list that contains the linear inverse model specification, as generated by function `setup.limfile`.

`...` extra arguments passed to function `xranges` from `packagelimSolve`.

Value

a 2-columned vector containing the minimum (column 1) and maximum (column 2) of each unknown.

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See Also

[Varranges](#) which estimates the ranges of inverse variables

[Plotranges](#) to plot the ranges

function `xranges` from `packagelimSolve`

Examples

```
# ranges
xr <- Xranges(LIMRigaAutumn)
xlim <- range(xr)

# parsimonious
pars <- Lsei(LIMRigaAutumn)$X

# plot
dotchart(x = pars, labels = rownames(xr), xlim = xlim,
          main = "Riga Autumn ",
          sub = "ranges and parsimonious solution", pch = 16)
cc <- 1:nrow(xr)
segments(xr[,1], cc, xr[,2], cc)
```

Xsample	<i>Generates a random sample of the unknowns for a linear inverse problem</i>
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Description

Given an inverse input list, randomly samples the unknowns, using an MCMC method

Usage

```
Xsample(lim, exact = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

lim	a list that contains the linear inverse model specification, as generated by function <code>setup.limfile</code> .
exact	if not NULL, a vector containing the numbers of the equations to be solved exactly; if NULL, all equations are considered exact.
...	extra parameters passed to function <code>xsample</code> from <code>packagelimSolve</code> .

Details

For overdetermined LIM problems, the inverse equations may be split up in equations which have to be exactly met and other equations which have to be approximated.

`exact` is a vector with the exact equations

The default settings of `xsample` will often not do. For instance, the default consists of 3000 iterations (`iter`) and a jump length of `jmp` of 0.1. You may need to increase one of those to ensure that the entire solution space has been adequately sampled.

Value

a 2-columned vector containing the minimum (column 1) and maximum (column 2) of each unknown.

Author(s)

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See Also

[Varranges](#) which estimates the ranges of inverse variables

[Plotranges](#) to plot the ranges

function [xsample](#) from `packagemSolve`

Examples

```
# sample solution space
xs <- Xsample(LIMRigaAutumn, iter = 500, jmp = 5)
# remove flows that are invariable (sd=0)
xs <- xs[ , -which(apply(xs, 2, sd) == 0 )]
#pairs plot
pairs(xs, gap = 0, pch = ".", upper.panel = NULL)
```

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