

# Package ‘IGC.CSM’

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**Description** Develops a General Equilibrium (GE) Model, which estimates key variables such as wages, the number of residents and workers, the prices of the floor space, and its distribution between commercial and residential use, as in Ahlfeldt et al., (2015) <[doi:10.3982/ECTA10876](#)>. By doing so, the model allows understanding the economic influence of different urban policies.

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| array_operator | <i>Array operator to mimic different-dimension-array element-wise operations in MATLAB. It receives as input two arrays of potentially different dimensions, it resizes them to have same dimensions and finally performs the element-wise operation.</i> |
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**Description**

Array operator to mimic different-dimension-array element-wise operations in MATLAB. It receives as input two arrays of potentially different dimensions, it resizes them to have same dimensions and finally performs the element-wise operation.

**Usage**

```
array_operator(array1, array2, operation)
```

**Arguments**

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| array1    | The first array  |
| array2    | The second array   |
| operation | The operation. It can take values: '+', '-', '*', '/', and '^' |

**Value**

An array with dimensions equal to the "largest" input array. It is the result of applying the operator element-wise to both input arrays.

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| av_income_simple | <i>Computes average income in each location, which is the weighted average of the income of the people living in the location.</i> |
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**Description**

Computes average income in each location, which is the weighted average of the income of the people living in the location.

**Usage**

```
av_income_simple(lambda_ij_i, w_tr)
```

**Arguments**

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| lambda_ij_i | NxN matrix - Probability of individuals in each location of working in each location. |
| w_tr        | NxS - Wages in each location in each sector.  |

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| <code>commuting_matrix</code> | <i>Function to transform travel times into iceberg commuting costs</i> |
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### Description

Function to transform travel times into iceberg commuting costs

### Usage

```
commuting_matrix(t_ij, epsilon)
```

### Arguments

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| <code>t_ij</code>    | NxN matrix - Travel time matrix across locations                  |
| <code>epsilon</code> | Float - Parameter that transforms travel times to commuting costs |

### Value

A NxN matrix of commuting costs

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| <code>density_development</code> | <i>Computes residential and commercial floorspace supply and equilibrium prices.</i> |
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### Description

Computes residential and commercial floorspace supply and equilibrium prices.

### Usage

```
density_development(Q, K, w, L_j, y_bar, L_i, beta, alpha, mu)
```

### Arguments

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| <code>Q</code>     | Nx1 array - Floorspaces prices.   |
| <code>K</code>     | Nx1 array - Land supply.  |
| <code>w</code>     | NxS - Wages in each location in each sector.                              |
| <code>L_j</code>   | Nx1 matrix - Number of workers in each location.                          |
| <code>y_bar</code> | • Average income in each location.  |
| <code>L_i</code>   | Nx1 matrix - Number of residents in each location.                        |
| <code>beta</code>  | Float - Cobb-Douglas parameter output elasticity wrt labor.               |
| <code>alpha</code> | Float - Utility parameter that determines preferences for consumption.    |
| <code>mu</code>    | Float - Floorspace prod function: output elast wrt capita, 1-mu wrt land. |

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| <b>inversionModel</b> | <i>Function to invert model, so amenities, wages, productivities, and development density are chosen to match model to data.</i> |
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## Description

Function to invert model, so amenities, wages, productivities, and development density are chosen to match model to data.

## Usage

```
inversionModel(
  N,
  L_i,
  L_j,
  Q,
  K,
  t_ij,
  alpha = 0.7,
  beta = 0.7,
  theta = 7,
  delta = 0.3585,
  rho = 0.9094,
  lambda = 0.01,
  epsilon = 0.01,
  mu = 0.3,
  eta = 0.1548,
  nu_init = 0.005,
  tol = 10^-10,
  maxiter = 1000,
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

## Arguments

|       |  |
|-------|--|
| N     | Integer - Number of locations.   |
| L_i   | Nx1 matrix - Number of residents in each location.                     |
| L_j   | Nx1 matrix - Number of workers in each location.                       |
| Q     | Nx1 matrix - Floorspace prices   |
| K     | Nx1 matrix - Land area   |
| t_ij  | NxN matrix - Travel times across all possible locations.               |
| alpha | Float - Utility parameter that determines preferences for consumption. |
| beta  | Float - Output elasticity wrt labor                                    |
| theta | Float - Commuting elasticity and migration elasticity.                 |

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| delta   | Float - Decay parameter agglomeration   |
| rho     | Float - Decay parameter congestion  |
| lambda  | Float - Agglomeration force   |
| epsilon | Float - Parameter that transforms travel times to commuting costs             |
| mu      | Float - Floorspace prod function: output elast wrt capital, 1-mu wrt land.    |
| eta     | Float - Congestion force  |
| nu_init | Float - Convergence parameter to update wages. Default nu=0.01.               |
| tol     | Int - tolerance factor  |
| maxiter | Integer - Maximum number of iterations for convergence. Default maxiter=1000. |
| verbose | Boolean - Equal to TRUE to print verbose.                                     |

**Value**

Equilibrium values.

**Examples**

```
N=5
L_i = c(63, 261, 213, 182, 113)
L_j = c(86, 278, 189, 180, 99)
Q = c(2123, 1576, 1371, 1931, 1637)
K = c(0.44, 1.45, 1.15, 0.87, 0.58)
t_ij = rbind(c(0.0, 6.6, 5.5, 5.6, 6.4),
             c(6.7, 0.0, 3.9, 4.6, 4.4),
             c(5.5, 3.9, 0.0, 2.8, 3.0),
             c(5.6, 4.6, 2.8, 0.0, 2.7),
             c(6.4, 4.4, 3.0, 2.7, 0.0))

inversionModel(N=N,
               L_i=L_i,
               L_j=L_j,
               Q=Q,
               K=K,
               t_ij=t_ij)
```

**living\_amenities\_simple**

*Function to estimate amenity parameters of locations where users live.*

**Description**

Function to estimate amenity parameters of locations where users live.

**Usage**

```
living_amenities_simple(theta, N, L_i, W_i, Q, K, alpha, t_ij, rho, eta)
```

**Arguments**

|       |  |
|-------|--|
| theta | Float - Parameter that governs the reallocation of workers across locations in the city. This parameter measures how sensible are migration flows within the city to changes in real income. |
| N     | Integer - Number of locations.   |
| L_i   | Nx1 matrix - Total residents.  |
| W_i   | Nx1 matrix - Market access measure in each location.   |
| Q     | Nx1 matrix - Floor space prices.   |
| K     | Nx1 matrix - Land area   |
| alpha | Float - Para   |
| t_ij  | NxN matrix - Travel times across locations.  |
| rho   | Float - decay parameter for amenities.   |
| eta   | Float - congestion force   |

**Value**

Matrix with the amenity distribution of living in each location.

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| productivity | <i>Computes productivity levels in each location</i> |
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**Description**

Computes productivity levels in each location

**Usage**

```
productivity(N, Q, w, L_j, K, t_ij, delta, lambda, beta)
```

**Arguments**

|        |  |
|--------|--|
| N      | Float - Number of locations.                     |
| Q      | Nx1 matrix - Floorspace prices in each location. |
| w      | Nx1 matrix - wages in each location.             |
| L_j    | Nx1 matrix - Employment in each location.        |
| K      | Nx1 matrix - Land in each location.              |
| t_ij   | NxN matrix - Travel times matrix.                |
| delta  | Float - decay parameter agglomeration.           |
| lambda | Float - agglomeration force.                     |
| beta   | Float - Output elasticity wrt labor              |

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| solveModel | <i>Function to solve counterfactuals.</i> |
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## Description

Function to solve counterfactuals.

## Usage

```
solveModel(  
  N,  
  L_i,  
  L_j,  
  K,  
  t_ij,  
  a,  
  b,  
  varphi,  
  w_eq,  
  u_eq,  
  Q_eq,  
  ttheta_eq,  
  alpha = 0.7,  
  beta = 0.7,  
  theta = 7,  
  mu = 0.3,  
  delta = 0.3585,  
  lambda = 0.01,  
  rho = 0.9094,  
  eta = 0.1548,  
  epsilon = 0.01,  
  zeta = 0.95,  
  tol = 10^-10,  
  maxiter = 1000,  
  verbose = FALSE  
)
```

## Arguments

|      |  |
|------|--|
| N    | Integer - Number of locations.                         |
| L_i  | Nx1 array - Number of residents in each location       |
| L_j  | Nx1 array - Number of workers in each location         |
| K    | Nx1 array - Land supply                                |
| t_ij | NxN matrix - Travel times across locations             |
| a    | Nx1 array - Total Factor Productivity in each location |

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| b         | Nx1 array - Vector of amenities in each location                              |
| varphi    | Nx1 array - Density of development  |
| w_eq      | Nx1 array - Initial vector of wages   |
| u_eq      | Nx1 array - Initial vector of welfare   |
| Q_eq      | Nx1 array - Initial price for floorspace                                      |
| ttheta_eq | Nx1 array - Share of floorspace used commercially                             |
| alpha     | Float - Exp. share in consumption, 1-alpha exp. share in housing              |
| beta      | Float - Output elasticity with respect to labor                               |
| theta     | Float - Commuting and migration elasticity.                                   |
| mu        | Float - Floorspace prod function: output elasticity wrt capital               |
| delta     | Float - Decay parameter agglomeration force                                   |
| lambda    | Float - agglomeration externality   |
| rho       | Float - decay parameter for amenities   |
| eta       | Float - amenity externality   |
| epsilon   | Float - Parameter that transforms travel times to commuting costs             |
| zeta      | Float - convergence parameter   |
| tol       | Int - tolerance factor  |
| maxiter   | Integer - Maximum number of iterations for convergence. Default maxiter=1000. |
| verbose   | Boolean - Equal to TRUE to print verbose.                                     |

**Value**

Counterfactual values.

**Examples**

```

N=5
L_i = c(63, 261, 213, 182, 113)
L_j = c(86, 278, 189, 180, 99)
Q = c(2123, 1576, 1371, 1931, 1637)
K = c(0.44, 1.45, 1.15, 0.87, 0.58)
t_ij = rbind(c(0.0, 6.6, 5.5, 5.6, 6.4),
              c(6.7, 0.0, 3.9, 4.6, 4.4),
              c(5.5, 3.9, 0.0, 2.8, 3.0),
              c(5.6, 4.6, 2.8, 0.0, 2.7),
              c(6.4, 4.4, 3.0, 2.7, 0.0))

a = c(1.7, 1.7, 1.6, 1.8, 1.6)
b = c(2.2, 2.5, 2.4, 2.6, 2.3)
varphi = c(95, 219, 215, 167, 148)
w_eq = c(0.9, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 0.9)
u_eq = c(1.0, 1.3, 1.2, 1.2, 1.1)
Q_eq = c(1.2, 0.9, 0.8, 1.1, 0.9)
ttheta_eq = c(0.5, 0.4, 0.4, 0.4, 0.4)
solveModel(N=N,
```

```
L_i=L_i,  
L_j=L_j,  
K=K,  
t_ij=t_ij,  
a=a,  
b=b,  
varphi=varphi,  
w_eq=w_eq,  
u_eq=u_eq,  
Q_eq=Q_eq,  
ttheta_eq=ttheta_eq)
```

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| sumDims | <i>Collapse array along one of the dimensions by adding the elements along that dimension.</i> |
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### Description

Collapse array along one of the dimensions by adding the elements along that dimension.

### Usage

```
sumDims(array, dimension)
```

### Arguments

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| array     | Array to collapse along one dimension. |
| dimension | Dimension to collapse the array.       |

### Value

An array that has been collapsed along the given dimension.

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| sumDims2 | <i>Collapse array 2 along one of the dimensions by adding the elements along that dimension.</i> |
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### Description

Collapse array 2 along one of the dimensions by adding the elements along that dimension.

### Usage

```
sumDims2(array, dimension)
```

**Arguments**

- array            Array to collapse along one dimension.  
 dimension      Dimension to collapse the array.

**Value**

An array that has been collapsed along the given dimension.

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| wages_inversion | <i>Function to compute equilibrium wages that make the model labor in every location in equal to the observed data. It finds the w's such that equation (3.2) holds.</i> |
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**Description**

Function to compute equilibrium wages that make the model labor in every location in equal to the observed data. It finds the w's such that equation (3.2) holds.

**Usage**

```
wages_inversion(
  N,
  w_init,
  theta,
  tau,
  L_i,
  L_j,
  nu_init = 0.05,
  tol = 10^-10,
  maxiter = 10000,
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

- N            Integer - Number of locations.  
 w\_init      Initial vector of wages.  
 theta        Float - Commuting elasticity.  
 tau          NxN matrix - Commuting cost matrix across all locations.  
 L\_i          Nx1 matrix - Number of residents in each location.  
 L\_j          Nx1 matrix - Number of workers in each location.  
 nu\_init     Float - Convergence parameter to update wages. Default nu=0.01.  
 tol          Float - Maximum tolerable error for estimating total labor. Default tol=10^-10.  
 maxiter     Integer - Maximum number of iterations for convergence. Default maxiter=10000.  
 verbose     Boolean - Equal to TRUE to print verbose.

**Value**

A list with equilibrium wages and probability of workers in each location working in every other location.

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