

# Package: slcm (via r-universe)

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**Description** Perform a Bayesian estimation of the exploratory Sparse Latent Class Model for Binary Data described by Chen, Y., Culpepper, S. A., and Liang, F. (2020) [doi:10.1007/s11336-019-09693-2](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11336-019-09693-2).

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<code>print.slcm</code>	<i>Print the SLCM object</i>
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### Description

Custom printing class to reveal features of the fitted SLCM.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'slcm'
print(x, digits = max(3L, getOption("digits") - 3L), ...)
```

### Arguments

<code>x</code>	the slcm object.
<code>digits</code>	the number of significant digits
<code>...</code>	further arguments passed to or from other methods.

### Value

Print details and estimates found within the fitted SLCM. Return the model invisibly (via [invisible\(\)](#))

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<code>slcm</code>	<i>Sparse Latent Class Model for Cognitive Diagnosis (SLCM)</i>
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### Description

Performs the Gibbs sampling routine for a sparse latent class model as described in Chen et al. (2020) <doi: 10.1007/s11336-019-09693-2>

### Usage

```
slcm(
  y,
  k,
  burnin = 1000L,
  chain_length = 10000L,
  psi_invj = c(1, rep(2, 2^k - 1)),
  m0 = 0,
  bq = 1
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>y</code>	Item Matrix
<code>k</code>	Dimension to estimate for Q matrix
<code>burnin</code>	Amount of Draws to Burn
<code>chain_length</code>	Number of Iterations for chain.
<code>psi_invj, m0, bq</code>	Additional tuning parameters.

**Details**

The `estimates` list contains the mean information from the sampling procedure. Meanwhile, the `chain` list contains full MCMC values. Lastly, the `details` list provides information regarding the estimation call.

**Value**

An `slcm` object containing three named lists:

- `estimates`
  - `beta`: Average beta coefficients
  - `theta`: Average theta coefficients
  - `delta`: Average activeness of coefficients
  - `class`: Average class membership
  - `pi`: Average attribute class probability.
  - `omega`: Average omega
  - `q`: Average activeness of Q matrix entries based on heuristic transformation.
  - `m2l1`: Average negative two times log-likelihood
- `chain`
  - `theta`: theta coefficients iterations
  - `beta`: beta coefficients iterations
  - `class`: class membership iterations
  - `pi`: attribute class probability iterations
  - `omega`: omega iterations
  - `m2l1`: Negative two times log-likelihood iterations
- `details`
  - `n`: Number of Subjects
  - `j`: Number of Items
  - `k`: Number of Traits
  - `l1`: Slab parameter
  - `m0, bq`: Additional tuning parameters
  - `burnin`: Number of Iterations to discard
  - `chain_length`: Number of Iterations to keep
  - `runtime`: Duration of model run inside of the C++ code. (Does not include summarization of MCMC chain.)
  - `package_version`: Version of the package the SLCM model was fit with.
  - `date_time`: Date and Time the model was fit.

**Examples**

```
# Use a demo data set from the paper
if(requireNamespace("edmdata", quietly = TRUE)) {
  data("items_matrix_reasoning", package = "edmdata")

  burnin = 50      # Set for demonstration purposes, increase to at least 1,000 in practice.
  chain_length = 100 # Set for demonstration purposes, increase to at least 10,000 in practice.

  model_reasoning = slcm(items_matrix_reasoning, k = 4,
                        burnin = burnin, chain_length = chain_length)
}
```

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