

# Package ‘mvSUSY’

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**Title** Multivariate Surrogate Synchrony

**Description**

Multivariate Surrogate Synchrony ('mvSUSY') estimates the synchrony within datasets that contain more than two time series. 'mvSUSY' was developed from Surrogate Synchrony ('SUSY') with respect to implementing surrogate controls, and extends synchrony estimation to multivariate data. 'mvSUSY' works as described in Meier & Tschacher (2021).

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as.data.frame.mvsusy *mvsusy to data.frame conversion method*

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### Description

Turns mvsusy class object into a data.frame.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'mvsusy'  
as.data.frame(x, row.names=NULL, optional=FALSE, ...)
```

### Arguments

x	A mvsusy object.
row.names	Ignored, only for consistency to generic as.data.frame method.
optional	Ignored, only for consistency to generic as.data.frame method.
...	Ignored.

### Value

Returns data.frame.

### See Also

[mvsusy](#)

### Examples

```
set.seed(1)  
data = as.data.frame(replicate(5, sample(10, 5000, TRUE)))  
res = mvsusy(data, segment=10L, Hz=10L)  
df = as.data.frame(res)  
df
```

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**Usage**

```
mvsusy(x, segment, Hz, method=c("lambda_max", "omega"), max_pseudo=1000, seed=1)
```

**Arguments**

x	A data.frame of numeric columns.
segment	Integer, size in seconds. Must not be larger than half the time series ( $nrow(x)/2$ ).
Hz	Integer, measures per second (sampling rate).
method	Character, either "lambda_max" or "omega".
max_pseudo	Numeric, maximum number of surrogate ("pseudo") data, default 1000.
seed	Numeric, same seed generates the same random surrogate data.

**Details**

Data are entered as a file where multiple time series are in columns. First row with column names. For example, if the data represent the interaction of a group of five people with one time series from each group member, the file has five columns, and its first row contains the member names. The time series are divided in segments of appropriate length (parameter `segment`). Synchrony computation is done separately in each segment, then all segment synchronies are aggregated to yield the "real synchrony" of the multiple time series. Segments are non-overlapping, and the number of segments that fit into the time series may have a remainder (usually a few seconds at the end of the time series), which is not considered. Rows having missing values are removed. "Real synchrony" is controlled for spurious synchrony and non-stationarity using surrogate analysis. Surrogate ("pseudo") data are generated by random segment-shuffling of each column separately. From  $m$  columns with  $s$  segments,  $s! / (s - m)!$  surrogates can be generated. This often very high number of surrogates should be curbed by setting `max_pseudo` appropriately. For each of the `max_pseudo` surrogate datasets, (pseudo) synchrony is computed in the same way as real synchrony. The mean and standard deviation of surrogate synchronies are provided in the output as *mean(synchrony-pseudo)* and *sd(synchrony-pseudo)*. The *effect size (ES)* of synchrony is computed by the difference between *mean(synchrony-real)* and *mean(synchrony-pseudo)* standardized by *sd(synchrony-pseudo)*. Tests against the null-hypothesis  $\text{mean}(\text{synchrony-real}) = \text{mean}(\text{synchrony-pseudo})$  are performed by a *t-statistic* and a Wilcoxon test (*statistic-nonpar*). Two methods are available to assess mvSUSY: "lambda\_max" and "omega". *lambda\_max* is computed by the eigendecomposition of the correlation matrix. The correlation matrix of the  $m$  columns (time series) can be described by  $m$  eigenvalues *lambda*, the largest of which provides an assessment of multivariate synchrony, i.e. the coupling between the time series (columns) of the data. *lambda* is computed in each segment, then

aggregated across all segments. *omega* is a measure of multivariate synchrony that makes use of the actually measured degree of entropy, a measure of disorder of a dataset, with its equivalent to *Shannon information*. Landsberg suggested to normalize entropy  $S$  by the potential entropy  $Spot$  possible in a system, providing the measure of *omega* ("Landsberg order") as  $\omega = 1 - S / Spot$ . The entropies can be computed based on the variance-covariance matrix of the multiple time series (Shiner, Davison & Landsberg, 1999). Again, *omega* is computed in each segment then aggregated. Tschacher, Scheier & Grawe (1998) applied these methods in psychotherapy research.

## Value

Object of class `mvsusy` is returned.

## References

- Meier D & Tschacher W (2021). "[Beyond Dyadic Coupling: The Method of Multivariate Surrogate Synchrony \(mv-SUSY\)](#)". *Entropy*, 23, 1385.
- Shiner JS, Davison M, & Landsberg PT (1999). On measures for order and its relation to complexity. In Tschacher W & Dauwalder J-P (Eds). *Dynamics, Synergetics, Autonomous Agents*. Singapore: World Scientific, pp. 49-63.
- Tschacher W, Scheier C, & Grawe K (1998). Order and Pattern Formation in Psychotherapy. *Non-linear Dyn. Psychol. Life Sci.*, 2, 195-215.

## See Also

[plot.mvsusy](#), [as.data.frame.mvsusy](#), [print.mvsusy](#)

## Examples

```
set.seed(1)
data = as.data.frame(replicate(5, sample(10, 5000, TRUE)))

## compute mvSUSY (lambda_max method)
res = mvsusy(data, segment=10, Hz=10)
res
plot(res, type="eigenvalue")

## omega method
res = mvsusy(data, segment=10, Hz=10, method="omega")
res
plot(res, type="density")

## export to flat file via data.frame and write.csv
df = as.data.frame(res)
df
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plot.mvsusy	<i>mvsusy plot method</i>
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## Description

Generate plot for a mvsusy object.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'mvsusy'
plot(x,
     type=c("eigenvalue", "density", "free scale", "segment-wise", "time series"),
     ...,
     bins,
     plotly)
```

## Arguments

x	A mvsusy object.
type	Character to specify type of the plot, one of <i>eigenvalue</i> , <i>density</i> , <i>free scale</i> , <i>segment-wise</i> , <i>time series</i> .
...	Ignored.
bins	Numeric. Number of <i>bins</i> used in <i>free scale</i> plot type, by default number of segments divided by 2.
plotly	Logical. Passing FALSE will force <i>time series</i> plot not to use plotly even if installed.

## Details

Eigenvalue plot type works only for mvSUSY computed using *lambda\_max* method. Time series plot will by default use plotly package, if installed, to provide interactive plot.

## Value

Returns NULL invisibly. Generate plot as a side effect.

## See Also

[mvsusy](#)

## Examples

```
set.seed(1)
data = as.data.frame(replicate(5, sample(10, 5000, TRUE)))
res = mvsusy(data, segment=10, Hz=10)
plot(res, type="eigenvalue")
plot(res, type="density")
```

```
plot(res, type="free scale")
plot(res, type="segment-wise")
plot(res, type="time series")
plot(res, type="time series", plotly=FALSE)
```

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print.mvsusy	<i>mvsusy print method</i>
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### Description

Prints information about an mvsusy object.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'mvsusy'
print(x, ...)
```

### Arguments

x	A susy object.
...	Extra arguments passed to print.data.frame method.

### Value

Returns x invisibly. Display output to console as a side effect.

### See Also

[mvsusy](#)

### Examples

```
set.seed(1)
data = as.data.frame(replicate(5, sample(10, 5000, TRUE)))
res = mvsusy(data, segment=10L, Hz=10L)
res
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