

# Package ‘DataFusionGDM’

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apply_procrustes	<i>Procrustes alignment and mapping back to distances</i>
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### Description

Procrustes alignment and mapping back to distances

### Usage

```
apply_procrustes(X_base, Y_base, Y)
```

### Arguments

X_base	Base coordinates for target alignment
Y_base	Base coordinates for source alignment
Y	Full source coordinates to transform

### Value

Transformed coordinates matrix

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besmi\_batch\_impute      *Run BESMI imputation for a list of dataset paths*

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## Description

Run BESMI imputation for a list of dataset paths

## Usage

```
besmi_batch_impute(  
  dataset_paths,  
  the_method = "lasso.norm",  
  max_iter = 5,  
  imputation_convergence_threshold = 1e-06,  
  propagation_convergence_threshold = 1e-06,  
  distance_metric = "mae",  
  output_dir = file.path(tempdir(), "DataFusionGDM_imputation"),  
  k_filter = NULL,  
  full_dataset_path = NULL  
)
```

## Arguments

dataset_paths	Character vector of RDS paths to masked matrices
the_method	Imputation method (e.g., 'lasso.norm' or 'KNN')
max_iter	Maximum iterations for iterative methods
imputation_convergence_threshold	Convergence threshold for imputation metric
propagation_convergence_threshold	Convergence threshold for propagation metric
distance_metric	Distance metric for evaluation ('mae', 'ssd', 'rmse', 'correlation')
output_dir	Output directory for imputed matrices (defaults to a temporary location)
k_filter	Optional numeric filter for k value
full_dataset_path	Optional path to a full matrix RDS used as ground truth

## Value

Data frame of metrics for all datasets

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besmi\_create\_masked\_matrices

*Create masked matrices for BESMI*

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### Description

Create masked matrices for BESMI

### Usage

```
besmi_create_masked_matrices(full_matrix, k, seed = NULL)
```

### Arguments

full_matrix	Full symmetric matrix
k	Number of populations to mask (as U)
seed	Optional seed for reproducibility

### Value

List with masked\_matrix, mask\_position, group\_u, group\_s, masked\_percentage

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besmi\_impute\_single\_dataset

*Impute a single dataset from masked matrix path*

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### Description

Impute a single dataset from masked matrix path

### Usage

```
besmi_impute_single_dataset(
  input_path,
  method = "lasso.norm",
  max_iterations = 5,
  imputation_convergence_threshold = 0.001,
  propagation_convergence_threshold = 0.001,
  distance_metric = "mae",
  output_dir = file.path(tempdir(), "DataFusionGDM_imputation"),
  full_dataset_path = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

input_path	Path to masked matrix RDS
method	Imputation method ('lasso.norm' or 'KNN')
max_iterations	Maximum iterations for iterative methods
imputation_convergence_threshold	Convergence threshold for imputation metric
propagation_convergence_threshold	Convergence threshold for propagation metric
distance_metric	Distance metric name
output_dir	Output directory for results (defaults to a temporary location)
full_dataset_path	Optional path to a full matrix RDS used as ground truth

**Value**

Data frame of per-iteration metrics

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besmi\_iterative\_imputation  
*Iterative imputation with MICE (tails-chain)*

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**Description**

Iterative imputation with MICE (tails-chain)

**Usage**

```
besmi_iterative_imputation(
  M_input,
  M_mask,
  M_real = NULL,
  method = "lasso.norm",
  max_iterations = 5,
  imputation_convergence_threshold = 0.001,
  propagation_convergence_threshold = 0.001,
  distance_metric = "mae",
  k = NA,
  bs_i = NA
)
```

**Arguments**

M_input	Matrix with NAs to impute
M_mask	Logical mask matrix (TRUE indicates masked positions)
M_real	Optional ground truth matrix
method	MICE method (e.g., 'lasso.norm')
max_iterations	Max outer iterations
imputation_convergence_threshold	Threshold for imputation distance
propagation_convergence_threshold	Threshold for propagation distance
distance_metric	Distance metric name
k	Dataset parameter k (for logging)
bs_i	Bootstrap index (for logging)

**Value**

List with final\_matrix, metrics, tails\_chain

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besmi_knn_impute	<i>KNN imputation sweep (uses VIM::kNN)</i>
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**Description**

KNN imputation sweep (uses VIM::kNN)

**Usage**

```
besmi_knn_impute(
  M_input,
  M_mask,
  M_real = NULL,
  distance_metric = "mae",
  k = NA,
  bs_i = NA
)
```

**Arguments**

M_input	Matrix with NAs
M_mask	Logical mask matrix
M_real	Optional ground truth
distance_metric	Distance metric name
k	Dataset parameter k
bs_i	Bootstrap index

**Value**

List with final\_matrix, metrics, tails\_chain

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besmi\_prepare\_full\_dataset

*Prepare full GDM dataset from CSV or RData*

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**Description**

Prepare full GDM dataset from CSV or RData

**Usage**

besmi\_prepare\_full\_dataset(input\_path)

**Arguments**

input\_path      Path to CSV or RData file containing the full distance matrix

**Value**

Symmetric numeric matrix

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coords\_to\_distances

*Convert coordinate matrix to distance matrix*

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**Description**

Convert coordinate matrix to distance matrix

**Usage**

coords\_to\_distances(coords)

**Arguments**

coords            Numeric coordinate matrix

**Value**

Symmetric distance matrix

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`create_distance_heatmap`*Create a heatmap of genetic distances (ggplot2)*

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**Description**

Returns a ggplot heatmap of the distance matrix using ggplot2 only (no Bioconductor dependencies).

**Usage**

```
create_distance_heatmap(dist_matrix, pop_info)
```

**Arguments**

<code>dist_matrix</code>	Symmetric numeric distance matrix with row/column names
<code>pop_info</code>	Data frame with at least Population and MajorGroup columns

**Value**

A ggplot object

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`create_mds_plot`*Create MDS plot of genetic distances*

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**Description**

Create MDS plot of genetic distances

**Usage**

```
create_mds_plot(dist_matrix, pop_info)
```

**Arguments**

<code>dist_matrix</code>	Symmetric numeric distance matrix
<code>pop_info</code>	Data frame with metadata columns

**Value**

A ggplot object



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export\_simulated\_gdm    *Export a simulated GDM to CSV*

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**Description**

Export a simulated GDM to CSV

**Usage**

```
export_simulated_gdm(  
  output_file = tempfile("gdm_", fileext = ".csv"),  
  scenario = "default",  
  n_pops = 30,  
  verbose = TRUE,  
  seed = NULL  
)
```

**Arguments**

output_file	Output CSV filename (defaults to a session-scoped temporary path)
scenario	Scenario name
n_pops	Number of populations
verbose	Verbose output
seed	Optional seed forwarded to run_genetic_scenario()

**Value**

Invisibly, the normalized path to the written CSV

**Examples**

```
tmp <- export_simulated_gdm(verbose = FALSE)  
if (file.exists(tmp)) unlink(tmp)
```

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perform\_mds                    *Perform MDS on a pair of distance matrices*

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**Description**

Perform MDS on a pair of distance matrices

**Usage**

```
perform_mds(A, B)
```

**Arguments**

A	First distance matrix
B	Second distance matrix

**Value**

A list with coordinates X, Y, optimal dimension d\_opt, and variance info

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run\_genetic\_scenario *Run simulation with predefined biological scenarios*

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**Description**

Run simulation with predefined biological scenarios

**Usage**

```
run_genetic_scenario(  
  scenario = "default",  
  n_pops = 30,  
  output_file = NULL,  
  seed = NULL,  
  verbose = TRUE  
)
```

**Arguments**

scenario	Scenario name: 'default', 'island', 'stepping_stone', 'admixture', 'ancient_divergence', 'simple'
n_pops	Number of populations
output_file	Optional CSV path to write the distance matrix
seed	Optional seed forwarded to run_genetic_simulation()
verbose	Print diagnostic information

**Value**

Same structure as run\_genetic\_simulation()

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`run_genetic_simulation`*Run a high-level genetic simulation with configurable model*

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## Description

Run a high-level genetic simulation with configurable model

## Usage

```
run_genetic_simulation(  
  n_pops = 30,  
  n_major_groups = 4,  
  n_subgroups = 8,  
  model = "mixed",  
  geo_dims = NULL,  
  isolation_factor = NULL,  
  genetic_dims = NULL,  
  group_separation = 15,  
  subgroup_separation = NULL,  
  pop_dispersion = 0.5,  
  admixture_prob = 0.15,  
  bottleneck_prob = 0.1,  
  use_subgroups = TRUE,  
  use_genetic_dims = NULL,  
  use_admixture = TRUE,  
  use_bottlenecks = TRUE,  
  use_isolation_by_distance = NULL,  
  use_nonlinear = TRUE,  
  use_noise = TRUE,  
  seed = NULL,  
  output_file = NULL,  
  verbose = TRUE  
)
```

## Arguments

<code>n_pops</code>	Number of populations
<code>n_major_groups</code>	Number of major groups
<code>n_subgroups</code>	Number of subgroups
<code>model</code>	One of "mixed", "geography", "genetics", or "custom"
<code>geo_dims</code>	Geographic dimensions (overrides default based on model if set)
<code>isolation_factor</code>	Geography-genetics balance (overrides default based on model if set)
<code>genetic_dims</code>	Genetic dimensions (overrides default based on model if set)

group_separation	Separation between major groups
subgroup_separation	Separation between subgroups (default: group_separation/3 when NULL)
pop_dispersion	Within-subgroup dispersion
admixture_prob	Proportion of admixed populations
bottleneck_prob	Proportion of bottlenecked populations
use_subgroups	Whether to create subgroups
use_genetic_dims	Whether to include genetic dimensions
use_admixture	Whether to include admixture
use_bottlenecks	Whether to include bottlenecks
use_isolation_by_distance	Whether to weight geographic distance
use_nonlinear	Whether to apply nonlinear transformation
use_noise	Whether to add noise
seed	Optional seed forwarded to simulate_genetic_distances()
output_file	Optional CSV file path to write the distance matrix
verbose	Print diagnostics

**Value**

List with results and plots (functions to print plots)

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simulate\_genetic\_distances

*Simulate genetic distances using realistic population structure*

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**Description**

Generates a synthetic genetic distance matrix and metadata using hierarchical population structure, admixture and bottleneck options.

**Usage**

```
simulate_genetic_distances(
  n_pops = 50,
  n_major_groups = 5,
  n_subgroups = 12,
  geo_dims = 2,
  genetic_dims = 2,
  group_separation = 15,
```

```

    subgroup_separation = 5,
    pop_dispersion = 0.5,
    isolation_factor = 0.8,
    admixture_prob = 0.1,
    bottleneck_prob = 0.05,
    noise_level = 0.1,
    nonlinear_factor = 0.7,
    use_subgroups = TRUE,
    use_genetic_dims = TRUE,
    use_admixture = TRUE,
    use_bottlenecks = TRUE,
    use_isolation_by_distance = TRUE,
    use_nonlinear = TRUE,
    use_noise = TRUE,
    seed = NULL,
    verbose = TRUE
)

```

### Arguments

n_pops	Number of populations
n_major_groups	Number of major groups
n_subgroups	Number of subgroups
geo_dims	Geographic dimensions
genetic_dims	Additional genetic drift dimensions
group_separation	Separation between major groups
subgroup_separation	Separation between subgroups
pop_dispersion	Within-subgroup dispersion
isolation_factor	Weight for geography in isolation-by-distance model (0-1)
admixture_prob	Proportion of admixed populations
bottleneck_prob	Proportion of bottlenecked populations
noise_level	Noise level in transformation
nonlinear_factor	Nonlinearity factor in transformation
use_subgroups	Whether to create subgroups
use_genetic_dims	Whether to include genetic dimensions
use_admixture	Whether to include admixture
use_bottlenecks	Whether to include bottlenecks

use_isolation_by_distance	Whether to weight geographic distance
use_nonlinear	Whether to apply nonlinear transformation
use_noise	Whether to add noise
seed	Optional seed for reproducibility (NULL leaves the RNG state unchanged)
verbose	Print diagnostics

**Value**

A list with `distance_matrix`, `population_info`, `position_matrix`, and `parameters`.

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visualize_results	<i>Create plotting handles for simulation results</i>
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**Description**

Create plotting handles for simulation results

**Usage**

```
visualize_results(sim_results)
```

**Arguments**

`sim_results` A list returned by `simulate_genetic_distances()` or `run_genetic_simulation()`

**Value**

A list with `heatmap` and `mds` functions that print plots when called

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