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Description Analyses the stability and structural behaviour of export and import patterns across multiple countries using a Markov chain modelling framework. Constructs transition probability matrices to quantify changes in trade shares between successive periods, thereby capturing persistence, structural shifts, and inter-country interdependence in trade performance. By iteratively generating expected trade distributions over time, the approach facilitates assessment of stability, long-run equilibrium tendencies, and comparative dynamics in longitudinal trade data, providing a rigorous tool for empirical analysis of export–import behaviour. Methodological foundations follow standard Markov chain theory as described in Gagniac (2017) <Doi:10.1002/9781119387596>.

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calculate_expected	<i>Calculate Expected Values using a Transition Matrix</i>
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Description

Calculate Expected Values using a Transition Matrix

Usage

```
calculate_expected(df, tm)
```

Arguments

df	A data frame where the first column is a time indicator (e.g., Year) and subsequent columns contain numeric values for different entities.
tm	A square transition probability matrix (TPM) where dimensions match the number of entities in df.

Value

A data frame containing the original time indicator and the calculated expected values, rounded to 2 decimal places.

Examples

```
data <- data.frame(  
  Year = 2009:2019,  
  Country1 = c(136282.02, 182810.3, 252665.95, 170179.0, 227754.5,  
              183355.08, 173966.0, 185902.24, 218786.72, 203095.96, 213821.57),  
  Country2 = c(1204.78, 2977.8, 241496.85, 139362.9, 40466.0,  
              183771.04, 18418.0, 158388.14, 50780.6, 38225.01, 140453.68),  
  Country3 = c(61619.92, 46009.64, 54823.95, 57906.1, 60384.0,  
              66320.51, 50699.0, 50737.0, 44180.35, 47064.0, 47672.62),  
  Country4 = c(63837.63, 71175.86, 76595.18, 70274.68, 59258.64,  
              68927.62, 72211.32, 62783.33, 34565.08, 29965.35, 35145.76),  
  Country5 = c(8512.95, 11496.78, 32888.2, 22765.61, 23116.0,  
              34457.4, 63048.0, 44125.08, 10829.03, 25439.9, 30022.83),  
  Country6 = c(3400.56, 19675.75, 38339.7, 4721.01, 2686.8,  
              33677.3, 15791.0, 22382.0, 627.0, 895.0, 34082.0),  
  Country7 = c(65388.45, 99607.1, 135807.1, 70428.06, 95998.9,  
              137877.31, 148593.09, 201386.55, 144250.42, 144501.89, 163244.46)  
)  
  
transition_matrix <- create_tpm(data)  
  
expected_results <- calculate_expected(data, transition_matrix)  
expected_results
```

create_tpm	<i>Create a Transition Probability Matrix (TPM)</i>
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Description

Create a Transition Probability Matrix (TPM)

Usage

```
create_tpm(df)
```

Arguments

df A data frame where the first column is a time indicator (e.g., Year) and subsequent columns contain numeric values for different entities (e.g., countries).

Value

A square matrix representing the transition probabilities between entities, rounded to 4 decimal places.

Examples

```
data <- data.frame(  
  Year = 2009:2019,  
  Country1 = c(136282.02, 182810.3, 252665.95, 170179.0, 227754.5,  
               183355.08, 173966.0, 185902.24, 218786.72, 203095.96, 213821.57),  
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  Country7 = c(65388.45, 99607.1, 135807.1, 70428.06, 95998.9,  
               137877.31, 148593.09, 201386.55, 144250.42, 144501.89, 163244.46)  
)  
  
transition_matrix <- create_tpm(data)  
transition_matrix
```

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