

Package ‘netprioR’

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netprioR-package	<i>Package: netprioR</i>
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Description

This package provides a model for semi-supervised prioritisation of genes integrating network data, phenotypes and additional prior knowledge about TP and TN gene labels.

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References

Fabian Schmich et. al (2016).

bandwidth	<i>bandwidth</i>
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Description

Compute the bandwidth of a matrix

Usage

```
bandwidth(x)
```

Arguments

x	Input matrix
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Value

Bandwidth

Author(s)

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cmn	<i>Class Mass Normalization (CMN) from Zhu et al., 2003</i>
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Description

Class Mass Normalization (CMN) from Zhu et al., 2003

Usage

```
cmn(yhat, l, u)
```

Arguments

yhat	Response for labeled (l) and unlabeled (u) genes
l	Indices of labeled genes
u	Indices of unlabeled genes

Value

Class normalized yhat

Author(s)

Fabian Schmich

conjugate_gradient	<i>Conjugate Gradient Solver</i>
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Description

Solves linear equation systems iteratively

Usage

```
conjugate_gradient(A, b, x0 = rep(0, ncol(A)), threshold = 1e-15,  
  verbose = FALSE)
```

Arguments

A	Matrix
b	Coefficients
x0	Starting solution
threshold	Termination threshold
verbose	Show iterative progress

Value

Solution for equation system

Author(s)

Fabian Schmich

cuthill_mckee	<i>Cuthill McKee (CM) algorithm</i>
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Description

Transform sparse matrix into a band matrix

Usage

```
cuthill_mckee(x)
```

Arguments

x	Input matrix
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Value

Band matrix

Author(s)

Fabian Schmich

fit	Fit <code>netprioR</code> model
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Description

Fit `netprioR` model

Usage

```
fit(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'netprioR'
fit(object, refit = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

object	A <code>netprioR</code> object
...	Additional arguments
refit	Flag whether to overwrite existing fit

Value

A `netprioR` object with fitted model

Author(s)

Fabian Schmich

Examples

```
data(simulation)
np <- netprioR(networks = simulation$networks,
               phenotypes = simulation$phenotypes,
               labels = simulation$labels.obs,
               model.fit = FALSE)
summary(np)
np <- fit(np, nrestarts = 1, verbose = FALSE)
summary(np)
```

laplacian	Graph Laplacian
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Description

Compute the Laplacian matrix of a graph given its adjacency matrix

Usage

```
laplacian(x, norm = c("none", "sym", "asym"))
```

Arguments

x	Adjacency matrix
norm	Type of normalisation

Value

Laplacian matrix

Author(s)

Fabian Schmich

learn	<i>Fit netprioR model</i>
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Description

Infer parameters and hidden data using the EM algorithm of netprioR

Usage

```
learn(Yobs, X, G, l, u, a = 0.1, b = 0.1, sigma2 = 1, tau2 = 10,
      eps = 1e-11, max.iter = 500, thresh = 0.001, use.cg = TRUE,
      thresh.cg = 1e-05, nrestarts = 5, max.cores = detectCores(),
      verbose = FALSE)
```

Arguments

Yobs	Observed labels (NA, if not observed)
X	Phenotypes
G	Graph Laplacians
l	Indices of labelled instances
u	Indices of unlabelled instances
a	Shape parameter of Gamma prior for W
b	Scale parameter of Gamma prior for W
sigma2	Cariance for Gaussian labels
tau2	Variance for Gaussian prior for beta
eps	Small value added to diagonal of Q in order to make it non-singular
max.iter	Maximum number of iterations for EM
thresh	Threshold for termination of EM with respect to change in parameters
use.cg	Flag whether to use conjugate gradient instead of exact computation of expectations
thresh.cg	Threshold for the termination of the conjugate gradient solver
nrestarts	Number of restarts for EM
max.cores	Maximum number of cores to use for parallel computation
verbose	Print verbose output

Value

List containing: Predicted labels $\hat{Y}$ and inferred parameters $\hat{W}$ and $\hat{\beta}$

Author(s)

Fabian Schmich

netprioR-class	<i>netprioR</i>
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Description

Class that represents a netprioR model.

Usage

```
netprioR(networks, phenotypes, labels, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'list,matrix,factor'
netprioR(networks, phenotypes, labels,
  fit.model = FALSE, a = 0.1, b = 0.1, sigma2 = 0.1, tau2 = 100,
  eps = 1e-10, max.iter = 500, thresh = 1e-06, use.cg = FALSE,
  thresh.cg = 1e-06, nrestarts = 5, max.cores = detectCores(),
  verbose = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

networks	List of NxN adjacency matrices of gene-gene similarities
phenotypes	Matrix of dimension NxP containing covariates
labels	Vector of Nx1 labels for all genes (NA if no label available)
...	Additional arguments
fit.model	Indicator whether to fit the model
a	Shape parameter of Gamma prior for $\hat{W}$
b	Scale parameter of Gamma prior for $\hat{W}$
sigma2	Variance for Gaussian labels
tau2	Variance for Gaussian prior for $\hat{\beta}$
eps	Small value added to diagonal of $\hat{Q}$ in order to make it non-singular
max.iter	Maximum number of iterations for EM
thresh	Threshold for termination of EM with respect to change in parameters
use.cg	Flag whether to use conjugate gradient instead of exact computation of expectations
thresh.cg	Threshold for the termination of the conjugate gradient solver
nrestarts	Number of restarts for EM
max.cores	Maximum number of cores to use for parallel computation
verbose	Print verbose output

Value

A `netprioR` object

Slots

`networks` List of NxN adjacency matrices of gene-gene similarities
`phenotypes` Matrix of dimension NxP containing covariates
`labels` Vector of Nx1 labels for all genes. NA if no label available.
`is.fitted` Flag indicating if model is fitted
`model` List containing estimated parameters and imputed missing data

Author(s)

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Examples

```
# runs long-ish
data(simulation)
np <- netprioR(networks = simulation$networks,
               phenotypes = simulation$phenotypes,
               labels = simulation$labels.obs,
               fit.model = TRUE)
summary(np)
```

norm_kern

Normalise kernel

Description

adopted from GeneMania, Mostafavi et al, 2009

Usage

```
norm_kern(x)
```

Arguments

`x` `kernel`

Value

Normalised kernel

Author(s)

Fabian Schmich

plot.netprioR	<i>Plot method for netprioR objects</i>
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Description

Plot method for netprioR objects

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'netprioR'
plot(x, which = c("all", "weights", "lik", "scores"), ...)
```

Arguments

x	A netprioR object
which	Flag for which plot should be shown, options: weights, lik, scores, all
...	Additional paramters for plot

Value

Plot of the weights, likelihood, ranks, or all three

Author(s)

Fabian Schmich

Examples

```
data(simulation)
plot(simulation$model)
```

ranks	<i>Retrieve ranked prioritisation list</i>
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Description

Retrieve ranked prioritisation list

Usage

```
ranks(object)

## S4 method for signature 'netprioR'
ranks(object)
```

Arguments

object	A netprioR object
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Value

Ranked list of prioritised genes

Author(s)

Fabian Schmich

Examples

```
data(simulation)
ranks(simulation$model)
```

ROC	<i>Compute ROC curve from netprioR model and true labels</i>
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Description

Compute ROC curve from netprioR model and true labels

Usage

```
ROC(object, ...)
```

S4 method for signature 'netprioR'

```
ROC(object, true.labels, plot = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

object	A netprioR object
...	Additional arguments
true.labels	True full set of underlying labels
plot	Flag whether to plot the AUC curve

Value

ROC curve with AUC

Author(s)

Fabian Schmich

Examples

```
data(simulation)
ROC(simulation$model, true.labels = simulation$labels.true)
```

simulate_labels	<i>Simulate labels</i>
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Description

Simulate labels

Usage

```
simulate_labels(values, sizes, nobs)
```

Arguments

values	Vector of labels for groups
sizes	Vector of group sizes
nobs	Vector of number of observed labels per group

Value

List of Y, Yobs and indices for labeled instances

Author(s)

Fabian Schmich

Examples

```
labels <- simulate_labels(values = c("Positive", "Negative"),
  sizes = c(10, 10),
  nobs = c(5, 5))
```

simulate_network_random

Simulate random networks with predefined number of members for each of the two groups and the number of neighbours for each node

Description

Simulate random networks with predefined number of members for each of the two groups and the number of neighbours for each node

Usage

```
simulate_network_random(nmemb, nnei = 1)
```

Arguments

nmemb	Vector of number of members for each group
nnei	Number of neighbours for each node

Value

Adjacency matrix of graph

Author(s)

Fabian Schmich

Examples

```
network <- simulate_network_random(nmemb = c(10, 10), nnei = 1)
```

simulate_network_scalefree

Simulate scalefree networks

Description

Simulate scale free networks for predefined number of members for each of two groups and a parameter pclus that determines how strictly distinct the groups are

Usage

```
simulate_network_scalefree(nmemb, pclus = 1)
```

Arguments

nmemb	Vector of numbers of members per group
pclus	Scalar in [0, 1] determining how strictly distinct groups are

Value

Adjacency matrix

Author(s)

Fabian Schmich

Examples

```
network <- simulate_network_scalefree(nmemb = c(10, 10), pclus = 0.8)
```

simulate_phenotype	<i>Simulate phenotypes correlated to labels pivoted into two groups</i>
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Description

Simulate phenotypes correlated to labels pivoted into two groups

Usage

```
simulate_phenotype(labels.true, meandiff, sd)
```

Arguments

labels.true	Vector of labels
meandiff	difference of means between positive and negative groups
sd	Standard deviation of the phenotype

Value

Simulated phenotype

Author(s)

Fabian Schmich

Examples

```
data(simulation)
phenotypes <- simulate_phenotype(labels.true = simulation$labels.true, meandiff = 0.5, sd = 1)
```

simulation	<i>Example data: Simulated networks, phenotypes and labels for N = 1000 genes</i>
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Description

The data set contains simulated data for N = 1000 genes and P = 1 (univariate) phenotypes. The list of networks contains 2 low noise networks and two high noise networks. The class labels are "Positive" and "Negative".

Usage

```
data(simulation)
```

Details

The code used to simulate the data can be found in `system.file("example", "data_simulation.R", package = "netprioR")`

Value

List of simulated networks, phenotypes and labels for 1000 genes

weights	<i>Retrieve network weights</i>
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Description

Retrieve network weights

Usage

```
weights(object, ...)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'netprioR'  
weights(object)
```

Arguments

object	A netprioR object
...	Additional arguments

Value

Estimated network weights

Author(s)

Fabian Schmich

Examples

```
data(simulation)  
weights(simulation$model)
```

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