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Summary table for a bootstrapped Joint Graphical Lasso model

**Description**
Create a table of bootstrapped means and confidence intervals for all edges of a bootstrapped Joint Graphical Lasso model obtained through `GroupNetworkBoot`.

**Usage**
`BootTable(BootOut)`

**Arguments**
- `BootOut` The output from `GroupNetworkBoot`

**Details**
Summary table of the output of `GroupNetworkBoot`

**Value**
- `Var1` Nodes included in each edge
- `Var2` Nodes included in each edge
- `edges` Edge identifier
- `sample` Sample value of each edge
- `boot.mean` Mean of bootstrapped values of each edge
- `ci.lb` Lower bound of the .95 confidence interval
- `ci.ub` Upper bound of the .95 confidence interval
- `boot.zero` Proportion of bootstraps, in which an edge was estimated as equal to zero (i.e., 0= edge not estimated as zero throughout bootstraps; 1= edge estimated as zero in all bootstraps)
- `g` Group in which the edge was estimated

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**References**
See Also

JGL, qgraph, parcor

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covNoBessel

Covariance matrix without Bessel's correction

Description

Computes the Covariance matrix without Bessel’s correction, for consistency with package JGL

Usage

covNoBessel(x,...)

Arguments

x A dataframe of numeric values.
...
Arguments to be passed to cov

Value

A covariance matrix

Author(s)

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Examples

library(psych)
data(bfi)
covNoBessel(bfi, use = "complete.obs")

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EstimateGroupNetwork

Estimate Joint Graphical Lasso model on data collected on observations from different groups.

Description

The Joint Graphical lasso fits gaussian graphical models on data with the same variables observed on different groups or classes of interest (e.g., patients vs. controls; Danaher et al., 2014). The Joint Graphical Lasso relies on two tuning parameters, lambda1 and lambda2: This function performs tuning parameters selection relying on an information criterion (AIC / BIC / extended BIC) or k-fold cross validation and then fits the Joint Graphical Lasso model.
Usage

EstimateGroupNetwork(X, inputType = c("dataframe", "list.of.dataframes", "list.of.covariance.matrices"),
   n, covfun = covNoBessel, groupID, labels,
   method = c("InformationCriterion", "crossvalidation"),
   strategy = c("sequential", "simultaneous"),
   nlambdal = 100, lambda1.min.ratio = .01, logseql1 = TRUE,
   nlambdad = 100, lambda2.min.ratio = .01, logseql2 = TRUE,
   k = 10, seed,
   criterion = c("ebic", "bic", "aic"), count.unique = FALSE,
   gamma = .5, dec = 5,
   optimize = TRUE, optmethod = "CG",
   penalty = c("fused", "group"), weights = c("equal", "sample.size"),
   penalize.diagonal = FALSE, maxiter = 500, rho = 1, truncate = 1e-5,
   ncores = 1, simplifyOutput = TRUE)

Arguments

**Arguments describing input data**

Can be one of the following.

- A single dataframe including data from all groups, plus a group ID variable which must be specified as groupID.
- A list of dataframes, one by group. Each dataframe must be structured in the same way (the same variables for each group).
- A list of covariance or correlation matrices. Each matrix must be structured in the same way (the same variables for each group). For this type of input, a vector of sample sizes must be given in n.

**inputType**

The type of data in input. If missing, the function will attempt to guess the type of input data. Can be one of the following:

- "dataframe": A single dataframe including data from all groups, plus a group ID variable which must be specified as groupID.
- "list.of.dataframes": A list of dataframes, one by group.
- "list.of.covariance.matrices": A list of covariance or correlation matrices plus a vector of sample sizes n.

**n**

Integer. Vector of sample sizes, one by group, in the same order in which the groups are included in the list of covariance matrices. This argument is relevant only if inputType is "list.of.covariance.matrices" and will be ignored otherwise (with a warning).

**covfun**

The function used for computing the sample covariance matrix. The default, covNoBessel, computes the covariance matrix without Bessel's correction, for consistency with package JGL.

**groupID**

a string. The name or number of the variable in the dataframe indicating a variable that identifies different groups. This argument is relevant only if inputType is "dataframe" and will be ignored otherwise.

**labels**

Optional vector of strings. Name of each variable, in the same order in which they are included in the dataframe. If missing, column names will be used. If no
column names are present, the variables will be simply named "V1", "V2", and so on.

**Arguments connected to tuning parameter selection**

**method**
Methods for selecting tuning parameters. Can be one of the following:

- "InformationCriterion". Tuning parameters lambda 1 and lambda 2 are selected according to an information criterion. Argument `criterion` determines which information criterion is used. If the extended Bayes Information Criterion is used (see Foygel and Drton, 2010), the gamma parameter can be regulated through argument `gamma`. Argument `strategy` determines whether tuning parameter selection is performed simultaneously for lambda1 and lambda2, or separately for lambda 1 and lambda 2.

- "crossvalidation". Tuning parameters lambda 1 and lambda 2 are selected via k-fold crossvalidation. The cost function for the k-fold crossvalidation procedure is the average predictive negative loglikelihood, as defined in Guo et al. (2011, p.5). Parameter `k` regulates the number of sample splits for the crossvalidations (defaults to 10 splits), whereas parameter `seed` can be selected to ensure exact reproducibility of the results. Argument `strategy` determines whether crossvalidation is performed simultaneously for lambda1 and lambda2, or separately for lambda 1 and lambda 2.

**strategy**
The strategy adopted for selecting tuning parameters. Can be one of the following:

- "sequential": Tuning parameter selection is performed by first determining lambda 1 and then selecting lambda 2. This option is faster, but can return less accurate results than the next option.

- "simultaneous": Tuning parameter selection is performed simultaneously for lambda 1 and lambda2. This option returns more accurate results, but it is also more computationally intensive and therefore slower.

**General arguments that influence tuning parameter selection for all methods**

**nlambda1**
Integer. Number of candidate lambda 1 values. The candidate lambda 1 values will be spaced between the maximum value of lambda 1 (the one that results in at least one network being completely empty) and a minimum value, given by the maximum multiplied by `lambda1.min.ratio`

**lambda1.min.ratio**
Numeric. Ratio of lowest lambda 1 value compared to maximal lambda 1

**logseql1**
Logical. If FALSE, the candidate lambda 1 values are equally spaced between a minimum and a maximum value; if TRUE the values are logarithmically spaced.

**nlambda2**
Integer. Number of candidate lambda 2 values. The candidate lambda 2 values will be spaced between the maximum value of lambda 2 (the one that results in all groups having the same network) and a minimum value, given by the maximum multiplied by `lambda1.min.ratio`

**lambda2.min.ratio**
Numeric. Ratio of lowest lambda 2 value compared to maximal lambda 2

**logseql2**
Logical. If FALSE, the candidate lambda 2 values are equally spaced between a minimum and a maximum value; if TRUE the values are logarithmically spaced.
Parameters for crossvalidation. The following arguments will be ignored if argument method is not "crossvalidation".

**k**
Integer. Number of splits for the k-fold cross-validation procedure.

**seed**
Integer. A seed for the random number generator, to include the exact reproducibility of the results obtained with the k-fold cross-validation procedure.

Parameters for selecting tuning parameters via an information criterion. The following arguments will be ignored if argument method is not "InformationCriterion".

**criterion**
The Information criterion used for tuning parameter selection. Can be "aic", "bic" and "ebic" for Akaike information Criterion (Akaike, 1974), Bayes Information Criterion (Schwarz, 1978), and Extended Bayes Information Criterion (Foygel and Drton, 2010) respectively.

**count.unique**
Logical. Information criteria such as AIC, BIC and extended BIC include the number of model parameters in their formula. In Danaher et al (2014) an extension of the AIC is proposed in which each network edge is counted as a single parameter each time is different from zero in each group (up to a tolerance level, by default tol = 10^-5, see parameter truncate). Therefore, even if the value of an edge is identical in two groups, it will be counted as two parameters. This option is implemented by selecting count.unique = FALSE. Here we implement an alternative possibility, which can be selected by setting argument count.unique = TRUE: If an edge is identical in two (or more) groups (up to a tolerance level, see parameter dec), it will be counted as a single parameter.

**gamma**
Numeric. Parameter gamma for the extended Bayes Information Criterion (see Foygel and Drton, 2010).

**dec**
Integer. This is only relevant if count.unique = TRUE. Edges that are equal across groups up to the dec decimal place will be considered as one parameter in the information criteria.

**optimize**
Logical. If TRUE, after identifying the best tuning parameters (i.e., associated with the lowest value of an Information Criterion) among the candidate values, use an optimizer to try to further reduce the value of the information criterion. Since this is not a convex optimization problem, there is no guarantee that this step will lead to better results. However, it cannot do any harm either (if the optimization stage does not lead to improvements, the best value among the candidates will be returned). Be advised that setting this argument to TRUE results in longer computational time.

**optmethod**
If argument Strategy is set to "simultaneous" and argument optimize = TRUE, the optimization stage will consider simultaneous tuning parameters simultaneously. Therefore, function optim will be used for the optimization stage. Argument optmethod can be used to set the optimization method. See parameter method in function optim.

**Arguments that influence the Joint Graphical Lasso procedure. See also JGL**

**penalty**
Can be one of "fused" for Fused Graphical Lasso and "group" for Group Graphical Lasso. Fused is suggested. See Danaher et al. (2014) for details.

**weights**
If "equal" all groups are equally weighted, if "sample.size" groups are weighted according to sample size.
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penalize.diagonal
Logical. If TRUE, the lambda 1 penalty is applied also the diagonal elements of
the concentration matrix, otherwise the lambda 1 penalty is applied only to the
off-diagonal elements. Notice that the lambda 2 penalty is always applied also
to the diagonal elements.

maxiter
Integer. Maximum number of iterations for the Joint Graphical Lasso procedure.

rho
Numeric. A step size parameter for the Joint Graphical Lasso procedure. Large
values decrease step size.

truncate
Numeric. At convergence, all values of theta below this number will be set to
zero.

Miscellaneous

ncores
Numeric. Number of cores to use if working on a multicore system. ncores = 1
implies no parallel processing.

simplifyOutput
Logical. If TRUE, only the estimated network will be returned. If FALSE, a much
richer output will be returned. See section value.

Details
The code for the Joint Graphical Lasso procedure was adapted from the R package JGL. Some of
the code for the cross-validation procedure was adapted from package parcor. Some of the code
was inspired by package qgraph.

Value
If simplifyOutput = TRUE, a list corresponding to the networks estimated in each group is returned.
If simplifyOutput = FALSE, a list is returned that includes including

network
A list of matrices, each including the standardized partial correlation network
for each group

concentrationMatrix
A list of matrices, each including the unstandardized concentration matrix for
each group

correlationMatrix
A list of matrices, each including the correlation matrix for each group

InformationCriteria
A vector including he information criteria AIC, BIC and extended BIC (eBIC),
plus additional parameters that were used for their computation: the gamma
value for eBIC and the values of parameters dec and count.unique

Miscellaneous
A vector including several input parameters that could be important for replicat-
ing the results of the analysis

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References


See Also

JGL, qgraph, parcor

Examples

## Not run:
# Toy example, two identical networks with two nodes.
# This example is only meant to test the package. The number
# of candidate lambda1 and lambda2 values (nlambda1 and nlambda2) was
# reduced to 2 to speed up computations for CRAN checking.
Sigma <- list()
Sigma[[1]] <- Sigma[[2]] <- matrix(c(1, .5,
                      .5, 1), nrow = 2)
recovered <- EstimateGroupNetwork(X = Sigma, n = c(100, 100),
                                      nlambda1 = 2, nlambda2 = 2, optimize = FALSE)

library("qgraph")
library("parallel")
library("psych")
library("mvtnorm")

ncores <- 1
# uncomment for parallel processing
# ncores <- detectCores() -1

# In this example, the BFI network of males and females are compared
# Load BFI data
data(bfi)

# remove observations with missing values
bfi2 <- bfi[rowSums(is.na(bfi[, 1:26])) == 0,]

# Compute correlations:
CorMales <- cor_auto(bfi2[bfi2$gender == 1,1:25])
CorFemales <- cor_auto(bfi2[bfi2$gender == 2,1:25])

# Estimate JGL:
Res <- EstimateGroupNetwork(list(males = CorMales, females = CorFemales),
n = c(sum(bfi2$gender == 1), sum(bfi2$gender == 2)))

# Plot:
Layout <- averageLayout(Res$males, Res$females)
layout(t(1:2))
qgraph(Res$males, layout = Layout, title = "Males (JGL)"
qgraph(Res$females, layout = Layout, title = "Females (JGL)"

# Example with simluated data
# generate three network structures, two are identical and one is different
nets <- list()
nets[[1]] <- matrix(c(0, .3, 0, .3,
                    .3, 0, -.3, 0,
                    0, -.3, 0, .2,
                    .3, 0, .2, 0), nrow = 4)
nets[[2]] <- matrix(c(0, .3, 0, .3,
                    .3, 0, -.3, 0,
                    0, -.3, 0, .2,
                    .3, 0, .2, 0), nrow = 4)
nets[[3]] <- matrix(c(0, .3, 0, 0,
                    .3, 0, -.3, 0,
                    0, -.3, 0, .2,
                    0, 0, .2, 0), nrow = 4)

# optional: plot the original network structures
par(mfcol = c(3, 1))
lapply(nets, qgraph, edge.labels = TRUE)

# generate nobs = 500 observations from each of the three networks
nobs <- 500
nvar <- ncol(nets[[1]])
set.seed(1)
X <- lapply(nets, function(x) as.data.frame(rmvnorm(nobs, sigma = cov2cor(solve(diag(nvar)-x)))))

# use EstimateGroupNetwork for recovering the original structures
recnets <- list()
# using EBICglasso
recnets$glasso <- list()
recnets$glasso[[1]] <- EBICglasso(S = cor(X[[1]]), n = nobs)
recnets$glasso[[2]] <- EBICglasso(S = cor(X[[2]]), n = nobs)
recnets$glasso[[3]] <- EBICglasso(S = cor(X[[3]]), n = nobs)

# Using Akaike information criterion without count.unique option
recnets$AIC1 <- EstimateGroupNetwork(X = X, method = "InformationCriterion", criterion = "aic", ncores = ncores)
# Using Akaive information criterion with count.unique option
recnets$AIC2 <- EstimateGroupNetwork(X = X, method = "InformationCriterion", criterion = "aic", ncores = ncores, count.unique = TRUE)
# Using Bayes information criterion without count.unique option
recnets$BIC1 <- EstimateGroupNetwork(X = X, method = "InformationCriterion", criterion = "bic", ncores = ncores)
# Using Bayes information criterion with count.unique option
recnets$BIC2 <- EstimateGroupNetwork(X = X, method = "InformationCriterion", criterion = "bic", ncores = ncores, count.unique = TRUE)
# Using extended Bayes information criterion (gamma = .5 by default)
# without count.unique option
recnets$eBIC1 <- EstimateGroupNetwork(X = X, method = "InformationCriterion", ncores = ncores, criterion = "ebic")
# Using extended Bayes information criterion (gamma = .5 by default) with count.unique option
recnets$eBIC2 <- EstimateGroupNetwork(X = X, method = "InformationCriterion", ncores = ncores, criterion = "ebic", count.unique = TRUE)
# Use a more computationally intensive search strategy
recnets$eBIC3 <- EstimateGroupNetwork(X = X, method = "InformationCriterion", ncores = ncores, criterion = "ebic", count.unique = TRUE, strategy = "simultaneous")
# Add also the “optimization” stage, which may or may not improve the results
# (but cannot do any harm either)
recnets$eBIC3 <- EstimateGroupNetwork(X = X, method = "InformationCriterion", ncores = ncores, criterion = "ebic", count.unique = TRUE, strategy = "simultaneous", optimize = TRUE)
# Using k-fold crossvalidation (k = 10 by default)
recnets$cv <- EstimateGroupNetwork(X = X, method = "crossvalidation", ncores = ncores, seed = 1)

# Compare each network with the data generating network using correlations

correl <- data.frame(matrix(nrow = length(recnets), ncol = length(nets)))
row.names(correl) <- names(recnets)

for(i in seq_along(recnets))
{
  for(j in seq_along(nets))
  {
    nt1 <- nets[[j]]
    nt2 <- recnets[[i]][[j]]
    correl[i, j] <- cor(nt1[lower.tri(nt1)], nt2[lower.tri(nt2)]
  }
}
correl

# sort the methods in order of performance in recovering the original network
# notice that this is not a complete simulation and is not indicative of performance
# in settings other than this one
sort(rowMeans(correl))

## End(Not run)
GroupBootPlot

Create a plot of bootstrapped confidence intervals for all edges of a Joint Graphical Lasso model.

Description

This function plots output from bootstrapped networks computed with GroupNetworkBoot.

Usage

GroupBootPlot(BootOut, GroupNames, edges.x, edges.y, labels = TRUE, transparency = 0.15, point.size = 1.5, line.size = 1, legend.position = "none", GroupNamesCheck = FALSE)

Arguments

BootOut
The output from GroupNetworkBoot.

GroupNames
A vector of optional group names that will be printed as facet labels in plot. By default, names of the networks are taken. If specified, GroupNames should match the alphabetical order of names of network groups. If unsure, you can check the matching of names by setting GroupNamesCheck = TRUE.

edges.x
If only a subset of edge combinations is of interest for the plot, this subset can be specified by setting edges.x and edges.y. Specifically, node names can be specified as vectors for edges.x and edges.y and all unique combinations of edges.x and edges.y will be plotted. For example, edges.x = c("a","b") and edges.y = "c" will plot edges a-c and b-c but not a-b.

edges.y
See edges.x.

labels
Logical, should edge labels be included in plots. Default is labels = TRUE.

transparency
Set ggplot2 alpha channel (transparency) for confidence interval ribbon in plot.

point.size
Set point size.

line.size
Set line size.

legend.position
Define legend position to indicate colour for sample and bootstrap means. See ?theme in ggplot2.

GroupNamesCheck
Option to print match of indicated GroupNames to console. Only prints if GroupNames is specified. See GroupNames for details.

Details

The code for the Joint Graphical Lasso procedure was adapted from the R package JGL. Some of the code for the cross-validation procedure was adapted from package parcor. Some of the code was inspired by package qgraph. GroupBootPlot automatically calls BootTable to format GroupNetworkBoot output, so see BootTable for completely independent plotting.
GroupNetworkBoot

Value

The output of GroupBootPlot returns a plot based on ggplot2 with the bootstrapped confidence intervals of edges across groups.

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References


See Also

JGL, qgraph, parcor

GroupNetworkBoot

Compute bootstrap networks for a Joint Graphical Lasso model on data collected on observations from different groups.

Description

This bootstrapping function resamples from initial dataframes to compute bootstrapping intervals for edges estimated using EstimateGroupNetwork.

Usage

GroupNetworkBoot(data_list, groupNetwork, nboots = 100, bootSeed, ...)

Arguments

data_list A list of dataframes, one by group. Each dataframe must be structured in the same way (the same variables for each group). This needs to be the same input as was used for the original Joint Graphical Lasso network estimated with EstimateGroupNetwork.

groupNetwork The to-be-bootstrapped network estimated with the EstimateGroupNetwork function. Importantly, the initial Joint Graphical Lasso needs to be estimated with simplifyOutput = FALSE.

nboots The number of bootstraps to-be-conducted.

bootSeed An optional random seed for ensuring replicability of the results.
All further arguments need to be specified as done for the initial computation of the EstimateGroupNetwork function. Here all arguments apply and have the default values of function EstimateGroupNetwork, with the exceptions being the arguments inputType = "list.of.dataframes", simplifyOutput = FALSE, and labels, as node labels are taken directly from the original network. These arguments are set by default.

Details

Some of the code for the cross-validation procedure was adapted from package `parcor`. Some of the code was inspired by package `qgraph`.

Value

The output of GroupNetworkBoot returns a list with the following elements:

- **data**: The original list of dataframes supplied to the function
- **sample**: A list including the original output from EstimateGroupNetwork
- **boot**: A list of matrices, each including a bootstrapped network

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References


See Also

JGL, qgraph

Examples

```r
## Not run:
## Load packages:
library("psych")
library("EstimateGroupNetwork")

# In this example, the BFI network of males and females are compared for the subset of
# Agreeableness items
# Load BFI data
data(bfi)

data(bfi)
## The bfi data is subset to Agreeableness items only for the first 500 individuals to decrease
# computational time
bfi <- bfi[, c(paste("A", 1:5, sep = ""), "gender")]

# remove observations with missing values on items or gender
bfi <- na.omit(bfi)

# Create list split by gender
bfi_list <- list(males = bfi[bfi$gender == 1, 1:5],
                 females = bfi[bfi$gender == 2, 1:5])

# Estimate JGL:
bfi_net <- EstimateGroupNetwork(bfi_list, inputType = "list.of.dataframes", simplifyOutput = FALSE)

# Bootstrap network 10 times (this will take a few minutes)
boot_bfi_net <- GroupNetworkBoot(data_list = bfi_list, groupNetwork = bfi_net,
                                   nboots = 10, bootSeed = 1234, ncores = 1)

# use BootTable to obtain a table with information for each boostrapped edge
BootTable(boot_bfi_net)

## Use GroupBootPlot to obtain plots as a list with each group plot as one element
GroupBootPlot(boot_bfi_net)

## Get plot for a subset of edges (here: all edges including A1). Also check Groupnames
             GroupNames = c("Females", "Males"), GroupNamesCheck = TRUE, legend.position = "top")

## End(Not run)
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