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**Bird.parasites**

*Blood parasite occurrences in New Caledonian birds.*

**Description**

A dataset containing binary occurrences of four blood parasite species in New Caledonian birds. The first four variables represent the parasite occurrences and the last variable is a scaled continuous covariate representing host relative abundance.

**Usage**

Bird.parasites

**Format**

A data frame with 449 rows and 5 variables:

- **Hzosteropis** binary occurrence of *Haemoproteus zosteropis*
- **Hkillangoi** binary occurrence of *Haemoproteus killangoi*
- **Plas** binary occurrence of *Plasmodium* species
- **Microfilaria** binary occurrence of Microfilaria species
- **scale.prop.zos** scaled numeric variable representing relative abundance of *Zosterops* host species

**Source**

http://dx.doi.org/10.5061/dryad.pp6k4

**References**

**bootstrap_MRF**

**Bootstrap observations to estimate MRF parameter coefficients**

**Description**

This function runs MRF cov models multiple times to capture uncertainty in parameter estimates. The dataset is shuffled and missing values (if found) are imputed in each bootstrap iteration.

**Usage**

```r
bootstrap_MRF(data, n_bootstraps, sample_seed, symmetrise, n_nodes, n_cores, n_covariates, family, sample_prop, spatial = FALSE, coords = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

- `data` (Dataframe): The input data where the `n_nodes` left-most variables are variables that are to be represented by nodes in the graph. Note that NA’s are allowed for covariates. If present, these missing values will be imputed from the distribution `rnorm(mean = 0, sd = 1)`, which assumes that all covariates are scaled and centred (i.e. by using the function `scale` or similar).

- `n_bootstraps` (Positive integer): Represents the total number of bootstrap samples to test. Default is 1PP.

- `sample_seed` (Numeric): Used as the seed value for generating bootstrap replicates, allowing users to generate replicated datasets on different systems. Default is a random seed.

- `symmetrise` (The method to use for symmetrising corresponding parameter estimates (which are taken from separate regressions)). Options are `min` (take the coefficient with the smallest absolute value), `max` (take the coefficient with the largest absolute value) or `mean` (take the mean of the two coefficients). Default is `mean`.

- `n_nodes` (Positive integer): The index of the last column in `data` which is represented by a node in the final graph. Columns with index greater than `n_nodes` are taken as covariates. Default is the number of columns in `data`, corresponding to no additional covariates.

- `n_cores` (Integer): The number of cores to spread the job across using `makePSOCKcluster`. Default is 1 (no parallelisation).

- `n_covariates` (Positive integer): The number of covariates in `data`, before cross-multiplication. Default is `ncol(data) - n_nodes`.

- `family` (The response type. Responses can be quantitative continuous (`family = "gaussian"`), non-negative counts (`family = "poisson"`) or binomial 1s and 0s (`family = "binomial"`)).

- `sample_prop` (Positive probability value indicating the proportion of rows to sample from `data` in each bootstrap iteration. Default is no subsampling (`sample_prop == 1`)).

- `spatial` (Logical. If TRUE, spatial MRF/CRF models are bootstrapped using `MRFcov_spatial`. Note, GPS coordinates must be supplied as `coords` for spatial models to be run).
Smoothed spatial splines will be included in each node-wise regression as covariates. This ensures resulting node interaction parameters are estimated after accounting for possible spatial autocorrelation. Note that interpretation of spatial autocorrelation is difficult, and so it is recommended to compare predictive capacities spatial and non-spatial CRFs through the `predict_MRF` function.

**coords**

A two-column dataframe (with nrow(coords) == nrow(data)) representing the spatial coordinates of each observation in data. Ideally, these coordinates will represent Latitude and Longitude GPS points for each observation.

**Details**

MRFcov models are fit via cross-validation using `cv.glmnet`. For each model, the data is bootstrapped by shuffling row observations and fitting models to a subset of observations to account for uncertainty in parameter estimates. Parameter estimates from the set of bootstrapped models are summarised to present means and confidence intervals (as 95 percent quantiles).

**Value**

A list containing:

- `direct_coef_means`: dataframe containing mean coefficient values taken from all bootstrapped models across the iterations
- `direct_coef_upper90` and `direct_coef_lower90`: dataframes containing coefficient 95 percent and 5 percent quantiles taken from all bootstrapped models across the iterations
- `indirect_coef_mean`: list of symmetric matrices (one matrix for each covariate) containing mean effects of covariates on pairwise interactions
- `mean_key_coefs`: list of matrices of length n_nodes containing mean covariate coefficient values and their relative importances (using the formula x^2 / sum (x^2) taken from all bootstrapped models across iterations. Only coefficients with mean relative importances >0.01 are returned. Note, relative importance are only useful if all covariates are on a similar scale.
- `mod_type`: A character stating the type of model that was fit (used in other functions)
- `mod_family`: A character stating the family of model that was fit (used in other functions)
- `poiss_sc_factors`: A vector of the square-root mean scaling factors used to standardise poisson variables (only returned if family = "poisson")

**See Also**

`MRFcov`, `MRFcov.spatial`, `cv.glmnet`

**Examples**

```r
data("Bird.parasites")

# Perform 2 quick bootstrap replicates using 70% of observations
bootedCRF <- bootstrap_MRF(data = Bird.parasites,
                          n_nodes = 4,
                          family = 'binomial',
```
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```r
sample_prop = 0.7,
n_bootstraps = 2)
```

# Small example of using spatial coordinates for a spatial CRF
Latitude <- sample(seq(120, 140, length.out = 100), nrow(Bird.parasites), TRUE)
Longitude <- sample(seq(-19, -22, length.out = 100), nrow(Bird.parasites), TRUE)
coords <- data.frame(Latitude = Latitude, Longitude = Longitude)
bootedSpatial <- bootstrap_mrf(data = Bird.parasites, n_nodes = 4,
                              family = 'binomial',
                              spatial = TRUE,
                              coords = coords,
                              sample_prop = 0.5,
                              n_bootstraps = 2)
```

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**cv_MRF_diag**

**MRF cross validation and assessment of predictive performance**

**Description**

*cv_MRF_diag* runs cross validation of *MRFcov* models and tests predictive performance.

*cv_MRF_diag_rep* fits a single node-optimised model and test’s this model’s predictive performance across multiple test subsets of the data.

*cv_MRF_diag_rep_spatial* fits a single node-optimised spatial model and test’s this model’s predictive performance across multiple test subsets of the data.

All *cv_MRF* functions assess model predictive performance and produce either diagnostic plots or matrices of predictive metrics.

**Usage**

```r
cv_MRF_diag(data, symmetrise, n_nodes, n_cores, sample_seed, n_folds,
            n_fold_runs, n_covariates, compare_null, family, plot = TRUE, cached_model,
            cached_predictions, mod_labels = NULL)
```

```r
cv_MRF_diag_rep(data, symmetrise, n_nodes, n_cores, sample_seed, n_folds,
                n_fold_runs, n_covariates, compare_null, family, plot = TRUE)
```

```r
cv_MRF_diag_rep_spatial(data, coords, symmetrise, n_nodes, n_cores, sample_seed,
                        n_folds, n_fold_runs, n_covariates, compare_null, family, plot = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

- **data**
  - Dataframe. The input data where the `n_nodes` left-most variables are variables that are to be represented by nodes in the graph. Note that NA’s are allowed for covariates. If present, these missing values will be imputed from the distribution `rnorm(mean = 0, sd = 1)`, which assumes that all covariates are scaled and centred (i.e. by using the function `scale` or similar).
symmetrise
The method to use for symmetrising corresponding parameter estimates (which are taken from separate regressions). Options are min (take the coefficient with the smallest absolute value), max (take the coefficient with the largest absolute value) or mean (take the mean of the two coefficients). Default is mean.

n_nodes
Positive integer. The index of the last column in data which is represented by a node in the final graph. Columns with index greater than n_nodes are taken as covariates. Default is the number of columns in data, corresponding to no additional covariates.

n_cores
Positive integer. The number of cores to spread the job across using makePSOCKcluster. Default is 1 (no parallelisation).

sample_seed
Numeric. This seed will be used as the basis for dividing data into folds. Default is a random seed between 1 and 100000.

n_folds
Integer. The number of folds for cross-validation. Default is 10.

n_fold_runs
Integer. The number of total training runs to perform. During each run, the data will be split into n_folds folds and the observed data in each fold will be compared to their respective predictions. Defaults to n_folds.

n_covariates
Positive integer. The number of covariates in data, before cross-multiplication.

compare_null
Logical. If TRUE, null models will also be run and plotted to assess the influence of including covariates on model predictive performance. Default is FALSE.

family
The response type. Responses can be quantitative continuous (family = "gaussian"), non-negative counts (family = "poisson") or binomial 1s and 0s (family = "binomial").

plot
Logical. If TRUE, ggplot2 objects are returned. If FALSE, the prediction metrics are returned as a matrix. Default is TRUE.

cached_model
Used by function cv_MRF_diag_rep to store an optimised model and prevent unnecessary replication of node-optimised model fitting.

cached_predictions
Used by function cv_MRF_diag_rep to store predictions from optimised models and prevent unnecessary replication.

mod_labels
Optional character string of labels for the two models being compared (if compare_null == TRUE).

cords
A two-column dataframe (with nrow(coords) == nrow(data)) representing the spatial coordinates of each observation in data. Ideally, these coordinates will represent Latitude and Longitude GPS points for each observation.

Details
Node-optimised models are fitted using cv.glmnet, and these models is used to predict data test subsets. Test and training data subsets are created using createFolds.

To account for uncertainty in parameter estimates and in random fold generation, it is recommended to perform cross-validation multiple times (by controlling the n_fold_runs argument) using cv_MRF_diag_rep to supply a single cached model and that model’s predictions. This is useful for optimising a single model (using cv.glmnet) and testing this model’s predictive performance across many test subsets. Alternatively, one can run cv_MRF_diag many times to fit different models in each iteration. This will be slower but technically more sound.
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Value

If `plot = TRUE`, a ggplot2 object is returned. This will be a plot containing boxplots of predictive metrics across test sets using the optimised model (see `cv.glmnet` for further details of lambda1 optimisation). If `plot = FALSE`, a matrix of prediction metrics is returned.

References


See Also

MRFcov, predict_MRF, cv.glmnet

Examples

data("Bird.parasites")
# Generate boxplots of model predictive metrics
cv_MRF_diag(data = Bird.parasites, n_nodes = 4,
             n_cores = 3, family = 'binomial')

# Generate boxplots comparing the CRF to an MRF model (no covariates)
cv_MRF_diag(data = Bird.parasites, n_nodes = 4,
             n_cores = 3, family = 'binomial',
             compare_null = TRUE)

# Replicate 10-fold cross-validation 100 times
cv.preds <- cv_MRF_diag_rep(data = Bird.parasites, n_nodes = 4,
                             n_cores = 3, family = 'binomial',
                             compare_null = TRUE,
                             plot = FALSE, n_fold_runs = 100)

# Plot model sensitivity and % true predictions
library(ggplot2)
gridExtra::grid.arrange(
  ggplot(data = cv.preds, aes(y = mean_sensitivity, x = model)) +
  geom_boxplot() + theme(axis.text.x = ggplot2::element_blank()) +
  labs(x = ''),
  geom_boxplot(data = cv.preds, aes(y = mean_tot_pred, x = model)) +
  geom_boxplot(),
  ncol = 1,
  heights = c(1, 1))

# Create some sample Poisson data with strong correlations
cov <- rnorm(500, 0.2)
cov2 <- rnorm(500, 4)
sp.2 <- ceiling(rnorm(500, 1)) + (cov * 2)
sp.2[sp.2 < 0] <- 0
poiss.dat <- data.frame(sp.1 = ceiling(rnorm(500, 1) + cov2 * 1.5),
sp.2 = sp.2, sp.3 = (sp.2 * 2) + ceiling(rnorm(500, 0.1))
poiss.dat[poiss.dat < 0] <- 0
poiss.dat$cov <- cov
poiss.dat$cov2 <- cov2

# A CRF should produce a better fit (lower deviance, lower MSE)
cvMRF.poi <- cv_MRF_diag(data = poiss.dat, n_nodes = 3,
                          n_folds = 10,
                          family = 'poisson',
                          compare_null = TRUE, plot = TRUE)

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**MRFcov**  
Markov Random Fields with covariates

**Description**

This function is the workhorse of the MRFcov package, running separate penalized regressions for each node to estimate parameters of Markov Random Fields (MRF) graphs. Covariates can be included (a class of models known as Conditional Random Fields; CRF), to estimate how interactions between nodes vary across covariate magnitudes.

**Usage**

MRFcov(data, symmetrise, prep_covariates, n_nodes, n_cores, n_covariates, family, bootstrap = FALSE)

**Arguments**

- **data**: A dataframe. The input data where the n_nodes left-most variables are variables that are to be represented by nodes in the graph.
- **symmetrise**: The method to use for symmetrising corresponding parameter estimates (which are taken from separate regressions). Options are min (take the coefficient with the smallest absolute value), max (take the coefficient with the largest absolute value) or mean (take the mean of the two coefficients). Default is mean.
- **prep_covariates**: Logical. If TRUE, covariate columns will be cross-multiplied with nodes to prep the dataset for MRF models. Note this is only useful when additional covariates are provided. Therefore, if n_nodes < ncol(data), default is TRUE. Otherwise, default is FALSE. See prep_MRF_covariates for more information.
- **n_nodes**: Positive integer. The index of the last column in data which is represented by a node in the final graph. Columns with index greater than n_nodes are taken as covariates. Default is number of columns in data, corresponding to no additional covariates.
- **n_cores**: Positive integer. The number of cores to spread the job across using makePSOCKcluster. Default is 1 (no parallelisation).
n_covariates: Positive integer. The number of covariates in data, before cross-multiplication. Default is ncol(data) - n_nodes.

family: The response type. Responses can be quantitative continuous (family = "gaussian"), non-negative counts (family = "poisson") or binomial 1s and 0s (family = "binomial"). If using (family = "binomial"), please note that if nodes occur in less than 5 percent of observations this can make it generally difficult to estimate occurrence probabilities (on the extreme end, this can result in intercept-only models being fitted for the nodes in question). The function will issue a warning in this case. If nodes occur in more than 95 percent of observations, this will return an error as the cross-validation step will generally be unable to proceed. For family = 'poisson' models, all returned coefficients are estimated on the identity scale AFTER using a nonparanormal transformation. See vignette("Gaussian_Poisson_CRFs") for details of interpretation.

bootstrap: Logical. Used by bootstrap_MRF to reduce memory usage.

Details

Separate penalized regressions are used to approximate MRF parameters, where the regression for node j includes an intercept and coefficients for the abundance (families gaussian or poisson) or presence-absence (family binomial) of all other nodes (/j) in data. If covariates are included, coefficients are also estimated for the effect of the covariate on j, and for the effects of the covariate on interactions between j and all other nodes (/j). Note that interaction coefficients must be estimated between variables that are on roughly the same scale, as the resulting parameter estimates are unified into a Markov Random Field using the specified symmetrise function. Counts for poisson variables, which are often not on the same scale, will therefore be normalised with a nonparanormal transformation x = qnorm(rank(log2(x + 0.01)) / (length(x) + 1)). These transformed counts will be used in a (family = "gaussian") model and their respective raw distribution parameters returned so that coefficients can be back-transformed for interpretation (this back-transformation is performed automatically by other functions including predict_MRF and cv_MRF_diag). Gaussian variables are not automatically transformed, so if they cover quite different ranges and scales, then it is recommended to scale them prior to fitting models. For more information on this process, use vignette("Gaussian_Poisson_CRFs")

Note that since the number of parameters to estimate in each node-wise regression quickly increases with increasing numbers of nodes and covariates, LASSO penalization is used to regularize regressions. This is done by minimising the cross-validated mean error for each node separately using cv.glmnet. In this way, we maximise the log-likelihood of each node separately before unifying the nodes into a graph.

Value

A list containing:

- graph: Estimated parameter matrix of pairwise interaction effects
- intercepts: Estimated parameter vector of node intercepts
- indirect_coefs: list containing matrices representing indirect effects of each covariate on pairwise node interactions
• direct_coefs: matrix of direct effects of each parameter on each outcome node. For family = 'binomial' models, all coefficients are estimated on the logit scale.

• param_names: Character string of covariate parameter names

• mod_type: A character stating the type of model that was fit (used in other functions)

• mod_family: A character stating the family of model that was fit (used in other functions)

• poiss_sc_factors: A matrix of the estimated negative binomial or poisson parameters for each raw node variable (only returned if family = "poisson"). These are needed for converting coefficients back to their original distribution, and are used for prediction purposes only

References


See Also

Cheng et al. (2014), Sutton & McCallum (2012) and Clark et al. (2018) for overviews of Conditional Random Fields. See cv.glmnet for details of cross-validated optimization using LASSO penalty. Worked examples to showcase this function can be found using vignette("Bird_Parasite_CRF") and vignette("Gaussian_Poisson_CRFs")

Examples

data("Bird.parasites")
CRFmod <- MRFcov(data = Bird.parasites, n_nodes = 4, family = 'binomial')
Usage

MRFcov_spatial(data, symmetrise, prep_covariates, n_nodes, n_cores, n_covariates, family, coords, bootstrap = FALSE)

Arguments

data A dataframe. The input data where the n_nodes left-most variables are variables that are to be represented by nodes in the graph

symmetrise The method to use for symmetrising corresponding parameter estimates (which are taken from separate regressions). Options are min (take the coefficient with the smallest absolute value), max (take the coefficient with the largest absolute value) or mean (take the mean of the two coefficients). Default is mean

prep_covariates Logical. If TRUE, covariate columns will be cross-multiplied with nodes to prep the dataset for MRF models. Note this is only useful when additional covariates are provided. Therefore, if n_nodes < ncol(data), default is TRUE. Otherwise, default is FALSE. See prep_MRF_covariates for more information

n_nodes Positive integer. The index of the last column in data which is represented by a node in the final graph. Columns with index greater than n_nodes are taken as covariates. Default is the number of columns in data, corresponding to no additional covariates

n_cores Positive integer. The number of cores to spread the job across using makePSOCKcluster. Default is 1 (no parallelisation)

n_covariates Positive integer. The number of covariates in data, before cross-multiplication. Default is ncol(data) - n_nodes

family The response type. Responses can be quantitative continuous (family = "gaussian"), non-negative counts (family = "poisson") or binomial 1s and 0s (family = "binomial"). If using (family = "binomial"), please note that if nodes occur in less than 5 percent of observations this can make it generally difficult to estimate occurrence probabilities (on the extreme end, this can result in intercept-only models being fitted for the nodes in question). The function will issue a warning in this case. If nodes occur in more than 95 percent of observations, this will return an error as the cross-validation step will generally be unable to proceed. For family = 'poisson' models, all returned coefficients are estimated on the identity scale AFTER using a nonparanormal transformation. See vignette("Gaussian_Poisson CRFs") for details of interpretation

coords A two-column dataframe (with nrow(coords) == nrow(data)) representing the spatial coordinates of each observation in data. Ideally, these coordinates will represent Latitude and Longitude GPS points for each observation. The coordinates are used to create smoothed spatial regression splines via smooth.construct2. Here, the basis dimension of the smoothed term is chosen based on the number of unique GPS coordinates in coords. If this number is less than 100, then this number is used. If the number of unique coordinates is more than 100, a value of 100 is used (this parameter needs to be large in order to ensure enough degrees of freedom for estimating 'wiggliness' of the smooth term; see choose.k for details). These splines will be included in each
node-wise regression as additional penalized covariates. This ensures that resulting node interaction parameters are estimated after accounting for possible spatial autocorrelation. Note that interpretation of spatial autocorrelation is difficult, and so it is recommended to compare predictive capacities spatial and non-spatial CRFs through the predict_MRF function.

bootstrap Logical. Used by bootstrap_MRF to reduce memory usage

Value

A list of all elements contained in a returned \texttt{MRFcov} object, with the inclusion of a dataframe called \texttt{mrf_data}. This contains all prepped covariates including the added spatial regression splines, and should be used as data when generating predictions via \texttt{predict_MRF} or \texttt{predict_MRFnetworks}.

References


See Also

See \texttt{smooth.construct2} and \texttt{smooth.construct.gp.smooth.spec} for details of Gaussian process spatial regression splines. Worked examples to showcase this function can be found using \texttt{vignette("Bird_Parasite_CRF")}

Examples

data("Bird.parasites")
Latitude <- sample(seq(120, 140, length.out = 100), nrow(Bird.parasites), TRUE)
Longitude <- sample(seq(-19, -22, length.out = 100), nrow(Bird.parasites), TRUE)
coords <- data.frame(Latitude = Latitude, Longitude = Longitude)
CRFmod.spatial <- MRFcov.spatial(data = Bird.parasites, n_nodes = 4,
                                family = 'binomial', coords = coords)

plotMRF_hm(MRF_mod, node_names, main, plot_observed_vals, data)
### plotMRF_hm

#### Arguments

- **mrf_mod**
  A fitted `mrfcov` or `bootstrap_MRF` object

- **node_names**
  A character vector of species names for axis labels. Default is to use rownames from the `mrfcov$graph` slot

- **main**
  An optional character title for the plot

- **plot_observed_vals**
  Logical. If TRUE and the family of the fitted `mrfcov` model is 'binomial', then raw observed occurrence and co-occurrence values will be extracted from data and overlaid on the resulting heatmap. Note, this option is not available for `bootstrap_MRF` models

- **data**
  Optional dataframe containing the input data where the left-most columns represent binary occurrences of species that are represented by nodes in the graph. This call is only necessary if users wish to overlay raw observed occurrence and co-occurrence values on the heatmap of node interaction coefficients (only available for family = 'binomial' models)

#### Details

Interaction parameters from `mrf_mod` are plotted as a heatmap, where red colours indicate positive interactions and blue indicate negative interactions. If `plot_observed_vals` == TRUE, raw observed values of single occurrences (on the diagonal) and co-occurrences for each species in data are overlaid on the plot (only available for family = 'binomial' models). Note, this option is not available for `bootstrap_MRF` models

#### Value

A ggplot2 object

#### See Also

- `mrfcov`
- `bootstrap_MRF`

#### Examples

```r
data("Bird.parasites")
CRFmod <- MRFcov(data = Bird.parasites, n_nodes = 4, family = 'binomial')
plotMRF_hm(mrf_mod = CRFmod)
plotMRF_hm(mrf_mod = CRFmod, plot_observed_vals = TRUE, data = Bird.parasites)

#To plot as an igraph network instead, we can simply extract the adjacency matrix
net <- igraph::graph.adjacency(CRFmod$graph, weighted = TRUE, mode = "undirected")
igraph::plot.igraph(net, layout = igraph::layout.circle, 
                    edge.width = abs(igraph::E(net)$weight),
                    edge.color = ifelse(igraph::E(net)$weight < 0, 'blue', 'red'))
```
**predict_MRF**

`predict_MRF` *Predict training observations from fitted MRFcov models*

**Description**

This function calculates linear predictors for node observations using coefficients from an `MRFcov` or `MRFcov_spatial` object.

**Usage**

```r
predict_MRF(data, MRF_mod, prep_covariates = TRUE, n_cores)
```

**Arguments**

- `data`: Dataframe. The input data to be predicted, where the `n_nodes` left-most variables are the variables that are represented by nodes in the graph from the `MRF_mod` model. Colnames from this sample dataset must exactly match the colnames in the dataset that was used to fit the `MRF_mod`

- `MRF_mod`: A fitted `MRFcov` or `MRFcov_spatial` model object

- `prep_covariates`: Logical flag stating whether to prep the dataset by cross-multiplication (TRUE by default; FALSE when used in other functions)

- `n_cores`: Positive integer stating the number of processing cores to split the job across. Default is 1 (no parallelisation)

**Details**

Observations for nodes in `data` are predicted using linear predictions from `MRF_mod`. If `family` = "binomial", a second element containing binary predictions for nodes is returned. Note that predicting values for unobserved locations using a spatial MRF is not currently supported.

**Value**

A matrix containing predictions for each observation in `data`. If `family` = "binomial", a second element containing binary predictions for nodes is returned.

**References**


**See Also**

`MRFcov`, `cv_MRF_diag`
Examples

```r
data("Bird.parasites")
# Fit a model to a subset of the data (training set)
CRFmod <- MRFcov(data = Bird.parasites[1:300, ], n_nodes = 4, family = "binomial")

# If covariates are included, prep the dataset for gathering predictions
prepped_pred <- prep_MRF_covariates(Bird.parasites[301:nrow(Bird.parasites), ], n_nodes = 4)

# Predict occurrences for the remaining subset (test set)
predictions <- predict_MRF(data = prepped_pred, MRF_mod = CRFmod)

# Visualise predicted occurrences for nodes in the test set
predictions$Binary_predictions

# Predicting spatial MRFs requires the user to supply the spatially augmented dataset
data("Bird.parasites")
Latitude <- sample(seq(120, 140, length.out = 100), nrow(Bird.parasites), TRUE)
Longitude <- sample(seq(-19, -22, length.out = 100), nrow(Bird.parasites), TRUE)
coords <- data.frame(Latitude = Latitude, Longitude = Longitude)
CRFmod.spatial <- MRFcov.spatial(data = Bird.parasites, n_nodes = 4,
                                 family = 'binomial', coords = coords)
predictions <- predict_MRF(data = CRFmod.spatial$mrf_data,
                            prep_covariates = FALSE,
                            MRF_mod = CRFmod.spatial)
```

**predict_MRFnetworks**  
*Extract predicted network metrics for observations in a given dataset using equations from a fitted MRFcov object*

**Description**

This function uses outputs from fitted MRFcov and bootstrap_MRF models to generate linear predictions for each observation in data and calculate probabilistic network metrics from weighted adjacency matrices.

**Usage**

```r
predict_MRFnetworks(data, MRF_mod, cutoff, omit_zeros, metric,
                     cached_predictions = NULL, prep_covariates, n_cores)
```

**Arguments**

- **data**  
  Dataframe. The sample data where the left-most variables are variables that are represented by nodes in the graph. Colnames from this sample dataset must exactly match the colnames in the dataset that was used to fit the MRF_mod

- **MRF_mod**  
  A fitted MRFcov or bootstrap_MRF object
predict_MRFnetworks

cutoff
Single numeric value specifying the linear prediction threshold. Species whose linear prediction is below this level for a given observation in data will be considered absent, meaning they cannot participate in community networks. Default is 0.5 for family == 'binomial' or 0 for other families.

omit_zeros
Logical. If TRUE, each species will not be considered to participate in community networks for observations in which that species was not observed in data. If FALSE, the species is still considered to have possibly occurred, based on the linear prediction for that observation. Default is FALSE.

metric
The network metric to be calculated for each observation in data. Recognised values are: "degree", "eigencentrality", or "betweenness", or leave blank to instead return a list of adjacency matrices.

cached_predictions
Use if providing stored predictions from predict_MRF to prevent unnecessary replication. Default is to calculate predictions first and then calculate network metrics.

prep_covariates
Logical flag stating whether to prep the dataset by cross-multiplication (TRUE by default; use FALSE for predicting networks from MRFcov.spatial objects).

n_cores
Positive integer stating the number of processing cores to split the job across. Default is 1 (no parallelisation).

Details
Interaction parameters are predicted for each observation in data and then converted into a weighted, undirected adjacency matrix using graph.adjacency. Note that the network is probabilistic, as node occurrences/abundances are predicted using fitted model equations from MRF.mod. If a linear prediction for a given observation falls below the user-specified cutoff, the node is considered absent from the community and cannot participate in the network. After correcting for the linear predictions, the specified network metric (degree centrality, eigencentrality, or betweenness) for each observation in data is then calculated and returned in a matrix. If metric is not supplied, the weighted, undirected adjacency matrices are returned in a list.

Value
Either a matrix with nrow = nrow(data), containing each species' predicted network metric at each observation in data, or a list with length = nrow(data) containing the weighted, undirected adjacency matrix predicted at each observation in data.

See Also
MRFcov, bootstrap_MRF, degree, eigen_centrality, betweenness

Examples

data("Bird.parasites")
CRFmod <- MRFcov(data = Bird.parasites, n_nodes = 4,
family = "binomial")
predict_MRFnetworks(data = Bird.parasites[1:200, ],
MRF_mod = CRFmod, metric = "degree",
...
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cutoff = 0.25)

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**prep_MRF_covariates**  
*Cross-multiply response and covariate variables*

**Description**

This function performs the cross-multiplication necessary for prepping datasets to be used in MRFcov models. This function is called by several of the functions within the package.

**Usage**

`prep_MRF_covariates(data, n_nodes)`

**Arguments**

- `data`  
  Dataframe. The input data where the `n_nodes` left-most variables are outcome variables to be represented by nodes in the graph

- `n_nodes`  
  Integer. The index of the last column in data which is represented by a node in the final graph. Columns with index greater than `n_nodes` are taken as covariates. Default is the number of columns in data, corresponding to no additional covariates

**Details**

Observations of nodes (species) in data are prepped for MRFcov analysis by multiplication. This function is not designed to be called directly, but is used by other functions in the package (namely `MRFcov`, `MRFcov.spatial`, `cv_MRF_diag`, and `bootstrap_MRF`)

**Value**

Dataframe of the prepped response and covariate variables necessary for input in MRFcov models
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