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MultiOrd-package

*Generation of multivariate ordinal data.*

**Description**

A package for multivariate ordinal data generation given marginal distributions and correlation matrix based on the methodology proposed by Demirtas (2006).

**Details**

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This package can be used to generate multivariate ordinal data. Two main input required are the matrix of marginal probabilities of each variable and the correlation matrix of the ordinal variables. Due to the limitation on the magnitude of the binary correlations which depends on the marginal probabilities, off-diagonal entries of ordinal correlation matrix are not free to vary between -1 and 1.

The main function in this package is `genOrd` which generates the multivariate ordinal data. Another important function is `simBinCorr` which calculates the intermediate binary correlation.

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**References**


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**BinToOrd**

*Converts multivariate binary data to multivariate ordinal data*

**Description**

Converts multivariate binary data to multivariate ordinal data using original ordinal probabilities.
BinToOrd

Usage

    BinToOrd(prop.vec.bin, ordPmat, Mlocation, bin.data)

Arguments

    prop.vec.bin  Vector of marginal probabilities. It is usually a first component of the list returned by \texttt{find.binary.prob}
    ordPmat      Input matrix of ordinal marginal probabilities
    Mlocation    Vector of locations where dichotomization is done. It is usually a second component of the list returned by \texttt{find.binary.prob}
    bin.data     Matrix of binary data generated using \texttt{generate.binary}

Details

As a part of the multivariate ordinal data generation, intermediate multivariate binary data are generated. This function converts multivariate binary data generated by \texttt{generate.binary} to the multivariate ordinal data.

Value

    y  Matrix of multivariate ordinal data
    Corr Correlation matrix of y

Examples

    ## Not run: nObs = 1000; no.rows = 100000
    ## Not run: ordPmat1 = matrix( c(0.15,0.70,0.40,
    0.55,0.10,0.25,
    0.25,0.10,0.15,
    0.05,0.10,0.20),4,3,byrow=TRUE)
    ## End(Not run)

    ## Not run: cmat1= matrix( c(1,0.2,0.2,
    0.2,1,0.2,
    0.2,0.2,1),3,3,byrow=TRUE)
    ## End(Not run)

    ## Not run: binObj = simBinCorr(ordPmat1, cmat1, no.rows)
    ## Not run: ep0 = generate.binary( nObs, binObj$pvec, binObj$del.next)
    ## Not run: Mydata= BinToOrd(binObj$pvec, ordPmat1, binObj$Mlocation, ep0)
compute.sigma.star  Computes the tetrachoric correlation matrix. If it is non-positive definite, a nearest positive definite matrix is used.

Description

It computes the tetrachoric correlation matrix using the algorithm described in Emrich and Pied-monte (1991). If the resulting matrix is non-positive definite, a nearest positive definite matrix is returned and the warning message will be printed.

Usage

compute.sigma.star(prop.vec.bin, corr.mat)

Arguments

prop.vec.bin  Vector of marginal probabilities
corr.mat  Correlation matrix of the binary data

Value

Tetrachoric correlation matrix

See Also

phi2tetra and nearPD

conformity.Check  Checks whether the dimension of marginal probability matrix matches the dimension of correlation matrix.

Description

Checks whether the dimension of marginal probability matrix matches the dimension of correlation matrix.

Usage

conformity.Check(ordPmat, CorrMat)

Arguments

ordPmat  Input matrix of ordinal marginal probabilities
CorrMat  Correlation matrix of the multivariate ordinal data.
find.binary.prob  

Collapses the ordinal categories to binary ones

Description
Collapses the ordinal categories to binary ones and counts the number of categories in each variable.

Usage
find.binary.prob(ordPmat)

Arguments
ordPmat  Input matrix of ordinal marginal probabilities.

Value
p  Vector of binary probabilities
Mlocation  Vector of points where ordinal variables will be dichotomized

See Also
validation.ordPmat

Examples
## Not run:
ordPmat1 = matrix( c(0.15,0.70,0.40,
          0.55,0.10,0.25,
          0.25,0.10,0.15,
          0.05,0.10,0.20),4,3,byrow=TRUE)
find.binary.prob(ordPmat1)

## End(Not run)

generate.binary  

Generates multivariate binary data given marginal probabilities and correlation.

Description
Usage

generate.binary(nObs, prop.vec.bin, corr.mat)

Arguments

nObs  Number of observations
prop.vec.bin  Vector of binary marginal probabilities
corr.mat  correlation matrix of the binary data

Details

It generates multivariate binary data from the marginal probabilities and correlation matrix. It uses
the algorithm described in Emrich and Piedmonte (1991). In the process, if the tetrachoric correla-
tion matrix is non-positive definite, a nearest positive definite matrix is used.

Value

data  Matrix of multivariate binary data

See Also

nearPD, compute.sigma.star

Examples

## Not run: ordPmat1 = matrix( c(0.15,0.70,0.40,
0.55,0.10,0.25,
0.25,0.10,0.15,
0.05,0.10,0.20),4,3,byrow=TRUE)
## End(Not run)
## Not run: cmat1= matrix( c(1,0.2,0.2,
0.2,1,0.2,
0.2,0.2,1),3,3,byrow=TRUE)
## End(Not run)
## Not run: p=find.binary.prob(ordPmat1)
## Not run: finalCorr = simBinCorr(ordPmat1, cmat1, no.rows=100000)
## Not run: y=generate.binary( 1000, p$p, finalCorr$del.next)

genOrd

Generates multivariate ordinal data from binary parameters

Description

Generates multivariate ordinal data from the ordinal marginal probabilities and a list returned by
the simBinCorr function.

Usage

genOrd(no.rows, ordPmat, binObj)
Arguments

- **no.rows**: Number of rows
- **ordPmat**: Input matrix of ordinal marginal probabilities
- **binObj**: A list returned by the `simBinCorr`

Details

It generates multivariate ordinal data. The argument **binObj** must be obtained using `simBinCorr` before executing this function.

Value

- **Mydata**: A list with two components. Two components are a matrix of multivariate ordinal data (y) and its correlation matrix (Corr)

See Also

- `simBinCorr`, `BinToOrd`, `generate.binary`

Examples

```r
## Not run: ordPmat1 = matrix( c(0.15,0.70,0.40,
0.55,0.10,0.25,
0.25,0.10,0.15,
0.05,0.10,0.20),4,3,byrow=TRUE)
## End(Not run)
## Not run: cmat1= matrix( c(1,0.2,0.2,
0.2,1,0.2,
0.2,0.2,1),3,3,byrow=TRUE)
## End(Not run)
## Not run: binObj=simBinCorr(ordPmat1, cmat1, no.rows=100000, steps=0.025)
## Not run: myData = genOrd( 1000, ordPmat1, binObj)
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**simBinCorr**

*Calculates intermediate binary correlation matrix*

Description

Calculates intermediate binary correlation matrix via simulation.

Usage

```r
simBinCorr(ordPmat, CorrMat, no.rows, steps = 0.025)
```
validation.CorrMat

Validates input correlation matrix

Description

Checks symmetry, positive definiteness, conformity and range of the correlation matrix.

Usage

validation.CorrMat(prop.vec.bin, CorrMat)

Arguments

prop.vec.bin  Vector of binary (converted from ordinal) marginal probabilities
CorrMat      Correlation matrix to be validated
validation.ordPmat

Details

This function checks the correlation matrix for basic properties of correlation matrix, such as symmetry and positive definiteness. In addition it verifies that all the correlations are in valid range for the calculated binary marginal probabilities. Range violation error message indicates that ordinal data with the specified correlations cannot be generated due to distributional constraints.

See Also

find.binary.prob

validation.ordPmat  Validates matrix of ordinal probabilities

Description

Validates the range of input matrix of marginal probabilities. It also counts the ordinal categories for each variable.

Usage

validation.ordPmat(ordPmat)

Arguments

ordPmat  Matrix of marginal probabilities.

Details

Number of columns of input matrix is the number of variables and each column contains probability of each category within each variable. Any probability with 0 value must be entered at the end of corresponding column. For example if a column contains c(0.3,0.5,0.2,0), then it is assumed that particular variable has only 3 (1, 2 and 3) categories.

Value

J  Number of ordinal variables
K  Vector of number of categories for each variable

Examples

## Not run:
# 3 outcomes with 3, 4 and 4 categories.
ordPmat1 = matrix( c(0.15,0.70,0.40,
0.55,0.10,0.25,
0.30,0.10,0.15,
0,0.10,0.20),4,3,byrow=TRUE)
validation.ordPmat(ordPmat1)
## End (Not run)
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