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Description

Bootstrap standard errors on various network estimation routines, such as EBICglasso from the qgraph package and IsingFit from the IsingFit package. See bootnet

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See Also

bootnet

binarize

Binarizes a dataset
Description

This function will transform data into binary data (0, 1). If the data is already binary, this function does nothing.

Usage

binarize(x, split = "median", na.rm = TRUE, removeNArows = TRUE, verbose = TRUE)

Arguments

- **x**: A data frame or matrix
- **split**: Either a function to split on (as character or as function) or a vector. e.g., `split = "mean"` will split every variable on the mean of that variable, `split=2` will make every value above 2 a 1 and every value below 2 a 0 and a vector of the same length as each variable in the dataset will use those elements to split.
- **na.rm**: The `na.rm` argument used in the split function.
- **removeNArows**: Logical, should rows with NA be removed?
- **verbose**: Output progress to the console?

Value

A binarized data frame

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bootInclude

Inclusion proportion graph

Description

This function takes bootstrap results and returns a inclusion probability network (edge weights indicate how often a certain edge was included in the model). Note that the plotting method automatically uses a black-white color scheme (as edges are not signed and always positive).

Usage

bootInclude(bootobject, verbose = TRUE)

Arguments

- **bootobject**: Nonparametric bootstrap results from `bootnet`
- **verbose**: Logical, should progress be reported to the console?
bootInclude

Value

A bootnetResult object with the following elements:

- **graph**: The weights matrix of the network
- **intercepts**: The intercepts
- **results**: The results of the estimation procedure
- **labels**: A vector with node labels
- **nNodes**: Number of nodes in the network
- **nPerson**: Number of persons in the network
- **input**: Input used, including the result of the default set used

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See Also

bootnet, estimateNetwork

Examples

```r
## Not run:
# BFI Extraversion data from psychTools package:
library("psychTools")
data(bfi)
# Subset of data:
bfiSub <- bfi[1:250,1:25]

# Estimate ggmModSelect networks (not stepwise to increase speed):
Network <- estimateNetwork(bfiSub, default = "ggmModSelect", corMethod = "cor",
                           stepwise = FALSE)

# Bootstrap 100 values, using 8 cores (100 to increase speed, preferably 1000+):
boots <- bootnet(Network, nBoots = 100, nCores = 8)

# Threshold network:
Network_inclusion <- bootInclude(boots)

# Plot:
plot(Network_inclusion)

## End(Not run)
```
Description

This function can be used to bootstrap network estimation methods so that the spread of parameter and centrality estimates can be assessed. Most important methods are `type = 'nonparametric'` for the non-parametric bootstrap and `type = 'case'` for the case-dropping bootstrap. See also Epskamp, Borsboom and Fried (2016) for more details.

Usage

```r
bootnet(data, nBoots = 1000, default = c("none", "EBICglasso", "ggmModSelect", "pcor", "IsingFit", "IsingSampler", "huge", "adalasso", "mgm", "relimp", "cor", "TMFG", "ggmModSelect", "LoGo", "SVAR_lavaan"), type = c("nonparametric", "parametric", "node", "person", "jackknife", "case"), nCores = 1, statistics = c("edge", "strength", "outStrength", "inStrength"), model = c("detect", "GGM", "Ising", "graphicalVAR"), fun, verbose = TRUE, labels, alpha = 1, caseMin = 0.05, caseMax = 0.75, caseN = 10, subNodes, subCases, computeCentrality = TRUE, propBoot = 1, replacement = TRUE, graph, sampleSize, intercepts, weighted, signed, directed, includeDiagonal = FALSE, communities = NULL, useCommunities = "all", library = .libPaths(), memorySaver = TRUE, ...)```

Arguments

- **data**: A data frame or matrix containing the raw data. Must be numeric, integer or ordered factors.
- **nBoots**: Number of bootstraps
- **default**: A string indicating the method to use. See documentation at `estimateNetwork`.
- **type**: The kind of bootstrap method to use.
- **nCores**: Number of cores to use in computing results. Set to 1 to not use parallel computing.
- **statistics**: Vector indicating which statistics to store. Options are:
  - "edge" Edge-weight
  - "strength" Degree or node-strength
  - "outStrength" Out-degree or Out-strength
  - "inStrength" In-degree or In-strength
  - "expectedInfluence" Expected Influence
"outExpectedInfluence" Outgoing expected influence
"inExpectedInfluence" Incoming expected influence
"bridgeStrength" Bridge-strength (see bridge)
"bridgeCloseness" Bridge-closeness (see bridge)
"bridgeBetweenness" Bridge-betweenness (see bridge)
"rspbc" Randomized shortest paths betweenness centrality (see rspbc)
"hybrid" Hybrid centrality (see hybrid)

Can contain "edge", "strength", "closeness", "betweenness", "length", "distance", "expectedInfluence", "inExpectedInfluence", "outExpectedInfluence". By default, length and distance are not stored.

model The modeling framework to use. Automatically detects if data is binary or not.
fun A custom estimation function, when no default set is used. This must be a function that takes the data as input (first argument) and returns either a weights matrix or a list containing the elements "graph" for the weights matrix, "intercepts" for the intercepts (optional) and "results" for the full estimation results (optional).
verbose Logical. Should progress of the function be printed to the console?
labels A character vector containing the node labels. If omitted the column names of the data are used.
alpha The centrality tuning parameter as used in centrality.
subNodes Range of nodes to sample in node-drop bootstrap
caseMin Minimum proportion of cases to drop when type = "case".
caseMax Maximum proportion of cases to drop when type = "case".
caseN Number of sampling levels to test when type = "case".
subCases Range of persons to sample in person-drop bootstrap
computeCentrality Logical, should centrality be computed?
propBoot Proportion of persons to sample in bootstraps. Set to lower than 1 for m out of n bootstrap
replacement Logical, should replacement be used in bootstrap sampling?
graph A given network structure to use in parametric bootstrap.
sampleSize The samplesize to use in parametric bootstrap.
intercepts Intercepts to use in parametric bootstrap.
weighted Logical, should the analyzed network be weighted?
signed Logical, should the analyzed network be signed?
directed Logical, is the analyzed network directed? Usually does not have to be set and is detected automatically.
includeDiagonal Logical, should diagonal elements (self-loops) be included in the bootstrap? Only used when directed = TRUE.
communities Used for bridge centrality measures (see bridge).
useCommunities

Used for bridge centrality measures (see bridge).

library

Library location to be used in parallel computing.

memorysaver

Logical. If TRUE (recommended) then raw bootstrapped data and results are not stored in the output object. This saves a lot of memory. Set this only to TRUE if you need the raw results or bootstrap data.

... Additional arguments used in the estimator function.

Value

A bootnet object with the following elements:

sampleTable

A data frame containing all estimated values on the real sample.

bootTable

A data frame containing all estimated values on all bootstrapped samples.

sample

A bootnetResult object with plot and print method containing the estimated network of the real sample.

boots

A list of bootnetResult objects containing the raw bootstrap results.

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References


See Also

estimateNetwork, differenceTest, corStability, plot.bootnet, summary.bootnet

Examples

# BFI Extraversion data from psychTools package:
library("psychTools")
data(bfi)
bfiSub <- bfi[,1:25]

# Estimate network:
Network <- estimateNetwork(bfiSub, default = "EBICglasso")

# Centrality indices:
library("qgraph")
centralityPlot(Network)

## Not run:
# Estimated network:
plot(Network, layout = 'spring')

### Non-parametric bootstrap ###
# Bootstrap 1000 values, using 8 cores:
Results1 <- bootnet(Network, nBoots = 1000, nCores = 8)

# Plot bootstrapped edge CIs:
plot(Results1, labels = FALSE, order = "sample")

# Plot significant differences (alpha = 0.05) of edges:
plot(Results1, "edge", plot = "difference", onlyNonZero = TRUE,
     order = "sample")

# Plot significant differences (alpha = 0.05) of node strength:
plot(Results1, "strength", plot = "difference")

# Test for difference in strength between node "A1" and "C2":
differenceTest(Results, "A1", "C2", "strength")

### Case-drop bootstrap ###
# Bootstrap 1000 values, using 8 cores:
Results2 <- bootnet(Network, nBoots = 1000, nCores = 8,
                     type = "case")

# Plot centrality stability:
plot(Results2)

# Compute CS-coefficients:
corStability(Results2)

## End(Not run)

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### bootThreshold

**Threshold network based on bootstrapped intervals**

**Description**

This function takes the output of `bootnet` and returns a network as if it had been estimated using `estimateNetwork`, but with edges removed (set to zero) based on some significance level.

**Usage**

`bootThreshold(bootobject, alpha = 0.05, verbose = TRUE, thresholdIntercepts = FALSE)`

**Arguments**

- `bootobject`: Nonparametric bootstrap results from `bootnet`
- `alpha`: Significance level
- `verbose`: Logical, should progress be reported to the console?
- `thresholdIntercepts`: Logical, should intercepts also be thresholded?
**Value**

A bootnetResult object with the following elements:

- **graph**: The weights matrix of the network
- **intercepts**: The intercepts
- **results**: The results of the estimation procedure
- **labels**: A vector with node labels
- **nNodes**: Number of nodes in the network
- **nPerson**: Number of persons in the network
- **input**: Input used, including the result of the default set used

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**See Also**

bootnet, estimateNetwork

**Examples**

```r
## Not run:
# BFI Extraversion data from psychTools package:
library("psychTools")
data(bfi)
bfiSub <- bfi[,1:25]

# Estimate unregularized network:
Network <- estimateNetwork(bfiSub, default = "pcor", corMethod = "cor")

# Bootstrap 1000 values, using 8 cores:
boots <- bootnet(Network, nBoots = 1000, nCores = 8)

# Threshold network:
Network_thresholded <- bootThreshold(boots)

# Plot:
plot(Network_thresholded)
```

## End(Not run)
corStability

**Correlation stability coefficient**

**Description**

This coefficient denotes the estimated maximum number of cases that can be dropped from the data to retain, with 95% probability, a correlation of at least 0.7 (default) between statistics based on the original network and statistics computed with less cases. This coefficient should not be below 0.25 and is preferably above 0.5. See also Epskamp, Borsboom and Fried (2016) for more details.

**Usage**

```r
corStability(x, cor = 0.7, statistics = "all", verbose = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

- `x`: Output of `bootnet`. Must be case-drop bootstrap.
- `cor`: The correlation level to test at.
- `statistics`: The statistic(s) to test for. Can also be "all".
- `verbose`: Logical, should information on the progress be printed to the console?

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**References**


**See Also**

`bootnet`

**Examples**

```r
## Not run:
# BFI Extraversion data from psychTools package:
library("psychTools")
data(bfi)
bfiSub <- bfi[,1:25]

# Estimate network:
Network <- estimateNetwork(bfiSub, default = "EBICglasso")

# Bootstrap 1000 values, using 8 cores:
# Bootstrap 1000 values, using 8 cores:
Results2 <- bootnet(Network, nBoots = 1000, nCores = 8,
```
differenceTest

```r

type = "case"

# Compute CS-coefficients:
corStability(Results2)

## End(Not run)
```

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**differenceTest**  
*Bootstrapped difference test*

**Description**

This function computes the bootstrapped difference test for edge-weights and centrality indices. A confidence interval is constructed on the difference of two values, and the test is deemed significant if zero is not in this confidence interval. See also Epskamp, Borsboom and Fried (2016) for more details.

**Usage**

```r
differenceTest(bootobject, x, y, measure = c("strength", "closeness", "betweenness"),
               alpha = 0.05, x2, y2, verbose = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

- `bootobject`: Output of `bootnet`. Must be nonparametric or parametric bootstrap.
- `x`: A character string indicating the ID of a node or an edge, or a number indicating the node or edge. For an edge, can be e.g., "1--2" or "x = 1, x2 = 2".
- `y`: A character string indicating the ID of a node or an edge, or a number indicating the node or edge. For an edge, can be e.g., "1--2" or "y = 1, y2 = 2".
- `measure`: Measure to test. Can be "strength", "closeness", "betweenness", "edge" or "distance".
- `alpha`: Significance level to test at. Note that the actual significance level is influenced by the number of bootstrap samples, and is returned in a message.
- `x2`: Second node in an edge. Optional.
- `y2`: Second node in an edge. Optional.
- `verbose`: Logical, should the message indicating actual significance level be printed?

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**References**

estimateNetwork

Estimate a network structure

Description

This function allows for flexible estimation of a network structure using various R packages and model frameworks. This is typically done by using one of the default sets. See details for manual specification. See also Epskamp, Borsboom and Fried (2016) for more details. IMPORTANT: THE ESTIMATOR FUNCTIONS (e.g., fun = bootnet_pcor) ARE NOT INTENDED TO BE USED MANUALLY (see details).

Usage

```
estimateNetwork(data, default = c("none", "EBICglasso", "pcor", "IsingFit", "IsingSampler", "huge", "adalasso", "mgm", "relimp", "cor", "TMFG", "ggmModSelect", "LoGo", "graphicalVAR", "piecewiseIsing", "SVAR_lavaan"), fun, labels, verbose = TRUE, .dots = list(), weighted = TRUE, signed = TRUE, directed, datatype, checkNumeric = FALSE, ..., .input,
```
memorysaver = FALSE)

bootnet_EBICglasso(data, tuning = 0.5, corMethod = c("cor_auto", "cov", "cor", "npn", "spearman"), missing = c("pairwise", "listwise", "fiml", "stop"), sampleSize = c("pairwise_average", "maximum", "minimum", "pairwise_maximum", "pairwise_minimum"), verbose = TRUE, corArgs = list(), refit = FALSE, principalDirection = FALSE, lambda.min.ratio = 0.01, nl lambda = 100, threshold = FALSE, unlock = FALSE, nonPositiveDefinite = c("stop", "continue"), ...)

bootnet_pcor(data, corMethod = c("cor_auto", "cov", "cor", "npn", "spearman"), missing = c("pairwise", "listwise", "fiml", "stop"), sampleSize = c("pairwise_average", "maximum", "minimum", "pairwise_maximum", "pairwise_minimum"), verbose = TRUE, corArgs = list(), threshold = 0, alpha = 0.05, adjacency, principalDirection = FALSE, unlock = FALSE, nonPositiveDefinite = c("stop", "continue"))

bootnet_cor(data, corMethod = c("cor_auto", "cov", "cor", "npn", "spearman"), missing = c("pairwise", "listwise", "fiml", "stop"), sampleSize = c("pairwise_average", "maximum", "minimum", "pairwise_maximum", "pairwise_minimum"), verbose = TRUE, corArgs = list(), threshold = 0, alpha = 0.05, principalDirection = FALSE, unlock = FALSE, nonPositiveDefinite = c("stop", "continue"))

bootnet_IsingFit(data, tuning = 0.25, missing = c("listwise", "stop"), verbose = TRUE, rule = c("AND", "OR"), split = "median", principalDirection = FALSE, unlock = FALSE)

bootnet_IsingSampler(data, missing = c("listwise", "stop"), verbose = TRUE, split = "median", method = c("default", "1l", "pl", "uni", "bi"), principalDirection = FALSE, unlock = FALSE)

bootnet_adalasso(data, missing = c("listwise", "stop"), verbose = TRUE, nFolds = 10, principalDirection = FALSE, unlock = FALSE)

bootnet_huge(data, tuning = 0.5, missing = c("listwise", "stop"), verbose = TRUE, npn = TRUE, criterion = c("ebic", "ric", "stars"), principalDirection = FALSE, lambda.min.ratio = 0.01, nl lambda = 100, unlock = FALSE)
estimateNetwork

bootnet_mgm(data, type, level, tuning = 0.5, missing = c("listwise", "stop"), verbose = TRUE, criterion = c("EBIC", "CV"), nfolds = 10, order = 2, rule = c("AND", "OR"), binarySign, unlock = FALSE, ...)

bootnet_relimp(data, normalized = TRUE, type = "lmg", structureDefault = c("none", "custom", "EBICglasso", "pcor", "IsingFit", "IsingSampler", "huge", "adalasso", "mgm", "cor", "TMFG", "ggmModSelect", "LoGo"), missing = c("listwise", "stop"), ..., verbose = TRUE, threshold = 0, unlock = FALSE)

bootnet_TMFG(data, graphType = c("cor", "pcor"), corMethod = c("cor_auto", "cov", "cor", "nppn"), missing = c("pairwise", "listwise", "fiml", "stop"), verbose = TRUE, corArgs = list(), principalDirection = FALSE, unlock = FALSE, ...)

bootnet_LoGo(data, corMethod = c("cor_auto", "cov", "cor", "nppn"), missing = c("pairwise", "listwise", "fiml", "stop"), verbose = TRUE, corArgs = list(), principalDirection = FALSE, unlock = FALSE, ...)

bootnet_graphicalVAR(data, tuning = 0.5, verbose = TRUE, principalDirection = FALSE, missing = c("listwise", "stop"), unlock = FALSE, ...)

bootnet_ggmModSelect(data, tuning = 0, corMethod = c("cor_auto", "cov", "cor", "nppn", "spearman"), missing = c("pairwise", "listwise", "fiml", "stop"), sampleSize = c("pairwise_average", "maximum", "minimum", "pairwise_maximum", "pairwise_minimum"), verbose = TRUE, corArgs = list(), principalDirection = FALSE, start = c("glasso", "empty", "full"), stepwise = TRUE, nCores = 1, unlock = FALSE, nonPositiveDefinite = c("stop", "continue"), ...)

bootnet_piecewiseIsing(data, cutoff, missing = c("listwise", "stop"), verbose = TRUE, IsingDefault = c("IsingSampler", "IsingFit", "custom"), zeroThreshold = 1, minimalN = ncol(data) + 1, unlock = FALSE, ...)

bootnet_SVAR_lavaan(data, verbose = TRUE, principalDirection = FALSE, missing = c("listwise", "stop"), criterion = "bic", eqThreshold = 1e-04, tempWhitelist, tempBlacklist, contWhitelist, contBlacklist, minimalModInd = 10, unlock = FALSE, ...)
**estimateNetwork**

**Arguments**

- `data` A data frame or matrix containing the raw data. Must be numeric, integer or ordered factors.

- `default` A string indicating the method to use. Specifying a default sets default values to `prepFun`, `prepArgs`, `estFun`, `estArgs`, `graphFun`, `graphArgs`, `intFun` and `intArgs`. Setting a default can be omitted but that does require specifying all above mentioned arguments. Current options are:
  - "EBICglasso" Gaussian Markov random field estimation using graphical LASSO and extended Bayesian information criterion to select optimal regularization parameter. Using `EBICglasso` from the qgraph package. Calls `bootnet_EBICglasso`.
  - "IsingFit" Ising model estimation using LASSO regularized nodewise logistic regression and extended Bayesian information criterion to select optimal regularization parameter. Using `IsingFit` from the IsingFit package. Calls `bootnet_IsingFit`.
  - "IsingSampler" Calls the `EstimateIsing` function from the IsingSampler package.
  - "pcor" Partial correlation network (non-regularized Gaussian Markov random field), using `cor2pcor` from the corpcor package. Calls `bootnet_pcor`.
  - "cor" Correlation network.
  - "adalasso" Uses the `adalasso.net` from the parcor package. Calls `bootnet_adalasso`.
  - "huge" Uses EBIC model selection of GGM networks estimated via the glasso algorithm as implemented in the huge package (as opposed to glasso and qgraph packages used in `default = "EBICglasso"`). Uses nonparanormal transformation in preparing the data and does not use polychoric correlations. Calls `bootnet_huge`.
  - "mgm" Estimates a Mixed graphical model by using the the mgm (or mgmfit in older versions) function of the mgm package. Calls `bootnet_mgm`.
  - "TMFG" Estimates a Triangulated Maximally Filtered Graph, using the function `TMFG` of the NetworkToolbox package. Calls `bootnet_TMF`. Note that this estimates a ‘correlation network’ by default (use the ‘graphType’ argument to estimate a partial correlation network instead).
  - "LoGo" Estimates a Local/Global Sparse Inverse Covariance Matrix, using the function `LoGo` of the NetworkToolbox package. Calls `bootnet_LoGo`.
  - "relimp" Estimates a (directed) relative importance network, using the function `calc.relimp` of the ‘relaimpo’ package. The ‘structureDefault’ argument can be used to use a different default set for estimating the structure of the graph. Calls `bootnet_relimp`.
  - "ggmModSelect" Estimates an unregularized GGM using the glasso algorithm and stepwise model selection, using the ‘ggmModSelect’ function from the qgraph package. Calls `bootnet_ggmModSelect`.
  - "graphicalVAR" Estimates a graphical VAR model using the graphicalVAR package. This results in two networks which can be plotted using the ‘graph’ argument in the plot method. Calls `bootnet_graphicalVAR`.

See details section for a more detailed description.
fun

A custom estimation function, when no default set is used. This must be a function that takes the data as input (first argument) and returns either a weights matrix or a list containing the elements "graph" for the weights matrix, "intercepts" for the intercepts (optional) and "results" for the full estimation results (optional).

tuning

EBIC tuning parameter, used in 'EBICglasso', 'IsingFit', 'huge', 'mgm' and 'ggmModSelect' default sets. Note that the default value differs: 'EBICglasso', 'huge' and 'mgm' use 0.5, 'IsingFit' uses 0.25 and 'ggmModSelect uses 0.

corMethod

Correlation method, used in 'EBICglasso' and 'pcor' default sets. "cor_auto" uses cor_auto for polychoric and polyserial correlations, "cov" uses the cov function for covariances, "cor" will use the cor function for correlations and "npn" will apply the nonparanormal transformation (via huge.npn) and then compute correlations.

missing

How to handle missing data? "pairwise" for pairwise deletion, "listwise" for listwise deletion, "fiml" for full-information maximum likelihood and "stop" to stop with an error.

sampleSize

How will sample size be computed in EBICglasso default set? The default "pairwise_average" will set the sample size to the average of sample sizes used for each individual correlation. Other options are "pairwise_maximum" (largest sample sized used for each individual correlation), "pairwise_minimum" (smallest sample sized used for each individual correlation), "maximum" (takes total number of rows including rows with NA), and "minimum" (takes total number of rows that contain no NA).

corArgs

A list with arguments for the function used defined by corMethod.

threshold

Thresholding to use in partial correlation networks. Can be a fixed number to threshold all absolute edges below this value, 'locfdr' for local FDR, or any option corresponding to adjustments in corr.p ('none', 'sig', 'holm', 'hochberg', 'hommel', 'bonferroni', 'BH', 'BY' or 'fdr')

refit

Logical used in EBICglasso default set: should the estimated model structure be refitted without LASSO regularization?

rule

The rule to use to select an edge in nodewise estimation. "AND" to only select in edge if both regression coefficients are nonzero and "OR" if only one is nonzero. Used in 'IsingFit' and 'mgm' default sets.

split

A function or character string ("median" or "mean") indicating how to binarize values when estimating an Ising model.

method

The estimation method used in the IsingSampler default set (see EstimateIsing).

npn

Logical, should nonparanormal be used in huge default set?

criterion

The criterion used in model selection. "ebic", "ric" or "stars" in the huge default set or "EBIC" or "CV" in the mgm default set.

nFolds

Number of folds used in k-fold cross-validation.

type

For mgm, see mgm or mgmfit; for relative importance networks, see calc.relimp

level

See mgm. Automatically set if not assigned.

order

Order up until including which interactions are included in the model. See mgm. Automatically set if not assigned.
**binarySign** See *mgm*. Automatically set if not assigned.

**normalized** Should normalized relative importance be used in relative importance networks?

**structureDefault** In relative importance networks, default set used to compute the graph structure. Any other arguments used (using ...) are sent to the graph estimator function as well.

**graphType** "cor" to estimate a correlation network and "pcor" to estimate a partial correlation network (GGM)

**alpha** Significance level to test at.

**principalDirection** Rescales variables according to the sign of the first eigen-vector. This will lead to most correlations to be positive (positive manifold), leading to negative edges to be substantively interpretable.

**stepwise** Logical indicating if `ggmModSelect` should use stepwise estimation.

**start** See *ggmModSelect*

**labels** A character vector containing the node labels. If omitted the column names of the data are used.

**verbose** Logical, currently only used when default = "EBICglasso" in the cor_auto function.

**weighted** Logical, should the analyzed network be weighted?

**signed** Logical, should the analyzed network be signed?

**directed** Logical, is the analyzed network directed? Usually does not have to be set and is detected automatically.

**datatype** "normal" if the data argument is a data frame, or "graphicalVAR" if the data argument is a data list that can be used as input to the graphicalVAR package.

**checkNumeric** Logical: should the data be checked to be numeric?

**lambda.min.ratio** Minimal lambda ratio (LASSO tuning parameter)

**nlambda** Number of LASSO tuning parameters to test

**nCores** Number of cores to use in estimating networks

**.dots** A list of arguments used in the estimation function set by a default set or by the fun argument.

**...** A list of arguments used in the estimation function set by a default set or by the fun argument.

**.input** Used internally in the bootnet function. Do not use.

**memorysaver** Logical. If TRUE attempts to save memory (RAM) by removing some objects from the output. Used by bootnet by default for bootstraps.

**cutoff** Cutoff score for sum-score to condition on when using default = "piecewiseIsing". This is *experimental*!

**IsingDefault** Default set for Ising model structure estimation in piecewise Ising estimation. This is *experimental*!
estimateNetwork

zeroThreshold  Used in piecewise Ising estimation. Proportion of edges needed to be exactly 0 in pieces to set edge to zero in final network. This is *experimental*!

minimalN  Used in piecewise Ising estimation. Minimal sample sizes needed in piece estimation. This is *experimental*!

eqThreshold  Used in SVAR_lavaan estimation (stepup SVAR estimation). This is *experimental*! Maximum difference in criterion to decide if two models are equivalent (and select one at random).

tempWhitelist  Used in SVAR_lavaan estimation (step up SVAR estimation). This is *experimental*! Matrix with edges to be whitelisted in the temporal model. The matrix should contain two columns and a row for each edge. The elements should be characters indicating the variable names of each edge (from, to).

tempBlacklist  Used in SVAR_lavaan estimation (step up SVAR estimation). This is *experimental*! Matrix with edges to be blacklisted in the temporal model. The matrix should contain two columns and a row for each edge. The elements should be characters indicating the variable names of each edge (from, to).

contWhitelist  Used in SVAR_lavaan estimation (step up SVAR estimation). This is *experimental*! Matrix with edges to be whitelisted in the contemporaneous model. The matrix should contain two columns and a row for each edge. The elements should be characters indicating the variable names of each edge (from, to).

contBlacklist  Used in SVAR_lavaan estimation (step up SVAR estimation). This is *experimental*! Matrix with edges to be blacklisted in the contemporaneous model. The matrix should contain two columns and a row for each edge. The elements should be characters indicating the variable names of each edge (from, to).

minimalModInd  Minimal modification index to consider when adding parameters in SVAR search.

adjacency  An 'adjacency' matrix indicating the graph structure (zeroes indicate a missing edge).

nonPositiveDefinite  Set to "stop" to stop with an error when the input matrix is not positive definite, and to "continue" (old behavior) to continue anyway.

unlock  Set to TRUE to not result in a standard error. This is to prevent using the inner functions separately (see details below).

Details

The user can manually specify an estimation method by assigning a custom function to the ‘fun’ argument. This function must take data as input and output an estimated network. The functions bootnet_ correspond to the functions used when using default sets. E.g., default = "pcor" sets fun = bootnet_pcor. As the ... leads to any argument to estimateNetwork to be passed to the estimator function, the arguments described above in these estimator functions can be used for the appropriate default method. For example, if default = "pcor", the arguments of fun = bootnet_pcor can be used in estimateNetwork. IMPORTANT NOTE: DO NOT USE THE ESTIMATOR FUNCTIONS (e.g., fun = bootnet_pcor) YOURSELF, THEY ARE ONLY INCLUDED HERE TO SHOW WHICH ARGUMENTS YOU CAN USE IN estimateNetwork.

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References


See Also

bootnet

Examples

# BFI Extraversion data from psychTools package:
library(psychTools)
data(bfi)
bfiSub <- bfi[,1:25]

# Estimate network:
Network <- estimateNetwork(bfiSub, default = "EBICglasso")

## Not run:
# Some pointers:
print(Network)

# Estimated network:
plot(Network, layout = 'spring')

# Centrality indices:
library(qgraph)
centralityPlot(Network)

# BIC model selection:
Network_BIC <- estimateNetwork(bfiSub, default = "EBICglasso", tuning = 0)

# Ising model:
Network_BIC <- estimateNetwork(bfiSub, default = "IsingFit")

## End(Not run)

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genGGM  Generates a GGM small-world network.

Description

Simulates a GGM as described by Yin and Li (2011), using the Watts and Strogatz (1998) algorithm for generating the graph structure (see watts.strogatz.game).

Usage

genGGM(Nvar, p = 0, nei = 1, parRange = c(0.5,1), constant = 1.5, propPositive = 0.5, clusters = NULL, graph = c("smallworld","random","scalefree","hub","cluster"))
Arguments

Nvar  Number of nodes
p     Rewiring probability if graph = "smallworld" or "cluster", or connection proba-
       bility if graph = "random". If cluster, can add multiple p's for each cluster, e.g.,
       "c(.1, .5)"
nei   Neighborhood (see watts.strogatz.game).
parRange Range of partial correlation coefficients to be originally sampled.
constant A constant as described by Yin and Li (2011).
propPositive Proportion of edges to be set positive.
clusters Number of clusters if graph = "cluster"
graph   Type of graph to simulate

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**ggmGenerator**

*Generates a function that simulates data from the Gaussian graphical
model (GGM)*

Description

Generates data given a partial correlation network. Data can be made ordinal by using a threshold
model with equally spaced thresholds.

Usage

```r
ggmGenerator(ordinal = FALSE, nLevels = 4, skewFactor = 1, type =
c("uniform", "random"), missing = 0)
```

Arguments

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IsingGenerator

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Description
Generates a function that simulates data from the Ising model

Usage
IsingGenerator(...)

Arguments
...  Arguments passed to IsingSampler

Value
A function with as first argument the sample size and as second argument a named list, with element graph encoding a weights matrix and element intercepts encoding thresholds.

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netSimulator

Description
This function can be used to run a simulation study on the performance of network estimation by varying sample size or any argument used as input to estimateNetwork. The purpose of this function is to provide a way to assess the required sample size given a network structure, as well as to easily perform simulation studies. By default, the function uses genGGM to simulate a chain graph or small-world network. See details for more information. The replicationSimulator function instead assesses how well a network based on a second independent sample would replicate the network based on the first independent sample.
Usage

netSimulator(
  input = genGGM(Nvar = 10),
  nCases = c(50, 100, 250, 500, 1000, 2500),
  nReps = 100,
  nCores = 1,
  default,
  dataGenerator,
  ...,
  moreArgs = list(),
  moreOutput = list())

replicationSimulator(
  input = genGGM(Nvar = 10),
  nCases = c(50, 100, 250, 500, 1000, 2500),
  nReps = 100,
  nCores = 1,
  default,
  dataGenerator,
  ...,
  moreArgs = list())

Arguments

input Either a weights matrix, a list containing elements graph (encoding the weights matrix) and intercepts (encoding the intercepts), or a function generating such objects. By default, genGGM is used to generate a Gaussian graphical model. However, it is recommended to replace this with a prior expected graph structure.

nCases The sample sizes to test for.

nReps Number of repetitions per sampling level.

nCores Number of cores to use. Set to more than 1 to use parallel computing.

default Default set used (see estimateNetwork). In most cases, this will set dataGenerator to the relevant generator.

dataGenerator A function that generates data. The first argument must be the sample size, the second argument must be the output of input. Can often be ignored if default is set.

moreArgs A named list of arguments to be used when estimating the network, but which should not be interpreted as different conditions. Use this argument to assign arguments that require vectors.

moreOutput List with functions that take the estimated weights matrix as first argument and the true weights matrix as second argument to produce some output.

... Arguments used by estimateNetwork to estimate the network structure. Providing a vector for any argument will simulate under each value. This way, any argument in estimateNetwork can be used in a simulation study.
**netSimulator**

**Details**

*any* argument to `estimateNetwork` can be used in a simulation study, with a vector (e.g., `rule = c("AND","OR")`) specifying that both conditions are tested. Adding too many conditions can quickly make any simulation study intractible, so only vary some arguments! The `dataGenerator` argument can be any function that generates data. Currently, only `ggmGenerator` and `IsingGenerator` are implemented in bootnet itself, which generates data given a Gaussian graphical model.

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**Examples**

```r
# 5-node GGM chain graph:
trueNetwork <- genGGM(5)

# Simulate:
Res <- netSimulator(trueNetwork, nReps = 10)

# Results:
Res

# Plot:
plot(Res)

## Not run:
library("bootnet")

# BFI example:
# Load data:
library("psychTools")
data(bfi)
bfiData <- bfi[,1:25]

# Estimate a network structure, with parameters refitted without LASSO regularization:
library("qgraph")
Network <- EBICglasso(cor_auto(bfiData), nrow(bfiData), refit = TRUE)

# Simulate 100 repetitions in 8 cores under different sampling levels:
Sim1 <- netSimulator(Network,
default = "EBIClasso",
nCases = c(100,250,500),
nReps = 100,
nCores = 8)

# Table of results:
Sim1

# Plot results:
plot(Sim1)

# Compare different default set at two sampling levels:
```

Sim2 <- netSimulator(Network,
    default = c("EBICglasso","pcor","huge"),
    nCases = c(100,250,500),
    nReps = 100,
    nCores = 8)

# Print results:
Sim2

# Plot results:
plot(Sim2, xfacet = "default", yvar = "correlation")

# Difference using polychoric or pearson correlations in ordinal data:
Sim3 <- netSimulator(Network,
    dataGenerator = ggmGenerator(ordinal = TRUE, nLevels = 4),
    default = "EBICglasso",
    corMethod = c("cor","cor_auto"),
    nCases = c(100,250, 500),
    nReps = 100,
    nCores = 8)

# Print results:
Sim3

# Plot results:
plot(Sim3, color = "corMethod")

# Ising model:
trueNetwork <- read.csv("http://sachaepskamp.com/files/weiadj.csv")[,-1]
trueNetwork <- as.matrix(trueNetwork)
Symptoms <- rownames(trueNetwork) <- colnames(trueNetwork)
Thresholds <- read.csv("http://sachaepskamp.com/files/thr.csv")[,-1]

# Create an input list (intercepts now needed)
input <- list(graph=trueNetwork,intercepts=Thresholds)

# Simulate under different sampling levels:
Sim4 <- netSimulator(
    input = input,
    default = "IsingFit",
    nCases = c(250,500,1000),
    nReps = 100,
    nCores = 8)

# Results:
Sim4

# Plot:
plot(Sim4)

# Compare AND and OR rule:
Sim5 <- netSimulator(
    input = input,
netSimulator and replicationSimulator methods

## S3 methods for class `netSimulator`

- `plot(x, xvar = "factor(nCases)", yvar = c("sensitivity", "specificity", "correlation"), xfacet = "measure", yfacet = ".", color = NULL, ylim = c(0, 1), print = TRUE, xlab = "Number of cases", ylab, outlier.size = 0.5, boxplot.lwd = 0.5, style = c("fancy", "basic"), ...)

- `print(x, digits = 2, ...)

- `summary(object, digits = 2, ...)

## S3 methods for class `replicationSimulator`

- `plot(x, yvar = c("correlation", "jaccard", "replicatedEdges", "replicatedZeroes"), ...)

- `print(x, digits = 2, ...)

- `summary(object, digits = 2, ...)

### Arguments

- `x` Output of `netSimulator`.

### Description

Plot, print and summary methods for `netSimulator` output.

### Usage

```
# S3 method for class 'netSimulator'
plot(x, xvar = "factor(nCases)", yvar = c("sensitivity", "specificity", "correlation"), xfacet = "measure", yfacet = ".", color = NULL, ylim = c(0, 1), print = TRUE, xlab = "Number of cases", ylab, outlier.size = 0.5, boxplot.lwd = 0.5, style = c("fancy", "basic"), ...)

# S3 method for class 'replicationSimulator'
plot(x, yvar = c("correlation", "jaccard", "replicatedEdges", "replicatedZeroes"), ...)
```

netSimulator and replicationSimulator methods

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**netSimulator S3 methods**

**Description**

Plot, print and summary methods for `netSimulator` output.

**Usage**

```
# S3 method for class 'netSimulator'
plot(x, xvar = "factor(nCases)", yvar = c("sensitivity", "specificity", "correlation"), xfacet = "measure", yfacet = ".", color = NULL, ylim = c(0, 1), print = TRUE, xlab = "Number of cases", ylab, outlier.size = 0.5, boxplot.lwd = 0.5, style = c("fancy", "basic"), ...)

# S3 method for class 'replicationSimulator'
plot(x, yvar = c("correlation", "jaccard", "replicatedEdges", "replicatedZeroes"), ...)
```

**Arguments**

- `x` Output of `netSimulator`.
null

## Description

This function simply returns NULL.

## Usage

```r
null(...)  
```

## Arguments

- `...` Anything

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## Examples

```r
null("Not NULL")  
```
plot.bootnet

Plots bootnet results

Description

This function can be used to plot bootnet results by plotting all bootstrapped statistics as line or by plotting confidence intervals.

Usage

```r
## S3 method for class 'bootnet'
plot(x, statistics, plot, graph, CIstyle = c("quantiles", "SE"), rank = FALSE, sampleColor = "darkred", samplelwd = 1, meanColor = "black", meanlwd = 0.5, bootColor = "black", bootAlpha = 0.01, bootlwd = 0.9, areaAlpha = 0.1, order = c("id", "sample", "mean"), decreasing = TRUE, perNode = FALSE, legendNcol = 2, labels = TRUE, legend = TRUE, subsetRange = c(100, 0), area = !perNode, alpha = 0.05, onlyNonZero = FALSE, differenceShowValue = TRUE, differenceEdgeColor = TRUE, verbose = TRUE, panels = TRUE, split0 = FALSE, prop0 = ifelse(split0, TRUE, FALSE), prop0_cex = 1, prop0_alpha = 0.8, prop0_minAlpha = 0.25, subset, ...)
```

Arguments

- `x`: A bootnet object
- `statistics`: The types of statistics to plot. Defaults to "edge" for regular bootstrap and c("strength", "outStrength") for node and person drop bootstrap. Use "all" to obtain all pairwise statistics tested for regular bootstraps and all nodewise statistics tested for person and node drop bootstraps.
- `plot`: Character string indicating what to plot. Can be "area" to produce a graph with the area indicating the confidence region, or "difference" producing a plot showing significant differences. Other options are "line" and "interval", which are currently unstable and not recommended to use.
- `graph`: If multiple graphs are estimated, which graph should be plotted? Currently used for default = "graphicalVAR" to plot a temporal network using graph = "temporal" or a contemporaneous network using graph = "contemporaneous".
- `CIstyle`: Style of CIs to construct. "SE" shows the sample statistic plus and minus two times the standard deviation of bootstraps, and "quantiles" the area between the 2.5th and 97.5th quantile. Defaults to "quantiles".
- `rank`: Logical, should plots show rank of statistics instead of statistics?
- `sampleColor`: Color of the original sample line
- `samplelwd`: Line width of the original sample line
bootColor  Color of the bootstrap lines
bootAlpha  Alpha of the bootstrap lines
bootlwd   Line width of the bootstrap lines
areaAlpha Alpha of the area
order   String indicating how to order nodes. "id" will order nodes based on their name, "mean" will order nodes based on the average bootstrapped value of the first statistic in statistics, and "sample" will order the nodes as done in "mean" but orders ties based on their sample value.
decreasing Logical indicating if the ordering is decreasing or increasing.
perNode Logical, should centrality estimates per node be plotted instead of correlation with original parameter. Only used in node and person drop bootstrap.
legendNcol Number of columns in the legend if perNode = TRUE.
labels Logical, should labels be plotted?
legend Logical, should the legend be plotted?
subsetRange Range in percentages of the x-axis in node and person drop plots.
area Logical, should the confidence area be plotted?
alpha Significance level used in plot = "difference".
onlyNonZero Logical used when plot = "difference", statistics = "edge", should only edges be included that were nonzero in the estimated network structure?
differenceShowValue Logical used when plot = "difference". Should values be shown in the diagonal of the difference plot?
differenceEdgeColor Logical used when plot = "difference", statistics = "edge". Should diagonal blocks be colored according to default edge colors?
verbose Should expected alpha be printed?
panels Logical, should panel titles be printed?
meanColor Color of the bootstrap means.
meanlwd Line width of the bootstrap means
split0 Logical. When set to TRUE, the displayed intervals are based on occasions when the parameter was not estimated to be zero, and an extra box is added indicating the number of times a parameter is estimated to be zero.
prop0 Logical, should boxes indicating the proportion of times parameters were estimated to be zero be added to the plot?
prop0_cex Size of the boxes indicating number of times a parameter was set to zero.
prop0_alpha Transparency of the boxes indicating number of times a parameter was set to zero.
prop0_minAlpha Minimal transparency of the *lines* of plotted intervals as the proportion of times an edge was not included goes to 0.
subset Vector indicating labels of nodes to include in the plot. This can be used to show, for example, only edges related to one particular node.
... Not used.
plot.bootnetResult

Description

Plots the graph using the qgraph package and the qgraph function. Defined as qgraph: 

\[
\text{plot.bootnetResult} \quad \quad \text{plot method for bootnetResult objects}
\]

Usage

```r
## S3 method for class 'bootnetResult'
plot(x, graph, weighted, signed, directed, labels, layout =
    "spring", parallelEdge = TRUE, cut = 0, theme =
    "colorblind", bootIncludeOverwrite = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

- **x** A bootnetResult object
- **graph** Numeric or string indicating which graph to plot. Only needed when multiple graphs are estimated. For example, when using default = "graphicalVAR", graph = "temporal" plots the temporal network and graph = "contemporaneous" plots the contemporaneous network.
- **weighted** Logical, should the analyzed network be weighted?
- **signed** Logical, should the analyzed network be signed?
- **directed** Logical, is the analyzed network directed? Usually does not have to be set and is detected automatically.
- **labels** Labels of the nodes. Defaults to the column names of the data if missing.
- **layout** Placement of the nodes. See qgraph. Always defaults to "spring".
- **parallelEdge** Should edges in directed networks be plotted parallel? See qgraph. Defaults to TRUE instead of FALSE (as in qgraph).
- **cut** Should scaling in width and saturation of edges be split? See qgraph. Defaults to 0 to disable cut (qgraph chooses a cutoff with at least 20 nodes).
- **theme** Theme of the edge and node colors. See qgraph. Defaults to "colorblind" rather than the default used in qgraph ("classic").
- **bootIncludeOverwrite** Logical. If TRUE, several plot defaults are overwritten when the input is the result of bootInclude (e.g., edge colors are set to black and white).
- **...** Arguments sent to qgraph.
print.bootnet  

Print method for bootnet and bootnetResult objects

Description
Prints a short overview of the results of bootnet

Usage
## S3 method for class 'bootnet'
print(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'bootnetResult'
print(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'bootnetResult'
summary(object, ...)

Arguments
x           A bootnet or bootnetResult object
object      A bootnetResult object
...         Not used.

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summary.bootnet  

Summarize bootnet results

Description
Creates a data frame (wrapped as tbl_df) containing summarized results of the bootstraps.

Usage
## S3 method for class 'bootnet'
summary(object, graph, statistics = c("edge", "intercept",
"strength", "closeness", "betweenness", "distance"),
perNode = FALSE, rank = FALSE, tol =
sqrt(.Machine$double.eps), ...)

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**summary.bootnet**

**Arguments**

- **object** A bootnet object
- **graph** Numeric or string indicating which graph to summarize. Only needed when multiple graphs are estimated. For example, when using default = "graphicalVAR", graph = "temporal" plots the temporal network and graph = "contemporaneous" plots the contemporaneous network.
- **statistics** The types of statistics to include in the summary table
- **perNode** Logical, should centrality estimates per node be plotted instead of correlation with original parameter. Only used in node and person drop bootstrap.
- **rank** Logical, should plots show rank of statistics instead of statistics?
- **tol** Tolerance level for assuming an edge is set to zero.
- **...** Not used.

**Value**

A tbl_df (data frame) containing summarized statistics.

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