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Description Can be used to simultaneously estimate networks (Gaussian Graphical Models) in data from different groups or classes via Joint Graphical Lasso. Tuning parameters are selected via information criteria (AIC / BIC / extended BIC) or cross validation.

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BootTable   *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 boostrapped 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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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")
```

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"),
                     nlambda1 = 100, lambda1.min.ratio = .01, logseql1 = TRUE,
                     nlambda2 = 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

Agruments 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.

XinputType   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 crossvaliaditon 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 crossvalidation 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 leve, 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 simultanously. 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 Grahical 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.

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 replicating the results of the analysis

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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 netwotk 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$AIC1 <- EstimateGroupNetwork(X = X, method = "InformationCriterion",
criterion = "aic", ncores = ncores)
# Using Akaike information criterion with count.unique option
recnets$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.

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

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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 intial 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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See Also

JGL, **qgraph**

Examples

```
## 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)

## 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
GroupBootPlot(boot_bfi_net, edges.x = "A1", edges.y = c("A2", "A3", "A4", "A5"),
          GroupNames = c("Females", "Males"), GroupNamesCheck = TRUE, legend.position = "top")


## End(Not run)
```

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