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as.data.frame.sparsebnData

*Convert a sparsebnData object back to a data.frame*

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**Description**

Convert a sparsebnData object back to a data.frame

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'sparsebnData'
as.data.frame(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x                    a [sparsebnData](#) object.  
 ...                  (optional) additional argument to `as.data.frame`.

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as.edgeList	<i>as.edgeList</i>
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**Description**

Methods for coercing other R objects to [edgeList](#) objects.

**Usage**

```
as.edgeList(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    A compatible R object.

**Value**

[edgeList](#)

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as.sparse	<i>as.sparse</i>
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**Description**

Methods for coercing other R objects to [sparse](#) objects.

**Usage**

```
as.sparse(x, index = "R", ...)
```

**Arguments**

x                    A compatible R object.  
 index                "R" or "C", depending on whether to use R- or C-style indexing.  
 ...                  other parameters.

**Value**

[sparse](#)

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coerce_discrete	<i>Recode discrete data</i>
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### Description

Recodes discrete data so that the levels correspond to  $0 \dots n-1$ , where  $n$  is the total number of levels in a discrete factor.

### Usage

```
coerce_discrete(x)

## S3 method for class 'factor'
coerce_discrete(x)

## S3 method for class 'numeric'
coerce_discrete(x)

## S3 method for class 'integer'
coerce_discrete(x)

## S3 method for class 'character'
coerce_discrete(x)

## S3 method for class 'data.frame'
coerce_discrete(x)

## S3 method for class 'sparsebnData'
coerce_discrete(x)
```

### Arguments

`x` an R object to coerce.

### Details

Assumes data is unordered. Ordered factors are not supported at this time.

### Examples

```
x <- 1:5
coerce_discrete(x) # output: 0 1 2 3 4

x <- c("high", "normal", "high", "low")
coerce_discrete(x) # output: 0 2 0 1
```

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count.interventions     *Count the number of rows under intervention*

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**Description**

Returns the number of rows with at least one intervention

**Usage**

```
count.interventions(data)
```

**Arguments**

data             a [sparsebnData](#) object.

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count.levels             *Count the number of levels per variable*

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**Description**

Returns the number of levels per variable as an ordered vector.

**Usage**

```
count.levels(data)
```

**Arguments**

data             a [sparsebnData](#) object.

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degrees             *Degree distribution of a graph*

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**Description**

Returns a `data.frame` with summary statistics on the total degree, in-degree, and out-degree of each node in the network.

**Usage**

```
degrees(x)
```

**Arguments**

x             an `edgeList` object

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edgeList

*edgeList class*


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### Description

Convenience wrapper class for a (column-major) edge list. Each component of the list corresponds to a node, and each component is an integer vector whose components are the parents of this node in the graph.

### Usage

```
is.edgeList(x)

## S3 method for class 'edgeList'
print(x, maxsize = 20, ...)

## S3 method for class 'edgeList'
summary(object, ...)

edgeList(x)
```

### Arguments

x	A list containing parents for each node in a graph. The length of this list should be the same as the number of nodes in the graph.
maxsize	Maximum number of nodes to print out. If <code>num.nodes(x) &gt; maxsize</code> , then a simple summary will be printed instead.
...	(optional) additional arguments.
object	an object of type <code>edgeList</code>

### Details

Also inherits from [list](#).

### Methods

[get.adjacency.matrix](#), [num.nodes](#), [num.edges](#)

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estimate.parameters     *Estimate the parameters of a Bayesian network*

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### Description

Given the structure of a Bayesian network, estimate the parameters (weights) using ordinary least squares (for Gaussian data) or logistic regression (for discrete data).

### Usage

```
estimate.parameters(fit, data, ...)
```

### Arguments

fit	fitted <a href="#">sparsebnFit</a> or <a href="#">sparsebnPath</a> object containing the Bayesian network structure to fit.
data	Data to use for fitting.
...	(optional) additional arguments to pass to <a href="#">lm</a> or <a href="#">glm</a> .

### Details

The low-level fitting methods are [fit\\_glm\\_dag](#) (for continuous data) and [fit\\_multinom\\_dag](#) (for discrete data).

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[fit\\_glm\\_dag](#)     *Inference in Bayesian networks*

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### Description

Basic computing engine called by [estimate.parameters](#) for fitting parameters in a Bayesian network. Should not be used directly unless by experienced users.

### Usage

```
fit_glm_dag(parents, dat, call = "lm.fit", ...)
```

### Arguments

parents	<a href="#">edgeList</a> object.
dat	Data.
call	Either "lm.fit" or "glm.fit".
...	If call = "glm.fit", specify family here. Also allows for other parameters to <a href="#">lm.fit</a> and <a href="#">glm.fit</a> .

### Details

Can call either [lm.fit](#) or [glm.fit](#), with any choice of family.

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fit_multinom_dag	<i>Inference in discrete Bayesian networks</i>
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### Description

Given the structure of a Bayesian network, estimate the parameters using multinomial logistic regression. For each node  $i$ , regress  $i$  onto its parents set using `multinom` in package `nnet`.

### Usage

```
fit_multinom_dag(parents, dat)
```

### Arguments

parents	An <code>edgeList</code> object.
dat	Data, a dataframe or matrix

### Value

A list with with one component for each node in the graph. Each node is a coefficient matrix for the parents of that node.

### Examples

```
### construct a random data set
x <- c(0,1,0,1,0)
y <- c(1,0,1,0,1)
z <- c(0,1,2,1,0)
a <- c(1,1,1,0,0)
b <- c(0,0,1,1,1)
dat <- data.frame(x, y, z, a, b)

### randomly construct an edgelist of a graph
nnode <- ncol(dat)
li <- vector("list", length = nnode)
li[[1]] <- c(2L,4L)
li[[2]] <- c(3L,4L,5L)
li[[3]] <- integer(0)
li[[4]] <- integer(0)
li[[5]] <- integer(0)
edgeL <- edgeList(li)

### run fit_multinom_dag
fit.multinom <- fit_multinom_dag(edgeL, dat)
```



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generate.lambdas      *generate.lambdas*

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### Description

Convenience function for creating a grid of lambdas.

### Usage

```
generate.lambdas(lambda.max, lambdas.ratio = 0.001,  
  lambdas.length = 50, scale = "linear")
```

### Arguments

lambda.max	Maximum value of lambda; in terms of the algorithm this is the initial value of the regularization parameter in the solution path.
lambdas.ratio	Ratio between the maximum lambda value and the minimum lambda value in the solution path.
lambdas.length	Number of values to include.
scale	Which scale to use: Either "linear" or "log".

### Details

See Section 5.3 of [Aragam and Zhou \(2015\)](#) for a discussion of regularization paths (also, solution paths).

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get.adjacency.matrix.edgeList  
    *get.adjacency.matrix*

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### Description

Extracts the adjacency matrix of the associated graph object.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'edgeList'  
get.adjacency.matrix(x)  
  
get.adjacency.matrix(x)  
  
## S3 method for class 'sparsebnFit'  
get.adjacency.matrix(x)  
  
## S3 method for class 'sparsebnPath'  
get.adjacency.matrix(x)
```

**Arguments**

x any R object.

**Value**

matrix

**Methods (by class)**

- `edgeList`: Convert internal `edgeList` representation to an adjacency matrix
- `sparsebnFit`: Retrieves edges slot and converts to an adjacency matrix
- `sparsebnPath`: Retrieves all edges slots in the solution path, converts to an adjacency matrix, and returns as a list

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<code>get.covariance</code>	<i>Covariance and precision matrices</i>
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**Description**

Methods for computing covariance and precision matrices given an estimated directed graph.

**Usage**

```
get.covariance(x, data, ...)
```

```
get.precision(x, data, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x fitted [sparsebnFit](#) or [sparsebnPath](#) object.  
data data as [sparsebnData](#) object.  
... (optional) additional parameters

**Details**

For Gaussian data, the precision matrix corresponds to an undirected graphical model for the distribution. This undirected graph can be tied to the corresponding directed graphical model; see Sections 2.1 and 2.2 (equation (6)) of Aragam and Zhou (2015) for more details.

**Value**

Covariance (or precision) matrix as [Matrix](#) object.

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<code>get.lambdas</code>	<i>get.lambdas</i>
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**Description**

Extracts the lambda values from a [sparsebnPath](#) object.

**Usage**

```
get.lambdas(x)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'sparsebnPath'  
get.lambdas(x)
```

**Arguments**

`x` a [sparsebnPath](#) object.

**Value**

Vector of numeric lambda values in fitted object.

**Methods (by class)**

- `sparsebnPath`: Returns a vector of lambda values defining the solution path of a [sparsebnPath](#) object.

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<code>get.nodes</code>	<i>get.nodes</i>
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**Description**

Returns the node names associated with a fitted object.

**Usage**

```
get.nodes(x)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'sparsebnFit'  
get.nodes(x)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'sparsebnPath'  
get.nodes(x)
```

**Arguments**

x a `sparsebnFit` or `sparsebnPath` object.

**Value**

Vector of character names.

**Methods (by class)**

- `sparsebnFit`: Returns the node names from a `sparsebnFit` object.
- `sparsebnPath`: Returns the node names from a `sparsebnPath` object.

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get.solution	<i>Select solutions from a solution path</i>
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**Description**

Choose solutions from a solution path based on number of edges, value of regularization parameter lambda, or index.

**Usage**

```
get.solution(x, edges, lambda, index)
```

**Arguments**

x a `sparsebnPath` object.

edges number of edges to search for.

lambda value of regularization parameter to search for.

index integer index to select.

**Details**

For edges (resp. lambda), the solution with the closest number of edges (resp. regularization parameter) is returned. If there is no match within a tolerance of 0.1 for lambda, nothing is returned. Fuzzy matching is not used for when selecting by index.

If there is more than one match (for example, by number of edges), then the first such estimate is returned. Note that `select(x, index = j)` is equivalent to (but slightly slower than) `x[[j]]`.

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is.obs	<i>Check if data is observational</i>
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**Description**

Returns TRUE if the data contains no interventions, i.e. is purely observational

**Usage**

```
is.obs(data)
```

**Arguments**

data            a [sparsebnData](#) object.

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is.zero.edgeList	<i>is.zero</i>
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**Description**

Determines whether or not the object is the same as the null or zero object from its class.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'edgeList'
is.zero(x)

is.zero(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                a fitted object.

**Value**

TRUE or FALSE.

**Methods (by class)**

- `edgeList`: Determines whether or not the object represents a null graph with no edges.

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num.edges.edgeList      *num.edges*

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### Description

Extracts the number of edges of the associated graph object.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'edgeList'  
num.edges(x)  
  
num.edges(x)  
  
## S3 method for class 'sparsebnFit'  
num.edges(x)  
  
## S3 method for class 'sparsebnPath'  
num.edges(x)
```

### Arguments

x                      a [sparsebnFit](#) or [sparsebnPath](#) object.

### Value

Number of edges as integer.

### Methods (by class)

- `edgeList`: Extracts the number of edges of [edgeList](#) object.
- `sparsebnFit`: Extracts the number of edges of [sparsebnFit](#) object.
- `sparsebnPath`: Extracts the number of edges of [sparsebnPath](#) object.

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num.nodes.edgeList      *num.nodes*

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### Description

Extracts the number of nodes of the associated graph object.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'edgeList'
num.nodes(x)

num.nodes(x)

## S3 method for class 'sparsebnFit'
num.nodes(x)

## S3 method for class 'sparsebnPath'
num.nodes(x)
```

**Arguments**

x a [sparsebnFit](#) or [sparsebnPath](#) object.

**Value**

Number of nodes as integer.

**Methods (by class)**

- `edgeList`: Extracts the number of nodes of [edgeList](#) object.
- `sparsebnFit`: Extracts the number of nodes of [sparsebnFit](#) object.
- `sparsebnPath`: Extracts the number of nodes of [sparsebnPath](#) object.

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num.samples

*num.samples*

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**Description**

Extracts the number of samples used to estimate the associated object.

**Usage**

```
num.samples(x)

## S3 method for class 'sparsebnData'
num.samples(x)

## S3 method for class 'sparsebnFit'
num.samples(x)

## S3 method for class 'sparsebnPath'
num.samples(x)
```

**Arguments**

x a [sparsebnFit](#) or [sparsebnPath](#) object.

**Value**

Number of samples as integer.

**Methods (by class)**

- [sparsebnData](#): Extracts the number of samples of [sparsebnData](#) object.
- [sparsebnFit](#): Extracts the number of samples of [sparsebnFit](#) object.
- [sparsebnPath](#): Extracts the number of samples of [sparsebnPath](#) object.

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openCytoscape	<i>Display graphs in Cytoscape</i>
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**Description**

NOTE: This method is currently experimental and under development!

**Usage**

```
openCytoscape(x, title, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x A [sparsebnFit](#) object or other graph object.

title A character string, this is the name you will see on the Cytoscape network window. Multiple windows with the same name are not permitted. See [createNetworkFromGraph](#) for more details.

... Other arguments to [createNetworkFromGraph](#).

**Details**

Displays the selected graph in the Cytoscape application. Note that this requires that Cytoscape is installed on the user's system, and that the RCy3 package is installed and properly configured. Cytoscape can be downloaded at <http://www.cytoscape.org/>.



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permutate.nodes	<i>Permute the order of nodes in a graph</i>
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**Description**

Randomize the order of the nodes in a graph.

**Usage**

```
permutate.nodes(x, perm = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

x	Graph as <code>edgeList</code> object.
perm	Permutation to use.

**Details**

Useful for obfuscating the topological sort in a DAG, which is often the default output of methods that generate a random DAG. Output is graph isomorphic to input.

**Value**

Permuted graph as `edgeList` object.

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pick_family	<i>Utility functions</i>
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**Description**

Various utility functions for packages in the sparsebn family

**Usage**

```
pick_family(x)
reIndexC(x)
reIndexR(x)
default_max_iters(numnode)
default_alpha()
check_if_matrix(m)
```

```
check_if_data_matrix(df)
check_if_complete_data(df)
check_if_numeric_data(df)
check_null(x)
check_na(x)
count_nas(df)
list_classes(li)
auto_generate_levels(df)
auto_count_levels(df)
check_list_class(li, check.class)
check_list_numeric(li)
check_list_names(li, check.names)
col_classes(X)
capitalize(string)
recode_levels(x)
convert_factor_to_discrete(x)
cor_vector_ivn(data, ivn = NULL)
pmatch_numeric(x, table, tol = 0.1)
zero_threshold()
```

**Arguments**

x	a compatible object.
numnode	integer number of nodes.
m	a matrix.
df	a data.frame.
li	a list.
check.class	character class name to compare against.

check.names	character names to compare against.
X	a matrix.
string	a character string.
data	a data.frame.
ivn	list of interventions (see <a href="#">sparsebnData</a> ).
table	table of values to compare against.
tol	maximum tolerance used for matching.

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plot.edgeList	<i>Plot a fitted Bayesian network object</i>
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### Description

Plots the graph object associated with the output of a learning algorithm.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'edgeList'
plot(x, ...)
```

### Arguments

x	fitted object to plot.
...	(optional) additional arguments to plotting mechanism.

### Details

plot.sparsebnFit uses some default settings to make large graphs easier to interpret, but these settings can be over-ridden.

### See Also

[setPlotPackage](#), [getPlotPackage](#)

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random.dag	<i>Generate random DAGs</i>
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**Description**

Generate a random DAG with fixed number of edges.

**Usage**

```
random.dag(nnode, nedge, FUN = NULL, permute = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

nnode	Number of nodes in the DAG.
nedge	Number of edges in the DAG.
FUN	Optional function to be used as a random number generator.
permute	If TRUE, order of nodes will be randomly permuted. If FALSE, output will be ordered according to its topological sort, i.e. with a lower-triangular adjacency matrix.

**Details**

FUN can be any function whose first argument is called n. This allows for both random and deterministic outputs.

**Value**

An (weighted) adjacency matrix.

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random.graph	<i>Generate random DAGs</i>
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**Description**

Generate a random graph with fixed number of edges.

**Usage**

```
random.graph(nnode, nedge, acyclic = TRUE, loops = FALSE,
  permute = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

nnode	Number of nodes in the graph.
nedge	Number of edges in the graph.
acyclic	If TRUE, output will be an acyclic graph.
loops	If TRUE, output may include self-loops.
permute	If TRUE, order of nodes will be randomly permuted. If FALSE, output will be ordered according to its topological sort, i.e. with a lower-triangular adjacency matrix.

**Value**

An `edgeList` object containing a list of parents for each node.

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random.spd	<i>Generate a random positive definite matrix</i>
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**Description**

Generate a random positive definite matrix

**Usage**

```
random.spd(nnode, eigenvalues = NULL, num.ortho = 10)
```

**Arguments**

nnode	Number of nodes in the matrix.
eigenvalues	Vector of eigenvalues desired in output. If this has fewer than nnode values, the remainder are filled in as zero.
num.ortho	Number of random Householder reflections to compose.

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resetGraphPackage	<i>Change data structure for representing graphs internally</i>
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**Description**

Changes the output of the main algorithms to be compatible with other packages in the R ecosystem.

**Usage**

```
resetGraphPackage(coerce = TRUE)

setGraphPackage(pkg, matchPlot = TRUE, coerce = FALSE)

getGraphPackage()
```

**Arguments**

coerce	If TRUE, then all <a href="#">sparsebnFit</a> and <a href="#">sparsebnPath</a> objects in the global environment will be coerced to be compatible with the selected package. This will overwrite your existing data.
pkg	The desired package; default value is NULL corresponding to <a href="#">edgeList</a> . Possible values are "sparsebn", "igraph", "graph", "bnlearn", and "network".
matchPlot	Force the underlying plotting mechanism to match the selected package (see <a href="#">setPlotPackage</a> ).

**Details**

sparsebn is compatible with four different data structures for representing graphs: [edgeList](#) (default), [graphNEL-class](#) (from the graph package), [igraph](#) (from the [igraph](#) package), and [network](#) (from [network-package](#)). [edgeList](#) is provided by default in sparsebn, however, the other three options require that extra packages are installed.

**Functions**

- [resetGraphPackage](#): Reset all data to default [edgeList](#) format and set graph package back to default "sparsebn".
- [getGraphPackage](#): Returns the current choice of graph package ( NULL corresponds to no selection)

**See Also**

[setPlotPackage](#), [getPlotPackage](#)

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select	<i>Select solutions from a solution path</i>
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**Description**

Choose solutions from a solution path based on number of edges, value of regularization parameter lambda, or index.

**Usage**

```
select(x, edges, lambda, index)
```

**Arguments**

x	a <a href="#">sparsebnPath</a> object.
edges	number of edges to search for.
lambda	value of regularization parameter to search for.
index	integer index to select.

## Details

For edges (resp.  $\lambda$ ), the solution with the closest number of edges (resp. regularization parameter) is returned. If there is no match within a tolerance of 0.1 for  $\lambda$ , nothing is returned. Fuzzy matching is not used for when selecting by index.

If there is more than one match (for example, by number of edges), then the first such estimate is returned. Note that `select(x, index = j)` is equivalent to (but slightly slower than) `x[[j]]`.

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<code>select.parameter</code>	<i>Tuning parameter selection</i>
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## Description

Choose the best DAG model according to the criterion described in [Fu and Zhou \(2013\)](#) (Section 3.4).

## Usage

```
select.parameter(x, data, type = "profile", alpha = 0.1)
```

## Arguments

<code>x</code>	<code>sparsebnPath</code> object.
<code>data</code>	<code>sparsebnData</code> containing the original data.
<code>type</code>	either "profile" or "full", default is profile.
<code>alpha</code>	tuning parameter for selection between 0.05 and 0.1, default is 0.5 (see equation (11) in <a href="#">Fu and Zhou (2013)</a> ).

## Details

A `sparsebnPath` object represents a *solution path* which depends on the regularization parameter  $\lambda$ . Model selection is usually based on an estimated prediction error, and commonly used model selection methods include the Bayesian information criterion (BIC) and cross-validation (CV) among others. It is well-known that these criteria tend to produce overly complex models in practice, so instead we employ an empirical model selection criterion that works well in practice. As  $\lambda$  is decreased and thus the model complexity increases, the log-likelihood of the estimated graph will increase. An increase in model complexity, which is represented by an increase in the total number of predicted edges, is desirable only if there is a substantial increase in the log-likelihood. In order to select an optimal parameter, this method computes successive difference ratios between the increase in log-likelihood and the increase in number of edges and balances these quantities appropriately. For specific details, please see Section 3.4 in [Fu and Zhou \(2013\)](#).

setPlotPackage

*Change default plotting mechanism*

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**Description**

Changes the default plotting mechanism used by sparsebn to plot output and fitted objects.

**Usage**

```
setPlotPackage(pkg)
```

```
getPlotPackage()
```

**Arguments**

pkg                    The desired package; default value is igraph.

**Details**

For plotting, sparsebn can use one of three packages: graph (see also Rgraphviz), [igraph](#) (see [plot.igraph](#)), and [network-package](#) (see [plot.network](#)). Note that plotting requires that (at least one of) these extra packages are installed.

**Functions**

- `getPlotPackage`: Returns the current choice of plotting mechanism

**See Also**

[setGraphPackage](#), [getGraphPackage](#)

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show.parents

*Inspect subgraph*

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**Description**

Print out the edge list corresponding to a subset of nodes in a graph. Useful for inspecting particular nodes of interest in a large graph. Out is indexed by children, with the parents of each node listed to the right of each child.

**Usage**

```
show.parents(x, nodes, nchar = 4)
```



**Arguments**

x	<a href="#">sparsebnFit</a> object.
nodes	character vector containing names of nodes to show.
nchar	integer indicating how many characters of each parent to show in printed output. Use this to control how the output appears on screen, larger numbers allow for longer node names but may present formatting issues for large graphs. Defaults to 4.

**Details**

Uses partial matching, duplicates are OK and will be duplicated in output.

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sparse	<i>sparse class</i>
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**Description**

Low-level representation of sparse matrices.

**Usage**

```
sparse(x, ...)
```

```
is.sparse(x)
```

**Arguments**

x	Various R objects.
...	(optional) additional arguments.

**Details**

An alternative data structure for storing sparse matrices in R using the (row, column, value) format. Internally it is stored as a list with three components, each vectors, that contain the rows / columns / values of the nonzero elements.

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sparsebn-messages      *Messages*

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### **Description**

Warning and error messages for use in the sparsebn family

### **Usage**

```
input_not_sparsebnData(data)
alg_input_data_frame()
has_missing_values(count)
invalid_pkg_specification()
pkg_not_installed(pkg)
global_coerce_warning(pkg)
feature_not_supported(feature)
invalid_class(actual, expected)
dag_summary(nnode, nedge)
empty_dag_summary(nnode)
data_not_numeric(indices)
invalid_type_input(types)
```

### **Arguments**

data	data object.
count	number of missing values.
pkg	package name.
feature	feature name.
actual	class input by user.
expected	class input expected by function.
nnode	number of nodes in a DAG.
nedge	number of edges in a DAG.
indices	invalid indices
types	valid input types

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sparsebnData      *sparsebnData class*

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## Description

This class stores data that may contain interventions on some or all of the observations. It also allows for the degenerate case with no interventions, i.e. purely observational data.

## Usage

```
sparsebnData(x, ...)  
  
is.sparsebnData(x)  
  
## S3 method for class 'data.frame'  
sparsebnData(x, type, levels = NULL, ivn = NULL,  
  ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'matrix'  
sparsebnData(x, type, levels = NULL, ivn = NULL, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'sparsebnData'  
print(x, n = 5L, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'sparsebnData'  
summary(object, n = 5L, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'sparsebnData'  
plot(x, ...)
```

## Arguments

x	a <a href="#">data.frame</a> or <a href="#">matrix</a> object.
...	(optional) additional arguments.
type	either 'discrete' or 'continuous'.
levels	(optional) <a href="#">list</a> of levels for each node. If omitted, levels will be automatically detected from <a href="#">unique</a> .
ivn	(optional) <a href="#">list</a> of interventions for each observation. If omitted, data is assumed to be purely observational.
n	(optional) number of rows from data matrix to print.
object	an object of type sparsebnData

## Details

The structure of a `sparsebnData` object is very simple: It contains a `data.frame` object, a type identifier (i.e. discrete or continuous), a list of factor levels, and a list of interventions.

- The `levels` list should be the same size as the number of nodes and consist of names of the different levels for each node. Each level should be coded to be from  $0 \dots k-1$  where  $k$  is the number of levels for a particular variable (see below for more).
- The `ivn` list should be the same size as the number of rows in the dataset, and each component indicates which column(s) in the dataset is (are) under intervention. If an observation has no interventions, then the corresponding component is `NULL`. Thus, if the data is purely observational, this list should contain only `NULL` values.

Presently, only levels coded as  $0, 1, \dots, k-1$  are supported ( $k$  = the number of levels for a variable). Future releases are planned to support more general factor levels. The level 0 corresponds to the baseline level or measurement.

Also inherits from `list`.

## Slots

`data` (`data.frame`) Dataset.

`type` (`character`) Type of data: Either "continuous", "discrete", or "mixed".

`levels` (`list`) List of levels for each column in data.

`ivn` (`list`) List of columns under intervention for each row in data.

## Methods

`print num.samples is.obs count.levels count.interventions as.data.frame`

## Examples

```
### Generate a random continuous dataset
mat <- matrix(rnorm(1000), nrow = 20)
dat <- sparsebnData(mat, type = "continuous") # purely observational data with continuous variables

### Discrete data
mat <- rbind(c(0,2,0),
            c(1,1,0),
            c(1,0,3),
            c(0,1,0))
dat.levels <- list(c(0,1), c(0,1,2), c(0,1,2,3))
dat <- sparsebnData(mat,
                  type = "discrete",
                  levels = dat.levels) # purely observational data with discrete variables

dat.ivn <- list(c(1), # first observation was intervened at node 1
              c(1), # second observation was intervened at node 1
              c(2,3), # third observation was intervened at nodes 2 and 3
              c(1,3)) # fourth observation was intervened at nodes 1 and 3
```

```

dat <- sparsebnData(mat,
                    type = "discrete",
                    levels = dat.levels,
                    ivn = dat.ivn) # specify intervention rows

```

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sparsebnFit	<i>sparsebnFit class</i>
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## Description

Main class for representing DAG estimates. Represents a single DAG estimate in a solution path.

## Usage

```

sparsebnFit(x)

is.sparsebnFit(x)

## S3 method for class 'sparsebnFit'
print(x, maxsize = 20, ...)

## S3 method for class 'sparsebnFit'
summary(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'sparsebnFit'
plot(x, ...)

```

## Arguments

x	A list or an object of type <code>sparsebnFit</code> . Should only be used internally.
maxsize	If the number of nodes in a graph is $\leq$ <code>maxsize</code> , then the entire graph is printed to screen, otherwise a short summary is displayed instead.
...	(optional) additional arguments.
object	an object of type <code>sparsebnFit</code>

## Details

This is the main class for storing and manipulating the output of `estimate.dag`. The main slot of interest is `edges`, which stores the graph as an `edgeList` object. If desired, this slot can be changed to hold a `graphNEL`, `igraph`, or `network` object if desired (see `setGraphPackage`). For anything beyond simply inspecting the graph, it is recommended to use one of these packages.

Since `edgeLists` do not contain information on the node names, the second slot `nodes` stores this information. The indices in `edges` are in one-to-one correspondence with the names in the `nodes` vector. The `lambda` slot stores the regularization parameter used to estimate the graph.

Other slots include `nedge`, for the number of edges; `pp`, for  $p$  = number of nodes; `nn`, for  $n$  = number of samples, and `time`, for the time in seconds needed to estimate this graph. Note that these slots are mainly for internal use, and in particular it is best to query the number of nodes via `num.nodes`, the number of edges via `num.edges`, and the number of samples via `num.samples`.

By default, only small graphs are printed, but this behaviour can be overridden via the `maxsize` argument to `print`. To view a list of parents for a specific subset of nodes, use `show.parents`.

Generally speaking, it should not be necessary to construct a `sparsebnFit` object manually. Furthermore, these estimates should always be wrapped up in a `sparsebnPath` object, but can be handled separately if desired (be careful!).

## Slots

`edges` (`edgeList`) Edge list of estimated DAG (see `edgeList`).

`nodes` (`character`) Vector of node names.

`lambda` (`numeric`) Value of lambda for this estimate.

`nedge` (`integer`) Number of edges in this estimate.

`pp` (`integer`) Number of nodes.

`nn` (`integer`) Number of observations this estimate was based on.

`time` (`numeric`) Time in seconds to generate this estimate.

## Methods

`get.adjacency.matrix`, `num.nodes`, `num.edges`, `num.samples`, `show.parents`

## Examples

```
## Not run:
### Learn the cytometry network
library(sparsebn)
data(cytometryContinuous) # from the sparsebn package
cyto.data <- sparsebnData(cytometryContinuous[["data"]], type = "continuous")
cyto.learn <- estimate.dag(cyto.data)

### Inspect the output
class(cyto.learn[[1]])
print(cyto.learn[[2]])
show.parents(cyto.learn[[1]], c("raf", "mek", "plc"))

### Manipulate a particular graph
cyto.fit <- cyto.learn[[7]]
num.nodes(cyto.fit)
num.edges(cyto.fit)
show.parents(cyto.fit, c("raf", "mek", "plc"))
plot(cyto.fit)

### Use graph package instead of edgeLists
setGraphPackage("graph", coerce = TRUE) # set sparsebn to use graph package
cyto.edges <- cyto.fit$edges
```

```

degree(cyto.edges)      # only available with graph package
isConnected(cyto.edges) # only available with graph package

## End(Not run)

```

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sparsebnPath      sparsebnPath class

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## Description

Convenience wrapper class for solution paths of DAG learning algorithms: This class represents an entire solution path of an algorithm. Its components are of type `sparsebnFit`. Also inherits from `list`.

## Usage

```

sparsebnPath(x)

is.sparsebnPath(x)

## S3 method for class 'sparsebnPath'
print(x, verbose = FALSE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'sparsebnPath'
summary(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'sparsebnPath'
plot(x, labels = FALSE, ...)

```

## Arguments

<code>x</code>	A list or an object of type <code>sparsebnPath</code> . Should only be used internally.
<code>verbose</code>	If TRUE, then each estimate in the solution path is printed separately. Do not use for large graphs or large solution paths. (default = FALSE)
<code>...</code>	(optional) additional arguments.
<code>object</code>	an object of type <code>sparsebnPath</code>
<code>labels</code>	TRUE or FALSE. Whether or not to print out labels with summary information for each plot in the solution path.

## Details

Each value of `lambda` in the (discrete) solution path corresponds to a single DAG estimate (see [Aragam and Zhou \(2015\)](#) for details). Internally, this estimate is represented by a `sparsebnFit` object. The full solution path is then represented as a `list` of `sparsebnFit` objects: This class is essentially a wrapper for this list.

Most methods for `sparsebnPath` objects simply apply `lapply` to the object in question. The exceptions to this rule apply when the output will always be the same for every component; e.g. `num.nodes` and `num.samples`.

## Methods

`get.adjacency.matrix`, `get.lambdas`, `num.nodes`, `num.edges`, `num.samples`

## Examples

```
## Not run:
### Learn the cytometry network
library(sparsebn)
data(cytometryContinuous) # from the sparsebn package
cyto.data <- sparsebnData(cytometryContinuous[["data"]], type = "continuous")
cyto.learn <- estimate.dag(cyto.data)

### Inspect the output
class(cyto.learn)
print(cyto.learn)
plot(cyto.learn)

## End(Not run)
```

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sparsebnUtils

*sparsebnUtils: Utilities for the sparsebn package.*

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## Description

A set of tools for representing and estimating sparse Bayesian networks from continuous and discrete data.

## Details

This package provides various S3 classes for making it easy to estimate graphical models from data:

- `sparsebnData` for managing experimental data with interventions.
- `sparsebnFit` for representing the output of a DAG learning algorithm.
- `sparsebnPath` for representing a solution path of estimates.

The package also provides methods for manipulating these objects and for estimating parameters in graphical models:

- `estimate.parameters` for directed graphs.
- `get.precision` for undirected graphs.
- `get.covariance` for covariance matrices.



Internally, all graph objects may be stored as [edgeLists](#) (default), or using [graphNEL](#), [igraph](#), [bnlearn](#), or [network](#) objects.

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specify.prior                      *Build a black list based on prior knowledge*

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### Description

Utility for specifying known root and leaf nodes in a network, to be used in conjunction with the [blacklist](#) argument of network estimation methods.

### Usage

```
specify.prior(roots = NULL, leaves = NULL, nodes, indices = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

roots	Vector of root nodes. May be character or integer.
leaves	Vector of leaf nodes. May be character or integer.
nodes	Full vector of node names of the entire network. Both roots and leaves must be a subset of this vector.
indices	Logical: Return indices or character names?

### Details

Builds an  $(m+k) \times 2$  matrix, where  $m$  is the number of user-specified root nodes and  $k$  is the number of user-specified leaf nodes.

- A *root* node is any node without any parents, i.e. with no incoming edges.
- A *leaf* node is any node without any children, i.e. with no outgoing edges.

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to\_bn                                      *Conversion between graph types*

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### Description

These methods convert graph objects (e.g. [edgeList](#)) and objects containing graph data (e.g. [sparsebnFit](#), [sparsebnPath](#)) to other formats including [igraph](#), [graphNEL](#), [network](#), and [bn-class](#).

Only graph objects are modified with these methods. For example, if the input is either [sparsebnFit](#) or [sparsebnPath](#), the output will still be a [sparsebnFit](#) or [sparsebnPath](#) object. Only the edges slots will be converted to a different graph type. This will be the case for the default output from [estimate.dag](#), so that metadata from the learning phase is not lost during conversion. If, on the other hand, the input is already an [edgeList](#), then the output will directly be a graph object.

**Usage**

```
to_bn(x)

to_graphNEL(x)

to_igraph(x)

to_network(x)
```

**Arguments**

x An object of type `sparsebnPath`, `sparsebnFit`, `edgeList`, `igraph`, `graphNEL`, `network`, or `bn-class`.

**Details**

`to_igraph` converts `sparsebn` objects to `igraph`-compatible objects.  
`to_graphNEL` converts `sparsebn` objects to `graphNEL`-compatible objects.  
`to_network` converts `sparsebn` objects to `network`-compatible objects.  
`to_bn` converts `sparsebn` objects to `bn-class`-compatible objects.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
### Learn the cytometry network
library(sparsebn)
data(cytometryContinuous)
cyto.data <- sparsebnData(cytometryContinuous[["data"]],
                        type = "continuous",
                        ivn = cytometryContinuous[["ivn"]])
cyto.learn <- estimate.dag(data = cyto.data)

### The output is a sparsebnPath object, which is a list of sparsebnFit objects
class(cyto.learn)
class(cyto.learn[[1]])

### Convert to igraph
cyto.igraph <- to_igraph(cyto.learn)
class(cyto.igraph) # not an igraph object!
class(cyto.igraph[[1]]$edges) # the graph data in the 'edges' slot is converted to igraph
gr <- cyto.igraph[[1]]$edges

### Different behaviour when input is already an edgeList
edgeL <- cyto.learn[[1]]$edges
gr <- to_igraph(edgeL) # input is edgeList, not sparsebnFit or sparsebnPath
class(gr) # igraph object

## End(Not run)
```

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to_edgeList	<i>Conversion to edgeList object</i>
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**Description**

to\_edgeList converts an object to an [edgeList](#) object. Works on both fitted objects and graphs themselves. In the first case, every underlying 'edges' component is converted to [edgeList](#). In the second, the conversion applies directly to the object.

**Usage**

```
to_edgeList(x)

## S3 method for class 'sparsebnFit'
to_edgeList(x)
```

**Arguments**

x An object of type [sparsebnPath](#), [sparsebnFit](#), [graphNEL-class](#), [igraph](#), or [network](#).

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