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Description

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hbm’s website: http://www.cl.cam.ac.uk/~ys388/hbm/

add.noise

Add Noise to a Symmetric Association Matrix

Description

add.noise adds noise to a symmetric association matrix, typically a chromatin contact map.

Usage

add.noise(m, ...)

Arguments

m a symmetric numeric association matrix, typically a chromatin contact map.
... additional parameters for jitter.
Value

add.noise returns a matrix of the same dimension as \( m \) but with noise added (see additional parameters for setting noise amount in \textit{jitter}).

Author(s)

Yoli Shavit

References

hbm's website: http://www.cl.cam.ac.uk/~ys388/hbm/

See Also

\texttt{hbm.features} to see how add.noise is used to estimate feature robustness in hierarchical block matrices

hbm to learn how to build hierarchical block matrices

hbm's tutorials at http://www.cl.cam.ac.uk/~ys388/hbm/

Examples

```r
set.seed(2)
n = 200 # chain size
c = generate.random.conf(n, sd = 0.5, scale = FALSE)
control = exp(-1*as.matrix(dist(conf)))
# add noise
c = add.noise(control, factor = 5)
```

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\texttt{communicability} \hspace{1cm} Compute Communicability between Nodes in an HBM

Description

\texttt{communicability} computes the scale communicability between nodes (rows) in a hierarchical block matrix \( hm \), generated with \texttt{hbm}.

Usage

\texttt{communicability(hm)}

Arguments

\texttt{hm} 

a hierarchical block matrix computed with \texttt{hbm}, with:

\( h_{m_{i,j}} \) = the minimal scale (iteration) at which \( i \) and \( j \) were clustered together, or 0 if \( i=j \)
communicability

Details

The communicability of an adjacency matrix $A$ can be expressed as $e^A$ (Estrada et al., 2012), so that the $i,j$-th entry is a weighted sum of all paths from $i$ to $j$, where shortest paths are assigned with larger weights. For a hierarchical block matrix, computed with `hbm`, each scale $s$ defines its own adjacency matrix, where all entries with values larger than $s$ are set to 0. The scale-communicability between 2 nodes $i$ and $j$ in this matrix is defined here as the mean communicability across scales (excluding the largest scale).

Value

`communicability` returns a matrix of the same dimensions as `hm`, where the $(i,j)$-th entry gives the scale-communicability between $i$ and $j$ in `hm`.

Author(s)

Yoli Shavit

References


hbm’s website: http://www.cl.cam.ac.uk/~ys388/hbm/

See Also

`hbm` to learn how to build hierarchical block matrices
hbm’s tutorials at http://www.cl.cam.ac.uk/~ys388/hbm/

Examples

```r
set.seed(2)
n = 100 # chain size
conf = generate.random.conf(n, scale = FALSE)

# compute the HBM
hm.control = hbm(exp(-1*as.matrix(dist(conf))), 2)$hm

# compute scale communicability
comm = communicability(hm.control)

# explore for position 50
plot(1:n, comm[50,], xlab = "Position", ylab = "Communicability",
main = "Communicability for Position 50", pch=16)

# plot in original configuration
cols = rep("black", n)
cols[which(comm[50,] > 100)] = "blue"
plot(conf, xlab = "X", ylab = "Y", type = "n")
text(conf, labels = 1:n, col = cols)
```
**detect.movement**

Detect Movements Between Association Matrices using their HBMs

**Description**

detect.movement takes a reference and a target association matrices, typically contact maps of chromosomes, and their hierarchical block matrices (computed with hbm) and detects movements between the reference and the target. A detected movement represents a disposition of node in a the reference, that gave rise to its new position in the target.

**Usage**

detect.movement(ref, target, ref.res, target.res,
    motion.prop.thresh = 0.75, siglevel = 0.05, verbose = FALSE)

**Arguments**

- **ref**
  the reference matrix. A numeric association matrix, typically a symmetric chromatin contact map.

- **target**
  the target matrix to be compared to ref. A numeric association matrix, typically a symmetric chromatin contact map.

- **ref.res**
  the result of calling hbm with ref.

- **target.res**
  the result of calling hbm with target.

- **motion.prop.thresh**
  numeric giving the threshold for detecting whether a region has moved based on the proportions of changed neighbors in its cluster.

- **siglevel**
  numeric giving the threshold for detecting a significant compactness/unfolding in a given cluster, set to 0.05 by default.

- **verbose**
  boolean indicating whether to print intermediate results.

**Details**

detect.movement iterates through the scales of the reference matrix (using its HBM) and through the clusters at each scale and test for movements in the target. For each cluster it further tests for significant differences in association probabilities and for changes in the neighbors of each node.

**Value**

detect.movement returns a numeric matrix, with the i,j-th entry taking one of the following values:
- 1 if i has moved away from j,
- 1 if i has moved towards j,
- 0 if there was no movement, and
- -0.5 and 0.5 for implicated away and towards movements, respectively.

**Author(s)**

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References

hbm’s website: http://www.cl.cam.ac.uk/~ys388/hbm/

See Also

get.movements to summarize the results of detect.movement

hbm to learn how to build hierarchical block matrices

hbm’s tutorials at http://www.cl.cam.ac.uk/~ys388/hbm/

Examples

set.seed(2)
n = 200 # chain size

# control configuration
conf = generate.random.conf(n, sd = 0.5, scale = FALSE)
# condition-1
conf.tr.1 = conf
conf.tr.1[99,] = conf.tr.1[77,]-0.5

# generate contact map-like matrices
control = exp(-1*as.matrix(dist(conf)))
tr.1 = exp(-1*as.matrix(dist(conf.tr.1)))

control.res = hbm(control, 2)
tr.1.res = hbm(tr.1, 2)
ml = detect.movement(control, tr.1, control.res, tr.1.res)
resm = get.movements(ml, control.res$hm)
resm

# compare with configuration
par(mfrow = c(1,2))
cols = rep("black", n)
cols[unique(resm$from)] = "green"
plot(conf, xlab = "X", ylab = "Y", type = 'n', main = "Control")
text(conf[,1:2], labels = 1:n, cex = 0.75, col = cols)
cols = rep("black", n)
cols[unique(resm$from)] = "green"
cols[resm$to[which(resm$type == 0.5)] = "pink"
cols[resm$to[which(resm$type == 1)] = "red"
cols[resm$to[which(resm$type == -0.5)] = "cyan"
cols[resm$to[which(resm$type == -1)] = "blue"
plot(conf.tr.1, xlab = "X", ylab = "Y", type = 'n', main = "Condition-1", col = cols)
text(conf.tr.1[,1:2], labels = 1:n, cex = 0.75, col = cols)
**generate.random.conf**

*Generate a Random Chain Configuration*

**Description**

`generate.random.conf` generates a random chain configuration following a random walk/giant loop model (Sachs et al., 1995).

**Usage**

```
generate.random.conf(n, k = 3, perturb = NULL, scale = T, mean = 0, sd = 1)
```

**Arguments**

- **n**
  - integer giving the chain length (number of beads in the chain).
- **k**
  - integer giving the space dimension, set to 3 by default.
- **perturb**
  - integer vector of nodes (indices) to perturb. This argument can be used to generate a configuration that deviates from the chain constraints of successive beads (nodes). Perturbation is achieved by sampling a new order for the beads to perturb and exchanging their coordinates in the original configuration accordingly. By default `perturb` is set to NULL indicating no perturbation should not be applied.
- **scale**
  - boolean indicating whether or not to scale the generated configuration, set to TRUE by default.
- **mean**
  - numeric giving the mean of differences distribution along each axis, set to 0 by default.
- **sd**
  - numeric giving the standard deviation of differences distribution along each axis, set to 1 by default.

**Details**

`generate.random.conf` aims to generate a chromosome-like chain of n beads (nodes), in a k-D Euclidean space (k=3 by default) that follows a random walk/giant loop model (Sachs et al., 1995). This is achieved by sampling the differences between successive beads’ coordinates from a normal distribution $N(\mu, \sigma)$ ($\mu = 0, \sigma = 1$, by default), across each axis (see examples in Hu et al., 2013 and Shavit et al., 2014). The configuration is scaled by default so that the distance between the first and last beads is approximately one unit. `generate.random.conf` can also be used to generate configurations that deviate from the chain constraints by perturbing beads.

**Value**

`generate.random.conf` returns a n x k matrix, giving the coordinates of n beads (nodes) in a k-d space.

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References


hbm’s website: http://www.cl.cam.ac.uk/~ys388/hbm/

See Also

hbm to learn how to build a hierarchical block matrix from a contact map of a random configuration. hbm’s tutorials at http://www.cl.cam.ac.uk/~ys388/hbm/

Examples

set.seed(2)
n = 100
conf = generate.random.conf(n, k = 2)
plot(conf, xlab = "x", ylab = "y")

conf = generate.random.conf(n, k = 2, scale = FALSE)
plot(conf, xlab = "x", ylab = "y")

get.movements

Summarize Detected Movements

Description

get.movements summarizes the results of detect.movement.

Usage

get.movements(movement, hm, features = NULL)

Arguments

movement numeric matrix computed with detect.movement.

hm a hierarchical block matrix computed with hbm, with:

hm_{i,j} = the minimal scale (iteration) at which i and j were clustered together, or 0 if i=j

features one or more feature matrices computed with hbm.features, used to indicate if the movement is detected within a robust feature. Set to NULL by default. When more than one matrix is provided features should be a list of matrices.
**Value**

`get.movements` returns a data frame with the following columns:

- **from**: the moving node,
- **to**: the node that **from** has moved towards or away from,
- **type**: one of the following values: (-1.0, 0.5, 0.5, 1) where -1 indicates **from** moved away from **to**, 1 indicates **from** moved towards **to**, and -0.5 and 0.5 indicate possible/implicated movements correspondingly,
- **scale**: the scale at which the movement was detected, and
- **robust** an optional column (when **features** is not NULL) with 1 for non-NA elements in the **features** matrix, and 0 otherwise.

**Author(s)**

Yoli Shavit

**References**


**See Also**

- `detect.movement` to see how changes between chains are detected
- hbm to learn how to build hierarchical block matrices

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**hbm**  
Build a Hierarchical Block Matrix (HBM)

**Description**

hbm builds a hierarchical block matrix from an association matrix, typically a symmetric chromatin contact map, by iteratively aggregating clusters.

**Usage**

```
hbm(m, infl=2, ...)  
```

**Arguments**

- **m**: a numeric association matrix, typically a chromatin contact map.
- **infl**: numeric giving the inflation parameter for `mcl`, set to 2 by default.
- **...**: additional parameters for `mcl`. 
Details

`hbm` iteratively applies Markov Clustering (by calling `mcl`). In the first iteration, clustering is applied on the input association matrix. The resulting clusters are used to generate a new association matrix to cluster, whose i,j-th entry gives the mean association between all the nodes in the i-th and j-th clusters found in the previous iteration. This is repeated until all clusters are aggregated to a single cluster or when clusters can no longer be aggregated together.

Value

`hbm` returns a list with the following objects:

- **hm**: The hierarchical block matrix, defined as:
  \[ h_{m_{i,j}} = \text{the minimal scale (iteration) at which } i \text{ and } j \text{ were clustered together, or } 0 \text{ if } i=j \]

- **scales**: a list of length `max(hm) - 1` whose k-th entry gives the list of clusters found at k-th scale (iteration).

Author(s)

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References

`hbm`'s website: http://www.cl.cam.ac.uk/~ys388/hbm/

See Also

- `mcl` for the implementation of Markov Clustering
- `detect.movement` to see how `hbm`'s results are used to detect movements
- `communicability` to see how `hbm`'s results are used to compute the communicability between different locations.
- `hierarchy` to see how `hbm`'s results are used to compute the hierarchy of the association matrix.
- `hbm`'s tutorials at http://www.cl.cam.ac.uk/~ys388/hbm/

Examples

```r
set.seed(2)
set.seed(2)
chains = c(1, 2, 3)
control = c(1, 2, 3)
res = hbm(control)
image(res$hm)
```
hbm.features computes the main features of a hierarchical block matrix.

Usage

hbm.features(m, noise.factor, ncores = 1, ref = NULL, ...)

Arguments

- **m**: a numeric association matrix, typically a chromatin contact map.
- **noise.factor**: numeric vector giving the noise factor to add with `add.noise` at each iteration. The length of this vector will determine the number of iterations.
- **ncores**: integer giving the number of cores to register and use. If this is larger than one, iterations will be executed in parallel.
- **ref**: hierarchical block matrix computed with `hbm` from `m`. If set to NULL this matrix will be computed as part of the execution of `hbm.features`.
- **...**: additional parameters for `hbm`.

Details

`hbm.features` adds noise to the given association matrix and executes `hbm` to generate a hierarchical block matrix. Repeating this for multiple iterations (with the same or different noise factor values) gives a mean hierarchical block matrix that can be compared with the matrix computed from the non-noisy association matrix.

Value

`hbm.features` returns a list with the following objects:

- **noisy.hm**: The average hierarchical block matrix. A numeric matrix whose i,j-th entry gives the mean scale at which i and j were found in the same cluster across `hbm` iterations.
- **features**: `noisy.hm` with entries set to NA when different from the entries in the original non-noisy hierarchical block matrix.
hierarchy

Description

hierarchy computes the hierarchy of a hierarchical block matrix computed with hbm.

Author(s)

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References

hbm’s website: http://www.cl.cam.ac.uk/~ys388/hbm/

See Also

add.noise to see how noise is added to matrices
hbm to learn how to build hierarchical block matrices
hbm’s tutorials at http://www.cl.cam.ac.uk/~ys388/hbm/

Examples

```r
set.seed(2)
n = 100 # chain size
# generate chain configuration (random walk/giant loop model)
conf = generate.random.conf(n, sd = 0.5, scale = FALSE)
# generate a contact map -like matrix using the model c ~ exp(-d)
control = exp(-1*as.matrix(dist(conf)))
noise = rep(10, 10)
res = hbm.features(control, noise, prune = TRUE, pruning.prob = 0.01)

m = res$features
image(t(m)[,nrow(m):1], axes = FALSE)
ats = seq(0,1,0.2)
lbls = as.character(n*ats)
axis(1, at= ats, labels = lbls, cex.axis = 0.8)
ats = seq(1,0,-1*0.2)
lbls = as.character(n*seq(0,1,0.2))
axis(2, at= ats, labels = lbls, cex.axis = 0.8)
```

```
Usage

hierarchy(hm)

Arguments

hm a hierarchical block matrix computed with hbm, with:

\( h_{m_{ij}} \) = the minimal scale (iteration) at which \( i \) and \( j \) were clustered together,
or 0 if \( i=j \)

Details

In a hierarchical matrix, computed with hbm, the behavior around the diagonal reflects the hierarchy of the association matrix. Specifically, for a hierarchical fractal-like structure we expect a non-decreasing series in the upper triangle of the matrix and a non-increasing series in the lower triangle. hierarchy counts the number of deviations from this behavior for each node: number of negative successive differences up to the diagonal and number of positive successive changes after the diagonal, and returns the negation of the mean number of changes across nodes.

Value

hierarchy returns a numeric value giving the hierarchy of the matrix.

Author(s)

Yoli Shavit

References

hbm’s website: http://www.cl.cam.ac.uk/~ys388/hbm/

See Also

generate.random.conf to see how to generate interesting chains
hbm learn how to build hierarchical block matrices
hbm’s tutorials at http://www.cl.cam.ac.uk/~ys388/hbm/

Examples

set.seed(2)

n = 100 # chain size
# generate configurations
conf = generate.random.conf(n, sd = 0.5, scale = FALSE)
# perturb the chain
conf.perturb.all = generate.random.conf(n, perturb = 1:n, sd = 0.5, scale = FALSE)
# and again with less perturbation
conf.perturb = generate.random.conf(n, perturb = 10:50, sd = 0.5, scale = FALSE)

# compute the HBMs
hm.control = hbm(exp(-1*as.matrix(dist(conf))), 2)$hm
hm.perturb.all = hbm(exp(-1*as.matrix(dist(conf.perturb.all))), 2)$hm
hm.perturb = hbm(exp(-1*as.matrix(dist(conf.perturb))), 2)$hm

h.control = hierarchy(hm.control)
h.perturb = hierarchy(hm.perturb)
h.perturb.all = hierarchy(hm.perturb.all)
h = c(h.control, h.perturb, h.perturb.all)

# plot
plot(1:3, h, pch = 19, cex = 2, axes = FALSE, ylab = "Chain Hierarchy", xlab = "Condition")
axis(1, at = 1:3, labels = c("Control", "Perturbed-Partial", "Perturbed-All"))
axis(2)

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mcl

Markov Clustering

Description

mcl implements the Markov Clustering algorithm (van Dongen, 2000) with a fixed expansion parameter (=2).

Usage

mcl(m, infl, iter = 1000, remove.self.loops = FALSE, prune = FALSE,
    thresh = 1e-06, pruning.prob = 1e-06, use.sparse = NULL, verbose = FALSE)

Arguments

m
    A numeric matrix, given as input to the Markov Clustering algorithm.
infl
    numeric. The inflation parameter for the Markov Clustering algorithm.
iter
    integer giving the maximal number of iterations for the Markov Clustering algorithm, set to 1000 be default (in practice the algorithm is shown to converge after 10-100 iterations).
remove.self.loops
    boolean indicating whether to remove self loops (i.e. set diagonal entries to 0), set to FALSE by default.
prune
    boolean indicating whether to prune small probabilities (i.e. set to 0) in the transition matrix, set to FALSE by default.
thresh
    a numeric giving the difference threshold below which the transition matrix is considered to have converged.
pruning.prob
    numeric giving the threshold below which pruning should be applied, when prune is TRUE. Set to 1e-06 be default.
use.sparse
    a boolean indicating whether to use sparse matrices. By default this value is set to NULL, so that sparse matrices are used only if the transition matrix is sparse enough to justify this representation (50% sparsity and above). When set to TRUE (FALSE), use.sparse will force (disable) the use of sparse matrices.
\textit{mcl}

\begin{verbatim}
verbose boolean indicating whether to print the number of iterations before convergence was achieved.
\end{verbatim}

\textbf{Details}

\textit{mcl} is called from \textit{hbm} to build a hierarchical block matrix from an association matrix, typically a chromatin contact map.

\textbf{Value}

\textit{mcl} returns a vector whose \textit{i}-th entry is the cluster identifier of the \textit{i}-th node, and two nodes are in the same cluster iff they have the same cluster identifier.

\textbf{Author(s)}

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\textbf{References}


\texttt{hbm}'s website: \url{http://www.cl.cam.ac.uk/~ys388/hbm/}

\textbf{See Also}

\texttt{hbm} to learn how to build hierarchical block matrices
\texttt{hbm}'s tutorials at \url{http://www.cl.cam.ac.uk/~ys388/hbm/}
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