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`aracne.a`*Algorithm for the Reconstruction of Accurate Cellular Networks*

Description

A function that implements the ARACNE algorithm for the reconstruction of gene interaction networks (additive model).

Usage

```
aracne.a(mi, eps=0.05)
```

Arguments

<code>mi</code>	matrix of the mutual information.
<code>eps</code>	a positive numeric value used to remove the weakest edge of each triple of nodes.

Details

This algorithm considers each triple of edges independently and removes the weakest one if

$$MI(i; j) < MI(j; k) - \varepsilon$$

and

$$MI(i; j) < MI(i; k) - \varepsilon$$

By default, the function uses all the available cores. You can set the actual number of threads used to N by exporting the environment variable `OMP_NUM_THREADS=N`.

Value

A square weighted adjacency matrix of the inferred network.

References

Adam A. Margolin, Ilya Nemenman, Katia Basso, Chris Wiggins, Gustavo Stolovitzky, Riccardo Dalla Favera, and Andrea Califano. *Aracne : An algorithm for the reconstruction of gene regulatory networks in a mammalian cellular context*. BMC Bioinformatics, 2006.

See Also

[aracne.m](#)
[clr](#)
[mrnet](#)

Examples

```
mat <- matrix(rnorm(1000), nrow=10)
mi  <- knnmi.all(mat)
grn <- aracne.a(mi, 0.05)
```

aracne.m

Algorithm for the Reconstruction of Accurate Cellular Networks

Description

A function that implements the ARACNE algorithm for the reconstruction of gene interaction networks (multiplicative model).

Usage

```
aracne.m(mi, tau=0.15)
```

Arguments

mi	matrix of the mutual information.
tau	a positive numeric value used to remove the weakest edge of each triple of nodes.

Details

This algorithm considers each triple of edges independently and removes the weakest one if

$$MI(i; j) < MI(j; k) * (1 - \tau)$$

and

$$MI(i; j) < MI(i; k) * (1 - \tau)$$

By default, the function uses all the available cores. You can set the actual number of threads used to N by exporting the environment variable OMP_NUM_THREADS=N.

Value

A square weighted adjacency matrix of the inferred network.

References

Adam A. Margolin, Ilya Nemenman, Katia Basso, Chris Wiggins, Gustavo Stolovitzky, Riccardo Dalla Favera, and Andrea Califano. *Aracne : An algorithm for the reconstruction of gene regulatory networks in a mammalian cellular context*. BMC Bioinformatics, 2006.

See Also[aracne.a](#)[clr](#)[mrnet](#)**Examples**

```
mat <- matrix(rnorm(1000), nrow=10)
mi  <- knnmi.all(mat)
grn <- aracne.m(mi, 0.15)
```

clr

Context Likelihood or Relatedness Network

Description

A function that infers the interaction network using the CLR algorithm.

Usage

```
clr(mi)
```

Arguments

mi matrix of the mutual information.

Details

CLR computes the score

$$\sqrt{z_i^2 + z_j^2}$$

for each pair of variables i, j , where

$$z_i = \max(0, (I(X_i; X_j) - \text{mean}(X_i)) / \text{sd}(X_i))$$

and $\text{mean}(X_i)$ and $\text{sd}(X_i)$ are the mean and the standard deviation of the mutual information values $I(X_i; X_k)$ for all $k = 1, \dots, n$.

By default, the function uses all the available cores. You can set the actual number of threads used to N by exporting the environment variable OMP_NUM_THREADS=N.

Value

A square weighted adjacency matrix of the inferred network.

References

Jeremiah J. Faith, Boris Hayete, Joshua T. Thaden, Ilaria Mogno, Jamey Wierzbowski, Guillaume Cottarel, Simon Kasif, James J. Collins, and Timothy S. Gardner. *Large-scale mapping and validation of escherichia coli transcriptional regulation from a compendium of expression profiles*. PLoS Biology, 2007.

See Also

[aracne.a](#)

[aracne.m](#)

[mrnet](#)

Examples

```
mat <- matrix(rnorm(1000), nrow=10)
mi  <- knnmi.all(mat)
grn <- clr(mi)
```

knnmi

Parallel Mutual Information Estimation

Description

A function to perform a parallel estimation of the mutual information of vectors x and y using entropy estimates from K -nearest neighbor distances.

Usage

```
knnmi(x, y, k=3, noise=1e-12)
```

Arguments

x	a numeric vector.
y	a numeric vector with the same length of x .
k	the number of nearest neighbors to be considered to estimate the mutual information. Must be less than the number of elements of x .
noise	the magnitude of the random noise added to break ties.

Details

The function adds a small random noise to the data in order to break ties due to limited numerical precision.

By default, the function uses all available cores. You can set the actual number of threads used to N by exporting the environment variable `OMP_NUM_THREADS=N`.

References

Kraskov, Alexander and Stogbauer, Harald and Grassberger, Peter. *Estimating mutual information*. Phys. Rev. E, 2004.

See Also

[knnmi.cross](#)

[knnmi.all](#)

Examples

```
x <- rnorm(100)
y <- rnorm(100)
knnmi(x, y, 5)
```

knnmi.all

Parallel Mutual Information Estimation Between All Matrix Rows

Description

A function that computes the mutual information between all pairs of rows of matrix `mat` using entropy estimates from K-nearest neighbor distances.

Usage

```
knnmi.all(mat, k=3, noise=1e-12)
```

Arguments

<code>mat</code>	a numeric matrix (for the reconstruction of gene regulatory networks, genes on rows and samples on columns).
<code>k</code>	the number of nearest neighbors to consider to estimate the mutual information. Must be less than the number of columns of <code>mat</code> .
<code>noise</code>	the magnitude of the random noise added to break ties.

Details

The function adds a small random noise to the data in order to break ties due to limited numerical precision.

By default, the function uses all the available cores. You can set the actual number of threads used to `N` by exporting the environment variable `OMP_NUM_THREADS=N`.

References

Kraskov, Alexander and Stogbauer, Harald and Grassberger, Peter. *Estimating mutual information*. Phys. Rev. E, 2004.

See Also

[knnmi](#)
[knnmi.cross](#)

Examples

```
mat <- matrix(rnorm(1000), nrow=10)
knnmi.all(mat, 5)
```

knnmi.cross	<i>Parallel Mutual Information Estimation Between the Rows of Two Matrices</i>
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Description

A function that estimates the mutual information between all pairs of rows of matrices `mat1` and `mat2` using entropy estimates from K-nearest neighbor distances.

Usage

```
knnmi.cross(mat1, mat2, k=3, noise=1e-12)
```

Arguments

<code>mat1</code>	a numeric matrix (for the reconstruction of gene regulatory networks, genes on rows and samples on columns).
<code>mat2</code>	a numeric matrix with the same number of columns as <code>mat1</code> .
<code>k</code>	the number of nearest neighbors to consider to estimate the mutual information. Must be less than the number of columns of <code>mat1</code> .
<code>noise</code>	the magnitude of the random noise added to break ties.

Details

The function adds a small random noise to the data in order to break ties due to limited numerical precision.

By default, the function uses all the available cores. You can set the actual number of threads used to `N` by exporting the environment variable `OMP_NUM_THREADS=N`.

References

Kraskov, Alexander and Stogbauer, Harald and Grassberger, Peter. *Estimating mutual information*. Phys. Rev. E, 2004.

See Also

[knnmi](#)
[knnmi.all](#)

Examples

```
mat1 <- matrix(rnorm(1000), nrow=10)
mat2 <- matrix(rnorm(1000), nrow=10)
knnmi.cross(mat1, mat2, 5)
```

mrnet

Maximum Relevance Minimum Redundancy

Description

A function that infers the interaction network using the MRNET algorithm.

Usage

```
mrnet(mi)
```

Arguments

mi matrix of the mutual information.

Details

The MRNET approach starts by selecting the variable X_i having the highest mutual information with the target Y.

Then, it repeatedly enlarges the set of selected variables S by taking the X_k that maximizes

$$I(X_k; Y) - \text{mean}(I(X_k; X_i))$$

for all X_i already in S .

The procedure stops when the score becomes negative.

By default, the function uses all the available cores. You can set the actual number of threads used to N by exporting the environment variable OMP_NUM_THREADS=N.

Value

A square weighted adjacency matrix of the inferred network.

References

H. Peng, F.long and C.Ding. *Feature selection based on mutual information: Criteria of max-dependency, max relevance and min redundancy*. IEEE transaction on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence, 2005.

See Also[aracne.a](#)[aracne.m](#)[clr](#)**Examples**

```
mat <- matrix(rnorm(1000), nrow=10)
mi  <- knnmi.all(mat)
grn <- mrnet(mi)
```

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