

Package ‘ripserr’

July 23, 2025

Title Calculate Persistent Homology with Ripser-Based Engines

Version 1.0.0

Description Ports the Ripser <[doi:10.48550/arXiv.1908.02518](https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.1908.02518)> and Cubical Ripser <[doi:10.48550/arXiv.2005.12692](https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2005.12692)> persistent homology calculation engines from C++. Can be used as a rapid calculation tool in topological data analysis pipelines.

License GPL-3

Encoding UTF-8

LazyData true

RoxygenNote 7.3.2

URL <https://github.com/tdaverse/ripserr/>

BugReports <https://github.com/tdaverse/ripserr/issues>

LinkingTo Rcpp

Depends R (>= 3.5.0)

Imports Rcpp (>= 1.0), stats (>= 3.0), utils (>= 3.0)

Suggests covr (>= 3.5), knitr (>= 1.29), rmarkdown (>= 2.3), testthat (>= 2.3), lmtest

VignetteBuilder knitr

NeedsCompilation yes

Author Raoul R. Wadhwa [aut] (ORCID: <<https://orcid.org/0000-0003-0503-9580>>),
Matt Piekenbrock [aut],
Jason Cory Brunson [aut, cre] (ORCID:
<<https://orcid.org/0000-0003-3126-9494>>),
Xinyi Zhang [aut],
Alice Zhang [aut] (ORCID: <<https://orcid.org/0009-0001-3584-5869>>),
Kent Phipps [aut],
Sean Hershkowitz [aut],
Emily Noble [ctb],
Aymeric Stamm [ctb] (ORCID: <<https://orcid.org/0000-0002-8725-3654>>),
Aidan Bryant [ctb],

James Golabek [ctb],
Jacob G. Scott [ldr] (ORCID: <<https://orcid.org/0000-0003-2971-7673>>),
Ulrich Bauer [cph, ctb] (Ripser; MIT license),
Takeki Sudo [cph, ctb] (Cubical Ripser; GPL-3 license),
Kazushi Ahara [cph, ctb] (Cubical Ripser; GPL-3 license)

Maintainer Jason Cory Brunson <cornelioid@gmail.com>

Repository CRAN

Date/Publication 2025-06-27 19:10:02 UTC

Contents

aegypti	2
as.PHom	3
blackholes	4
case_predictors	5
cubical	6
head.PHom	7
is.PHom	8
PHom	8
print.PHom	9
ripserr	10
tail.PHom	11
victoris_rips	11

Index	14
--------------	-----------

aegypti	<i>Aedes aegypti</i> occurrences in Brazil in 2013
---------	--

Description

A geographic dataset of known occurrences of *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes in Brazil, derived from peer-reviewed and unpublished literature and reverse-geocoded to states.

Usage

aegypti

Format

- A [tibble](#) of 4411 observations and 13 variables:
- vector** species identification (*aegypti* versus *albopictus*)
 - occurrence_id** unique occurrence identifier
 - source_type** published versus unpublished, with reference identifier
 - location_type** point or polygon location

polygon_admin admin level or polygon size; -999 for point locations
y latitudinal coordinate of point or polygon centroid
x longitudinal coordinate of point or polygon centroid
status established versus transient population
state_name name of reverse-geolocated state
state_code two-letter state code

Source

[doi:10.5061/dryad.47v3c](https://doi.org/10.5061/dryad.47v3c)

Examples

```
# calculate persistence data for occurrences in Acre
acre_coord <- aegypti[aegypti$state_code == "AC", c("x", "y"), drop = FALSE]
acre_rips <- vietoris_rips(acre_coord)
plot.new()
xymax <- max(setdiff(acre_rips$death, Inf))
plot.window(
  xlim = c(0, xymax),
  ylim = c(0, xymax),
  asp = 1
)
axis(1L)
axis(2L)
abline(a = 0, b = 1)
points(acre_rips[acre_rips$dim == 0L, c("birth", "death")], pch = 16L)
points(acre_rips[acre_rips$dim == 1L, c("birth", "death")], pch = 17L)
```

as.PHom

Convert to PHom Object

Description

Converts valid objects to PHom instances.

Usage

```
as.PHom(x, dim_col = 1, birth_col = 2, death_col = 3)
```

Arguments

x	object being converted to PHom instance
dim_col	either integer representing column index for feature dimension data or character representing column name
birth_col	either integer representing column index for feature birth data or character representing column name
death_col	either integer representing column index for feature death data or character representing column name

Value

PHom instance

Examples

```
# construct data frame with valid persistence data
df <- data.frame(dimension = c(0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 2),
                 birth = rnorm(6),
                 death = rnorm(6, mean = 15))

# convert to `PHom` instance and print
df_phom <- as.PHom(df)
df_phom

# print feature details to confirm accuracy
print.data.frame(df_phom)
```

blackholes

Images of black holes: Sagettarius A and Pōwehi*

Description

These data sets contain grayscale bitmaps of black holes Sagettarius A* and Pōwehi (the unofficial name of Messier 87's black hole). `sagAstar` contains a 240x240 matrix with a spatial scale of approximately 1.3 million km per cell (calculated by dividing the length of the shadow by the number of cells it covers in the image: 50 million km / 38). `powehi` contains a 250x250 matrix of Pōwehi with a spatial scale of approximately 800 million km per cell (calculated the same way as above: 40 billion km / 50).

Format

A 240x240 and 250x250 matrix containing cells evaluated between 0 and 1.

Source

https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Black_hole_-_Messier_87_crop_max_res.jpg
https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:EHT_Saggitarius_A_black_hole.tif <https://mtsch.github.io/Ripserer.jl/v0.10/generated/sublevelset/>

Image Processing Details

For both images we used the same process as follows. First, we obtained our images from [Wikimedia Commons: Sagittarius A*](#) [Wikimedia Commons: Pōwehi](#). We then utilize **magick** to convert the images from RGB to grayscale using the default "perceptually-weighted" conversion. Next we acquired the raw 3D arrays, converted the data type to numerical, and dropped the singleton channel dimension. We then transposed the matrices and vertically flipped it to align with how **graphics** reads matrices.

Examples

```

image(powehi,
  col = hcl.colors(256, palette = "inferno", alpha = NULL, rev = FALSE,
    fixup = TRUE), axes = FALSE, asp = 1)
title(main = "Messier 87's Black Hole: Powehi")

# based on the image, we expect one especially prominent
# persistent feature in 1D
ph <- cubical(powehi)

plot.new()
plot.window(
  xlim = c(0, max(ph$death)),
  ylim = c(0, max(ph$death)),
  asp = 1
)
axis(1L)
axis(2L)
abline(a = 0, b = 1)
points(ph[ph$dim == 1L, c("birth", "death")], pch = 17L, col = "orange")

```

case_predictors

*State-level predictors of mosquito-borne illness in Brazil***Description**

A data set of numbers of cases of Dengue in each state of Brazil in 2013 and three state-level variables used in a predictive model.

Usage

```
case_predictors
```

Format

A data frame of 27 observations and 4 variables:

POP state population in 2013

TEMP average temperature across state municipalities

PRECIP average precipitation across state municipalities

CASE number of state Dengue cases in 2013

Source

<https://web.archive.org/web/20210209122713/https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/boletins-epidemiologicos-1/por-assunto>, <http://www.ipeadata.gov.br/Default.aspx>,
https://ftp.ibge.gov.br/Estimativas_de_Populacao/, <https://www.ibge.Goiasv.br/geociencias/organizacao>

Data pre-processing: After acquiring data from above links, we converted any dataset embedded in PDF format to CSV. Using carried functionalities in the CSV file, we sorted all datasets alphabetically based on state names to make later iterations more convenient. Also, we calculated the annual average temperature and added to the original dataset where it was documented by quarter.

cubical

Calculating Persistent Homology via a Cubical Complex

Description

This function is an R wrapper for the CubicalRipser C++ library to calculate persistent homology. For more information on the C++ library, see <https://github.com/CubicalRipser>. For more information on how objects of different classes are evaluated by cubical, read the Details section below.

Usage

```
cubical(dataset, ...)

## S3 method for class 'array'
cubical(dataset, threshold = 9999, method = "lj", ...)

## S3 method for class 'matrix'
cubical(dataset, ...)
```

Arguments

dataset	object on which to calculate persistent homology
...	other relevant parameters
threshold	maximum simplicial complex diameter to explore
method	either "lj" (for Link Join) or "cp" (for Compute Pairs); see Kaji et al. (2020) https://arxiv.org/abs/2005.12692 for details

Details

cubical.array assumes dataset is a lattice, with each element containing the value of the lattice at the point represented by the indices of the element in the array.

cubical.matrix is redundant for versions of R at or after 4.0. For previous versions of R, in which objects with class matrix do not necessarily also have class array, dataset is converted to an array and persistent homology is then calculated using cubical.array.

Value

PHom object

Examples

```
# 2-dim example
dataset <- rnorm(10 ^ 2)
dim(dataset) <- rep(10, 2)
cubical_hom2 <- cubical(dataset)

# 3-dim example
dataset <- rnorm(8 ^ 3)
dim(dataset) <- rep(8, 3)
cubical_hom3 <- cubical(dataset)

# 4-dim example
dataset <- rnorm(5 ^ 4)
dim(dataset) <- rep(5, 4)
```

head.PHom	<i>First Part of PHom Object</i>
-----------	----------------------------------

Description

Returns the first part of a PHom instance.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'PHom'
head(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x	object of class PHom
...	other parameters

Examples

```
# create sample persistence data
df <- data.frame(dimension = c(0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 2),
                 birth = rnorm(6),
                 death = rnorm(6, mean = 15))
df_phom <- as.PHom(df)

# look at first 3 features
head(df_phom)

# look at last 3 features
tail(df_phom)
```

is.PHom

Check PHom Object

Description

Tests if objects are valid PHom instances.

Usage

```
is.PHom(x)
```

Arguments

x object whose PHom-ness is being tested

Value

TRUE if x is a valid PHom object; FALSE otherwise

Examples

```
# create sample persistence data
df <- data.frame(dimension = c(0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 2),
                 birth = rnorm(6),
                 death = rnorm(6, mean = 15))
df <- as.PHom(df)

# confirm that persistence data is valid
is.PHom(df)

# mess up df object (feature birth cannot be after death)
df$birth[1] <- rnorm(1, mean = 50)

# confirm that persistence data is NOT valid
is.PHom(df)
```

PHom

Persistence Data Container

Description

PHom() creates instances of PHom objects, which are convenient containers for persistence data. Generally, data frame (or similar) objects are used to create PHom instances with users specifying which columns contain dimension, birth, and death details for each feature.

Usage

```
PHom(x, dim_col = 1, birth_col = 2, death_col = 3)
```

Arguments

x	object used to create PHom instance
dim_col	either integer representing column index for feature dimension data or character representing column name
birth_col	either integer representing column index for feature birth data or character representing column name
death_col	either integer representing column index for feature death data or character representing column name

Value

PHom instance

Examples

```
# construct data frame with valid persistence data
df <- data.frame(dimension = c(0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 2),
                 birth = rnorm(6),
                 death = rnorm(6, mean = 15))

# create `PHom` instance and print
df_phom <- PHom(df)
df_phom

# print feature details to confirm accuracy
print.data.frame(df_phom)
```

print.PHom

Printing Persistence Data

Description

Print a PHom object.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'PHom'
print(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x	object of class PHom
...	other parameters; ignored

Examples

```
# create circle dataset
angles <- runif(25, 0, 2 * pi)
circle <- cbind(cos(angles), sin(angles))

# calculate persistent homology
circle_phom <- vietoris_rips(circle)

# print persistence data
print(circle_phom)
```

ripserr

Calculate Persistent Homology with Ripser-Based Engines

Description

Ports Ripser-based persistent homology calculation engines from C++ to R using the Rcpp package.

Author(s)

Maintainer: Jason Cory Brunson <cornelioid@gmail.com> ([ORCID](#))

Authors:

- Raoul Wadhwa <raoulwadhwa@gmail.com> ([ORCID](#))
- Matt Piekenbrock <matt.piekenbrock@gmail.com>
- Xinyi Zhang <ezhang0927@gmail.com>
- Alice Zhang <aliscezhang@gmail.com> ([ORCID](#))
- Kent Phipps
- Sean Hershkowitz <Sea7777.hers@gmail.com>

Other contributors:

- Emily Noble [contributor]
- Aymeric Stamm <aymeric.stamm@cnrs.fr> ([ORCID](#)) [contributor]
- Aidan Bryant <bryant.aidan15@gmail.com> [contributor]
- James Golabek <jamesgolabek@gmail.com> [contributor]
- Jacob Scott ([ORCID](#)) [laboratory director]
- Ulrich Bauer (Ripser; MIT license) [copyright holder, contributor]
- Takeki Sudo (Cubical Ripser; GPL-3 license) [copyright holder, contributor]
- Kazushi Ahara (Cubical Ripser; GPL-3 license) [copyright holder, contributor]

See Also

Useful links:

- <https://github.com/tdaverse/ripserr/>
- Report bugs at <https://github.com/tdaverse/ripserr/issues>

tail.PHom	<i>Last Part of PHom Object</i>
-----------	---------------------------------

Description

Returns the last part of a PHom instance.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'PHom'
tail(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x	object of class PHom
...	other parameters

Examples

```
# create sample persistence data
df <- data.frame(dimension = c(0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 2),
                 birth = rnorm(6),
                 death = rnorm(6, mean = 15))
df_phom <- as.PHom(df)

# look at first 3 features
head(df_phom)

# look at last 3 features
tail(df_phom)
```

vietoris_rips	<i>Calculate Persistent Homology via a Vietoris-Rips Complex</i>
---------------	--

Description

This function is an R wrapper for the Ripser C++ library to calculate persistent homology. For more information on the C++ library, see <https://github.com/Ripser/ripser>. For more information on how objects of different classes are evaluated by vietoris_rips, read the Details section below.

Usage

```

vietoris_rips(dataset, ...)

## S3 method for class 'data.frame'
vietoris_rips(dataset, ...)

## S3 method for class 'matrix'
vietoris_rips(dataset, max_dim = 1L, threshold = -1, p = 2L, dim = NULL, ...)

## S3 method for class 'dist'
vietoris_rips(dataset, max_dim = 1L, threshold = -1, p = 2L, dim = NULL, ...)

## S3 method for class 'numeric'
vietoris_rips(
  dataset,
  data_dim = 2L,
  dim_lag = 1L,
  sample_lag = 1L,
  method = "qa",
  ...
)

## S3 method for class 'ts'
vietoris_rips(dataset, ...)

## Default S3 method:
vietoris_rips(dataset, ...)

```

Arguments

dataset	object on which to calculate persistent homology
...	other relevant parameters
max_dim	maximum dimension of persistent homology features to be calculated
threshold	maximum simplicial complex diameter to explore
p	prime field in which to calculate persistent homology
dim	deprecated; passed to max_dim or ignored if max_dim is specified
data_dim	desired end data dimension
dim_lag	time series lag factor between dimensions
sample_lag	time series lag factor between samples (rows)
method	currently only allows "qa" (quasi-attractor method)

Details

`vietoris_rips.data.frame` assumes `dataset` is a point cloud, with each row representing a point and each column representing a dimension.

`vietoris_rips.matrix` currently assumes dataset is a point cloud (similar to `vietoris_rips.data.frame`). Currently in the process of adding network representation to this method.

`vietoris_rips.dist` takes a `dist` object and calculates persistent homology based on pairwise distances. The `dist` object could have been calculated from a point cloud, network, or any object containing elements from a finite metric space.

`vietoris_rips.numeric` and `vietoris_rips.ts` both calculate persistent homology of a time series object. The time series object is converted to a matrix using the quasi-attractor method detailed in Umeda (2017) [doi:10.1527/tjsai.D-G72](https://doi.org/10.1527/tjsai.D-G72). Persistent homology of the resulting matrix is then calculated.

Value

PHom object

Examples

```
# create a 2-d point cloud of a circle (100 points)
num.pts <- 100
rand.angle <- runif(num.pts, 0, 2*pi)
pt.cloud <- cbind(cos(rand.angle), sin(rand.angle))

# calculate persistent homology (num.pts by 3 numeric matrix)
pers.hom <- vietoris_rips(pt.cloud)
```

Index

- * **datasets**
 - aegypti, [2](#)
 - case_predictors, [5](#)
- aegypti, [2](#)
- as.PHom, [3](#)
- blackholes, [4](#)
- case_predictors, [5](#)
- cubical, [6](#)
- head.PHom, [7](#)
- is.PHom, [8](#)
- PHom, [8](#)
- powehi (blackholes), [4](#)
- print.PHom, [9](#)
- ripserr, [10](#)
- ripserr-package (ripserr), [10](#)
- sagAstar (blackholes), [4](#)
- tail.PHom, [11](#)
- tibble, [2](#)
- viectoris_rips, [11](#)