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Bootstrap Methods for Various Network Estimation Routines

## Description

Bootstrap standard errors on various network estimation routines, such as EBICglasso from the qgraph package and IsingFit from the IsingFit package. See bootnet

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#### See Also

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## **Description**

This function will transform data into binary data (0,1). If the data is already binary, this function does nothing.

#### Usage

```
binarize(x, split = "median", na.rm = TRUE, removeNArows = TRUE, verbose = TRUE)
```

#### **Arguments**

x	A data frame or matrix
split	Either a function to split on (as character or as function) or a vector. e.g., split = "mean" will split every variable on the mean of that variable, split=2 will make every value above 2 a 1 and every value below 2 a 0 and a vector of the same length as each variable in the dataset will use those elements to split.
na.rm	The na.rm argument used in the split function.
removeNArows	Logical, should rows with NA be removed?
verbose	Output progress to the console?

## Value

A binarized data frame

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## **Description**

This function takes bootstrap results and returns a inclusion probability network (edge weights indicate how often a certain edge was included in the model). Note that the plotting method automatically uses a black-white color scheme (as edges are not signed and always positive).

## Usage

```
bootInclude(bootobject, verbose = TRUE)
```

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## Arguments

bootobject Nonparametric bootstrap results from bootnet

verbose Logical, should progress be reported to the console?

#### Value

A bootnetResult object with the following elements:

graph The weights matrix of the network

intercepts The intercepts

results The results of the estimation procedure

labels A vector with node labels

nNodes Number of nodes in the network nPerson Number of persons in the network

input Input used, including the result of the default set used

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#### See Also

bootnet, estimateNetwork

## **Examples**

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Bootstrapped network estimation

#### **Description**

This function can be used to bootstrap network estimation methods so that the spread of parameter and centrality estimates can be assessed. Most important methods are type = 'nonparametric' for the non-parametric bootstrap and type = 'case' for the case-dropping bootstrap. See also Epskamp, Borsboom and Fried (2016) for more details.

#### Usage

## Arguments

data	A data frame or matrix containing the raw data. Must be numeric, integer or ordered factors.
nBoots	Number of bootstraps
default	A string indicating the method to use. See documentation at ${\tt estimateNetwork}.$
type	The kind of bootstrap method to use.
nCores	Number of cores to use in computing results. Set to 1 to not use parallel computing.
statistics	Vector indicating which statistics to store. Options are:
	"edge" Edge-weight
	"strength" Degree or node-strength
	"outStrength" Out-degree or Out-strength
	"inStrength" In-degree or In-strength
	"expectedInfluence" Expected Influence

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alpha

subNodes

caseMin caseMax

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propBoot

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is detected automatically.

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"outExpectedInfluence" Outgoing expected influence "inExpectedInfluence" Incoming expected influence "bridgeInDegree" Bridge in-degree (see bridge) "bridgeOutnDegree" Bridge out-degree (see bridge) "bridgeStrength" Bridge-strength (see bridge) "bridgeCloseness" Bridge-closeness (see bridge) "bridgeBetweenness" Bridge-betweenness (see bridge) "rspbc" Randomized shortest paths betweenness centrality (see rspbc) "hybrid" Hybrid centrality (see hybrid) "eigenvector" Eigenvector centrality (see eigenvector) Can contain "edge", "strength", "closeness", "betweenness", "length", "distance", "expectedInfluence", "inExpectedInfluence", "outExpectedInfluence". By default, length and distance are not stored. The modeling framework to use. Automatically detects if data is binary or not. A custom estimation function, when no default set is used. This must be a function that takes the data as input (first argument) and returns either a weights matrix or a list containing the elements "graph" for the weights matrix, "intercepts" for the intercepts (optional) and "results" for the full estimation results (optional). Logical. Should progress of the function be printed to the console? A character vector containing the node labels. If omitted the column names of the data are used. The centrality tuning parameter as used in centrality. Range of nodes to sample in node-drop bootstrap Minimum proportion of cases to drop when type = "case". Maximum proportion of cases to drop when type = "case". Number of sampling levels to test when type = "case". Range of persons to sample in person-drop bootstrap computeCentrality Logical, should centrality be computed? Proportion of persons to sample in bootstraps. Set to lower than 1 for m out of n bootstrap replacement Logical, should replacement be used in bootstrap sampling? A given network structure to use in parametric bootstrap. sampleSize The samplesize to use in parametric bootstrap. intercepts Intercepts to use in parametric bootstrap. Logical, should the analyzed network be weighted? Logical, should the analyzed network be signed? Logical, is the analyzed network directed? Usually does not have to be set and

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includeDiagonal

Logical, should diagonal elements (self-loops) be included in the bootstrap?

Only used when directed = TRUE.

communities Used for bridge centrality measures (see bridge).

useCommunities Used for bridge centrality measures (see bridge).

library Library location to be used in parallel computing.

memorysaver Logical. If TRUE (recommended) then raw bootstrapped data and results are

not stored in the output object. This saves a lot of memory. Set this only to

TRUE if you need the raw results or bootstrap data.

bridgeArgs List of arguments used in the 'bridge' function for computing bridge centrality

... Additional arguments used in the estimator function.

#### Value

A bootnet object with the following elements:

sampleTable A data frame containing all estimated values on the real sample.

bootTable A data frame containing all estimated values on all bootstrapped samples.

sample A bootnetResult object with plot and print method containing the estimated

network of the real sample.

boots A list of bootnetResult objects containing the raw bootstrap results.

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#### References

Epskamp, S., Borsboom, D., & Fried, E. I. (2018). Estimating psychological networks and their accuracy: A tutorial paper. Behavior Research Methods, 50(1), 195-212.

#### See Also

estimateNetwork, differenceTest, corStability, plot.bootnet, summary.bootnet

## **Examples**

```
# BFI Extraversion data from psychTools package:
library("psychTools")
data(bfi)
bfiSub <- bfi[,1:25]

# Estimate network:
Network <- estimateNetwork(bfiSub, default = "EBICglasso")

# Centrality indices:
library("qgraph")
centralityPlot(Network)</pre>
```

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```
# Estimated network:
plot(Network, layout = 'spring')
### Non-parametric bootstrap ###
# Bootstrap 1000 values, using 8 cores:
Results1 <- bootnet(Network, nBoots = 1000, nCores = 8)</pre>
# Plot bootstrapped edge CIs:
plot(Results1, labels = FALSE, order = "sample")
# Plot significant differences (alpha = 0.05) of edges:
plot(Results1, "edge", plot = "difference",onlyNonZero = TRUE,
     order = "sample")
# Plot significant differences (alpha = 0.05) of node strength:
plot(Results1, "strength", plot = "difference")
# Test for difference in strength between node "A1" and "C2":
differenceTest(Results1, "A1", "C2", "strength")
### Case-drop bootstrap ###
# Bootstrap 1000 values, using 8 cores:
Results2 <- bootnet(Network, nBoots = 1000, nCores = 8,
              type = "case")
# Plot centrality stability:
plot(Results2)
# Compute CS-coefficients:
corStability(Results2)
```

bootThreshold

Threshold network based on bootstrapped intervals

#### **Description**

This function takes the output of bootnet and returns a network as if it had been estimated using estimateNetwork, but with edges removed (set to zero) based on some significance level.

#### Usage

bootThreshold(bootobject, alpha = 0.05, verbose = TRUE, thresholdIntercepts = FALSE)

## Arguments

bootobject Nonparametric bootstrap results from bootnet

alpha Significance level

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verbose Logical, should progress be reported to the console? thresholdIntercepts

Logical, should intercepts also be thresholded?

#### Value

A bootnetResult object with the following elements:

graph The weights matrix of the network

intercepts The intercepts

results The results of the estimation procedure

labels A vector with node labels

nNodes Number of nodes in the network nPerson Number of persons in the network

input Input used, including the result of the default set used

#### Author(s)

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#### See Also

bootnet, estimateNetwork

## Examples

```
## Not run:
# BFI Extraversion data from psychTools package:
library("psychTools")
data(bfi)
bfiSub <- bfi[,1:25]

# Estimate unregularized network:
Network <- estimateNetwork(bfiSub, default = "pcor", corMethod = "cor")

# Bootstrap 1000 values, using 8 cores:
boots <- bootnet(Network, nBoots = 1000, nCores = 8)

# Threshold network:
Network_thresholded <- bootThreshold(boots)

# Plot:
plot(Network_thresholded)

## End(Not run)</pre>
```

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corStability

Correlation stability coefficient

#### Description

This coefficient denotes the estimated maximum number of cases that can be dropped from the data to retain, with 95% probability, a correlation of at least 0.7 (default) between statistics based on the original network and statistics computed with less cases. This coefficient should not be below 0.25 and is preferably above 0.5. See also Epskamp, Borsboom and Fried (2016) for more details.

#### Usage

```
corStability(x, cor = 0.7, statistics = "all", verbose = TRUE)
```

#### **Arguments**

X Output of bootnet. Must be case-drop bootstrap.

cor The correlation level tot est at.

statistics The statistic(s) to test for. Can also be "all".

verbose Logical, should information on the progress be printed to the console?

#### Author(s)

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#### References

Epskamp, S., Borsboom, D., & Fried, E. I. (2016). Estimating psychological networks and their accuracy: a tutorial paper. arXiv preprint, arXiv:1604.08462.

#### See Also

bootnet

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# BFI Extraversion data from psychTools package:
library("psychTools")
data(bfi)
bfiSub <- bfi[,1:25]
# Estimate network:
Network <- estimateNetwork(bfiSub, default = "EBICglasso")
# Bootstrap 1000 values, using 8 cores:
# Bootstrap 1000 values, using 8 cores:
Results2 <- bootnet(Network, nBoots = 1000, nCores = 8,</pre>
```

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```
type = "case")
# Compute CS-coefficients:
corStability(Results2)
## End(Not run)
```

differenceTest

Bootstrapped difference test

## **Description**

This function computes the bootstrapped difference test for edge-weights and centrality indices. A confidence interval is constructured on the difference of two values, and the test is deemed significant if zero is not in this confidence interval. See also Epskamp, Borsboom and Fried (2016) for more details.

#### Usage

```
differenceTest(bootobject, x, y, measure = c("strength", "closeness", "betweenness"), alpha = 0.05, x2, y2, verbose = TRUE)
```

## **Arguments**

bootobject	Output of bootnet. Must be nonparametric or parametric bootstrap.
Х	A character string indicating the ID of a node or an edge, or a number indiacting the node or edge. For an edge, can be e.g., "12" or " $x = 1$ , $x2 = 2$ ".
У	A character string indicating the ID of a node or an edge, or a number indiacting the node or edge. For an edge, can be e.g., "12" or " $y = 1$ , $y2 = 2$ ".
measure	Measure to test. Can be "strength", "closeness", "betweenness", "edge" or "distance".
alpha	Signifiance level to test at. Note that the actual signifiance level is influenced by the number of bootstrap samples, and is returned in a message.
x2	Second node in an edge. optional.
y2	Second node in an edge. optional.
verbose	Logical, should the message indiacting actual signifiance level be printed?

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## References

Epskamp, S., Borsboom, D., & Fried, E. I. (2016). Estimating psychological networks and their accuracy: a tutorial paper. arXiv preprint, arXiv:1604.08462.

#### See Also

bootnet

#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# BFI Extraversion data from psychTools package:
library("psychTools")
data(bfi)
bfiSub <- bfi[,1:25]
# Estimate network:
Network <- estimateNetwork(bfiSub, default = "EBICglasso")</pre>
# Bootstrap 1000 values, using 8 cores:
Results1 <- bootnet(Network, nBoots = 1000, nCores = 8)</pre>
# Test for difference in strength between node "A1" and "C2":
differenceTest(Results, "A1", "C2", "strength")
# Test for difference between edge N1--N2 and N3--N4:
differenceTest(Results, "N1--N2", "N3--N4", "edge")
# Alternative:
differenceTest(Results, x = "N1", x2 = "N2", y = "N3",
                y2 = "N4", measure = "edge")
## End(Not run)
```

estimateNetwork

Estimate a network structure

## Description

This function allows for flexible estimation of a network structure using various R packages and model frameworks. This is typically done by using one of the default sets. See details for manual specification. See also Epskamp, Borsboom and Fried (2016) for more details. IMPORTANT: THE ESTIMATOR FUNCTIONS (e.g., fun = bootnet\_pcor) ARE NOT INTENDED TO BE USED MANUALY (see details).

#### Usage

```
bootnet_EBICglasso(data, tuning = 0.5, corMethod = c("cor", "cov",
                    "cor_auto", "npn", "spearman"), missing =
                    c("pairwise", "listwise", "fiml", "stop"), sampleSize
                    = c("pairwise_average", "maximum", "minimum",
                    "pairwise_maximum", "pairwise_minimum",
                    "pairwise_average_v1.5", "pairwise_maximum_v1.5",
                    "pairwise_minimum_v1.5"), verbose = TRUE, corArgs =
                    list(), refit = FALSE, principalDirection = FALSE,
                    lambda.min.ratio = 0.01, nlambda = 100, threshold =
                    FALSE, unlock = FALSE, nonPositiveDefinite = c("stop",
                    "continue"), transform = c("none", "rank",
                    "quantile"), ...)
bootnet_pcor(data, corMethod = c("cor", "cov", "cor_auto", "npn",
                    "spearman"), missing = c("pairwise", "listwise",
                    "fiml", "stop"), sampleSize = c("pairwise_average",
                    "maximum", "minimum", "pairwise_maximum",
                    "pairwise_minimum", "pairwise_average_v1.5",
                    "pairwise_maximum_v1.5", "pairwise_minimum_v1.5"),
                    verbose = TRUE, corArgs = list(), threshold = 0, alpha
                    = 0.05, adjacency, principalDirection = FALSE, unlock
                    = FALSE, nonPositiveDefinite = c("stop", "continue"),
                    transform = c("none", "rank", "quantile"))
bootnet_cor(data, corMethod = c("cor", "cov", "cor_auto", "npn",
                    "spearman"), missing = c("pairwise", "listwise",
                    "fiml", "stop"), sampleSize = c("pairwise_average",
                    "maximum", "minimum", "pairwise_maximum",
                    "pairwise_minimum", "pairwise_average_v1.5",
                    "pairwise_maximum_v1.5", "pairwise_minimum_v1.5"),
                    verbose = TRUE, corArgs = list(), threshold = 0, alpha
                    = 0.05, principalDirection = FALSE, unlock = FALSE,
                    nonPositiveDefinite = c("stop", "continue"), transform
                    = c("none", "rank", "quantile"))
bootnet_IsingFit(data, tuning = 0.25, missing = c("listwise", "stop"),
                    verbose = TRUE, rule = c("AND", "OR"), split =
                    "median", principalDirection = FALSE,
                    min_sum = -Inf, unlock = FALSE)
bootnet_IsingSampler(data, missing = c("listwise", "stop"), verbose = TRUE,
                    split = "median", method = c("uni", "ll", "pl", "bi"),
                    principalDirection = FALSE, unlock = FALSE, threshold
                    = FALSE, alpha = 0.01, min_sum = -Inf, rule = c("AND",
                    "OR"))
bootnet_adalasso(data, missing = c("listwise", "stop"), verbose = TRUE,
```

nFolds = 10, principalDirection = FALSE, unlock =

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FALSE, transform = c("none", "rank", "quantile"), ...)
bootnet_huge(data, tuning = 0.5, missing = c("listwise", "stop"),
                   verbose = TRUE, npn = TRUE, criterion = c("ebic",
                   "ric", "stars"), principalDirection = FALSE,
                   lambda.min.ratio = 0.01, nlambda = 100, unlock =
                   FALSE, transform = c("none", "rank", "quantile"), ...)
bootnet_mgm(data, type, level, tuning = 0.25, missing =
                   c("listwise", "stop"), verbose = TRUE, criterion =
                   c("EBIC", "CV"), nFolds = 10, order = 2, rule =
                   c("AND", "OR"), binarySign, unlock = FALSE, transform
                   = c("none", "rank", "quantile"), ...)
bootnet_relimp(data, normalized = TRUE, type = "lmg",
                   structureDefault = c("none", "custom", "EBICglasso",
                   "pcor", "IsingFit", "IsingSampler", "huge",
                   "adalasso", "mgm", "cor", "TMFG", "ggmModSelect",
                   "LoGo"), missing = c("listwise", "stop"), ..., verbose
                   = TRUE, threshold = 0, unlock = FALSE, transform =
                   c("none", "rank", "quantile"))
bootnet_TMFG(data, graphType = c("cor", "pcor"), corMethod =
                   c("cor", "cov", "cor", "npn", "cor_auto"), missing =
                   c("pairwise", "listwise", "fiml", "stop"), verbose =
                   TRUE, corArgs = list(), principalDirection = FALSE,
                   unlock = FALSE, transform = c("none", "rank",
                   "quantile"), ...)
bootnet_LoGo(data, corMethod = c("cor", "cov", "cor", "npn",
                   "cor_auto"), missing = c("pairwise", "listwise",
                   "fiml", "stop"), verbose = TRUE, corArgs = list(),
                   principalDirection = FALSE, unlock = FALSE, transform
                   = c("none", "rank", "quantile"), ...)
bootnet_graphicalVAR(data, tuning = 0.5, verbose = TRUE, principalDirection
                   = FALSE, missing = c("listwise", "stop"), unlock =
                   FALSE, transform = c("none", "rank", "quantile"), ...)
bootnet_ggmModSelect(data, tuning = 0, corMethod = c("cor", "cov",
                    "cor_auto", "npn", "spearman"), missing =
                    c("pairwise", "listwise", "fiml", "stop"), sampleSize
                    = c("pairwise_average", "maximum", "minimum",
                    "pairwise_maximum", "pairwise_minimum",
                    "pairwise_average_v1.5", "pairwise_maximum_v1.5",
                    "pairwise_minimum_v1.5"), verbose = TRUE, corArgs =
                    list(), principalDirection = FALSE, start =
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c("glasso", "empty", "full"), stepwise = TRUE, nCores
                     = 1, unlock = FALSE, nonPositiveDefinite = c("stop",
                     "continue"), transform = c("none", "rank",
                     "quantile"), ...)
bootnet_piecewiseIsing(data, cutoff, missing = c("listwise", "stop"), verbose
                    = TRUE, IsingDefault = c("IsingSampler", "IsingFit",
                     "custom"), zeroThreshold = 1, minimalN = ncol(data) +
                     1, unlock = FALSE, ...)
bootnet_SVAR_lavaan(data, verbose = TRUE, principalDirection = FALSE,
                    missing = c("listwise", "stop"), criterion = "bic",
                    eqThreshold = 1e-04, tempWhitelist, tempBlacklist,
                    contWhitelist, contBlacklist, minimalModInd = 10,
                    unlock = FALSE, transform = c("none", "rank",
                    "quantile"), ...)
bootnet_GGMncv(data, penalty = c("atan", "selo", "exp", "log",
                     "sica", "scad", "mcp", "lasso"), corMethod = c("cor",
                    "cov", "cor_auto", "npn", "spearman"), missing =
c("pairwise", "listwise", "fiml", "stop"), sampleSize
                     = c("pairwise_average", "maximum", "minimum",
                     "pairwise_maximum", "pairwise_minimum",
                     "pairwise_average_v1.5", "pairwise_maximum_v1.5",
                     "pairwise_minimum_v1.5"), verbose = TRUE, corArgs =
                     list(), principalDirection = FALSE, unlock = FALSE,
                    nonPositiveDefinite = c("stop", "continue"), transform
                     = c("none", "rank", "quantile"), ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

data

A data frame or matrix containing the raw data. Must be numeric, integer or ordered factors.

default

A string indicating the method to use. Specifying a default sets default values to prepFun, prepArgs, estFun, estArgs, graphFun, graphArgs, intFun and intArgs. Setting a default can be omitted but that does require specifying all above mentioned arguments. Current options are:

"EBICglasso" Gaussian Markov random field estimation using graphical LASSO and extended Bayesian information criterion to select optimal regularization parameter. Using EBICglasso from the qgraph package. Calls bootnet\_EBICglasso.

"IsingFit" Ising model estimation using LASSO regularized nodewise logistic regression and extended Bayesian information criterion to select optimal regularization parameter. Using IsingFit from the IsingFit package. Calls bootnet\_IsingFit.

"IsingSampler" Calls the EstimateIsing function from the IsingSampler pack-

"pcor" Partial correlation network (non-regularized Gaussian Markov random field), using cor2pcor from the corpcor package. Calls bootnet\_pcor.

"cor" Correlation network.

"huge" Uses EBIC model selection of GGM networks estimated via the glasso algorithm as implemented in the huge package (as opposed to glasso and qgraph packages used in default = "EBICglasso"). Uses nonparanormal transformation in preparing the data and does not use polychoric correlations. Calls bootnet\_huge.

"mgm" Estimates a Mixed graphical model by using the the mgm (or mgmfit in older versions) function of the mgm package. Calls bootnet\_mgm.

"TMFG" Estimates a Triangulated Maximally Filtered Graph, using the function TMFG of the NetworkToolbox package. Calls bootnet\_TMFG. Note that this estimates a \*correlation network\* by default (use the 'graphType' argument to estimate a partial correlation network instead).

"LoGo" Estimates a Local/Global Sparse Inverse Covariance Matrix, using the function LoGo of the NetworkToolbox package. Calls bootnet\_LoGo.

"relimp" Estimates a (directed) relative importance network, using the function 'calc.relimp' of the 'relaimpo' package. The 'structureDefault' argument can be used to use a different default set for estimating the structure of the graph. Calls bootnet\_relimp.

"ggmModSelect" Estimates an unregularized GGM using the glasso algorithm and stepwise model selection, using the 'ggmModSelect' function from the qgraph package. Calls bootnet\_ggmModSelect.

"graphicalVAR" Estimates a graphical VAR model using the graphicalVAR package. This results in two networks which can be plotted using the 'graph' argument in the plot method. Calls bootnet\_graphicalVAR.

See details section for a more detailed description.

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A custom estimation function, when no default set is used. This must be a function that takes the data as input (first argument) and returns either a weights matrix or a list containing the elements "graph" for the weights matrix, "intercepts" for the intercepts (optional) and "results" for the full estimation results (optional).

EBIC tuning parameter, used in 'EBICglasso', 'IsingFit', 'huge', 'mgm' and 'ggmModSelect' default sets. Note that the default value differs: 'EBICglasso', 'huge' and 'mgm' use 0.5, 'IsingFit' uses 0.25 and 'ggmModSelect uses 0.

Correlation method, used in 'EBICglasso' and 'pcor' default sets. "cor\_auto" uses cor\_auto for polychoric and polyserial correlations, "cov" uses the cov function for covariances, "cor" will use the cor function for correlations and "npn" will apply the nonparanormal transformation (via huge.npn) and then compute correlations.

How to handle missing data? "pairwise" for pairwise deletion, "listwise" for listwise deletion, "fiml" for full-information maximum likelihood and "stop" to stop with an error.

How will sample size be computed in EBICglasso default set? The default "pairwise\_average" will set the sample size to the average of sample sizes used for each individual correlation. Other options are "pairwise\_maximum" (largest sample sized used for each individual correlation), "pairwise\_minimum" (smallest sample sized used for each individual correlation), "maximum" (takes

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total number of rows including rows with NA), and "minimum" (takes total number of rows that contain no NA). The arguments "pairwise\_average\_v1.5", "pairwise\_minimum\_v1.5", and "pairwise\_maximum\_v1.5" can be used to mimic bootnet's behavior in version 1.5 and earlier (which also computed the sample size based on the sample sizes for the variances).

corArgs A list with arguments for the function used defined by corMethod.

threshold Thresholding to use in partial correlation networks. Can be a fixed number

to threshold all absolute edges below this value, 'locfdr' for local FDR, or any option corresponding to adjustments in corr.p ('none', 'sig', 'holm', 'hochberg', 'hommel', 'bonferroni', 'BH', 'BY' or 'fdr')). Can also be used for default = "IsingSampler" but can only be set to a logical enabling

or disabling significance thresholding.

refit Logical used in EBICglasso default set: should the estimated model structure be

refitted without LASSO regularization?

rule The rule to use to select an edge in nodewise estimation. "AND" to only select in

edge if both regression coefficients are nonzero and "OR" if only one is nonzero.

Used in 'IsingFit' and 'mgm' default sets.

split A function or character string ("median" or "mean") indicating how to binarize

values when estimating an Ising model.

method The estimation method used in the IsingSampler default set (see EstimateIsing).

npn Logical, should nonparanormal be used in huge default set?

criterion The criterion used in model selection. "ebic", "ric" or "stars" in the huge

default set or "EBIC" or "CV" in the mgm default set.

nFolds Number of folds used in k-fold cross-validation.

type For mgm, see mgm or mgmfit; for relative importance networks, see calc.relimp

level See mgm. Automatically set if not assigned.

order Order up until including which interactions are included in the model. See mgm.

Automatically set if not assigned.

binarySign See mgm. Automatically set if not assigned.

normalized Should normalized relative importance be used in relative importance networks?

structureDefault

In relative importance networks, default set used to compute the graph structure. Any other arguments used (using ...) are sent to the graph estimator function as

well.

graphType "cor" to estimate a correlation network and "pcor" to estimate a partial corre-

lation network (GGM)

alpha Significance level to test at.

principalDirection

Rescales variables according to the sign of the first eigen-vector. This will lead to most correlations to be positive (positive manifold), leading to negative edges

to be substantively interpretable.

stepwise Logical indicating if 'ggmModSelect' should use stepwise estimation.

start See ggmModSelect

labels A character vector containing the node labels. If omitted the column names of the data are used. verbose Logical, currently only used when default = "EBICglasso" in the cor\_auto function. Logical, should the analyzed network be weighted? weighted signed Logical, should the analyzed network be signed? Logical, is the analyzed network directed? Usually does not have to be set and directed is detected automatically. datatype "normal" if the data argument is a data frame, or "graphicalVAR" if the data argument is a data list that can be used as input to the graphicalVAR package. checkNumeric Logical: should the data be checked to be numeric? lambda.min.ratio Minimal lambda ratio (LASSO tuning parameter) Number of LASSO tuning parameters to test nlambda nCores Number of cores to use in estimating networks .dots A list of arguments used in the estimation function set by a default set or by the fun argument. A list of arguments used in the estimation function set by a default set or by the fun argument. .input Used internally in the bootnet function. Do not use. Logical. If TRUE attempts to save memory (RAM) by removing some objects memorysaver from the output. Used by bootnet by default for bootstraps. cutoff Cutoff score for sum-score to condition on when using default = "piecewiseIsing". This is \*experimental\*! Default set for Ising model structure estimation in piecewise Ising estimation. IsingDefault This is \*experimental\*! zeroThreshold Used in piecewise Ising estimation. Proportion of edges needed to be exactly 0 in pieces to set edge to zero in final network. This is \*experimental\*! Used in piecewise Ising estimation. Minimal sample sizes needed in piece estiminimalN mation. This is \*experimental\*! egThreshold Used in SVAR\_lavaan estimation (stepup SVAR estimation). This is \*experimental\*! Maximum difference in criterion to decide if two models are equivalent (and select one at random). tempWhitelist Used in SVAR\_lavaan estimation (step up SVAR estimation). This is \*experimental\*! Matrix with edges to be whitelisted in the temporal model. The matrix should contain two columns and a row for each edge. The elements should be characters indicating the variable names of each edge (from, to). tempBlacklist Used in SVAR\_lavaan estimation (step up SVAR estimation). This is \*experimental\*! Matrix with edges to be blacklisted in the temporal model. The matrix

should contain two columns and a row for each edge. The elements should be

characters indicating the variable names of each edge (from, to).

contWhitelist Used in SVAR\_lavaan estimation (step up SVAR estimation). This is \*experimental\*! Matrix with edges to be whitelisted in the contemporaneous model.

The matrix should contain two columns and a row for each edge. The elements should be characters indicating the variable names of each edge (from, to).

contBlacklist Used in SVAR\_lavaan estimation (step up SVAR estimation). This is \*exper-

imental\*! Matrix with edges to be blacklisted in the contemporaneous model. The matrix should contain two columns and a row for each edge. The elements should be characters indicating the variable names of each edge (from, to).

minimalModInd Minimal modification index to consider when adding parameters in SVAR search.

adjacency An 'adjacency' matrix indicating the graph structure (zeroes indicate a missing

edge).

nonPositiveDefinite

Set to "stop" to stop with an error when the input matrix is not positive definite,

and to "continue" (old behavior) to continue anyway.

unlock Set to TRUE to not result in a standard error. This is to prevent using the inner

functions seperatly (see details below).

transform Should data be transformed before estimate the network? "rank" will call

rank\_transformation and "quantile" will call quantile\_transformation.

penalty Penalty to use in the GGMncv methods.

min\_sum The minimum sum score that is artifically possible in the dataset. Defaults to

-Inf. Set this only if you know a lower sum score is not possible in the data, for

example due to selection bias.

AND Logical, should an AND-rule (both regressions need to be significant) or OR-

rule (one of the regressions needs to be significant) be used?

#### **Details**

The user can manually specify an estimation method by assigning a custom function to the 'fun' argument. This function must take data as input and output an estimated network. Fhe functions bootnet\_correspond to the functions used when using default sets. E.g, default = "pcor" sets fun = bootnet\_pcor. As the ... leads to any argument to estimateNetwork to be passed to the estimator function, the arguments described above in these estimator functions can be used for the appropriate default method. For example, if default = "pcor", the arguments of fun = bootnet\_pcor can be used in estimateNetwork. IMPORTANT NOTE: DO NOT USE THE ESTIMATOR FUNCTIONS (e.g., fun = bootnet\_pcor) YOURSELF, THEY ARE ONLY INCLUDED HERE TO SHOW WHICH ARGUMENTS YOU CAN USE IN estimateNetwork.

#### Author(s)

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#### References

Epskamp, S., Borsboom, D., & Fried, E. I. (2016). Estimating psychological networks and their accuracy: a tutorial paper. arXiv preprint, arXiv:1604.08462.

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#### See Also

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## **Examples**

```
# BFI Extraversion data from psychTools package:
library("psychTools")
data(bfi)
bfiSub <- bfi[,1:25]</pre>
# Estimate network:
Network <- estimateNetwork(bfiSub, default = "EBICglasso")</pre>
## Not run:
# Some pointers:
print(Network)
# Estimated network:
plot(Network, layout = 'spring')
# Centrality indices:
library("qgraph")
centralityPlot(Network)
# BIC model selection:
Network_BIC <- estimateNetwork(bfiSub, default = "EBICglasso", tuning = 0)
# Ising model:
Network_BIC <- estimateNetwork(bfiSub, default = "IsingFit")</pre>
## End(Not run)
```

genGGM

Generates a GGM small-world network.

## Description

Simulates a GGM as described by Yin and Li (2011), using the Watts and Strogatz (1998) algorithm for generating the graph structure (see watts.strogatz.game).

#### Usage

```
genGGM(Nvar, p = 0, nei = 1, parRange = c(0.5,1), constant = 1.5, propPositive = 0.5, clusters = NULL, graph = c("smallworld", "random", "scalefree", "hub", "cluster"))
```

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## **Arguments**

p Rewiring probability if graph = "smallworld" or "cluster", or connection proba-

bility if graph = "random". If cluster, can add multiple p's for each cluster, e.g.,

c(.1, .5)

nei Neighborhood (see watts.strogatz.game).

parRange Range of partial correlation coefficients to be originally sampled.

constant A constant as described by Yin and Li (2011).

propPositive Proportion of edges to be set positive.

clusters Number of clusters if graph = "cluster"

graph Type of graph to simulate

## Author(s)

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#### References

Yin, J., and Li, H. (2011). A sparse conditional gaussian graphical model for analysis of genetical genomics data. The annals of applied statistics, 5(4), 2630.

Watts, D. J., & Strogatz, S. H. (1998). Collective dynamics of 'small-world' networks. nature, 393(6684), 440-442.

ggmGenerator Generates a function that simulates data from the Gaussian graphical model (GGM)

#### **Description**

Generates data given a partial correlation network. Data can be made ordinal by using a threshold model with equally spaced thresholds.

#### **Usage**

## **Arguments**

ordinal Logical, should ordinal data be generated?

nLevels Number of levels used in ordinal data.

skewFactor How skewed should ordinal data be? 1 indicates uniform data and higher values

increase skewedness.

type Should thresholds for ordinal data be sampled at random or determined uni-

formly?

missing Proportion of data that should be simulated to be missing.

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IsingGenerator

Generates a function that simulates data from the Ising model

## **Description**

Uses IsingSampler to generate the data.

## Usage

```
IsingGenerator(...)
```

## **Arguments**

.. Arguments passed to IsingSampler

## Value

A function with as first argument the sample size and as second argument a named list, with element graph encoding a weights matrix and element intercepts encoding thresholds.

## Author(s)

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multiverse

Multiverse plot of bootnet results

## Description

This function makes a 'multiverse' plot of bootstrap results. Every row indicates an edge and every column a bootstrap; colors are in line of the edge strength as drawn with plot.bootnetResult.

#### Usage

```
multiverse(x, labels = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

x Results from bootnet

labels Logical, should labels be printed next to the plot?

#### Author(s)

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netSimulator

Network Estimation Performance

## **Description**

This function can be used to run a simulation study on the performance of network estimation by varying sample size or any argument used as input to <code>estimateNetwork</code>. The purpose of this function is to provide a way to assess the required sample size given a network structure, as well as to easily perform simulation studies. By default, the function uses <code>genGGM</code> to simulate a chain graph or small-world network. See details for more information. The <code>replicationSimulator</code> function instead assesses how well a network based on a second independent sample would replicate the network based on the first independent sample.

## Usage

```
netSimulator(
      input = genGGM(Nvar = 10),
      nCases = c(50, 100, 250, 500, 1000, 2500),
      nReps = 100,
      nCores = 1,
      default,
      dataGenerator,
      moreArgs = list(),
      moreOutput = list())
replicationSimulator(
      input = genGGM(Nvar = 10),
      nCases = c(50, 100, 250, 500, 1000, 2500),
      nReps = 100,
      nCores = 1,
      default,
      dataGenerator,
      . . . ,
      moreArgs = list())
```

## **Arguments**

input	Either a weights matrix, a list containing elements graph (encoding the weights matrix) and intercepts (encoding the intercepts), or a function generating such objects. By default, genGGM is used to generate a Gaussian graphical model. However, it is reccomended to replace this with a prior expected graph structure.
nCases	The sample sizes to test for.
nReps	Number of repetitions per sampling level.

nCores Number of cores to use. Set to more than 1 to use parallel computing.

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default Default set used (see estimateNetwork). In most cases, this will set dataGenerator

to the relevant generator.

dataGenerator A function that generates data. The first argument must be the sample size, the

second argument must be the output of input. Can often be ignored if default

is set.

moreArgs A named list of arguments to be used when estimating the network, but which

should not be interpreted as different conditions. Use this argument to assign

arguments that require vectors.

moreOutput List with functions that take the estimated weights matrix as first argument and

the true weights matrix as second argument to produce some output.

.. Arguments used by estimateNetwork to estimate the network structure. Pro-

viding a vector for any argument will simulate under each value. This way, any

argument in estimateNetwork can be used in a simulation study.

#### **Details**

\*any\* argument to estimateNetwork can be used in a simulation study, with a vector (e.g., rule = c("AND", "OR")) specifying that both conditions are tested. Adding too many conditions can quickly make any simulation study intractible, so only vary some arguments! The dataGenerator argument can be any function that generates data. Currently, only ggmGenerator and IsingGenerator are implemented in bootnet itself, which generates data given a Gaussian graphical model.

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## Examples

```
# 5-node GGM chain graph:
trueNetwork <- genGGM(5)

# Simulate:
Res <- netSimulator(trueNetwork, nReps = 10)

# Results:
Res

# Plot:
plot(Res)

# BFI example:
# Load data:
library("psychTools")
data(bfi)
bfiData <- bfi[,1:25]

# Estimate a network structure, with parameters refitted without LASSO regularization:
library("qgraph")</pre>
```

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```
Network <- EBICglasso(cor_auto(bfiData), nrow(bfiData), refit = TRUE)</pre>
# Simulate 100 repititions in 8 cores under different sampling levels:
Sim1 <- netSimulator(Network,</pre>
                      default = "EBICglasso",
                      nCases = c(100, 250, 500),
                      nReps = 100,
                      nCores = 8)
# Table of results:
Sim1
# Plot results:
plot(Sim1)
# Compare different default set at two sampling levels:
Sim2_EBICglasso <- netSimulator(Network,</pre>
                      default = c("EBICglasso"),
                      nCases = c(100, 250, 500),
                      nReps = 100,
                      nCores = 8)
Sim2_pcor <- netSimulator(Network,</pre>
                                  default = c("pcor"),
                                  nCases = c(100, 250, 500),
                                  nReps = 100,
                                  nCores = 8)
Sim2_huge <- netSimulator(Network,</pre>
                           default = c("huge"),
                           nCases = c(100, 250, 500),
                           nReps = 100,
                           nCores = 8)
Sim2 <- rbind(Sim2_EBICglasso, Sim2_pcor, Sim2_huge)</pre>
# Print results:
Sim2
# Plot results:
plot(Sim2, xfacet = "default", yvar = "correlation")
# Difference using polychoric or pearson correlations in ordinal data:
Sim3 <- netSimulator(Network,</pre>
                      dataGenerator = ggmGenerator(ordinal = TRUE, nLevels = 4),
                      default = "EBICglasso",
                      corMethod = c("cor", "cor_auto"),
                      nCases = c(100, 250, 500),
                      nReps = 100,
                      nCores = 8)
# Print results:
Sim3
```

```
# Plot results:
plot(Sim3, color = "corMethod")
# Ising model:
trueNetwork <- read.csv('http://sachaepskamp.com/files/weiadj.csv')[,-1]</pre>
trueNetwork <- as.matrix(trueNetwork)</pre>
Symptoms <- rownames(trueNetwork) <- colnames(trueNetwork)</pre>
Thresholds <- read.csv('http://sachaepskamp.com/files/thr.csv')[,-1]
# Create an input list (intercepts now needed)
input <- list(graph=trueNetwork,intercepts=Thresholds)</pre>
# Simulate under different sampling levels:
Sim4 <- netSimulator(</pre>
  input = input,
  default = "IsingFit",
  nCases = c(250, 500, 1000),
  nReps = 100,
  nCores = 8)
# Results:
Sim4
# Plot:
plot(Sim4)
# Compare AND and OR rule:
Sim5 <- netSimulator(</pre>
  input = input,
  default = "IsingFit",
  nCases = c(250, 500, 1000),
  rule = c("AND","OR"),
  nReps = 100,
  nCores = 8)
# Print:
Sim5
# Plot:
plot(Sim5, yfacet = "rule")
```

netSimulator and replicationSimulator methods netSimulator S3 methods

## **Description**

Plot, print and summary methods for netSimulator output.

#### **Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'netSimulator'
TRUE, xlab = "Number of cases", ylab, outlier.size =
               0.5, boxplot.lwd = 0.5, style = c("fancy", "basic"),
               ...)
## S3 method for class 'netSimulator'
print(x, digits = 2, ...)
## S3 method for class 'netSimulator'
summary(object, digits = 2, ...)
## S3 method for class 'replicationSimulator'
plot(x, yvar = c("correlation", "jaccard",
               "replicatedEdges", "replicatedZeroes"), ...)
## S3 method for class 'replicationSimulator'
print(x, digits = 2, ...)
## S3 method for class 'replicationSimulator'
summary(object, digits = 2, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

Χ	Output of netSimulator.
object	Output of netSimulator.
xvar	String indicating the variable to be used on the x-axis.
yvar	String vector indicating the variable(s) to be used on the y-axis.
xfacet	String indicating the variable to be used on the horizontal facets (or "." to omit).
yfacet	String indicating the variable to be used on the vertical facets (or "." to omit).
color	String indicating the variable to be used in coloring boxplots.
ylim	Y-axis limits.
print	Logical, should the plot be printed? This helps printing the plots to PDF files.
digits	Number of digits to be used in print and summary method.
xlab	X-axis label
ylab	Y-axis label. Defaults to combining the values in yvar. Is hidden when xfacet = "measure", as then it is clear what the y-axis represent from the facet labels.
outlier.size	Size of the outliers as plotted in boxplots.
boxplot.lwd	Line width of the boxplots
style	"fance" for a style including several aesthethic enhancements, and "basic" for a as simple as possible style.
	Arguments sent to "plot.netSimulator" from "plot.replicationSimulator"

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null

Returns NULL

## **Description**

This function simply returns NULL.

#### Usage

```
null(...)
```

#### **Arguments**

.. Anything

#### Author(s)

Sacha Epskamp <mail@sachaepskamp.com>

## **Examples**

```
null("Not NULL")
```

plot.bootnet

Plots bootnet results

#### **Description**

This function can be used to plot bootnet results by plotting all bootstrapped statistics as line or by plotting confidence intervals.

## Usage

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#### **Arguments**

x A bootnet object

statistics The types of statistics to plot. Defaults to "edge" for regular bootstrap and c("strength",

"outStrength", "inStrength") for node and person drop bootstrap. Use "all" to obtain all pairwise statistics tested for regular bootstraps and all node-

wise statistics tested for person and node drop bootstarps.

plot Character string indicating what to plot. Can be "area" to produce a graph with

the area indicating the confidence region, or "difference" producing a plot showing significant differences. Other options are "line" and "interval",

which are currently unstable and not recommended to use.

graph If multipe graphs are estimated, which graph should be plotted? Currently

used for default = "graphicalVAR" to plot a temporal network using graph = "temporal" or a contemporaneous network using graph = "contemporaneous"

CIstyle Style of CIs to construct. "SE" shows the sample statistic plus and minus two

times the standard deviation of bootstraps, and "quantiles" the area between

the 2.5th and 97.5th quantile. Defaults to "quantiles".

rank Logical, should plots show rank of statistics instead of statistics?

sampleColor Color of the original sample line

samplelwd Line width of the original sample line

bootColor Color of the bootstrap lines
bootAlpha Alpha of the bootstrap lines
bootlwd Line width of the bootstrap lines

areaAlpha Alpha of the area

order String indicating how to order nodes. "id" will order nodes based on their name,

"mean" will order nodes based on the average bootstrapped value of the first statistic in statistics, and "sample" will order the nodes as done in "mean"

but orders ties based on their sample value.

decreasing Logical indicating if the ordering is decreasing or increasing.

perNode Logical, should centrality estimates per node be plotted instead of correlation

with original parameter. Only used in node and person drop bootstrap.

legendNcol Number of columns in the legend if perNode = TRUE.

labels Logical, should labels be plotted?

Logical, should the legend be plotted?

subsetRange Range in percentages of the x-axis in node and person drop plots.

area Logical, should the confidence area be plotted?

alpha Signifiance level used in plot = "difference".

onlyNonZero Logical used when plot = "difference", statistics = "edge", should only

edges be included that were nonzero in the estimated network structure?

differenceShowValue

Logical used when plot = "difference". Should values be shown in the diag-

onal of the difference plot?

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differenceEdgeColor

Logical used when plot = "difference", statistics = "edge". Should di-

agonal blocks be colored according to default edge colors?

verbose Should expected alpha be printed?

panels Logical, should panel titles be printed?

meanColor Color of the bootstrap means.

meanlwd Line width of the bootstrap means

split0 Logical. When set to TRUE, the displayed intervals are based on occasions

when the parameter was not estimated to be zero, and an extra box is added

indicating the number of times a parameter is estimated to be zero.

prop0 Logical, should boxes indicating the proportion of times parameters were esti-

mated to be zero be added to the plot?

prop0\_cex Size of the boxes indicating number of times a parameter was set to zero.

prop0\_alpha Transparency of the boxes indicating number of times a parameter was set to

zero

prop0\_minAlpha Minimal transparency of the \*lines\* of plotted intervals as the proportion of

times an edge was not included goes to 0.

subset Vector indicating labels of nodes to include in the plot. This can be used to show,

for example, only edges related to one particular node.

... Not used.

#### Value

A ggplot2 object.

#### Author(s)

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## Description

Plots the graph using the qgraph package and the qgraph function. Defined as qgraph::qgraph(x[['graph']],labels=x[[

#### Usage

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#### **Arguments**

x	A bootnetResult object
graph	Numeric or string indicating which graph to plot. Only needed when multiple graphs are estimated. For example, when using default = "graphicalVAR", graph = "temporal" plots the temporal network and graph = "contemporaneous" plots the contemporaneous network.
weighted	Logical, should the analyzed network be weighted?
signed	Logical, should the analyzed network be signed?
directed	Logical, is the analyzed network directed? Usually does not have to be set and is detected automatically.
labels	Labels of the nodes. Defaults to the column names of the data if missing.
layout	Placement of the nodes. See qgraph. Always defaults to "spring".
parallelEdge	Should edges in directed networks be plotted parallel? See qgraph. Defaults to TRUE instead of FALSE (as in qgraph).
cut	Should scaling in width and saturation of edges be split? See qgraph. Defaults to 0 to disable cut (qgraph chooses a cutoff with at least 20 nodes).
theme	Theme of the edge and node colors. See qgraph. Defaults to "colorblind" rather than the default used in qgraph ("classic").
bootIncludeOver	rwrite
	Logical. If TRUE, several plot defaults are overwritten when the input is the result of bootInclude (e.g., edge colors are set to black and white).
	Arguments sent to qgraph.

## Author(s)

Sacha Epskamp <mail@sachaepskamp.com>

print.bootnet Print method for bootnet and bootnetResult objects	
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## Description

Prints a short overview of the results of bootnet

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'bootnet'
print(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'bootnetResult'
print(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'bootnetResult'
summary(object, ...)
```

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## Arguments

x A bootnet or bootnetResult object

object A bootnetResult object

... Not used.

## Author(s)

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summary.bootnet

Summarize bootnet results

## Description

Creates a data frame (wrapped as tbl\_df) containing summarized results of the bootstraps.

## Usage

## **Arguments**

object A bootnet object

graph Numeric or string indicating which graph to summarize. Only needed when

multiple graphs are estimated. For example, when using default = "graphicalVAR", graph = "temporal" plots the temporal network and graph = "contemporaneous"

plots the contemporaneous network.

statistics The types of statistics to include in the summary table

perNode Logical, should centrality estimates per node be plotted instead of correlation

with original parameter. Only used in node and person drop bootstrap.

rank Logical, should plots show rank of statistics instead of statistics?

tol Tolerance level for assuming an edge is set to zero.

... Not used.

#### Value

A tbl\_df (data frame) containing summarized statistics.

## Author(s)

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transformation

Data transformation functions

## Description

Functions to transform data

## Usage

## **Arguments**

x A datasetties.method See rank.

## Author(s)

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