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CLX

*Two-Sample Covariance Test by Cai, Liu and Xia (2013)***Description**

Given two sets of data matrices X and Y , where X is an n_1 rows and p cols matrix and Y is an n_2 rows and p cols matrix, we conduct hypothesis testing of the covariance matrix between two samples. The null hypothesis is:

$$H_0 : \Sigma_1 = \Sigma_2$$

Σ_1 and Σ_2 are the sample covariance matrices of X and Y respectively. This test method is based on the test method proposed by Cai, Liu and Xia (2013). When the pval value is less than the significance coefficient (generally 0.05), the null hypothesis is rejected.

UsageCLX(X, Y)**Arguments**

X	A matrix of n_1 by p
Y	A matrix of n_2 by p

Value

stat	a test statistic value.
pval	a test p_value.

References

Cai, T. T., Liu, W., and Xia, Y. (2013). Two-sample covariance matrix testing and support recovery in high-dimensional and sparse settings. *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, 108(501):265-277.

Examples

```
## generate X and Y.
p= 500; n1 = 100; n2 = 150
X=matrix(rnorm(n1*p), ncol=p)
Y=matrix(rnorm(n2*p), ncol=p)
## run test
CLX(X,Y)
```

cm13

*One-Sample Covariance Test by Cai and Ma (2013)***Description**

Given data, it performs 1-sample test for Covariance where the null hypothesis is

$$H_0 : \Sigma_n = \Sigma_0$$

where Σ_n is the covariance of data model and Σ_0 is a hypothesized covariance based on a procedure proposed by Cai and Ma (2013).

Usage

```
cm13(X, Sigma0, alpha)
```

Arguments

X an $(n \times p)$ data matrix where each row is an observation.
Sigma0 a $(p \times p)$ given covariance matrix.
alpha level of significance.

Value

a named list containing:

statistic a test statistic value.

threshold rejection criterion to be compared against test statistic.

reject a logical; TRUE to reject null hypothesis, FALSE otherwise.

Examples

```
## generate data from multivariate normal with trivial covariance.
p = 5;n=10
X=data = matrix(rnorm(n*p), ncol=p)
alpha=0.05
Sigma0=diag(ncol(X))
cm13(X, Sigma0, alpha)
```

`cmtwo`*Two-Sample Covariance Test by Cai and Ma (2013)*

Description

Given two sets of data, it performs 2-sample test for equality of covariance matrices where the null hypothesis is

$$H_0 : \Sigma_1 = \Sigma_2$$

where Σ_1 and Σ_2 represent true (unknown) covariance for each dataset based on a procedure proposed by Cai and Ma (2013). If `statistic > threshold`, it rejects null hypothesis.

Usage

```
cmtwo(X, Y, alpha)
```

Arguments

`X` an $(m \times p)$ matrix where each row is an observation from the first dataset.
`Y` an $(n \times p)$ matrix where each row is an observation from the second dataset.
`alpha` level of significance.

Value

a named list containing

statistic a test statistic value.

threshold rejection criterion to be compared against test statistic.

reject a logical; TRUE to reject null hypothesis, FALSE otherwise.

Examples

```
## generate 2 datasets from multivariate normal with identical covariance.
p= 5; n1 = 100; n2 = 150; alpha=0.05
X=data1 = matrix(rnorm(n1*p), ncol=p)
Y=data2 = matrix(rnorm(n2*p), ncol=p)

# run test
cmtwo(X, Y, alpha)
```

corneal	<i>corneal</i>
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Description

This dataset was acquired during a keratoconus study, a collaborative project involving Ms.Nancy Tripoli and Dr.Kenneth L.Cohen of Department of Ophthalmology at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. The fitted feature vectors for the complete corneal surface dataset collectively into a feature matrix with dimensions of 150×2000 .

Usage

```
data(corneal)
```

Format

'corneal':

A data frame with 150 observations on the following 4 groups.

normal group1 row 1 to row 43 in total 43 rows of the feature matrix correspond to observations from the normal group

unilateral suspect group2 row 44 to row 57 in total 14 rows of the feature matrix correspond to observations from the unilateral suspect group

suspect map group3 row 58 to row 78 in total 21 of the feature matrix correspond to observations from the suspect map group

clinical keratoconus group4 row 79 to row 150 in total 72 of the feature matrix correspond to observations from the clinical keratoconus group

Examples

```
data(corneal)
dim(corneal)
group1 <- as.matrix(corneal[1:43, ]) ## normal group
dim(group1)
group2 <- as.matrix(corneal[44:57, ]) ## unilateral suspect group
dim(group2)
group3 <- as.matrix(corneal[58:78, ]) ## suspect map group
dim(group3)
group4 <- as.matrix(corneal[79:150, ]) ## clinical keratoconus group
dim(group4)
```

 COVID19

COVID19

Description

A COVID19 data set from NCBI with ID GSE152641. The data set profiled peripheral blood from 24 healthy controls and 62 prospectively enrolled patients with community-acquired lower respiratory tract infection by SARS-COV-2 within the first 24 hours of hospital admission using RNA sequencing.

Usage

```
data(COVID19)
```

Format

'COVID19':

A data frame with 86 observations on the following 2 groups.

healthy group1 row 2 to row 19, and row 82 to 87, in total 24 healthy controls

patients group2 row 20 to 81, in total 62 prospectively enrolled patients

Examples

```
data(COVID19)
dim(COVID19)
group1 <- as.matrix(COVID19[c(2:19, 82:87), ]) ## healthy group
dim(group1)
group2 <- as.matrix(COVID19[-c(1:19, 82:87), ]) ## COVID-19 patients
dim(group2)
```

 LC

Two-Sample Covariance Test by Li and Chen (2012)

Description

Given two sets of data matrices X and Y , where X is an n_1 rows and p cols matrix and Y is an n_2 rows and p cols matrix, we conduct hypothesis testing of the covariance matrix between two samples. The null hypothesis is:

$$H_0 : \Sigma_1 = \Sigma_2$$

Σ_1 and Σ_2 are the sample covariance matrices of X and Y respectively. This test method is based on the test method proposed by Li and Chen (2012). When the pval value is less than the significance coefficient (generally 0.05), the null hypothesis is rejected.

Usage

```
LC(X, Y)
```

Arguments

X A matrix of n1 by p
 Y A matrix of n2 by p

Value

stat a test statistic value.
 pval a test p_value.

References

Li, J. and Chen, S. X. (2012). Two sample tests for high-dimensional covariance matrices. The Annals of Statistics, 40(2):908-940.

Examples

```
## generate X and Y.
p= 500; n1 = 100; n2 = 150
X=matrix(rnorm(n1*p), ncol=p)
Y=matrix(rnorm(n2*p), ncol=p)
## run test
LC(X,Y)
```

miRNA

miRNA

Description

A three factor level variable corresponding to cancer type

Usage

```
data(miRNA)
```

Format

Dataframe with 21 samples and 537 variables

columns variables

rows samples

Examples

```
data(miRNA)
```

Description

Given two sets of data matrices X and Y , where X is an n_1 rows and p cols matrix and Y is an n_2 rows and p cols matrix, we conduct hypothesis testing of the covariance matrix between two samples. The null hypothesis is:

$$H_0 : \Sigma_1 = \Sigma_2$$

Σ_1 and Σ_2 are the sample covariance matrices of X and Y respectively. This test method is based on the test method proposed by Yu, Li and Xue (2022). When the pval value is less than the significance coefficient (generally 0.05), the null hypothesis is rejected.

Usage

```
PEC(X, Y)
```

Arguments

X	A matrix of n_1 by p
Y	A matrix of n_2 by p

Value

stat	a test statistic value.
pval	a test p_value.

References

Yu, X., Li, D., and Xue, L. (2022). Fisher's combined probability test for high-dimensional covariance matrices. *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, (in press):1-14.

Examples

```
## generate X and Y.  
p= 500; n1 = 100; n2 = 150  
X=matrix(rnorm(n1*p), ncol=p)  
Y=matrix(rnorm(n2*p), ncol=p)  
## run test  
PEC(X, Y)
```

Description

Given two sets of data matrices X and Y , where X is an n_1 rows and p cols matrix and Y is an n_2 rows and p cols matrix, we conduct hypothesis testing of the covariance matrix between two samples. The null hypothesis is:

$$H_0 : \Sigma_1 = \Sigma_2$$

Σ_1 and Σ_2 are the sample covariance matrices of X and Y respectively. This test method is based on the test method proposed by Yu, Li, Xue and Li (2022). When the pval value is less than the significance coefficient (generally 0.05), the null hypothesis is rejected.

Usage

```
PECO(X,Y,delta = NULL)
```

Arguments

<code>X</code>	A matrix of n_1 by p
<code>Y</code>	A matrix of n_2 by p
<code>delta</code>	A scalar used as the threshold for building PE components, usually the default value.

Value

<code>stat</code>	a test statistic value.
<code>pval</code>	a test p_value.

References

Yu, X., Li, D., Xue, L., and Li, R. (2022). Power-enhanced simultaneous test of high-dimensional mean vectors and covariance matrices with application to gene-set testing. *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, (in press):1-14.

Examples

```
## generate X and Y.  
p= 500; n1 = 100; n2 = 150  
X=matrix(rnorm(n1*p), ncol=p)  
Y=matrix(rnorm(n2*p), ncol=p)  
## run test  
PECO(X,Y)
```

PEF

*Two-Sample Covariance Test by Yu, Li and Xue (2022)***Description**

Given two sets of data matrices X and Y , where X is an n_1 rows and p cols matrix and Y is an n_2 rows and p cols matrix, we conduct hypothesis testing of the covariance matrix between two samples. The null hypothesis is:

$$H_0 : \Sigma_1 = \Sigma_2$$

Σ_1 and Σ_2 are the sample covariance matrices of X and Y respectively. This test method is based on the test method proposed by Yu, Li and Xue (2022). When the pval value is less than the significance coefficient (generally 0.05), the null hypothesis is rejected.

Usage

```
PEF(X, Y)
```

Arguments

X	A matrix of n_1 by p
Y	A matrix of n_2 by p

Value

<code>stat</code>	a test statistic value.
<code>pval</code>	a test p_value.

References

Yu, X., Li, D., and Xue, L. (2022). Fisher's combined probability test for high-dimensional covariance matrices. *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, (in press):1-14.

Examples

```
## generate X and Y.
p= 500; n1 = 100; n2 = 150
X=matrix(rnorm(n1*p), ncol=p)
Y=matrix(rnorm(n2*p), ncol=p)
## run test
PEF(X, Y)
```

syk *One-Sample Covariance Test by Srivastava, Yanagihara, and Kubokawa (2014)*

Description

Given data, it performs 1-sample test for Covariance where the null hypothesis is

$$H_0 : \Sigma_n = \Sigma_0$$

where Σ_n is the covariance of data model and Σ_0 is a hypothesized covariance based on a procedure proposed by Srivastava, Yanagihara, and Kubokawa (2014).

Usage

```
syk(data, Sigma0, alpha)
```

Arguments

data an $(n \times p)$ data matrix where each row is an observation.
Sigma0 a $(p \times p)$ given covariance matrix.
alpha level of significance.

Value

a named list containing

statistic a test statistic value.

threshold rejection criterion to be compared against test statistic.

reject a logical; TRUE to reject null hypothesis, FALSE otherwise.

Examples

```
## generate data from multivariate normal with trivial covariance.
p = 5;n=10
data = matrix(rnorm(n*p), ncol=p)
alpha=0.05
Sigma0=diag(ncol(data))
## run the test
syk(data, Sigma0, alpha)
```

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