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nd.centraliity	<i>Centrality Distance</i>
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Description

Centrality is a core concept in studying the topological structure of complex networks, which can be either defined for each node or edge. nd.centraliity offers 3 distance measures on node-defined centralities. See this [Wikipedia page](#) for more on network/graph centrality.

Usage

```
nd.centraliity(A, out.dist = TRUE, mode = c("Degree", "Close", "Between"),
  directed = FALSE)
```

Arguments

A	a list of length N containing $(M \times M)$ adjacency matrices.
out.dist	a logical; TRUE for computed distance matrix as a dist object.
mode	type of node centrality definitions to be used.
directed	a logical; FALSE as symmetric, undirected graph.

Value

a named list containing

D an $(N \times N)$ matrix or dist object containing pairwise distance measures.

features an $(N \times M)$ matrix where rows are node centralities for each graph.

References

Roy M, Schmid S and Trédan G (2014). "Modeling and Measuring Graph Similarity: The Case for Centrality Distance." In *FOMC 2014, 10th ACM International Workshop on Foundations of Mobile Computing*, pp. 53. <https://hal.archives-ouvertes.fr/hal-01010901>.

Examples

```
## generate two types of adjacency matrices of size (3-by-3)
rbin1 = rbinom(9,1,0.8); mat1 = matrix(rbin1,nrow=3)
rbin2 = rbinom(9,1,0.2); mat2 = matrix(rbin2,nrow=3)

matttype1 = ceiling((mat1+t(mat1))/2); diag(matttype1)=0;
matttype2 = ceiling((mat2+t(mat2))/2); diag(matttype2)=0;
```

```

A = list()
for (i in 1:3){A[[i]]=matttype1} # first 3 are type-1
for (i in 4:6){A[[i]]=matttype2} # next 3 are type-2

## use 3 types of centrality measures
out1 <- nd.centralitiy(A,out.dist=FALSE,mode="Degree")
out2 <- nd.centralitiy(A,out.dist=FALSE,mode="Close")
out3 <- nd.centralitiy(A,out.dist=FALSE,mode="Between")

## visualize
par(mfrow=c(1,3))
image(out1$D, main="Degree")
image(out2$D, main="Closeness")
image(out3$D, main="Betweenness")

```

nd.csd

L₂ Distance of Continuous Spectral Densities

Description

The method employs spectral density of eigenvalues from Laplacian in that for each, we have corresponding spectral density $\rho(w)$ as a sum of narrow Lorentz distributions with bandwidth parameter.

Usage

```
nd.csd(A, out.dist = TRUE, bandwidth = 1)
```

Arguments

<code>A</code>	a list of length N containing $(M \times M)$ adjacency matrices.
<code>out.dist</code>	a logical; TRUE for computed distance matrix as a <code>dist</code> object.
<code>bandwidth</code>	common bandwidth of positive real number.

Value

a named list containing

D an $(N \times N)$ matrix or `dist` object containing pairwise distance measures.

spectra an $(N \times M - 1)$ matrix where each row is top- $M - 1$ vibrational spectra.

References

Ipsen M and Mikhailov AS (2002). "Evolutionary reconstruction of networks." *Physical Review E*, **66**(4). ISSN 1063-651X, 1095-3787, doi: [10.1103/PhysRevE.66.046109](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevE.66.046109), <https://link.aps.org/doi/10.1103/PhysRevE.66.046109>.

Examples

```
## generate two types of adjacency matrices of size (3-by-3)
rbin1 = rbinom(9,1,0.8); mat1 = matrix(rbin1,nrow=3)
rbin2 = rbinom(9,1,0.2); mat2 = matrix(rbin2,nrow=3)

mattype1 = ceiling((mat1+t(mat1))/2); diag(mattype1)=0;
mattype2 = ceiling((mat2+t(mat2))/2); diag(mattype2)=0;

A = list()
for (i in 1:3){A[[i]]=mattype1} # first 3 are type-1
for (i in 4:6){A[[i]]=mattype2} # next 3 are type-2

## Compute Distance Matrix and Visualize
output = nd.csd(A, out.dist=FALSE, bandwidth=1.0)
image(output$D, main="two group case")
```

nd.dsd

Discrete Spectral Distance

Description

Discrete Spectral Distance (DSD) is defined as the Euclidean distance between the spectra of various matrices, such as adjacency matrix A ("Adj"), (unnormalized) Laplacian matrix $L = D - A$ ("Lap"), signless Laplacian matrix $|L| = D + A$ ("SLap"), or normalized Laplacian matrix $\tilde{L} = D^{-1/2}LD^{-1/2}$.

Usage

```
nd.dsd(A, out.dist = TRUE, type = c("Adj", "Lap", "SLap", "NLap"))
```

Arguments

A a list of length N containing $(M \times M)$ adjacency matrices.
out.dist a logical; TRUE for computed distance matrix as a `dist` object.
type type of target structure. One of "Adj", "Lap", "SLap", "NLap" as defined above.

Value

a named list containing

D an $(N \times N)$ matrix or `dist` object containing pairwise distance measures.

spectra an $(N \times M - 1)$ matrix where each row is top- $M - 1$ vibrational spectra.

References

Wilson RC and Zhu P (2008). "A study of graph spectra for comparing graphs and trees." *Pattern Recognition*, 41(9), pp. 2833–2841. ISSN 00313203, doi: [10.1016/j.patcog.2008.03.011](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.patcog.2008.03.011), <http://linkinghub.elsevier.com/retrieve/pii/S0031320308000927>.

Examples

```
## generate two types of adjacency matrices of size (3-by-3)
rbin1 = rbinom(9,1,0.8); mat1 = matrix(rbin1,nrow=3)
rbin2 = rbinom(9,1,0.2); mat2 = matrix(rbin2,nrow=3)

mattype1 = ceiling((mat1+t(mat1))/2); diag(mattype1)=0;
mattype2 = ceiling((mat2+t(mat2))/2); diag(mattype2)=0;

A = list()
for (i in 1:3){A[[i]]=mattype1} # first 3 are type-1
for (i in 4:6){A[[i]]=mattype2} # next 3 are type-2

## Compute Distance Matrix and Visualize
output = nd.dsd(A, out.dist=FALSE)
image(output$D, main="two group case")
```

nd.edd

*Edge Difference Distance***Description**

It is of the most simplest form that Edge Difference Distance (EDD) takes two adjacency matrices and takes Frobenius norm of their differences.

Usage

```
nd.edd(A, out.dist = TRUE)
```

Arguments

A a list of length N containing $(M \times M)$ adjacency matrices.
out.dist a logical; TRUE for computed distance matrix as a `dist` object.

Value

a named list containing

D an $(N \times N)$ matrix or `dist` object containing pairwise distance measures.

References

Hammond DK, Gur Y and Johnson CR (2013). "Graph Diffusion Distance: A Difference Measure for Weighted Graphs Based on the Graph Laplacian Exponential Kernel." In *Proceedings of the IEEE global conference on information and signal processing (GlobalSIP'13)*, pp. 419–422. doi: [10.1109/GlobalSIP.2013.6736904](https://doi.org/10.1109/GlobalSIP.2013.6736904), http://www.sci.utah.edu/publications/hammond13/Hammond_GlobalSIP2013.pdf.

Examples

```
## generate two types of adjacency matrices of size (3-by-3)
rbin1 = rbinom(9,1,0.8); mat1 = matrix(rbin1,nrow=3)
rbin2 = rbinom(9,1,0.1); mat2 = matrix(rbin2,nrow=3)

mattype1 = ceiling((mat1+t(mat1))/2); diag(mattype1)=0;
mattype2 = ceiling((mat2+t(mat2))/2); diag(mattype2)=0;

A = list()
for (i in 1:3){A[[i]]=mattype1} # first 3 are type-1
for (i in 4:6){A[[i]]=mattype2} # next 3 are type-2

## Compute Distance Matrix and Visualize
output = nd.edd(A, out.dist=FALSE)
image(output$D, main="two group case")
```

nd.extremal

Extremal distance with top-k eigenvalues

Description

Extremal distance (`nd.extremal`) is a type of spectral distance measures on two graphs' graph Laplacian,

$$L := D - A$$

where A is an adjacency matrix and $D_{ii} = \sum_j A_{ij}$. It takes top- k eigenvalues from graph Laplacian matrices and take normalized sum of squared differences as metric. Note that it is *1. non-negative, 2. separated, 3. symmetric, and satisfies 4. triangle inequality* in that it is indeed a metric.

Usage

```
nd.extremal(A, out.dist = TRUE, k = ceiling(nrow(A)/5))
```

Arguments

<code>A</code>	a list of length N containing adjacency matrices.
<code>out.dist</code>	a logical; TRUE for computed distance matrix as a <code>dist</code> object.
<code>k</code>	the number of largest eigenvalues to be used.

Value

a named list containing

D an $(N \times N)$ matrix or `dist` object containing pairwise distance measures.

spectra an $(N \times k)$ matrix where each row is top- k Laplacian eigenvalues.

References

Jakobson D and Rivin I (2002). “Extremal metrics on graphs I.” *Forum Mathematicum*, **14**(1). ISSN 0933-7741, 1435-5337, doi: [10.1515/form.2002.002](https://doi.org/10.1515/form.2002.002), <https://www.degruyter.com/view/j/form.2002.14.issue-1/form.2002.002/form.2002.002.xml>.

Examples

```
## generate two types of adjacency matrices of size (3-by-3)
rbin1 = rbinom(9,1,0.8); mat1 = matrix(rbin1,nrow=3)
rbin2 = rbinom(9,1,0.2); mat2 = matrix(rbin2,nrow=3)

matttype1 = ceiling((mat1+t(mat1))/2); diag(matttype1)=0;
matttype2 = ceiling((mat2+t(mat2))/2); diag(matttype2)=0;

A = list()
for (i in 1:3){A[[i]]=matttype1} # first 3 are type-1
for (i in 4:6){A[[i]]=matttype2} # next 3 are type-2

## Compute Distance Matrix and Visualize
output = nd.extremal(A, out.dist=FALSE, k=2)
image(output$D, main="two group case")
```

nd.gdd

Graph Diffusion Distance

Description

Graph Diffusion Distance (nd.gdd) quantifies the difference between two weighted graphs of same size. It takes an idea from heat diffusion process on graphs via graph Laplacian exponential kernel matrices. For a given adjacency matrix A , the graph Laplacian is defined as

$$L := D - A$$

where $D_{ii} = \sum_j A_{ij}$. For two adjacency matrices A_1 and A_2 , GDD is defined as

$$d_{gdd}(A_1, A_2) = \max_t \sqrt{\|\exp(-tL_1) - \exp(-tL_2)\|_F}$$

where $\exp(\cdot)$ is matrix exponential, $\|\cdot\|_F$ a Frobenius norm, and L_1 and L_2 Laplacian matrices corresponding to A_1 and A_2 , respectively.

Usage

```
nd.gdd(A, out.dist = TRUE, vect = seq(from = 0.1, to = 1, length.out = 10))
```

Arguments

A	a list of length N containing adjacency matrices.
out.dist	a logical; TRUE for computed distance matrix as a dist object.
vect	a vector of parameters t whose values will be used.

Value

a named list containing

D an $(N \times N)$ matrix or dist object containing pairwise distance measures.

maxt an $(N \times N)$ matrix whose entries are maximizer of the cost function.

References

Hammond DK, Gur Y and Johnson CR (2013). “Graph Diffusion Distance: A Difference Measure for Weighted Graphs Based on the Graph Laplacian Exponential Kernel.” In *Proceedings of the IEEE global conference on information and signal processing (GlobalSIP’13)*, pp. 419–422. doi: [10.1109/GlobalSIP.2013.6736904](https://doi.org/10.1109/GlobalSIP.2013.6736904), http://www.sci.utah.edu/publications/hammond13/Hammond_GlobalSIP2013.pdf.

Examples

```
## Not run:
## generate two types of adjacency matrices of size (3-by-3)
rbin1 = rbinom(9,1,0.8); mat1 = matrix(rbin1,nrow=3)
rbin2 = rbinom(9,1,0.2); mat2 = matrix(rbin2,nrow=3)

mattype1 = ceiling((mat1+t(mat1))/2); diag(mattype1)=0;
mattype2 = ceiling((mat2+t(mat2))/2); diag(mattype2)=0;

A = list()
for (i in 1:3){A[[i]]=mattype1} # first 3 are type-1
for (i in 4:6){A[[i]]=mattype2} # next 3 are type-2

## Compute Distance Matrix and Visualize
output = nd.gdd(A)
image(as.matrix(output$D), main="two group case")

## End(Not run)
```

nd.hamming

Hamming Distance

Description

Hamming Distance is the count of discrepancy between two binary networks for each edge. Therefore, if used with non-binary networks, it might return a warning message and distorted results. It was originally designed to compare two strings of equal length, see [Wikipedia page](#) for more detailed introduction.

Usage

```
nd.hamming(A, out.dist = TRUE)
```


Arguments

A a list of length N containing adjacency matrices.
out.dist a logical; TRUE for computed distance matrix as a dist object.

Value

a named list containing
D an $(N \times N)$ matrix or dist object containing pairwise distance measures.

References

Hamming RW (1950). "Error Detecting and Error Correcting Codes." *Bell System Technical Journal*, **29**(2), pp. 147–160. ISSN 00058580, doi: [10.1002/j.15387305.1950.tb00463.x](https://doi.org/10.1002/j.15387305.1950.tb00463.x), <http://ieeexplore.ieee.org/lpdocs/epic03/wrapper.htm?arnumber=6772729>.

Examples

```
## generate two types of adjacency matrices of size (3-by-3)
rbin1 = rbinom(9,1,0.8); mat1 = matrix(rbin1,nrow=3)
rbin2 = rbinom(9,1,0.2); mat2 = matrix(rbin2,nrow=3)

matttype1 = ceiling((mat1+t(mat1))/2); diag(matttype1)=0;
matttype2 = ceiling((mat2+t(mat2))/2); diag(matttype2)=0;

A = list()
for (i in 1:3){A[[i]]=matttype1} # first 3 are type-1
for (i in 4:6){A[[i]]=matttype2} # next 3 are type-2

## Compute Distance Matrix and Visualize
output = nd.hamming(A)
image(as.matrix(output$D), main="two group case")
```

nd.him

HIM Distance

Description

Hamming-Ipsen-Mikhailov (HIM) combines the local Hamming edit distance and the global Ipsen-Mikhailov distance to merge information at each scale. For Ipsen-Mikhailov distance, it is provided as `nd.csd` in our package for consistency. Given a parameter ξ (ξ), it is defined as

$$HIM_{\xi}(A, B) = \sqrt{H^2(A, B) + \xi \cdot IM^2(A, B)} / \sqrt{1 + \xi}$$

where H and IM stand for Hamming and I-M distance, respectively.

Usage

```
nd.him(A, out.dist = TRUE, xi = 1, ntest = 10)
```

Arguments

<code>A</code>	a list of length N containing $(M \times M)$ adjacency matrices.
<code>out.dist</code>	a logical; TRUE for computed distance matrix as a <code>dist</code> object.
<code>xi</code>	a parameter to control balance between two distances.
<code>n.test</code>	the number of searching over <code>nd.csd</code> parameter.

Value

a named list containing

D an $(N \times N)$ matrix or `dist` object containing pairwise distance measures.

References

Jurman G, Visintainer R, Filosi M, Riccadonna S and Furlanello C (2015). “The HIM glocal metric and kernel for network comparison and classification.” In *2015 IEEE International Conference on Data Science and Advanced Analytics (DSAA)*, pp. 1–10. ISBN 978-1-4673-8272-4, doi: [10.1109/DSAA.2015.7344816](https://doi.org/10.1109/DSAA.2015.7344816), <http://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/7344816/>.

See Also

[nd.hamming](#), [nd.csd](#)

Examples

```
## generate two types of adjacency matrices of size (3-by-3)
rbin1 = rbinom(9,1,0.8); mat1 = matrix(rbin1,nrow=3)
rbin2 = rbinom(9,1,0.2); mat2 = matrix(rbin2,nrow=3)

matttype1 = ceiling((mat1+t(mat1))/2); diag(matttype1)=0;
matttype2 = ceiling((mat2+t(mat2))/2); diag(matttype2)=0;

A = list()
for (i in 1:3){A[[i]]=matttype1} # first 3 are type-1
for (i in 4:6){A[[i]]=matttype2} # next 3 are type-2

## compute distance and visualize
output = nd.him(A, out.dist=FALSE)
image(output$D, main="two group case")
```

nd.wsd *Distance with Weighted Spectral Distribution*

Description

Normalized Laplacian matrix contains topological information of a corresponding network via its spectrum. `nd.wsd` adopts weighted spectral distribution of eigenvalues and brings about a metric via binning strategy.

Usage

```
nd.wsd(A, out.dist = TRUE, K = 50, wN = 4)
```

Arguments

A a list of length N containing $(M \times M)$ adjacency matrices.
out.dist a logical; TRUE for computed distance matrix as a `dist` object.
K the number of bins for the spectrum interval $[0, 2]$.
wN a decaying exponent; default is 4 set by authors.

Value

a named list containing

D an $(N \times N)$ matrix or `dist` object containing pairwise distance measures.

spectra an $(N \times M)$ matrix of rows being eigenvalues for each graph.

References

Fay D, Haddadi H, Thomason A, Moore A, Mortier R, Jamakovic A, Uhlig S and Rio M (2010). “Weighted Spectral Distribution for Internet Topology Analysis: Theory and Applications.” *IEEE/ACM Transactions on Networking*, **18**(1), pp. 164–176. ISSN 1063-6692, 1558-2566, doi: [10.1109/TNET.2009.2022369](https://doi.org/10.1109/TNET.2009.2022369), <http://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/5233839/>.

Examples

```
## generate two types of adjacency matrices of size (3-by-3)
rbin1 = rbinom(9,1,0.8); mat1 = matrix(rbin1,nrow=3)
rbin2 = rbinom(9,1,0.2); mat2 = matrix(rbin2,nrow=3)

matttype1 = ceiling((mat1+t(mat1))/2)
matttype2 = ceiling((mat2+t(mat2))/2)

A = list()
for (i in 1:3){A[[i]]=matttype1} # first 3 are type-1
for (i in 4:6){A[[i]]=matttype2} # next 3 are type-2

## Compute Distance Matrix and Visualize
```

```
output = nd.wsd(A, out.dist=FALSE, K=10)
image(output$D, main="two group case")
```

NetworkDistance

Distance Measures for Networks

Description

Network has gathered much attention from many disciplines, as many of real data can be well represented in the relational form. The concept of distance - or, metric - between two networks is the starting point for inference on population of networks. **NetworkDistance** package provides a not-so-comprehensive collection of distance measures for measuring dissimilarity between two network objects. Data should be supplied as *adjacency* matrices, where we support three formats of data representation; matrix object in **R** base, network class from **network** package, and igraph class from **igraph** package.

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