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Gmedian-package

*Geometric Median, k-Medians Clustering and Robust Median PCA***Description**

The geometric median (also called spatial median or L1 median) is a robust multivariate indicator of central position. This library provides fast estimation procedures that can handle rapidly large samples of high dimensional data. Function `Gmedian` computes the geometric median of a numerical data set with averaged stochastic gradient algorithms, whereas `GmedianCov` computes the median covariation matrix, a useful indicator for robust PCA. Robust clustering, based on the geometric k-medians, can also be performed with the same type of recursive algorithm thanks to `kGmedian`. Less fast estimation procedures based on Weiszfeld's algorithm are also available : function `Weiszfeld` computes the geometric median whereas `WeiszfeldCov` computes the median covariation matrix. These procedures may be preferred for small and moderate sample sizes. Note that weighting statistical units (for example with survey sampling weights) is allowed.

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Gmedian

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**Description**

Computes recursively the Geometric median (also named spatial median or L1-median) with a fast averaged stochastic gradient algorithms that can deal rapidly with large samples of high dimensional data.

**Usage**

```
Gmedian(X, init = NULL, gamma = 2, alpha = 0.75, nstart=2, epsilon=1e-08)
```

**Arguments**

X	Data matrix, with n (rows) observations in dimension d (columns).
init	When NULL the starting point of the algorithm is the first observation. Else the starting point of the algorithm is provided by init.
gamma	Value (positive) of the constant controlling the descent steps (see details).
alpha	Rate of decrease of the descent steps (see details). Should satisfy $1/2 < \alpha \leq 1$ .
nstart	Number of times the algorithm is ran over all the data set.
epsilon	Numerical tolerance. By default set to 1e-08.

**Details**

The recursive averaged algorithm is described in Cardot, Cenac, Zitt (2013), with descent steps defined as  $\alpha_n = \text{gamma}/n^{\text{alpha}}$ .

**Value**

Vector of the geometric median.

**References**

Cardot, H., Cenac, P. and Zitt, P-A. (2013). Efficient and fast estimation of the geometric median in Hilbert spaces with an averaged stochastic gradient algorithm. *Bernoulli*, 19, 18-43.

**See Also**

See also [GmedianCov](#), [kGmedian](#) and [Weiszfeld](#).

**Examples**

```
## Simulated data - Brownian paths
n <- 1e2
d <- 100
x <- matrix(rnorm(n*d,sd=1/sqrt(d)), n, d)
x <- t(apply(x,1,cumsum))

## Computation speed
system.time(replicate(10, {
  median.est = Gmedian(x)}))
system.time(replicate(10, {
  mean.est = apply(x,2,mean)}))
##

## Accuracy with contaminated data
n <- 1e03
d <- 10
n.contaminated <- 0.05*n ## 5% of contaminated observations
n.experiment <- 100
err.L2 <- matrix(NA,ncol=3,nrow=n.experiment)
colnames(err.L2) = c("mean (no contam.)", "mean (contam.)","Gmedian")

for (n.sim in 1:n.experiment){
  x <- matrix(rnorm(n*d,sd=1/sqrt(d)), n, d)
  x <- t(apply(x,1,cumsum))
  err.L2[n.sim,1] <- sum((apply(x,2,mean))^2/d)
  ind.contaminated <- sample(1:n,n.contaminated) ## contam. units
  x[ind.contaminated,] <- 5
  err.L2[n.sim,2] <- sum((apply(x,2,mean))^2/d)
  err.L2[n.sim,3] <- sum(Gmedian(x)^2/d)
}
boxplot(err.L2,main="L2 error")
```

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GmedianCov

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### Description

Computes recursively the Geometric median and the (geometric) median covariation matrix with fast averaged stochastic gradient algorithms. The estimation of the Geometric median is performed first and then the median covariation matrix is estimated, as well as its leading eigenvectors. The original recursive estimator of the median covariation matrix may not be a non negative matrix. A fast projected estimator onto the convex closed cone of the non negative matrices allows to get a non negative solution.

### Usage

```
GmedianCov(X, init=NULL, nn=TRUE, scores=2, gamma=2, gc=2, alpha=0.75, nstart=1)
```

### Arguments

<code>X</code>	Data matrix, with $n$ observations (rows) in dimension $d$ (columns).
<code>init</code>	When <code>NULL</code> the starting point of the algorithm estimating the median is the first observation.
<code>nn</code>	When <code>TRUE</code> the algorithm provides a non negative estimates of the median covariation matrix. When <code>FALSE</code> , the original algorithm is performed, with no guaranty that all the eigenvalues of the estimates are non negative
<code>scores</code>	An integer $q$ , by default $q=2$ . The function computes the eigenvectors of the median covariation matrix associated to the $q$ largest eigenvalues and the corresponding principal component scores. No output if <code>scores=0</code> .
<code>gamma</code>	Value (positive) of the constant controlling the descent steps (see details) for the algorithm computing median.
<code>gc</code>	Value (positive) of the constant controlling the descent steps (see details) for algorithm computing the median covariation matrix
<code>alpha</code>	Rate of decrease of the descent steps, $1/2 < \alpha \leq 1$ .
<code>nstart</code>	Number of time the algorithms are ran.

### Details

The (fast) computation of the eigenvectors is performed by `eigs_sym` of package `RSpectra`. See Cardot, H. and Godichon-Baggioni (2017) for more details on the recursive algorithm. See also `Gmedian`. When `nn=TRUE`, the descent step is bounded above so that the solution remains non negative at each iteration. The principal components standard deviation is estimated robustly thanks to function `scaleTau2` from package `robustbase`.

**Value**

median	Vector of the geometric median
covmedian	Median covariation matrix
vectors	The scores=q eigenvectors of the median covariation matrix associated to the q largest eigenvalues
scores	Principal component scores corresponding to the scores=q eigenvectors
sdev	The scores=q estimates of the standard deviation of the scores=q principal components.

**References**

Cardot, H., Cenac, P. and Zitt, P-A. (2013). Efficient and fast estimation of the geometric median in Hilbert spaces with an averaged stochastic gradient algorithm. *Bernoulli*, 19, 18-43.

Cardot, H. and Godichon-Baggioni, A. (2017). Fast Estimation of the Median Covariation Matrix with Application to Online Robust Principal Components Analysis. *TEST*, 26, 461-480.

**See Also**

See also [Gmedian](#) and [WeiszfeldCov](#).

**Examples**

```
## Simulated data - Brownian paths
n <- 1e3
d <- 20
x <- matrix(rnorm(n*d,sd=1/sqrt(d)), n, d)
x <- t(apply(x,1,cumsum))

## Estimation
median.est <- GmedianCov(x)

par(mfrow=c(1,2))
image(median.est$covmedian) ## median covariation function
plot(c(1:d)/d,median.est$vectors[,1]*sqrt(d),type="l",xlab="Time",
ylab="Eigenvectors",ylim=c(-1.4,1.4))
lines(c(1:d)/d,median.est$vectors[,2]*sqrt(d),lty=2)
```

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kGmedian

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**Description**

Fast k-medians clustering based on recursive averaged stochastic gradient algorithms. The procedure is similar to the [kmeans](#) clustering technique performed recursively with the MacQueen algorithm. The advantage of the kGmedian algorithm compared to MacQueen strategy is that it deals with sum of norms instead of sum of squared norms, ensuring a more robust behaviour against outlying values.

**Usage**

```
kGmedian(X, ncenters=2, gamma=1, alpha=0.75, nstart = 10, nstartkmeans = 10,  
iter.max = 20)
```

**Arguments**

<code>X</code>	matrix, with $n$ observations (rows) in dimension $d$ (columns).
<code>ncenters</code>	Either the number of clusters, say $k$ , or a set of initial (distinct) cluster centres. If a number, the initial centres are chosen as the output of the <a href="#">kmeans</a> function computed with the MacQueen algorithm.
<code>gamma</code>	Value of the constant controlling the descent steps (see details).
<code>alpha</code>	Rate of decrease of the descent steps.
<code>nstart</code>	Number of times the algorithm is ran, with random sets of initialization centers chosen among the observations.
<code>nstartkmeans</code>	Number of initialization points in the <a href="#">kmeans</a> function for choosing the starting point of <code>kGmedian</code> .
<code>iter.max</code>	Maximum number of iterations considered in the <a href="#">kmeans</a> function for choosing the starting point of <code>kGmedian</code> .

**Details**

See Cardot, Cenac and Monnez (2012).

**Value**

<code>cluster</code>	A vector of integers (from 1:k) indicating the cluster to which each point is allocated.
<code>centers</code>	A matrix of cluster centres.
<code>withinsrs</code>	Vector of within-cluster sum of norms, one component per cluster.
<code>size</code>	The number of points in each cluster.

**References**

Cardot, H., Cenac, P. and Monnez, J-M. (2012). A fast and recursive algorithm for clustering large datasets with  $k$ -medians. *Computational Statistics and Data Analysis*, 56, 1434-1449.

Cardot, H., Cenac, P. and Zitt, P-A. (2013). Efficient and fast estimation of the geometric median in Hilbert spaces with an averaged stochastic gradient algorithm. *Bernoulli*, 19, 18-43.

MacQueen, J. (1967). Some methods for classification and analysis of multivariate observations. In Proceedings of the Fifth Berkeley Symposium on Mathematical Statistics and Probability, eds L. M. Le Cam and J. Neyman, 1, pp. 281-297. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press.

**See Also**

See also [Gmedian](#) and [kmeans](#).

**Examples**

```
# a 2-dimensional example
x <- rbind(matrix(rnorm(100, sd = 0.3), ncol = 2),
            matrix(rnorm(100, mean = 1, sd = 0.3), ncol = 2))
colnames(x) <- c("x", "y")

cl.kmeans <- kmeans(x, 2)
cl.kmedian <- kGmedian(x)

par(mfrow=c(1,2))
plot(x, col = cl.kmeans$cluster, main="kmeans")
points(cl.kmeans$centers, col = 1:2, pch = 8, cex = 2)

plot(x, col = cl.kmedian$cluster, main="kmedian")
points(cl.kmedian$centers, col = 1:2, pch = 8, cex = 2)
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Weiszfeld

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**Description**

Computes the Geometric median (also named spatial median or L1-median) with Weiszfeld's algorithm.

**Usage**

```
Weiszfeld(X, weights = NULL, epsilon=1e-08, nitermax = 100)
```

**Arguments**

<code>X</code>	Data matrix, with $n$ (rows) observations in dimension $d$ (columns).
<code>weights</code>	When <code>NULL</code> , all observations have the same weight, say $1/n$ . Else, the user can provide a size $n$ vector of weights (such as sampling weights). These weights are used in the estimating equation (see details).
<code>epsilon</code>	Numerical tolerance. By default $1e-08$ .
<code>nitermax</code>	Maximum number of iterations of the algorithm. By default set to 100.

**Details**

Weiszfeld's algorithm (see Vardi and Zhang, 2000) is fast and accurate and can deal with large samples of high dimension data. However it is not as fast as the recursive approach proposed in [Gmedian](#), which may be preferred for very large samples in high dimension. Weights can be given for statistical units, allowing to deal with data drawn from unequal probability sampling designs (see Lardin-Puech, Cardot and Goga, 2014).



**Value**

median	Vector of the geometric median.
iter	Number of iterations

**References**

Lardin-Puech, P., Cardot, H. and Goga, C. (2014). Analysing large datasets of functional data: a survey sampling point of view, *J. de la SFdS*, 155(4), 70-94.

Vardi, Y. and Zhang, C.-H. (2000). The multivariate L1-median and associated data depth. *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA*, 97(4):1423-1426.

**See Also**

See also [Gmedian](#) and [WeiszfeldCov](#).

**Examples**

```
## Robustness of the geometric median of n=3 points in dimension d=2.
a1 <- c(-1,0); a2 <- c(1,0); a3 <-c(0,1)
data.mat <- rbind(a1,a2,a3)
plot(data.mat,xlab="x",ylab="y")
med.est <- Weiszfeld(data.mat)
points(med.est$median,pch=19)
```

```
### weighted units
poids = c(3/2,1,1)
plot(data.mat,xlab="x",ylab="y")
med.est <- Weiszfeld(data.mat,weights=poids)
plot(data.mat,xlab="x",ylab="y")
points(med.est$median,pch=19)
```

```
## outlier
data.mat[3,] <- c(0,10)
plot(data.mat,xlab="x",ylab="y")
med.est <- Weiszfeld(data.mat)
points(med.est$median,pch=19)
```

```
## Computation speed
## Simulated data - Brownian paths
n <- 1e2 ## choose n <- 1e5 for better evaluation
d <- 20
x <- matrix(rnorm(n*d,sd=1/sqrt(d)), n, d)
x <- t(apply(x,1,cumsum))
```

```
system.time(replicate(10, {
  median.est = Weiszfeld(x)}))
system.time(replicate(10, {
  median.est = Gmedian(x)}))
system.time(replicate(10, {
  mean.est = apply(x,2,mean)}))
```

WeiszfeldCov

*WeiszfeldCov***Description**

Estimation of the Geometric median covariation matrix with Weiszfeld's algorithm. Weights (such as sampling weights) for statistical units are allowed.

**Usage**

```
WeiszfeldCov(X, weights=NULL, scores=2, epsilon=1e-08, nitermax = 100)
```

**Arguments**

<code>X</code>	Data matrix, with $n$ (rows) observations in dimension $d$ (columns).
<code>weights</code>	When <code>NULL</code> , all observations have the same weight, say $1/n$ . Else, the user can provide a size $n$ vector of weights (such as sampling weights). These weights are used in the estimating equation (see details).
<code>scores</code>	An integer $q$ , by default $q=2$ . The function computes the eigenvectors of the median covariation matrix associated to the $q$ largest eigenvalues and the corresponding principal component scores. No output if $scores=0$ .
<code>epsilon</code>	Numerical tolerance. By default $1e-08$ .
<code>nitermax</code>	Maximum number of iterations of the algorithm. By default set to 100.

**Details**

This fast and accurate iterative algorithm can deal with moderate size datasets. For large datasets use preferably [GmedianCov](#), if fast estimations are required. Weights can be given for statistical units, allowing to deal with data drawn from unequal probability sampling designs (see Lardin-Puech, Cardot and Goga, 2014). The principal components standard deviation is estimated robustly thanks to function [scaleTau2](#) from package `robustbase`.

**Value**

<code>median</code>	Vector of the geometric median
<code>covmedian</code>	Median covariation matrix
<code>vectors</code>	The $scores=q$ eigenvectors of the median covariation matrix associated to the $q$ largest eigenvalues
<code>scores</code>	Principal component scores corresponding to the $scores=q$ eigenvectors
<code>sdev</code>	The $scores=q$ robust estimates of the standard deviation of the principal components scores
<code>iterm</code>	Number of iterations needed to estimate the median
<code>itercov</code>	Number of iterations needed to estimate the median covariation matrix.

## References

Cardot, H. and Godichon-Baggioni, A. (2017). Fast Estimation of the Median Covariation Matrix with Application to Online Robust Principal Components Analysis. *TEST*, 26, 461-480.

Lardin-Puech, P., Cardot, H. and Goga, C. (2014). Analysing large datasets of functional data: a survey sampling point of view, *Journal de la Soc. Fr. de Statis.*, 155(4), 70-94.

## See Also

See also [Weiszfeld](#) and [GmedianCov](#).

## Examples

```
## Simulated data - Brownian paths
n <- 1e3
d <- 20
x <- matrix(rnorm(n*d,sd=1/sqrt(d)), n, d)
x <- t(apply(x,1,cumsum))

## Estimation
median.est <- WeiszfeldCov(x)

par(mfrow=c(1,2))
image(median.est$covmedian) ## median covariation function
plot(c(1:d)/d,median.est$vectors[,1]*sqrt(d),type="l",xlab="Time",
ylab="Eigenvectors",ylim=c(-1.4,1.4))
lines(c(1:d)/d,median.est$vectors[,2]*sqrt(d),lty=2)
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