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Description A set of functions for performing null hypothesis testing on samples of persistence diagrams using the theory of permutations. Currently, only two-sample testing is implemented. Inputs can be either samples of persistence diagrams themselves or vectorizations. In the former case, they are embedded in a metric space using either the Bottleneck or Wasserstein distance. In the former case, persistence data becomes functional data and inference is performed using tools available in the 'fdatest' package. Main reference for the interval-wise testing method: Pini A., Vantini S. (2017)

``Interval-wise testing for functional data" <doi:10.1080/10485252.2017.1306627>.

Main reference for inference on populations of networks: Lovato, I., Pini, A., Stamm, A., & Vantini, S. (2020) ``Model-free two-sample test for network-valued data" <doi:10.1016/j.csda.2019.106896>.

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Description

A set of 24 persistence diagrams computed from noisy samples of 2-armed Archimedean spirals. Each sample consists of 120 points sampled from an Archimedean spiral, embedded in 3D with a zero z-coordinate, then Gaussian noise (sd = 0.05) added. Vietoris-Rips persistence was computed up to dimension 2 with maximum scale 6 using TDA::ripsDiag(). Generated with seed 28415.

Usage

archspirals

Format

An object of class persistence_set containing 24 objects of class phutil::persistence.

trefoils1

Persistence diagrams from trefoil knot samples (first set)

Description

A set of 24 persistence diagrams computed from noisy samples of trefoil knots. Each sample consists of 120 points sampled from a trefoil knot with Gaussian noise (sd = 0.05) added. Vietoris-Rips persistence was computed up to dimension 2 with maximum scale 6 using TDA::ripsDiag(). Generated with seed 28415.

Usage

trefoils1

Format

An object of class persistence_set containing 24 objects of class phutil::persistence.

trefoils2

trefoils2

Persistence diagrams from trefoil knot samples (second set)

Description

A set of 24 persistence diagrams computed from noisy samples of trefoil knots. Each sample consists of 120 points sampled from a trefoil knot with Gaussian noise (sd = 0.05) added. Vietoris-Rips persistence was computed up to dimension 2 with maximum scale 6 using TDA::ripsDiag(). Generated with seed 28415.

Usage

trefoils2

Format

An object of class persistence_set containing 24 objects of class phutil::persistence.

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two_sample_diagram_test
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Two-sample test for diagram representation of persistence homology data

Description

This function performs a two-sample test for persistence homology data using the theory of permutation hypothesis testing to test the null hypothesis that the two samples come from the same distribution. The inference is performed using test statistics that only involve distances between persistence diagrams. Hence, the input data can be either a persistence set or a precomputed distance matrix.

Usage

```
two_sample_diagram_test(
    x,
    y,
    dimension = 0L,
    p = 2L,
    ncores = 1L,
    B = 1000L,
    stat_functions = list(flipr::stat_t_ip, flipr::stat_f_ip),
    npc = "tippett",
    seed = NULL,
    verbose = FALSE,
    keep_null_distribution = FALSE,
    keep_permutations = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

x	An object of class persistence_set typically produced by phutil::as_persistence_set() or of class dist typically produced by phutil::bottleneck_pairwise_distances() or phutil::wasserstein_pairwise_distances(). If x is a persistence set, then y must be either a vector of two integers (sample sizes) or another persistence set. If x is a distance matrix, then y must be a vector of two integers (sample sizes).
У	An object of class persistence_set typically produced by phutil::as_persistence_set() or a vector of two integers. If x is a persistence set, then y must be either a vector of two integers (sample sizes) or another persistence set. If x is a distance matrix, then y must be a vector of two integers (sample sizes).
dimension	An integer value specifying the homology dimension to use. Defaults to 0L, which corresponds to the 0-dimensional homology.
p	An integer value specifying the p-norm to use for the Wasserstein distance. Defaults to 2L, which corresponds to the Euclidean distance. If p is set to Inf, then the Bottleneck distance is used.
ncores	An integer value specifying the number of cores to use when computing the pairwise distance matrix between all combined persistence diagrams. Defaults to 1L, which means that the computation is done sequentially.
В	An integer value specifying the number of permutations to use for the permutation hypothesis test. Defaults to 1000L.
stat_functions	A list of functions that compute test statistics to be used for solving the inference problem. These functions must take two arguments: first, an object of class dist representing a distance matrix and second, an integer vector specifying the indices of the data points belonging to the first sample. Defaults to list(flipr::stat_t_ip, flipr::stat_f_ip) which are distance-based statistics equivalent to Student's and Fisher's statistics respectively.
npc	A string specifying the non-parametric combination method to use. Choices are either "tippett" (default) or "fisher". The former corresponds to the Tippet's method, while the latter corresponds to Fisher's method.
seed	An integer value specifying the seed for random number generation. Defaults to NULL which uses current time.
verbose	A boolean value indicating whether to print some information about the progress of the computation. Defaults to FALSE.
keep_null_distr	ribution
	A boolean specifying whether the empirical permutation null distribution should be returned as well. Defaults to FALSE.
keep_permutatio	
	A boolean specifying whether the list of sampled permutations used to compute

Value

to FALSE.

A numeric value storing the p-value from the two-sample test where the null hypothesis is that the two samples come from the same distribution. If one of keep_null_distribution or keep_permutations

the empirical permutation null distribution should be returned as well. Defaults

is set to TRUE, then the output will be a list containing the p-value and the null distribution (if keep_null_distribution is set to TRUE) and the list of sampled permutations (if keep_permutations is set to TRUE).

References

Lovato, I., Pini, A., Stamm, A., & Vantini, S. (2020). Model-free two-sample test for network-valued data. Computational Statistics & Data Analysis, 144, 106896.

Examples

```
two_sample_diagram_test(trefoils1[1:5], trefoils2[1:5], B = 100L)
two_sample_diagram_test(trefoils1[1:5], archspirals[1:5], B = 100L)
```

two_sample_functional_test

Two-sample test for functional representations of persistence homology data

Description

This function performs a two-sample test for persistence homology data using the theory of permutation hypothesis testing to test the null hypothesis that the two samples come from the same distribution. The input data must be objects of class persistence_set typically produced by phutil::as_persistence_set().

Usage

```
two_sample_functional_test(
    x,
    y,
    dimension = 0L,
    scale_size = 100L,
    representation = c("betti", "euler", "life", "silhouette", "entropy"),
    mu = 0,
    order = 2L,
    nknots = scale_size,
    B = 1000L,
    paired = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

- x An object of class persistence_set typically produced by phutil::as_persistence_set() specifying the first sample.
- y An object of class persistence_set typically produced by phutil::as_persistence_set() specifying the second sample.

dimension An integer value specifying the homology dimension to use. Defaults to 0L,

which corresponds to the 0-dimensional homology.

scale_size An integer value specifying the number of scale values to use for the functional

representation. Defaults to 100L.

representation A string specifying the functional representation to use. Choices are "betti",

"euler", "life", "silhouette", and "entropy". Defaults to "betti".

mu The difference between the first functional population and the second functional

population under the null hypothesis. Either a constant (in this case, a constant function is used) or a J-dimensional vector containing the evaluations on the

same grid which data are evaluated. The default is mu=0.

order Order of the B-spline basis expansion. The default is order=2.

nknots An integer value specifying the number of knots to use for the B-spline repre-

sentation. Defaults to scale_size.

B An integer value specifying the number of permutations to use for the permuta-

tion hypothesis test. Defaults to 1000L.

paired A logical indicating whether the test is paired. The default is FALSE.

Value

A length-4 list containing the following objects:

- xfd: A numeric matrix of shape $n_1 \times p$ storing the representation of the first sample on a uniform grid.
- yfd: A numeric matrix of shape $n_2 \times p$ storing the representation of the second sample on a uniform grid.
- scale_seq: A numeric vector of shape p storing the scale sequence used for the functional representation.
- iwt: An object of class ITP2 which is a list containing at least the following components:
 - basis: A string indicating the basis used for the first phase of the algorithm. In this case, equals to "B-spline".
 - test: A string indicating the type of test performed. In this case, equals to "2pop".
 - mu: The difference between the mean of the first and second populations under the null hypothesis (as entered by the user).
 - paired: A boolean value indicating whether the two samples are paired or not (as entered by the user).
 - coeff: A numeric matrix of shape n × p of the p coefficients of the B-spline basis expansion, with n = n₁ + n₂. Rows are associated to units and columns to the basis index. The first n₁ rows report the coefficients of the first population units and the following n₂ rows report the coefficients of the second population units.
 - pval: A numeric vector of shape p storing the uncorrected p-values for each coefficient
 of the B-spline basis expansion.
 - pval.matrix: A numeric matrix of shape $p \times p$ of the p-values of the multivariate tests. The element (i, j) of the pval.matrix matrix contains the p-value of the joint NPC test of the components $(j, j+1, \ldots, j+(p-i))$.

- corrected.pval: A numeric vector of shape p storing the corrected p-values for each coefficient of the B-spline basis expansion.
- labels: A character vector of shape n storing the membership of each unit to the first or second population.
- data.eval: A numeric matrix of shape $n \times p$ storing the evaluation of the functional data on a uniform grid.
- heatmap.matrix: A numeric matrix storing the p-values. Used only for plots.

References

Pini, A., & Vantini, S. (2017). Interval-wise testing for functional data. Journal of Nonparametric Statistics, 29(2), 407-424.

Examples

```
tref1 <- trefoils1[1:5]
archsp <- archspirals[1:5]
out <- two_sample_functional_test(tref1, archsp, B = 10L, scale_size = 20L)
plot(out$iwt, xrange = range(out$scale_seq))
matplot(
  out$scale_seq[-1],
   t(rbind(out$xfd, out$yfd)),
  type = "1",
  col = c(rep(1, length(tref1)), rep(2, length(archsp)))
)</pre>
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