# Package 'SteinerNet'

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<b>Description</b> A set of graph functions writen in R to find Steiner trees on graphs. It provides tools for analysing Steiner tree application on networks. It has applications in biological pathway network analysis.
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generate\_st\_samples

#### Description

This function generates simulation data. It creates random graphs with randomly selected terminals.

#### Usage

```
generate_st_samples(test, graph, folder= NULL, listofterminaltest, repetition)
```

#### Arguments

test test selects the test type to make random data for it. the random walk for exact

algorithm makes subgraphs that include random terminals, but for heuristics it selects random terminals on the base graph and returns the terminal set only

graph graph is the base graph for generating random subgraphs and random terminal

set.

folder specifies a folder name to store the simulated data inside it.

listofterminaltest

listofterminaltest is an input list. Elements of the list are number of termi-

nals to select for a simulation.

repetition repetition is a list of probabilites. Its length declares the number of elements

if random data set that is created for terminals. Each element of the list is the probability of selecting a node as terminal while the random walk is traversing

the base graph.

#### **Details**

This function generates random data for two type of simulations. For experiments that include exact algorithms, it generates random subgraphs with randomly selected terminals. Otherwise it returns only a set of random terminals to be used with the base graph.

Test specifies the type of simulation. test can be exact or appr,

exact refers to generation of data for an experiment that includes exact Steiner tree algorithm.

appr refers to generation of data for a experiment that involves only approximate Steiner tree algorithms.

If folder is NULL, it will use default value "steinerdata2" for folder when type is exact and "steinerdata" when type is appr.

listofterminaltest in our study was made of 5, 8, 20, 50, 70 for comparing approximate algorithms and it was 5, 8 for experiments that included exact Steiner tree algorithm. [1]

In our study, we repeated the tests 50 times, and we made the random walk to select a node to be terminal with 0.5 probability. Therefore repetition in our comparison was a list of fifty 0.5 values.

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#### Value

The function stores the random data in address that is stated in folder. When test is exact the output includes random subgraphs and random set of terminals. When test is appr the function returns random sets of terminals.

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#### References

1. Please refer to the paper that is published with this package.

#### **Examples**

```
library(SteinerNet)
g <- graph.ring(10)
#generate_st_samples("exact", g, "testfolder", c(2,3), c(.8,.8))</pre>
```

steinertree

steinertree

#### **Description**

A function which involves a set of steiner tree algorithms on networks. This set involves an exact algorithm and five heuristic algorithms.

### Usage

```
steinertree(type, ter_list = NULL, graph, enumerate = FALSE, coloring = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

type	type specifies which steiner algorithm to use.
ter_list	ter_list is an input list of terminals. This list should have character type. Steiner tree algorithm finds a solution according to this list.
graph	graph is an input igraph object which is delivered to one of the steiner tree algorithms of the package. This graph should be connected and it should have undirected edges.
enumerate	enumerate a boolean value to specify EXA and SPM algorithms. It tells the steiner tree function to return a merged enumerated set of solutions.
coloring	coloring is a boolean value. When it is TRUE, the function will return two results in a list. The first member of this list represents resulted steiner tree within the input graph by coloring it. In this case the terminals are specified by red color and Steiner nodes are represented by green. Second member of the output list is a single Steiner tree which is represented with a new graph object. When coloring is FALSE the function returns the answer in form of a new single graph.

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#### **Details**

This function withholds six steiner tree algorithms for networks. type specifes the steiner algorithm to deploy to the input graph and terminal set. type can be SP, KB, RSP, EXA or SPM. The explanation of the abbreviations is listed below.

SP refers to the shortest path heuristic algorithm. [1,2]

KB exerts to Kruskal-Based Heuristic algorithm. [3]

RSP exerts a random approximation algorithm developed by the package developers. [4]

EXA in single mode uses an exact algorithm to return one of the optimal solutions of the problem. In enumerate mode, returns the merged enumerated solution. [4,5]

SPM in single mode returns one of heuristic enumeration algorithm solutions for the problem. In enumerate mode, returns the merged enumerated solution.[4]

EXA and SPM algorithms can return a single solution or run in enumerating mode. The boolean value of enumerate specefies one of the two cases. If this value is FALSE they return one of their enumerated steiner solutions without merging it to other solutions. If it is TRUE they return the merged enumerated solutions of the steiner tree problem.

According to our knowledge RSP, EXA Enumeration, SPM and KB are represented for the first time in this package and in the paper that comes with its. [4]

ter\_list value can be NULL. In this case, the function will observe graph vertex colors to find terminals. To call the function in this approach, the terminal nodes should be colored in red and the non-terminal nodes should be yellow.

This function handles input igraph objects which their vertices have labels and names. To apply the function on graphs with no label and name, steinertree function automatically recognizes non-labeled graph vertices and creates names and labels for them. The new labels and names for vertices are created according to the vertice ID of each vertice.

#### Value

When coloring is FALSE returns a Steiner tree in form of a new igraph object. When coloring is TRUE returns a list that consists of two objects. The first is a steiner tree and the second object is a colored version of the input graph with distinguished steiner nodes and terminals.

#### Author(s)

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#### **Examples**

```
#example 1
library(SteinerNet)
g <- graph.ring(10)</pre>
ter_list= c("1","2","9")
#SP=steinertree("SP", ter_list, g)
#SPM=steinertree("SPM", ter_list, g , TRUE)
#example 2
g2 \leftarrow graph(c(0,2,1,2,2,3,3,4,5,6,3,6,2,7,2,5,2,6,5,8), directed=FALSE)
V(g2)$color="yellow"
V(g2)$color[c(1,4)]="red"
OP=steinertree("SP", NULL, g2, FALSE, TRUE)
#example 3: A case study with a sample graph and a given gene list
g \leftarrow graph(c(0,2,1,2,2,3,3,4,5,6,3,6,2,7,2,5,2,6,5,8), directed=FALSE)
V(g)$name= c("1058", "51203", "6515", "83879", "160897", "10531", "8659", "2947", "643008")
geneid_list= c("1058","83879", "160897","643")
#we include into the test those geneIDes who exist within the base graph.
r = 1:(length(geneid_list))
t = sapply (r ,function(r) !is.na(match(geneid_list[r],V(g)$name )) )
glist = geneid_list[t==TRUE]
ST1= steinertree( "SP", glist, g)
#tkplot(result1)
                              # tkplot function displays labels instead of names
```

steiner\_comparison\_plots

This function plots the comparison results of Steiner tree algorithms excutions on simulated data.

steiner\_comparison\_plots

#### Usage

```
steiner_comparison_plots (test_name, test_folder =NULL, outputname = NULL, listofterminaltest = NULL,
```

#### **Arguments**

**Description** 

test_name	test_name selects the plot type to creat. 14 type of comparison are available to perform.
test_folder	${\tt testfolder}\ specifies\ a\ folder\ name\ to\ read\ the\ result\ of\ steiner\ tree\ simulations.$
outputname	outputname is name of a pdf file to store the result.

listofterminaltest

listofterminaltest is an input list. Elements of the list are number of terminals that are selected for a simulation.

repetition

repetition is a list of probabilities. Its length declares the number of elements if random data set that is created for each terminal number.

#### **Details**

This function creates 12 different comparison types and depicts them by plots. test\_name specifies the type of comparison.

test\_name can be on of the following character values.

exact refers to time and edge number comparison of Steiner tree algorithms including the exact algorithm.

appr refers to time and edge number comparison of Steiner tree algorithms without the exact algorithm.

Enum refers to time and edge number comparison of Steiner tree enumeration algorithms.

Enum-median-venn-node-edge refers edge and node number comparison of subgraphs made by Steiner tree enumeration algorithms via Venn diagram.

org refers to edge number comparison of random subgraphs that are made by simulations.

org-dens-e refers to edge density comparison of random graphs that are made by random graph generator.

appr-vfreq refers to vertex frequency comparison of Steiner tree algorithms without the exact algorithm.

exact-vfreq refers to vertex frequency comparison of Steiner tree algorithms including the exact algorithm.

Enum-vfreq refers to vertex frequency comparison of Steiner tree enumeration algorithms.

appr-density-e refers to edge density comparison of steiner tree algorithms excluding the exact algorithm.

exact-density-e refers to edge density comparison of steiner tree algorithms including the exact algorithm.

Enum-density-e refers to edge density comparison of steiner tree enumeration algorithms.

If testfolder is NULL, it will use default value "steinerdatae" for folder when test is exact and "steinerdataenum" when test is enum.

When outputname is NULL, a default value would be used for output pdf file name with consideration of selected type.

listofterminaltest in our study was made of 5, 8, 20, 50, 70 for comparing approximate algorithms and it was 5, 8 for experiments that included exact Steiner tree algorithm. [1]

In our study, we repeated the tests 50 times, and we made the random walk to select a node to be terminal with 0.5 probability while it traverses the base graph. Therefore repetition in our comparison was a list of fifty 0.5 values. If repetition is NULL, the function regards the repetition and listofterminaltest values that were used in our study.

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#### Value

The function stores a resulted plot in a PDF file.

#### Author(s)

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#### References

1. Please refer to the paper that is published with this package.

#### **Examples**

```
library(SteinerNet)
g <- graph.ring(10)
#generate_st_samples("exact", g, "testfolder", c(2,3), c(.8,.8))
#steiner_simulation("exact", "testfolder", c(2,3), c(.8,.8))
#steiner_comparison_plots ("exact", "testfolder", c(2,3), c(.8,.8))</pre>
```

steiner\_simulation

steiner\_simulation

#### **Description**

This function executes Steiner algorithms on simulated data and stores their results into files.

### Usage

```
steiner\_simulation(test,list of terminal test,repetition,test folder = NULL)
```

#### **Arguments**

test	test selects the test type to apply the simulation. It can be exact, appr, or enum.	
listofterminaltest		
	listofterminaltest is an input list. Elements of the list are number of terminals that are selected for a simulation.	
repetition	repetition is a list of probabilities. Its length declares the number of elements if random data set that is created for each terminal number.	
testfolder	testfolder specifies a folder name to read the simulated data from it and to store Steiner tree algorithms results inside it.	

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#### **Details**

This function performs three type of experiments. Test specifies the type of comparison to perform. test can be exact or appr or enum,

exact refers to executing the set of steiner tree algorithms including the exact algorithm.

appr forces to executing the set of steiner tree algorithms without the exact algorithm.

enum refers to to executing the set of steiner tree enumeration algorithms.

listofterminaltest in our study was made of 5, 8, 20, 50, 70 for comparing approximate algorithms and it was 5, 8 for experiments that included exact Steiner tree algorithm. [1]

If testfolder is NULL, it will use default value "steinerdata2" for folder when test is exact and "steinerdataenum" when test is enum.

In our study, we repeated the tests 50 times, and we made the random walk to select a node to be terminal with 0.5 probability. Therefore repetition in our comparison was a list of fifty 0.5 values. We also survied the behavior of the algorithms when selection probability was and 0.2 and 0.8.

#### Value

The function stores the result of execution of Steiner trees and the time of their executions in an address that is stated in testfolder.

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#### References

1. Please refer to the paper that is published with this package.

#### **Examples**

```
library(SteinerNet)
g <- graph.ring(10)
#generate_st_samples("exact", g, "testfolder", c(2,3), c(.8,.8))
#steiner_simulation("exact", "testfolder", c(2,3), c(.8,.8))</pre>
```

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