Practical PHI toolbox for integrated information analysis

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This toolbox provides MATLAB codes for end-to-end computation for practical versions of integrated information theory.

***General description***

**Computation of practical measures of integrated information**

This toolbox provides codes for computing practical measures of integrated information, namely, mutual information, stochastic interaction, [1] and [2]. Integrated information quantifies the amount of information that is integrated within a system. Please first look at “demo\_phi.m”, which is a simple demonstration code, to see how the core functions should be used.

**Search for the minimum information partition**

The codes for searching the minimum information partition (see Tononi, 2008, Biol Bull for example) are provided. Three types of algorithms for the MIP search are provided, namely, the exhaustive search, Queranne’s algorithm and Replica exchange Markov chain Monte Carlo (REMCMC). Please first look at “demo\_MIP\_Gauss.m” and “demo\_MIP\_dis.m” which is a simple demonstration code, to see how the core functions should be used.

**Search for the complex**

Please first look at “demo\_Complex\_Gauss.m”, which is a simple demonstration code, to see how the core functions should be used.

This toolbox is an update of our previous version of toolbox, phi\_toolbox available at figshare (doi:10.6084/m9.figshare.3203326). The main differences of the new version from phi\_toolbox at figshare are summarized in the table below.

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|  | Gaussian distribution | | | | Discrete distribution | | | |  |  |
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| This version | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |  | X | X |

The toolbox contains “minFunc” written by Mark Schmidt, which is needed for solving unconstrained optimization. Please refer to the original webpage for the details.

http://www.cs.ubc.ca/~schmidtm/Software/minFunc.html

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Comments, bug reports, and proposed improvements are always welcome.

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