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. This toolbox is an update of our previous version of the toolbox available at figshare (doi:10.6084/m9.figshare.3203326). In this new version, three new features are implemented: (1) Discrete distributions can be used for phi computation. (2) Algorithms for the MIP search are available. (3) Algorithms for the complex search are available. The main differences of the new version from the previous version at figshare are summarized in the table below.

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|  | Gaussian distribution | | | | Discrete distribution | | | |  |  |
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***General description***

**Computation of practical measures of integrated information**

This toolbox provides codes for computing practical measures of integrated information (PHI), namely, mutual information (Tononi, 2004), stochastic interaction (Ay, 2001, 2015; Barrett & Seth, 2011), integrated information based on mismatched decoding [1] and geometric integrated information [2]. Integrated information quantifies the amount of information that is integrated within a system. Please look at “demo\_phi\_Gauss.m” and “demo\_phi\_dis.m” to see how to use the core functions for PHI computation.

**Search for the minimum information partition**

The codes for searching for the minimum information partition (see Tononi, 2008, Biol Bull for example) are provided. Two types of algorithms for the MIP search are provided, namely, an exhaustive search, Queranne’s algorithm [3, 4]. Please look at “demo\_MIP\_Gauss.m” and “demo\_MIP\_dis.m” to see how to use the core functions for MIP search.

**Search for the complex**

The codes for searching for complexes (See Balduzzi & Tononi, 2008, PLoS Comp. Biol. for example) are provided. Two types of algorithm are provided, namely, an exhaustive search and Hierarchical Partitioning for Complex search (HPC) [5]. Please look at “demo\_Complex\_Gauss.m” and “demo\_Complex\_dis.m” to see how the core functions for complex search should be used. Please also look at “demos\_HPC” folder containing codes for reproducing the simulations in [5].

You can freely use this toolbox at your own risk. Please cite this toolbox (**URL**) and the papers listed below when the toolbox is used for your publication. Comments, bug reports, and proposed improvements are always welcome.

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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