

Package ‘GWpcor’

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Description

This function calculates the geographically weighted correlation and partial correlation between two variables given others. The function is designed by the gwss function from the GWmodel package, and the cor2pcor function from the corpcor package.

Usage

```
gwpco(sdata, res_dp, vars, method = c("pearson", "spearman"),
kernel = "bisquare", adaptive = FALSE, bw, dMat,
geodisic_measure = "cheap", foreach = FALSE)
```

Arguments

sdata	a Spatial*DataFrame (i.e. SpatialPointsDataFrame or SpatialPolygonsDataFrame as defined in package sp), or a sf object.
res_dp	A Spatial*DataFrame object for providing summary locations, i.e. SpatialPointsDataFrame or SpatialPolygonsDataFrame as defined in package sp, or a sf object.
vars	A vector of variable names to be used for the analysis.
method	A character string indicating which correlation and partial correlation coefficients to compute. "pearson" or "spearman" are accepted.
kernel	function chosen as follows: gaussian: wgt = exp(-0.5 * (vdist / bw)^2); exponential: wgt = exp(-vdist / bw); bisquare: wgt = (1 -(vdist / bw)^2)^2 if vdist < bw, wgt = 0 otherwise; tricube: wgt = (1 -(vdist / bw)^3)^3 if vdist < bw, wgt = 0 otherwise; boxcar: wgt = 1 if dist < bw, wgt = 0 otherwise
adaptive	if TRUE, an adaptive kernel where the bandwidth (bw) corresponds to the proportion of the number of nearest neighbours (i.e. adaptive distance) is employed. The default is FALSE, where a fixed kernel is employed (bandwidth is a fixed distance).
bw	Bandwidth size. If adaptive kernel, bw should be the proportion of the number of nearest neighbours (0 < bw <=1). For fixed kernel, the Euclid distance.
dMat	A pre-specified distance matrix, it can be calculated by the function st_distance().
geodisic_measure	geodisic_measure is used when latlon coordinate. The distance is caulated by geodist::geodist(). One of "haversine" "vincenty", "geodesic", or "cheap" specifying desired method of geodesic distance calculation. "Cheap" is the fastest way but may have errors if the ROI is large.
foreach	Whether parallel computation is implemented or not.

Value

SDF	A SpatialPointsDataFrame (may be gridded) or SpatialPolygonsDataFrame object (see package sp) when the input is Spatial*DataFrame or a sf class object when input is sf, with local covariances, local correlations (Pearson's), local correlations (Spearman's), p-values of local correlations (Pearson's), p-values of
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local correlations (Spearman's), local partial correlations (Pearson's), local partial correlations (Spearman's), p-values of local partial correlations (Pearson's), and p-values of local partial correlations (Spearman's).

<code>vars</code>	Names of variables used for the calculation.
<code>kernel</code>	The name of kernel used for the calculation.
<code>adaptive</code>	Whether adaptive kernel is employed or not (TRUE/FALSE).
<code>bw</code>	The bandwidth size used for the calculation.

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References

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Examples

```
#NOTE: This example only shows how to implement gwpco using sample data (meuse) in sp package.
#Results do not suggest any meanings.
```

```
#import data from sp package
library(sp)
library(sf)
data(meuse, package = "sp")
meuse_sf <- st_as_sf(meuse, coords = c("x", "y"), crs = 28992)

#implement gwpco as an example
#the bandwidth is arbitrary.
res <- gwpco(sdata = meuse_sf, vars = c("cadmium", "copper", "zinc"),
method = "pearson", kernel = "bisquare", adaptive = TRUE,
bw = 0.25, geodisic_measure = "cheap", foreach = FALSE)
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