# Package 'rCausalMGM'

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sential. As such, rCausalMGM implements three approaches to model selection: (1) information criteria based on model likelihood and complexity, (2) a cross-validation approach to estimating model likelihood on out-of-sample data, and (3) stability-based approaches that as-

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### **Description**

Convert an adjacency matrix into a graph

### Usage

```
adjMat2Graph(adj, nodes, directed = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

adj The adjacency matrix, p x p, with non-zero values indicating the presence of an

adjacency.

nodes The names of the nodes, length p.

directed TRUE if the graph should be directed. This default is FALSE.

### Value

A graph object representing the adjacency matrix.

### **Examples**

```
\label{eq:mat} \begin{array}{lll} \text{mat} & <& \text{matrix}(\text{sample}(c(\emptyset,1),\ 16,\ \text{replace=TRUE}),\ \text{nrow=4}) \\ \text{mat} & <& \text{mat} + t(\text{mat}) \\ \text{nodes} & <& \text{c}("X1",\ "X2",\ "X3",\ "X4") \\ \text{g} & <& \text{adjMat2Graph}(\text{mat},\ \text{nodes}) \end{array}
```

allMetrics

Combined graph recovery metrics

#### **Description**

Calculate the SHD, precision, recall, F1, and Matthew's Correlation Coefficient (MCC) for the adjacencies and orientations of an estimated graph compared to the ground truth. This is the concatenated output of the SHD, adjacency PR metrics, and the orientation PR metrics.

```
allMetrics(estimate, groundTruth, groundTruthDAG = NULL)
```

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### **Arguments**

estimate An estimated graph object

groundTruth A ground truth graph object of the same type as the estimated graph object

groundTruthDAG A ground truth graph object containing the true causal DAG. Only necessary

for calculating the or precision, recall, F1, and MCC for partial ancestral graphs

(PAGs)

#### Value

The orientation precision, recall, F1, and MCC, between the two graph objects

#### **Examples**

```
sim <- simRandomDAG(200, 25)
g <- pcStable(sim$data)
allMetrics(g, cpdag(sim$graph))</pre>
```

bootstrap

Runs bootstrapping for a causal graph on the dataset.

### Description

Runs bootstrapping for a causal graph on the dataset. This function can be used to estimate the stability of edge adjacencies and orientations in the causal graph. It returns an ensemble graph which consists of the most common edges accross bootstrap samples. The ensemble graph is constructed based on edge-wise probabilities, so it is not guaranteed to be a valid CPDAG or PAG. The ensemble graph's stabilites entry contains information about the frequency of each possible orientation for each edge that appears at least once across bootstrap samples.

```
bootstrap(
  data,
  graph,
  knowledge = NULL,
  numBoots = 20L,
  threads = -1L,
  replace = FALSE,
  rank = FALSE,
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

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#### **Arguments**

A data.frame containing the dataset to be used for estimating the MGM, with each row representing a sample and each column representing a variable. All continuous variables must be of the numeric type, while categorical variables must be factor or character. Any rows with missing values will be dropped.

graph A graph object containing the graph to estimate the stability of through bootstrapping.

knowledge A knowledge object containing prior knowledge about the causal interactions in a dataset. This knowledge can be used to forbid or require certain edges in the causal graph, helping to inform causal discovery an prevent orientations known to be nonsensical. The default is NULL, in which case no prior knowledge is provided to the causal discovery algorithm.

numBoots The number of bootstrap samples to run. The default is 20.

threads An integer value denoting the number of threads to use for parallelization. The

default value is -1, which will all available CPUs.

replace A logical value indicating whether to use sampling with replacement or to draw

subsamples of size floor(0.632 \* N). The default value is FALSE.

rank A logical value indicating whether to use the nonparanormal transform to learn

rank-based associations. The default is FALSE.

verbose A logical value indicating whether to print progress updates. The default is

FALSE.

### **Examples**

```
sim <- simRandomDAG(200, 25)
g <- pcStable(sim$data)
g.boot <- bootstrap(sim$data, g)
print(g.boot)
print(g.boot$stabilities[1:6,])</pre>
```

boss

Runs the BOSS causal discovery algorithm on the dataset

#### Description

Runs the BOSS causal discovery algorithm on the dataset

```
boss(
  data,
  numStarts = 3L,
  penalty = 2,
  threads = -1L,
  rank = FALSE,
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

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### Arguments

data	A data frame containing the dataset to be used for estimating the MGM, with each row representing a sample and each column representing a variable. All continuous variables must be of the numeric type, while categorical variables must be factor or character. Any rows with missing values will be dropped.
numStarts	The number of restarts (with different randomly sampled initial topological orders). Reduces the variance that can result from being stuck with an unfavorable initial starting order.
penalty	A numeric value that represents the strength of the penalty for model complexity. The default value is 2, which corresponds to twice the BIC penalty.
threads	An integer value denoting the number of threads to use for parallelization. The default value is -1, which will all available CPUs.
rank	A logical value indicating whether to use the nonparanormal transform to learn rank-based associations. The default is FALSE.
verbose	A logical value indicating whether to print progress updates. The default is FALSE.

### Value

The CPDAG learned by BOSS

### **Examples**

```
sim <- simRandomDAG(200, 25)
g <- boss(sim$data)
print(g)</pre>
```

coxmgm

Calculate the CoxMGM graph on a dataset.

### Description

Calculate the CoxMGM graph on a dataset. The dataset must contain at least one censored variable formatted as Surv object from the survival package.

```
coxmgm(
  data,
  lambda = as.numeric(c(0.2, 0.2, 0.2, 0.2, 0.2)),
  rank = FALSE,
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

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#### **Arguments**

A data.frame containing the dataset to be used for estimating the MGM, with each row representing a sample and each column representing a variable. All continuous variables must be of the numeric type, while categorical variables

must be factor or character. All censored variables must be a survival::Surv

object. Any rows with missing values will be dropped.

lambda A numeric vector of five values for the regularization parameter lambda: the

first for continuous-continuous edges, the second for continuous-discrete, the third for discrete-discrete, the fourth for continuous-survival, and the fifth for discrete-survival. Defaults to c(0.2, 0.2, 0.2, 0.2, 0.2). If a single value is pro-

vided, all three values in the vector will be set to that value.

rank A logical value indicating whether to use the nonparanormal transform to learn

rank-based associations. The default is FALSE.

verbose A logical value indicating whether to print updates on the progress of optimizing

MGM. The default is FALSE.

#### Value

The calculated CoxMGM graph

### **Examples**

```
sim <- simRandomDAG(200, 25)
time1 <- exp(0.5 * sim$data$X1 - 0.5 * sim$data$X2 + rnorm(nrow(sim$data)))
censtime1 <- sample(time1)
event1 <- as.integer(time1 < censtime1)
time1 <- pmin(time1, censtime1)
sim$data$Survival1 <- survival::Surv(time1, event1)
ig <- coxmgm(sim$data)
print(ig)</pre>
```

coxmgmPath

Estimates a solution path for CoxMGM

#### **Description**

Calculate the solution path for a CoxMGM graph on a dataset. The dataset must contain at least one censored variable formatted as Surv object from the survival package. It also returns the models selected by the BIC and AIC scores.

```
coxmgmPath(data, lambdas = NULL, nLambda = 30L, rank = FALSE, verbose = FALSE)
```

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#### **Arguments**

data	A data frame containing the dataset to be used for estimating the MGM, with each row representing a sample and each column representing a variable. All continuous variables must be of the numeric type, while categorical variables must be factor or character. All censored variables must be a survival::Surv object. Any rows with missing values will be dropped.
lambdas	A numeric vector containing the values of lambda to learn an MGM with. The default value is NULL, in which case a log-spaced vector of nLambda values for lambda will be supplied instead.
nLambda	A numeric value indicating the number of lambda values to test when the lambdas vector is NULL. The default is 30.
rank	A logical value indicating whether to use the nonparanormal transform to learn rank-based associations. The default is FALSE.
verbose	A logical value indicating whether to print progress updates. The default is FALSE.

#### Value

A graphPath object that contains CoxMGM graphs learned by the solution path, as well as the BIC and AIC selected models

### **Examples**

```
sim <- simRandomDAG(200, 25)
time1 <- exp(0.5 * sim$data$X1 - 0.5 * sim$data$X2 + rnorm(nrow(sim$data)))
censtime1 <- sample(time1)
event1 <- as.integer(time1 < censtime1)
time1 <- pmin(time1, censtime1)
sim$data$Survival1 <- survival::Surv(time1, event1)
ig.path <- coxmgmPath(sim$data)
print(ig.path)</pre>
```

cpdag

Calculate the CPDAG for a given DAG

#### **Description**

Create the completed partially directed acyclic graph (CPDAG) for the input directed acyclic graph (DAG). The CPDAG represents the Markov equivalence class of the true cauasl DAG. The PC algorithms are only identifiable up to the Markov equivalence class, so assessments of causal structure recovery should be compared to the CPDAG rather than the causal DAG.

```
cpdag(graph)
```

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#### **Arguments**

graph The graph object used to generate the CPDAG. Should be the ground-truth

causal DAG

#### Value

The CPDAG corresponding to the input DAG

### **Examples**

```
sim <- simRandomDAG(200, 25)
sim$cpdag <- cpdag(sim$graph)
print(sim$cpdag)</pre>
```

createKnowledge

A function to create a prior knowledge object for use with causal discovery algorithms

### Description

A function to create a prior knowledge object for use with causal discovery algorithms

#### Usage

```
createKnowledge(
  tiers = list(),
  forbiddenWithinTier = NULL,
  forbidden = list(),
  required = list()
)
```

#### **Arguments**

tiers

A list containing ordered vectors of variables where variables in tier t can only be ancestors of variables in tiers t+1 ... T and descendants of variables in tiers (1 .. t-1). If tiers are used, all variables must be in a tier, and no variable can be in multiple tiers.

forbiddenWithinTier

A vector of logical values indicating whether edges are allowed between variables in a given tier. The value is NULL by default, which results in forbidden-WithinTier being set to FALSE for each tier.

forbidden

A list containing vectors of node pairs that forbid a specific directed edge. For example, to forbid  $A \rightarrow B$ , add c("A", "B") to forbidden.

required

A list containing vectors of node pairs that require the presence of a specific directed edge. For example, to require B -> A, add c("B", "A") to required.

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#### Value

A knowledge object that can be passed to causal discovery algorithms.

fciCV

Implements k-fold cross-validation for FCI-Stable

### **Description**

Runs k-fold cross-validation to select the value of alpha and orientation rule for FCI-Stable. Returns a graphCV object containing the causal graphical models that minimize the negative log(pseudolikelihood) and the sparsest model within one standard error of the minimum.

### Usage

```
fciCV(
  data,
  initialGraph = NULL,
  knowledge = NULL,
  orientRule = as.character(c("majority", "maxp", "conservative")),
  alphas = NULL,
  nfolds = 5L,
  foldid = NULL,
  threads = -1L,
  fdr = FALSE,
  rank = FALSE,
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

data

A data.frame containing the dataset to be used for estimating the MGM, with each row representing a sample and each column representing a variable. All continuous variables must be of the numeric type, while categorical variables must be factor or character. Any rows with missing values will be dropped.

initialGraph

An undirected rCausalMGM graph object containing the initial skeleton of adjacencies used in the causal discovery algorithm. This graph can be learned by 'mgm' or learned by another method and imported into an undirected rCausalMGM graph object from its adjacency matrix. The default is NULL, in which case a fully connected graph is used as the initial skeleton.

knowledge

A knowledge object containing prior knowledge about the causal interactions in a dataset. This knowledge can be used to forbid or require certain edges in the causal graph, helping to inform causal discovery an prevent orientations known to be nonsensical. The default is NULL, in which case no prior knowledge is provided to the causal discovery algorithm.

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orientRule	A vector of strings to determine which of the orientation rules to test in the cross-validation procedure to select the optimal model. The default is a vector that contains the "majority", "maxp", and "conservative" orientation rules.
alphas	A numeric vector containing values of alpha to test in the cross-validation procedure. The default value is NULL, in which case we set alpha = $c(0.001, 0.005, 0.01, 0.05, 0.1, 0.15, 0.2)$ .
nfolds	An integer value defining the number of folds to be used for cross-validation if foldid is NULL. The default value is 5.
foldid	An integer vector containing values in the range of 1 to K for each sample that identifies which test set that sample belongs to. This enables users to define their own cross-validation splits, for example in the case stratified cross-validation is needed. The default value is NULL.
threads	An integer value denoting the number of threads to use for parallelization of independence tests. The default value is -1, which will all available CPUs.
fdr	A logical value indicating whether to use false discovery rate control for the discovery of adjacencies in the causal graph. The default value is FALSE.
rank	A logical value indicating whether to use the nonparanormal transform to learn rank-based associations. The default is FALSE.
verbose	A logical value indicating whether to print progress updates. The default is FALSE.

#### Value

A graphCV object containing the PAGs selected by the minimum and one standard error rule.

### **Examples**

```
sim <- simRandomDAG(200, 25)
g.cv <- fciCV(sim$data)
print(g.cv)</pre>
```

fciStable

Runs the causal discovery algorithm FCI-Stable on a dataset.

### Description

Runs the causal discovery algorithm FCI-Stable on a dataset. The FCI-Stable algorithm is designed to recover the Markov equivalence class of causal MAGs that could give rise to the observed conditional independence relationships in the causally insufficient case. This means that FCI-Stable can still learn the Markov equivalence class of the true MAG even in the presence of latent confounders and/or selection bias. The resulting graph is a partial ancestral graph (PAG).

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### Usage

```
fciStable(
  data,
  initialGraph = NULL,
  knowledge = NULL,
  orientRule = as.character(c("majority")),
  alpha = 0.05,
  threads = -1L,
  fdr = FALSE,
  rank = FALSE,
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

data

A data.frame containing the dataset to be used for estimating the MGM, with each row representing a sample and each column representing a variable. All continuous variables must be of the numeric type, while categorical variables must be factor or character. Any rows with missing values will be dropped.

initialGraph

An undirected rCausalMGM graph object containing the initial skeleton of adjacencies used in the causal discovery algorithm. This graph can be learned by 'mgm' or learned by another method and imported into an undirected rCausalMGM graph object from its adjacency matrix. The default is NULL, in which case a fully connected graph is used as the initial skeleton.

knowledge

A knowledge object containing prior knowledge about the causal interactions in a dataset. This knowledge can be used to forbid or require certain edges in the causal graph, helping to inform causal discovery an prevent orientations known to be nonsensical. The default is NULL, in which case no prior knowledge is provided to the causal discovery algorithm.

orientRule

Determines which of the four possible orientation rules will be utilized to orient colliders in the FCI-Stable algorithm. Possible options are "majority", "maxp", "conservative", and "sepsets". The default value is "majority". Additionally, a vector of valid orientation rules can be provided, and fciStable will return a list containing the graphs learned with each.

alpha

A numeric value containing the significance threshold alpha for the conditional independence tests used during constraint-based causal discovery. This parameter directly controls graph sparsity, with low values of alpha yielding sparse graphs and high values yielding dense graphs. The default value is 0.05.

threads

An integer value denoting the number of threads to use for parallelization of independence tests. The default value is -1, which will all available CPUs.

fdr

A logical value indicating whether to use false discovery rate control for the discovery of adjacencies in the causal graph. The default value is FALSE.

rank

A logical value indicating whether to use the nonparanormal transform to learn rank-based associations. The default is FALSE.

A logical value indicating whether to print progress updates. The default is

verbose

FALSE.

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#### Value

The PAG learned by FCI-Stable.

#### **Examples**

```
sim <- simRandomDAG(200, 25)
g <- fciStable(sim$data)
print(g)</pre>
```

fciStars

Implements StARS for FCI-Stable

### Description

Runs StARS to select the value of alpha for FCI-Stable based on adjacency stability. Returns a graphSTARS object containing the PAG selected by StARS and the adjacency instabilities for each alpha.

### Usage

```
fciStars(
  data,
  initialGraph = NULL,
  knowledge = NULL,
  orientRule = as.character(c("majority")),
  alphas = NULL,
  gamma = 0.01,
  numSub = 20L,
  subSize = -1L,
  leaveOneOut = FALSE,
  threads = -1L,
  rank = FALSE,
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

data

A data frame containing the dataset to be used for estimating the MGM, with each row representing a sample and each column representing a variable. All continuous variables must be of the numeric type, while categorical variables must be factor or character. Any rows with missing values will be dropped.

initial Graph

An undirected rCausalMGM graph object containing the initial skeleton of adjacencies used in the causal discovery algorithm. This graph can be learned by 'mgm' or learned by another method and imported into an undirected rCausalMGM graph object from its adjacency matrix. The default is NULL, in which case a fully connected graph is used as the initial skeleton.

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knowledge	A knowledge object containing prior knowledge about the causal interactions in a dataset. This knowledge can be used to forbid or require certain edges in the causal graph, helping to inform causal discovery an prevent orientations known to be nonsensical. The default is NULL, in which case no prior knowledge is provided to the causal discovery algorithm.
orientRule	Determines which of the four possible orientation rules will be utilized to orient colliders in the FCI-Stable algorithm. Possible options are "majority", "maxp", "conservative", and "sepsets". The default value is "majority".
alphas	A numeric vector containing values of alpha to test in the cross-validation procedure. The default value is NULL, in which case we set alpha = $c(0.001, 0.005, 0.01, 0.05, 0.1, 0.15, 0.2)$ .
gamma	The threshold for edge instability. The default value is 0.01, and it is not recommended to change this value.
numSub	The number of subsamples of the dataset used to estimate edge instability. The default value is 20.
subSize	The number of samples to be drawn without replacement for each subsample. The default value is -1. When subSize is -1, it is set to $\min(floor(0.75 * N), floor(10*sqrt(N)))$ , where N is the number of samples.
leaveOneOut	If TRUE, performs leave-one-out subsampling. Defaults to FALSE.
threads	An integer value denoting the number of threads to use for parallelization of independence tests. The default value is -1, which will all available CPUs.
rank	A logical value indicating whether to use the nonparanormal transform to learn rank-based associations. The default is FALSE.
verbose	A logical value indicating whether to print progress updates. The default is FALSE.

### Value

A graphSTARS object containing the PAG selected by StARS and the instabilities at each value of alpha.

### **Examples**

```
sim <- simRandomDAG(200, 25)
g.stars <- fciStars(sim$data)
print(g.stars)</pre>
```

graphTable

A function to generate a data.frame for objects from graph class. It incorporates adjacency and orientation frequency if estimates of edge stability are available.

### **Description**

A function to generate a data frame for objects from graph class. It incorporates adjacency and orientation frequency if estimates of edge stability are available.

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#### Usage

```
graphTable(graph, stabilities = NULL)
```

### **Arguments**

graph The graph object

stabilities The stability data.frame from bootstrapping or StEPS. If NULL, the stabilities

entry of the graph object is used. If that is also NULL, only edge interactions

are returned. The default is NULL

#### Value

A data frame containing source, target, and interaction columns for each edge in the graph. If stabilities are available, then the adjFrequency and orientation frequencies (if applicable) are returned for each edge.

grasp

Runs the GRaSP causal discovery algorithm on the dataset

#### **Description**

Runs the GRaSP causal discovery algorithm on the dataset

### Usage

```
grasp(
  data,
  depth = 2L,
  numStarts = 3L,
  penalty = 2,
  threads = -1L,
  rank = FALSE,
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

### **Arguments**

data A data frame containing the dataset to be used for estimating the MGM, with

each row representing a sample and each column representing a variable. All continuous variables must be of the numeric type, while categorical variables must be factor or character. Any rows with missing values will be dropped.

depth The maximum search depth used in the depth-first search in GRaSP.

numStarts The number of restarts (with different randomly sampled initial topological or-

ders). Reduces the variance that can result from being stuck with an unfavorable

initial starting order.

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penalty	A numeric value that represents the strength of the penalty for model complexity. The default value is 2, which corresponds to twice the BIC penalty.
threads	An integer value denoting the number of threads to use for parallelization. The default value is -1, which will all available CPUs.
rank	A logical value indicating whether to use the nonparanormal transform to learn rank-based associations. The default is FALSE.
verbose	A logical value indicating whether to print progress updates. The default is FALSE.

### Value

The CPDAG learned by GRaSP

# **Examples**

```
sim <- simRandomDAG(200, 25)
g <- grasp(sim$data)
print(g)</pre>
```

growShrinkMB	Implements Grow-Shrink algorithm for Markov blanket identification

# Description

Runs the Grow-Shrink algorithm to find the Markov blanket of a feature in a dataset

### Usage

```
growShrinkMB(data, target, penalty = 1, rank = FALSE, verbose = FALSE)
```

# Arguments

data	A data frame containing the dataset to be used for estimating the MGM, with each row representing a sample and each column representing a variable. All continuous variables must be of the numeric type, while categorical variables must be factor or character. Any rows with missing values will be dropped.
target	A string denoting the name of the target variable to identify the Markov blanket of.
penalty	A numeric value that represents the strength of the penalty for model complexity. The default value is 1, which corresponds to the BIC score.
rank	A logical value indicating whether to use the nonparanormal transform to learn rank-based associations. The default is FALSE.
verbose	A logical value indicating whether to print progress updates. The default is FALSE.

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### Value

The list of features in the Markov Blanket and the BIC score

### **Examples**

```
sim <- simRandomDAG(200, 25)
mb <- growShrinkMB(sim$data, "X1")
print(mb)</pre>
```

loadGraph

Load a graph from a ".txt" file

# Description

Load a graph from a ".txt" file

### Usage

loadGraph(filename)

### Arguments

filename

The graph file

### Value

The graph as a graph object, which can be passed into search functions

mgm

Calculate the MGM graph on a dataset

### Description

Calculate the MGM graph on a dataset

```
mgm(data, lambda = as.numeric(c(0.2, 0.2, 0.2)), rank = FALSE, verbose = FALSE)
```

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### **Arguments**

data A data.frame containing the dataset to be used for estimating the MGM, with

each row representing a sample and each column representing a variable. All continuous variables must be of the numeric type, while categorical variables must be factor or character. Any rows with missing values will be dropped.

lambda A numeric vector of three values for the regularization parameter lambda: the

first for continuous-continuous edges, the second for continuous-discrete, and the third for discrete-discrete. Defaults to c(0.2, 0.2, 0.2). If a single value is

provided, all three values in the vector will be set to that value.

rank A logical value indicating whether to use the nonparanormal transform to learn

rank-based associations. The default is FALSE.

verbose A logical value indicating whether to print updates on the progress of optimizing

MGM. The default is FALSE.

#### Value

The calculated MGM graph

### **Examples**

```
sim <- simRandomDAG(200, 25)
g <- mgm(sim$data)
print(g)</pre>
```

mgmCV

Implements k-fold cross-validation for MGM

### Description

Calculate the solution path for an MGM graph on a dataset with k-fold cross-validation. This function returns the graph that minimizes negative log(pseudolikelihood) and the graph selected by the one standard error rule.

```
mgmCV(
   data,
   lambdas = NULL,
   nLambda = 30L,
   nfolds = 5L,
   foldid = NULL,
   rank = FALSE,
   verbose = FALSE
)
```

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# Arguments

data	A data frame containing the dataset to be used for estimating the MGM, with each row representing a sample and each column representing a variable. All continuous variables must be of the numeric type, while categorical variables must be factor or character. Any rows with missing values will be dropped.
lambdas	A numeric vector containing the values of lambda to learn an MGM with. The default value is NULL, in which case a log-spaced vector of nLambda values for lambda will be supplied instead.
nLambda	A numeric value indicating the number of lambda values to test when the lambdas vector is NULL. The default is 30.
nfolds	An integer value defining the number of folds to be used for cross-validation if foldid is NULL. The default value is 5.
foldid	An integer vector containing values in the range of 1 to K for each sample that identifies which test set that sample belongs to. This enables users to define their own cross-validation splits, for example in the case stratified cross-validation is needed. The default value is NULL.
rank	A logical value indicating whether to use the nonparanormal transform to learn rank-based associations. The default is FALSE.
verbose	A logical value indicating whether to print progress updates. The default is FALSE.

### Value

A graphCV object that contains the minimum and one standard error rule selected graphs.

# Examples

```
sim <- simRandomDAG(200, 25)
ig.cv <- mgmCV(sim$data)
print(ig.cv)</pre>
```

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Implements k-fold cross-validation for MGM-FCI-Stable

### Description

Runs k-fold cross-validation to select the value of lambda, alpha, and the orientation rule for MGM-FCI-Stable. Returns a graphCV object containing the causal graphical models that minimize the negative log(pseudo-likelihood) and the sparsest model within one standard error of the minimum.

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### Usage

```
mgmfciCV(
 data,
  knowledge = NULL,
  cvType = "grid",
 orientRule = as.character(c("majority", "maxp", "conservative")),
  lambdas = NULL,
  nLambda = 20L
  alphas = NULL,
  numPoints = 60L,
  nfolds = 5L,
  foldid = NULL,
  threads = -1L,
  fdr = FALSE,
  rank = FALSE,
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

data

A data.frame containing the dataset to be used for estimating the MGM, with each row representing a sample and each column representing a variable. All continuous variables must be of the numeric type, while categorical variables must be factor or character. Any rows with missing values will be dropped.

knowledge

A knowledge object containing prior knowledge about the causal interactions in a dataset. This knowledge can be used to forbid or require certain edges in the causal graph, helping to inform causal discovery an prevent orientations known to be nonsensical. The default is NULL, in which case no prior knowledge is provided to the causal discovery algorithm.

cvType

A string determining whether to perform random search or grid search cross-validation, indicated by "random" or "grid" respectively. The default value is "random".

orientRule

A vector of strings to determine which of the orientation rules to test in the cross-validation procedure to select the optimal model. The default is a vector that contains the "majority", "maxp", and "conservative" orientation rules.

1ambdas

A numeric vector containing the values of lambda to learn an MGM with. The default value is NULL, in which case a log-spaced vector of nLambda values for lambda will be supplied instead.

nLambda

A numeric value indicating the number of lambda values to test when the lambdas vector is NULL. The default is 20.

alphas

A numeric vector containing values of alpha to test in the cross-validation procedure. The default value is NULL, in which case we set alpha = c(0.001, 0.005, 0.01, 0.05, 0.1, 0.15, 0.2).

numPoints

An integer value containing indicating the number of samples to draw uniformly from the search space if performing random search cross-validation. The default is 60, the number of points required to have a 5% chance of sampling a model in the top 5% of the search space.

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nfolds	An integer value defining the number of folds to be used for cross-validation if foldid is NULL. The default value is 5.
foldid	An integer vector containing values in the range of 1 to K for each sample that identifies which test set that sample belongs to. This enables users to define their own cross-validation splits, for example in the case stratified cross-validation is needed. The default value is NULL.
threads	An integer value denoting the number of threads to use for parallelization of independence tests. The default value is -1, which will all available CPUs.
fdr	A logical value indicating whether to use false discovery rate control for the discovery of adjacencies in the causal graph. The default value is FALSE.
rank	A logical value indicating whether to use the nonparanormal transform to learn rank-based associations. The default is FALSE.
verbose	A logical value indicating whether to print progress updates. The default is FALSE.

### Value

A graphCV object containing the PAGs selected by the minimum and one standard error rule.

### **Examples**

```
sim <- simRandomDAG(200, 25)
g.cv <- mgmfciCV(sim$data)
print(g.cv)</pre>
```

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Estimates a solution path for MGM

### **Description**

Calculate the solution path for an MGM graph on a dataset. It also returns the models selected by the BIC and AIC scores.

### Usage

```
mgmPath(data, lambdas = NULL, nLambda = 30L, rank = FALSE, verbose = FALSE)
```

# Arguments

data	A data frame containing the dataset to be used for estimating the MGM, with each row representing a sample and each column representing a variable. All continuous variables must be of the numeric type, while categorical variables must be factor or character. Any rows with missing values will be dropped.
lambdas	A numeric vector containing the values of lambda to learn an MGM with. The default value is NULL, in which case a log-spaced vector of nLambda values for lambda will be supplied instead.

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nLambda	A numeric value indicating the number of lambda values to test when the lambdas vector is NULL. The default is 30.
rank	A logical value indicating whether to use the nonparanormal transform to learn rank-based associations. The default is FALSE.
verbose	A logical value indicating whether to print progress updates. The default is FALSE

#### Value

A graphPath object that contains MGM graphs learned by the solution path, as well as the BIC and AIC selected models

### **Examples**

```
sim <- simRandomDAG(200, 25)
ig.path <- mgmPath(sim$data)
print(ig.path)</pre>
```

 ${\tt mgmpcCV}$ 

Implements k-fold cross-validation for MGM-PC-Stable

### **Description**

Runs k-fold cross-validation to select the value of lambda, alpha, and the orientation rule for MGM-PC-Stable. Returns a graphCV object containing the causal graphical models that minimize the negative log(pseudo-likelihood) and the sparsest model within one standard error of the minimum.

```
mgmpcCV(
  data,
  knowledge = NULL,
  cvType = "random",
  orientRule = as.character(c("majority", "maxp", "conservative")),
  lambdas = NULL,
  nLambda = 20L,
  alphas = NULL,
  numPoints = 60L,
  nfolds = 5L,
  foldid = NULL,
  threads = -1L,
  fdr = FALSE,
  rank = FALSE,
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

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#### **Arguments**

data

nLambda

alphas

numPoints

nfolds

foldid.

threads

fdr

rank

each row representing a sample and each column representing a variable. All continuous variables must be of the numeric type, while categorical variables must be factor or character. Any rows with missing values will be dropped. knowledge A knowledge object containing prior knowledge about the causal interactions in a dataset. This knowledge can be used to forbid or require certain edges in the causal graph, helping to inform causal discovery an prevent orientations known to be nonsensical. The default is NULL, in which case no prior knowledge is provided to the causal discovery algorithm. A string determining whether to perform random search or grid search crosscvType validation, indicated by "random" or "grid" respectively. The default value is "random". orientRule A vector of strings to determine which of the orientation rules to test in the cross-validation procedure to select the optimal model. The default is a vector that contains the "majority", "maxp", and "conservative" orientation rules. lambdas

A numeric vector containing the values of lambda to learn an MGM with. The default value is NULL, in which case a log-spaced vector of nLambda values for lambda will be supplied instead.

A data frame containing the dataset to be used for estimating the MGM, with

A numeric value indicating the number of lambda values to test when the lambdas vector is NULL. The default is 20.

A numeric vector containing values of alpha to test in the cross-validation procedure. The default value is NULL, in which case we set alpha = c(0.001, 0.005, 0.01, 0.05, 0.1, 0.15, 0.2).

An integer value containing indicating the number of samples to draw uniformly from the search space if performing random search cross-validation. The default is 60, the number of points required to have a 5% chance of sampling a model in the top 5% of the search space.

An integer value defining the number of folds to be used for cross-validation if foldid is NULL. The default value is 5.

An integer vector containing values in the range of 1 to K for each sample that identifies which test set that sample belongs to. This enables users to define their own cross-validation splits, for example in the case stratified cross-validation is needed. The default value is NIJLL.

needed. The default value is NULL.

An integer value denoting the number of threads to use for parallelization of independence tests. The default value is -1, which will all available CPUs.

A logical value indicating whether to use false discovery rate control for the discovery of adjacencies in the causal graph. The default value is FALSE.

A logical value indicating whether to use the nonparanormal transform to learn

rank-based associations. The default is FALSE.

verbose A logical value indicating whether to print progress updates. The default is

FALSE.

#### Value

A graphCV object containing the CPDAGs selected by the minimum and one standard error rule.

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### **Examples**

```
sim <- simRandomDAG(200, 25)
g.cv <- mgmpcCV(sim$data)
print(g.cv)</pre>
```

moral

Calculate the moral graph for a given DAG

### **Description**

Create the moral graph for the input directed acyclic graph (DAG). The moral graph is the undirected graphical model that is equivalent to the input DAG.

### Usage

```
moral(graph)
```

### **Arguments**

graph

The graph object used to generate the moral graph. Should be the ground-truth causal DAG

#### Value

The moral graph corresponding to the input DAG

### **Examples**

```
sim <- simRandomDAG(200, 25)
sim$moral <- moral(sim$graph)
print(sim$moral)</pre>
```

pag

Calculate the PAG for a given DAG and set of latent variables

### **Description**

Create the partial ancestral graph (PAG) for the input directed acyclic graph (DAG). The PAG represents the Markov equivalence class of the true cauasl MAG. The FCI algorithms are only identifiable up to the Markov equivalence class, so assessments of causal structure recovery should be compared to the PAG rather than the causal MAG.

```
pag(graph, latent = NULL)
```

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### Arguments

graph The graph object used to generate the PAG. Should be the ground-truth causal

DAG

The names of latent (unobserved) variables in the causal DAG. The default is

NULL.

#### Value

The PAG corresponding to the input DAG

### **Examples**

```
sim <- simRandomDAG(200, 25)
sim$pag <- pag(sim$graph)
print(sim$pag)</pre>
```

pcCV

Implements k-fold cross-validation for PC-Stable

### **Description**

Runs k-fold cross-validation to select the value of alpha and orientation rule for PC-Stable. Returns a graphCV object containing the causal graphical models that minimize the negative log(pseudo-likelihood) and the sparsest model within one standard error of the minimum.

### Usage

```
pcCV(
   data,
   initialGraph = NULL,
   knowledge = NULL,
   orientRule = as.character(c("majority", "maxp", "conservative")),
   alphas = NULL,
   nfolds = 5L,
   foldid = NULL,
   threads = -1L,
   fdr = FALSE,
   rank = FALSE,
   verbose = FALSE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

data

A data frame containing the dataset to be used for estimating the MGM, with each row representing a sample and each column representing a variable. All continuous variables must be of the numeric type, while categorical variables must be factor or character. Any rows with missing values will be dropped.

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initialGraph	An undirected rCausalMGM graph object containing the initial skeleton of adjacencies used in the causal discovery algorithm. This graph can be learned by 'mgm' or learned by another method and imported into an undirected rCausalMGM graph object from its adjacency matrix. The default is NULL, in which case a fully connected graph is used as the initial skeleton.
knowledge	A knowledge object containing prior knowledge about the causal interactions in a dataset. This knowledge can be used to forbid or require certain edges in the causal graph, helping to inform causal discovery an prevent orientations known to be nonsensical. The default is NULL, in which case no prior knowledge is provided to the causal discovery algorithm.
orientRule	A vector of strings to determine which of the orientation rules to test in the cross-validation procedure to select the optimal model. The default is a vector that contains the "majority", "maxp", and "conservative" orientation rules.
alphas	A numeric vector containing values of alpha to test in the cross-validation procedure. The default value is NULL, in which case we set alpha = $c(0.001, 0.005, 0.01, 0.05, 0.1, 0.15, 0.2)$ .
nfolds	An integer value defining the number of folds to be used for cross-validation if foldid is NULL. The default value is 5.
foldid	An integer vector containing values in the range of 1 to K for each sample that identifies which test set that sample belongs to. This enables users to define their own cross-validation splits, for example in the case stratified cross-validation is needed. The default value is NULL.
threads	An integer value denoting the number of threads to use for parallelization of independence tests. The default value is -1, which will all available CPUs.
fdr	A logical value indicating whether to use false discovery rate control for the discovery of adjacencies in the causal graph. The default value is FALSE.
rank	A logical value indicating whether to use the nonparanormal transform to learn rank-based associations. The default is FALSE.
verbose	A logical value indicating whether to print progress updates. The default is FALSE.

### Value

A graphCV object containing the CPDAGs selected by the minimum and one standard error rule.

### **Examples**

```
sim <- simRandomDAG(200, 25)
g.cv <- pcCV(sim$data)
print(g.cv)</pre>
```

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pcStable

Runs the causal discovery algorithm PC-Stable on a dataset.

### **Description**

Runs the causal discovery algorithm PC-Stable on a dataset. The PC-Stable algorithm is designed to recover the Markov equivalence class of causal DAGs that could give rise to the observed conditional independence relationships under the assumption of causal sufficiency. A dataset is said to be causally sufficient if all variables relevant to the causal process are observed (i.e. there are no latent confounders). The resulting graph is a completed partially directed acyclic graph (CPDAG) containing directed edges where the causal orientation can be uniquely determined and an undirected edge where multiple orientations are possible.

### Usage

```
pcStable(
  data,
  initialGraph = NULL,
  knowledge = NULL,
  orientRule = as.character(c("majority")),
  alpha = 0.05,
  threads = -1L,
  fdr = FALSE,
  rank = FALSE,
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

data

A data.frame containing the dataset to be used for estimating the MGM, with each row representing a sample and each column representing a variable. All continuous variables must be of the numeric type, while categorical variables must be factor or character. Any rows with missing values will be dropped.

initialGraph

An undirected rCausalMGM graph object containing the initial skeleton of adjacencies used in the causal discovery algorithm. This graph can be learned by 'mgm' or learned by another method and imported into an undirected rCausalMGM graph object from its adjacency matrix. The default is NULL, in which case a fully connected graph is used as the initial skeleton.

knowledge

A knowledge object containing prior knowledge about the causal interactions in a dataset. This knowledge can be used to forbid or require certain edges in the causal graph, helping to inform causal discovery an prevent orientations known to be nonsensical. The default is NULL, in which case no prior knowledge is provided to the causal discovery algorithm.

orientRule

Determines which of the four possible orientation rules will be utilized to orient colliders in the PC-Stable algorithm. Possible options are "majority", "maxp", "conservative", and "sepsets". The default value is "majority". Additionally, a

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vector of valid orientation rules can be provided, and pcStable will return a list containing the graphs learned with each. alpha A numeric value containing the significance threshold alpha for the conditional independence tests used during constraint-based causal discovery. This parameter directly controls graph sparsity, with low values of alpha yielding sparse graphs and high values yielding dense graphs. The default value is 0.05. threads An integer value denoting the number of threads to use for parallelization of independence tests. The default value is -1, which will all available CPUs. fdr A logical value indicating whether to use false discovery rate control for the discovery of adjacencies in the causal graph. The default value is FALSE. A logical value indicating whether to use the nonparanormal transform to learn rank rank-based associations. The default is FALSE. verbose A logical value indicating whether to print progress updates. The default is FALSE.

#### Value

The CPDAG learned by PC-Stable.

### **Examples**

```
sim <- simRandomDAG(200, 25)
g <- pcStable(sim$data)
print(g)</pre>
```

pcStars

Implements StARS for PC-Stable

### Description

Runs StARS to select the value of alpha for PC-Stable based on adjacency stability. Returns a graphSTARS object containing the CPDAG selected by StARS and the adjacency instabilities for each alpha.

```
pcStars(
  data,
  initialGraph = NULL,
  knowledge = NULL,
  orientRule = as.character(c("majority")),
  alphas = NULL,
  gamma = 0.01,
  numSub = 20L,
  subSize = -1L,
  leaveOneOut = FALSE,
```

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```
threads = -1L,
rank = FALSE,
verbose = FALSE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

data A data frame containing the dataset to be used for estimating the MGM, with

each row representing a sample and each column representing a variable. All continuous variables must be of the numeric type, while categorical variables must be factor or character. Any rows with missing values will be dropped.

initialGraph An undirected rCausalMGM graph object containing the initial skeleton of ad-

jacencies used in the causal discovery algorithm. This graph can be learned by 'mgm' or learned by another method and imported into an undirected rCausalMGM graph object from its adjacency matrix. The default is NULL, in which case a

fully connected graph is used as the initial skeleton.

knowledge A knowledge object containing prior knowledge about the causal interactions in

a dataset. This knowledge can be used to forbid or require certain edges in the causal graph, helping to inform causal discovery an prevent orientations known to be nonsensical. The default is NULL, in which case no prior knowledge is

provided to the causal discovery algorithm.

orientRule Determines which of the four possible orientation rules will be utilized to orient

colliders in the PC-Stable algorithm. Possible options are "majority", "maxp",

"conservative", and "sepsets". The default value is "majority".

alphas A numeric vector containing values of alpha to test in the cross-validation pro-

cedure. The default value is NULL, in which case we set alpha = c(0.001, 0.005,

0.01, 0.05, 0.1, 0.15, 0.2).

gamma The threshold for edge instability. The default value is 0.01, and it is not recom-

mended to change this value.

numSub The number of subsamples of the dataset used to estimate edge instability. The

default value is 20.

subSize The number of samples to be drawn without replacement for each subsample.

The default value is -1. When subSize is -1, it is set to min(floor(0.75 \* N),

floor(10\*sqrt(N))), where N is the number of samples.

leaveOneOut If TRUE, performs leave-one-out subsampling. Defaults to FALSE.

threads An integer value denoting the number of threads to use for parallelization of

independence tests. The default value is -1, which will all available CPUs.

rank A logical value indicating whether to use the nonparanormal transform to learn

rank-based associations. The default is FALSE.

verbose A logical value indicating whether to print progress updates. The default is

FALSE.

### Value

A graphSTARS object containing the CPDAG selected by StARS and the instabilities at each value of alpha.

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### **Examples**

```
sim <- simRandomDAG(200, 25)
g.stars <- pcStars(sim$data)
print(g.stars)</pre>
```

plot.graph

A plot override function for the graph class

### **Description**

A plot override function for the graph class

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'graph'
plot(x, nodes = c(), nodeAttr = list(), edgeAttr = list(), ...)
```

### **Arguments**

x The graph object

nodes A subset of nodes in the graph to plot. If only a single node is supplied, then

that node and its Markov blanket will be plotted.

nodeAttr A list of options to modify graph nodes (e.g. fontsize).

edgeAttr A list of options to modify graph edges.

... Additional plot arguments

plot.graphCV

A plot override function for the graphCV class

### Description

A plot override function for the graphCV class

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'graphCV' plot(x, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

x The graph object

... Additional plot arguments

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plot.graphPath

A plot override function for the graphCV class

### Description

A plot override function for the graphCV class

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'graphPath' plot(x, ...)
```

### **Arguments**

x The graph object

... Additional plot arguments

plot.graphSTARS

A plot override function for the graphSTARS class

# Description

A plot override function for the graphSTARS class

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'graphSTARS' plot(x, ...)
```

### **Arguments**

x The graph object

... Additional plot arguments

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plot.graphSTEPS

A plot override function for the graphSTEPS class

### Description

A plot override function for the graphSTEPS class

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'graphSTEPS' plot(x, ...)
```

### **Arguments**

x The graph object

... Additional plot arguments

print.graph

A print override function for the graph class

# Description

A print override function for the graph class

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'graph'
print(x, ...)
```

### Arguments

x The graph object

... Additional print arguments

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print.graphCV

A print override function for the graphCV class

### Description

A print override function for the graphCV class

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'graphCV'
print(x, ...)
```

### **Arguments**

x The graphCV object

... Additional print arguments

print.graphPath

A print override function for the graphPath class

### Description

A print override function for the graphPath class

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'graphPath'
print(x, ...)
```

### **Arguments**

- x The graphPath object
- ... Additional print arguments

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print.graphSTARS

A print override function for the graphSTARS class

### Description

A print override function for the graphSTARS class

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'graphSTARS'
print(x, ...)
```

### **Arguments**

x The graphSTARS object

... Additional print arguments

print.graphSTEPS

A print override function for the graphSTEPS class

### Description

A print override function for the graphSTEPS class

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'graphSTEPS'
print(x, ...)
```

### **Arguments**

x The graphSTEPS object

... Additional print arguments

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print.knowledge

A print override function for the knowledge class

### Description

A print override function for the knowledge class

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'knowledge' print(x, ...)
```

### Arguments

x The knowledge object

... Additional print arguments

printGraph

Display a graph object as text.

### Description

Display a graph object as text. This is the same format as written in ".txt" save files.

### Usage

```
printGraph(graph)
```

# Arguments

graph

The graph object

### **Examples**

```
sim <- simRandomDAG(200, 25)
g <- mgm(sim$data)
printGraph(g)</pre>
```

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prMetrics

Combined adjaceny and orientation precision-recall metrics

### **Description**

Calculate the precision, recall, F1, and Matthew's Correlation Coefficient (MCC) for the adjacencies and orientations of an estimated graph compared to the ground truth. This is the concatenated output of the adjacency PR metrics and the orientation PR metrics.

### Usage

```
prMetrics(estimate, groundTruth, groundTruthDAG = NULL)
```

### **Arguments**

estimate

An estimated graph object

groundTruth

A ground truth graph object of the same type as the estimated graph object

groundTruthDAG A ground truth graph object containing the true causal DAG. Only necessary

for calculating the or precision, recall, F1, and MCC for partial ancestral graphs

(PAGs)

#### Value

The orientation precision, recall, F1, and MCC, between the two graph objects

#### **Examples**

```
sim <- simRandomDAG(200, 25)</pre>
g <- pcStable(sim$data)</pre>
prMetrics(g, cpdag(sim$graph))
```

prMetricsAdjacency

Adjacency Precision-Recall Metrics

#### **Description**

Calculate the skeleton precision, recall, F1, and Matthew's Correlation Coefficient (MCC) between an estimated and ground truth graph.

```
prMetricsAdjacency(estimate, groundTruth)
```

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### Arguments

estimate An estimated graph object groundTruth A ground truth graph object

#### Value

The skeleton precision, recall, F1, and MCC, between the two graph objects

### **Examples**

```
sim <- simRandomDAG(200, 25)
g <- pcStable(sim$data)
prMetricsAdjacency(g, cpdag(sim$graph))</pre>
```

prMetricsCausal

Causal Orientaion Precision-Recall Metrics for CPDAGs

### **Description**

Calculate the causal orientation precision, recall, and F1 between an estimated CPDAG and ground truth graph causal DAG.

### Usage

```
prMetricsCausal(estimate, groundTruthDAG)
```

### **Arguments**

```
estimate An estimated graph object.
groundTruthDAG A ground truth graph object of the type "directed acyclic graph".
```

#### Value

The causal orientation precision, recall, and F1 between the two graph objects

### **Examples**

```
sim <- simRandomDAG(200, 25)
g <- pcStable(sim$data)
prMetricsCausal(g, sim$graph)</pre>
```

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prMetricsOrientation Orientation Precision-Recall Metrics

#### **Description**

Calculate the orientation precision, recall, F1, and Matthew's Correlation Coefficient (MCC) between an estimated and ground truth graph.

#### Usage

```
prMetricsOrientation(estimate, groundTruth, groundTruthDAG = NULL)
```

#### **Arguments**

estimate An estimated graph object

groundTruth A ground truth graph object of the same type as the estimated graph object

groundTruthDAG A ground truth graph object containing the true causal DAG. Only necessary

for calculating the or precision, recall, F1, and MCC for partial ancestral graphs

(PAGs)

#### Value

The orientation precision, recall, F1, and MCC, between the two graph objects

### Examples

```
data("train_n10000_p10")
sim <- simRandomDAG(200, 25)
g <- pcStable(sim$data)
prMetricsOrientation(g, cpdag(sim$graph))</pre>
```

saveGraph

Save a graph to a file. Supported file types are ".txt" and ".sif".

### **Description**

Save a graph to a file. Supported file types are ".txt" and ".sif".

### Usage

```
saveGraph(graph, filename)
```

#### **Arguments**

graph The graph object filename The graph filename

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SHD

Structural Hamming Distance (SHD)

### Description

Calculate the Structural Hamming Distance (SHD) between two graphs.

### Usage

```
SHD(graph1, graph2)
```

### **Arguments**

graph1 A graph object graph2 A graph object

#### Value

The SHD btween the two graph objects

### **Examples**

```
sim <- simRandomDAG(200, 25)
g <- pcStable(sim$data)
SHD(g, cpdag(sim$graph))</pre>
```

simRandomDAG

A function to simulate a random forward DAG from a SEM model.

### Description

A function to simulate a random forward DAG from a SEM model.

```
simRandomDAG(
    n = 1000,
    p = 50,
    discFrac = 0.5,
    deg = 3,
    coefMin = 0.5,
    coefMax = 1.5,
    noiseMin = 1,
    noiseMax = 2,
    seed = NULL
)
```

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#### **Arguments**

n	The sample size of the generated dataset. The default is 1000.
p	The number of features in the generated dataset. The default is 50.
discFrac	The fraction of variables in the dataset that are discrete. The default is 0.5.
deg	The average graph degree for the simulated graph. The default is 3.
coefMin	The lower bound on the magnitude of the effect size. The default is 0.5.
coefMax	The upper bound on the magnitude of the effect size. The default is 1.5.
noiseMin	The lower bound on the standard deviation of the Gaussian noise for continuous variables. The default is $1.$
noiseMax	The upper bound on the standard deviation of the Gaussian noise for continuous variables. The default is $2$ .
seed	The random seed for generating the simulated DAG. The default is NULL.

#### Value

A list containing the simulated dataset and the corresponding ground truth causal DAG.

### **Examples**

```
sim <- simRandomDAG(200, 25)
print(sim$graph)
print(sim$data[1:6,])</pre>
```

skeleton

Calculate the undirected skeleton for a given DAG

### Description

Create the skeleton graph for the input directed acyclic graph (DAG). The skeleton graph is the undirected graph that contains the same adjacencies as the input DAG.

#### Usage

```
skeleton(graph)
```

### **Arguments**

graph The graph object used to generate the skeleton graph. Should be the ground-

truth causal DAG

#### Value

The skeleton graph corresponding to the input DAG

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### **Examples**

```
sim <- simRandomDAG(200, 25)
sim$skeleton <- skeleton(sim$graph)
print(sim$skeleton)</pre>
```

steps

Implements StEPS and StARS for MGM

### Description

Calculates the optimal lambda values for the MGM algorithm using StEPS and StARS. Returns a graphSTEPS object that contains the MGMs selected by StEPS and StARS as well as the instability at each value of lambda.

### Usage

```
steps(
  data,
  lambdas = NULL,
  nLambda = 30L,
  gamma = 0.05,
  numSub = 20L,
  subSize = -1L,
  leaveOneOut = FALSE,
  threads = -1L,
  rank = FALSE,
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

### **Arguments**

data	A data frame containing the dataset to be used for estimating the MGM, with each row representing a sample and each column representing a variable. All continuous variables must be of the numeric type, while categorical variables must be factor or character. Any rows with missing values will be dropped.
lambdas	A numeric vector containing the values of lambda to learn an MGM with. The default value is NULL, in which case a log-spaced vector of nLambda values for lambda will be supplied instead.
nLambda	A numeric value indicating the number of lambda values to test when the lambdas vector is NULL. The default is 30.
gamma	The threshold for edge instability. The default value is 0.05, and it is not recommended to change this value.
numSub	The number of subsamples of the dataset used to estimate edge instability. The default value is 20.

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subSize The number of samples to be drawn without replacement for each subsample.

The default value is -1. When subSize is -1, it is set to min(floor(0.75 \* N),

floor(10\*sqrt(N)), where N is the number of samples.

leaveOneOut If TRUE, performs leave-one-out subsampling. Defaults to FALSE.

threads An integer value denoting the number of threads to use for parallelization of

learning MGMs across subsamples. The default value is -1, which will all avail-

able CPUs.

rank A logical value indicating whether to use the nonparanormal transform to learn

rank-based associations. The default is FALSE.

verbose A logical value indicating whether to print progress updates. The default is

FALSE.

#### Value

A graphSTEPS object containing the MGMs selected by StEPS and StARS, as well as the instability of each edge type at each value of lambda.

### **Examples**

```
sim <- simRandomDAG(200, 25)
ig.steps <- steps(sim$data)
print(ig.steps)</pre>
```

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