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# Description

 $dag\_test\_FS$ 

Implements the fixed sequence testing procedure of familywise error rate control. The sequence is given through ordering elements of p\_order increasingly.

## Usage

```
dag_test_FS(p_order, p, alpha, decreasing = FALSE)
```

dag\_test\_FS

# Arguments

p_order	a numeric vector or matrix with one column whose order determines the sequence of tests.
р	a numeric vector taking values in $(0, 1]$ such that length(p) == nrow(p_order) if p_order is a matrix (or length(p) == length(p_order) if p_order is a numeric vector).
alpha	a numeric value in (0, 1] specifying the Type I error rate.
decreasing	a boolean value determining whether the order of p_order should be understood in decreasing order.

## Value

A boolean vector of the same length as p with each element being TRUE if the corresponding hypothesis is rejected and FALSE otherwise.

```
p_order <- c(0.5, 0, 1)
p <- c(0.01, 0.1, 0.05)
alpha <- 0.05
dag_test_FS(p_order, p, alpha, decreasing = TRUE)
```

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# Description

Given a vector of p-values, each concerning a row in the matrix X0, dag\_test\_Holm() first applies Holm's method to the p-values and then also rejects hypotheses corresponding to points coordinatewise greater or equal to any point whose hypothesis has been rejected.

## Usage

```
dag_test_Holm(X0, p, alpha)
```

## **Arguments**

X0 a numeric matrix giving points corresponding to hypotheses.

p a numeric vector taking values in (0, 1] such that length(p) == nrow(X0).

alpha a numeric value in (0, 1] specifying the Type I error rate.

#### Value

A boolean vector of the same length as p with each element being TRUE if the corresponding hypothesis is rejected and FALSE otherwise.

## **Examples**

```
X0 \leftarrow rbind(c(0.5, 0.5), c(0.8, 0.9), c(0.4, 0.6))

p \leftarrow c(0.01, 0.1, 0.05)

alpha \leftarrow 0.05

dag_test_Holm(X0, p, alpha)
```

```
dag_test_ISS dag_test_ISS
```

## Description

Implements the DAG testing procedure given in Algorithm 1 by Müller et al. (2023).

## Usage

```
dag_test_ISS(X0, p, alpha)
```

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## **Arguments**

X0	a numeric matrix giving points corresponding to hypotheses.
p	a numeric vector taking values in $(0, 1]$ such that length(p) == nrow(X0).
alpha	a numeric value in (0, 1] specifying the Type I error rate.

#### Value

A boolean vector of the same length as p with each element being TRUE if the corresponding hypothesis is rejected and FALSE otherwise.

## References

Müller MM, Reeve HWJ, Cannings TI, Samworth RJ (2023). "Isotonic subgroup selection." *arXiv* preprint arXiv:2305.04852.

## **Examples**

```
X0 \leftarrow rbind(c(0.5, 0.6), c(0.8, 0.9), c(0.9, 0.8))

p \leftarrow c(0.02, 0.025, 0.1)

alpha \leftarrow 0.05

dag\_test\_ISS(X0, p, alpha)
```

dag\_test\_MG

dag\_test\_MG

## Description

Implements the graph-testing procedures proposed by Meijer and Goeman (2015) for one-way logical relationships. Here implemented for the specific application to isotonic subgroup selection.

## Usage

```
dag_test_MG(
   X0,
   p,
   alpha,
   version = c("all", "any"),
   leaf_weights,
   sparse = FALSE
)
```

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#### **Arguments**

X0 a numeric matrix giving points corresponding to hypotheses.

p a numeric vector taking values in (0, 1] such that length(p) == nrow(X0).

alpha a numeric value in (0, 1] specifying the Type I error rate.

version either "all" for the all-parent version of the procedure or "any" for the any-

parent version of the procedure.

leaf\_weights optional weights for the leaf nodes. Would have to be a numeric vector of the

same length as there are leaf nodes in the DAG (resp. polytree, see sparse)

induced by X0.

sparse a logical value specifying whether X0 should be used to induce a DAG (FALSE)

or a polytree (TRUE).

#### Value

A boolean vector of the same length as p with each element being TRUE if the corresponding hypothesis is rejected and FALSE otherwise.

## References

Meijer RJ, Goeman JJ (2015). "A multiple testing method for hypotheses structured in a directed acyclic graph." *Biometrical Journal*, **57**(1), 123–143.

#### **Examples**

```
X0 \leftarrow rbind(c(0.5, 0.6), c(0.8, 0.9), c(0.9, 0.8))

p \leftarrow c(0.02, 0.025, 0.1)

alpha \leftarrow 0.05

dag\_test\_MG(X0, p, alpha)

dag\_test\_MG(X0, p, alpha, version = "any")

dag\_test\_MG(X0, p, alpha, sparse = TRUE)
```

```
get_boundary_points
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```

## **Description**

Given a set of points, returns the minimal subset with the same upper hull.

## Usage

```
get_boundary_points(X)
```

## **Arguments**

X a numeric matrix with one point per row.

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## Value

A numeric matrix of the same number of columns as X.

## **Examples**

```
X \leftarrow rbind(c(0, 1), c(1, 0), c(1, 0), c(1, 1))
get_boundary_points(X)
```

get\_DAG

get\_DAG

## **Description**

This function is used to construct the induced DAG, induced polyforest and reverse topological orderings thereof from a numeric matrix X0. See Definition 2 in Müller et al. (2023).

## Usage

```
get_DAG(X0, sparse = FALSE, twoway = FALSE)
```

## **Arguments**

X0 a numeric matrix.

sparse logical. Either the induced DAG (FALSE) or the induced polyforest (TRUE) is

constructed.

twoway logical. If FALSE, only leaves, parents, ancestors and reverse topological or-

dering are returned. If TRUE, then roots, children and descendants are also

provided.

## Value

A list with named elements giving the leaves, parents, ancestors and reverse topological ordering and additionally, if twoway == TRUE, the roots, children and descendants, of the constructed graph.

#### References

Müller MM, Reeve HWJ, Cannings TI, Samworth RJ (2023). "Isotonic subgroup selection." *arXiv* preprint arXiv:2305.04852.

```
X <- rbind(
   c(0.2, 0.8), c(0.2, 0.8), c(0.1, 0.7),
   c(0.2, 0.1), c(0.3, 0.5), c(0.3, 0)
)
get_DAG(X0 = X)
get_DAG(X0 = X, sparse = TRUE, twoway = TRUE)</pre>
```

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```
get_p_classification get_p_classification
```

## Description

Calculate the p-value in Definition 21 of Müller et al. (2023).

## Usage

```
get_p_classification(X, y, x0, tau)
```

## **Arguments**

X	a numeric matrix specifying the covariates.
У	a numeric vector with length(y) == $nrow(X)$ and $all((y \ge 0) & (y \le 1))$ specifying the responses.
x0	a numeric vector specifying the point of interest, such that length(x0) == $ncol(X)$ .
tau	a single numeric value in [0,1) specifying the threshold of interest.

## Value

A single numeric value in (0, 1].

#### References

Müller MM, Reeve HWJ, Cannings TI, Samworth RJ (2023). "Isotonic subgroup selection." *arXiv* preprint arXiv:2305.04852.

```
set.seed(123)
n <- 100
d <- 2
X <- matrix(runif(d * n), ncol = d)
eta <- function(x) sum(x)
X_eta <- apply(X, MARGIN = 1, FUN = function(x) 1 / (1 + exp(-eta(x))))
y <- as.numeric(runif(n) < X_eta)
get_p_classification(X, y, x0 = c(1, 1), tau = 0.6)
get_p_classification(X, y, x0 = c(1, 1), tau = 0.9)</pre>
```

get\_p\_Gaussian

get\_p\_Gaussian get\_p\_Gaussian

## Description

Calculate the p-value in Definition 19 of Müller et al. (2023).

## Usage

```
get_p_Gaussian(X, y, x0, tau)
```

## Arguments

Χ	a numeric matrix specifying the covariates.
У	a numeric vector with $length(y) == nrow(X)$ specifying the responses.
x0	a numeric vector specifying the point of interest, such that length(x0) == $ncol(X)$ .
tau	a single numeric value specifying the threshold of interest.

## Value

A single numeric value in (0, 1].

## References

Müller MM, Reeve HWJ, Cannings TI, Samworth RJ (2023). "Isotonic subgroup selection." *arXiv* preprint arXiv:2305.04852.

```
set.seed(123)
n <- 100
d <- 2
X <- matrix(runif(d * n), ncol = d)
eta <- function(x) sum(x)
y <- apply(X, MARGIN = 1, FUN = eta) + rnorm(n, sd = 1)
get_p_Gaussian(X, y, x0 = c(1, 1), tau = 1)
get_p_Gaussian(X, y, x0 = c(1, 1), tau = -1)</pre>
```

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## Description

Calculate the p-value in Definition 1 of Müller et al. (2023).

## Usage

```
get_p_subGaussian(X, y, x0, sigma2, tau)
```

## Arguments

Χ	a numeric matrix specifying the covariates.
У	a numeric vector with $length(y) == nrow(X)$ specifying the responses.
x0	a numeric vector specifying the point of interest, such that length(x0) == $ncol(X)$ .
sigma2	a single positive numeric value specifying the variance parameter.
tau	a single numeric value specifying the threshold of interest.

#### Value

A single numeric value in (0, 1].

#### References

Müller MM, Reeve HWJ, Cannings TI, Samworth RJ (2023). "Isotonic subgroup selection." *arXiv* preprint arXiv:2305.04852.

```
set.seed(123)
n <- 100
d <- 2
X <- matrix(runif(d*n), ncol = d)
eta <- function(x) sum(x)
y <- apply(X, MARGIN = 1, FUN = eta) + rnorm(n, sd = 0.5)
get_p_subGaussian(X, y, x0 = c(1, 1), sigma2 = 0.25, tau = 1)
get_p_subGaussian(X, y, x0 = c(1, 1), sigma2 = 0.25, tau = 3)</pre>
```

```
get_p_subGaussian_NM
get_p_subGaussian_NM
```

## **Description**

Calculate the p-value in Definition 18 of Müller et al. (2023).

## Usage

```
get_p\_subGaussian\_NM(X, y, x0, sigma2, tau, rho = 0.5)
```

## **Arguments**

X	a numeric matrix specifying the covariates.
У	a numeric vector with $length(y) == nrow(X)$ specifying the responses.
x0	a numeric vector specifying the point of interest, such that length(x0) == $ncol(X)$ .
sigma2	a single positive numeric value specifying the variance parameter.
tau	a single numeric value specifying the threshold of interest.
rho	a single positive numeric value serving as hyperparameter.

#### Value

A single numeric value in (0, 1].

#### References

Müller MM, Reeve HWJ, Cannings TI, Samworth RJ (2023). "Isotonic subgroup selection." *arXiv* preprint arXiv:2305.04852.

```
set.seed(123)
n <- 100
d <- 2
X <- matrix(runif(d * n), ncol = d)
eta <- function(x) sum(x)
y <- apply(X, MARGIN = 1, FUN = eta) + rnorm(n, sd = 0.5)
get_p_subGaussian_NM(X, y, x0 = c(1, 1), sigma2 = 0.25, tau = 3)
get_p_subGaussian_NM(X, y, x0 = c(1, 1), sigma2 = 0.25, tau = 1)
get_p_subGaussian_NM(X, y, x0 = c(1, 1), sigma2 = 0.25, tau = 1, rho = 2)</pre>
```

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# Description

A wrapper function used to call the correct function for calculating the p-value.

# Usage

```
get_p_value(
   p_value_method = c("sub-Gaussian-normalmixture", "sub-Gaussian", "Gaussian",
        "classification", "quantile"),
   X,
   y,
   x0,
   tau,
   sigma2,
   rho = 1/2,
   theta = 1/2
)
```

## Arguments

p_value_method	one of c("sub-Gaussian", "sub-Gaussian-normalmixture", "Gaussian", "classification", "quantile") specifying which p-value construction should be used. See Definitions 1, 18, 19 and 21 and Lemma 24 by Müller et al. (2023) respectively. For p_value_method == "quantile", the version with the p-value from Definition 19 is implemented.
Χ	a numeric matrix specifying the covariates.
у	a numeric vector with $length(y) == nrow(X)$ specifying the responses.
x0	a numeric vector specifying the point of interest, such that length(x0) == $ncol(X)$ .
tau	a single numeric value specifying the threshold of interest.
sigma2	a single positive numeric value specifying the variance parameter (required only if p_value_method %in% c("sub-Gaussian", "sub-Gaussian-normalmixture").
rho	a single positive numeric value serving as hyperparameter (required only if p_value_method == "sub-Gaussian-normalmixture").
theta	a single numeric value in $(0, 1)$ specifying the quantile of interest when p_value_method == "quantile". Defaults to $1/2$ , i.e.~the median.

## Value

A single numeric value in (0, 1].

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## References

Müller MM, Reeve HWJ, Cannings TI, Samworth RJ (2023). "Isotonic subgroup selection." *arXiv* preprint arXiv:2305.04852.

## **Examples**

```
set.seed(123)
n <- 100
d <- 2
X <- matrix(runif(d * n), ncol = d)
eta <- function(x) sum(x)
X_eta <- apply(X, MARGIN = 1, FUN = function(x) 1 / (1 + exp(-eta(x))))
y <- as.numeric(runif(n) < X_eta)
get_p_value(p_value_method = "classification", X, y, x0 = c(1, 1), tau = 0.6)
get_p_value(p_value_method = "classification", X, y, x0 = c(1, 1), tau = 0.9)

X_eta <- apply(X, MARGIN = 1, FUN = eta)
y <- X_eta + rcauchy(n)
get_p_value(p_value_method = "quantile", X, y, x0 = c(1, 1), tau = 1/2)
get_p_value(p_value_method = "quantile", X, y, x0 = c(1, 1), tau = 3)
get_p_value(p_value_method = "quantile", X, y, x0 = c(1, 1), tau = 3, theta = 0.95)</pre>
```

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ISS

## Description

The function implements the combination of p-value calculation and familywise error rate control through DAG testing procedures described in Müller et al. (2023).

## Usage

```
ISS(
  Χ,
 у,
  tau,
  alpha = 0.05,
 m = nrow(X),
 p_value = c("sub-Gaussian-normalmixture", "sub-Gaussian", "Gaussian", "classification",
    "quantile"),
  sigma2,
  rho = 1/2,
  FWER_control = c("ISS", "Holm", "MG all", "MG any", "split", "split oracle"),
  minimal = FALSE,
  split_proportion = 1/2,
  eta = NA,
  theta = 1/2
)
```

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#### **Arguments**

Χ a numeric matrix specifying the covariates.

a numeric vector with length(y) == nrow(X) specifying the responses. У

tau a single numeric value specifying the threshold of interest. a numeric value in (0, 1] specifying the Type I error rate. alpha

an integer value between 1 and nrow(X) specifying the size of the subsample of

X at which the hypotheses should be tested.

one of c("sub-Gaussian", "sub-Gaussian-normalmixture", "Gaussian", p\_value

> "classification", "quantile") specifying which p-value construction should be used. See Definitions 1, 18, 19 and 21 and Lemma 24 by Müller et al. (2023) respectively. For p\_value == "quantile", the version with the p-value from

Definition 19 is implemented.

sigma2 a single positive numeric value specifying the variance parameter (only needed

if p\_value %in% c("sub-Gaussian", "sub-Gaussian-normalmixture")).

rho a single positive numeric value serving as hyperparameter (only used if p\_value

== "sub-Gaussian-normalmixture").

one of c("ISS", "Holm", "MG all", "MG any", "split", "split oracle"), FWER\_control

> specifying how the familywise error rate is controlled. The first corresponds to Algorithm 1 by Müller et al. (2023), the second is Holm's procedure, the two starting with "MG" correspond to the procedures by Meijer and Goeman (2015) for one-way logical relationships, and the final two containing "split" to

the sample splitting techniques in Appendix B of Müller et al. (2023).

minimal a logical value determining whether the output should be reduced to the minimal

number of points leading to the same selected set.

split\_proportion

when FWER\_control %in% c("split", "split oracle"), the number of data points in the first split of the data is ceiling(split\_proportion \* nrow(X)).

eta when FWER\_control == "split oracle", this parameter needs to be used to

provide the true regression function, which should take a vector of covariates as

inputs and output a single numeric value.

theta a single numeric value in (0, 1) specifying the quantile of interest when p\_value\_method

== "quantile". Defaults to 1/2, i.e.~the median.

#### Value

A numeric matrix giving the points in X determined to lie in the tau-superlevel set of the regression function with probability at least 1 - alpha or, if minimal == TRUE, a subset of points thereof that have the same upper hull.

#### References

Meijer RJ, Goeman JJ (2015). "A multiple testing method for hypotheses structured in a directed acyclic graph." Biometrical Journal, 57(1), 123–143.

Müller MM, Reeve HWJ, Cannings TI, Samworth RJ (2023). "Isotonic subgroup selection." arXiv preprint arXiv:2305.04852v2.

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```
d <- 2
n <- 1000
m < -100
sigma2 <- (1 / 4)^2
tau <- 0.5
alpha <- 0.05
X <- matrix(runif(n * d), nrow = n)</pre>
eta_X <- apply(X, MARGIN = 1, max)
y <- eta_X + rnorm(n, sd = sqrt(sigma2))
X_{rej} \leftarrow ISS(X = X, y = y, tau = tau, alpha = alpha, m = m, sigma2 = sigma2)
if (d == 2) {
  plot(0, type = "n", xlim = c(0, 1), ylim = c(0, 1), xlab = NA, ylab = NA)
  for (i in 1:nrow(X_rej)) {
      xleft = X_rej[i, 1], xright = 1, ybottom = X_rej[i, 2], ytop = 1,
      border = NA, col = "indianred"
    )
  }
  points(X, pch = 16, cex = 0.5, col = "gray")
  points(X[1:m, ], pch = 16, cex = 0.5, col = "black")
  lines(x = c(0, tau), y = c(tau, tau), lty = 2)
  lines(x = c(tau, tau), y = c(tau, 0), lty = 2)
  legend(
    x = "bottomleft",
    legend = c(
      "superlevel set boundary",
      "untested covariate points",
      "tested covariate points",
      "selected set"
    ),
    col = c("black", "gray", "black", "indianred"),
    lty = c(2, NA, NA, NA),
    lwd = c(1, NA, NA, NA),
    pch = c(NA, 16, 16, NA),
    fill = c(NA, NA, NA, "indianred"),
    border = c(NA, NA, NA, "indianred")
}
```

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