Package 'HAC'

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aggregate.hac

Aggregation of variables

Description

aggregate tests, whether the absolute difference of the parameters of two subsequent nodes is smaller than a constant, i.e. $|\theta_2 - \theta_1| < \epsilon$, where θ_i denotes the dependency parameter with $\theta_2 < \theta_1$, $\epsilon \ge 0$. If the absolute difference is smaller than the constant, the variables of the nodes are aggregated in a single node with new dependency parameter, e.g. $\theta_{new} = (\theta_1 + \theta_2)/2$. This procedure is applied to all consecutive nodes of the HAC x.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'hac'
aggregate(x, epsilon = 0, method = "mean", ...)
```

Arguments

x an object of the class hac.

epsilon scalar ≥ 0 .

method determines, whether the new parameter is the "mean", "min" or "max" of the

fused parameters.

... further arguments passed to or from other methods.

Value

an object of the class hac.

See Also

hac

```
# Example 1:
# an object of the class hac is constructed, whose parameters are close
copula = hac(type = 1, tree = list("X1", list("X2", "X3", 2.05), 2))
# the function aggregate returns a simple Archimedean copula
```

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```
copula_ag = aggregate(copula, epsilon = 0.1)
tree2str(copula_ag) # [1] "(X1.X2.X3)_{2.02}"

# the structure does not change for a smaller epsilon

copula_ag = aggregate(copula, epsilon = 0.01)
tree2str(copula_ag) # [1] "((X2.X3)_{2.05}.X1)_{2}"

# Example 2:
# consider the binary tree

Object = hac.full(type = 1, y = c("X1", "X2", "X3", "X4", "X5"),
theta = c(1.01, 1.02, 2, 2.01))

tree2str(Object) # [1] "((((X5.X4)_{2.01}.X3)_{2}.X2)_{1.02}.X1)_{1.01}"

# applying aggregate.hac with epsilon = 0.02 leads to

Object_ag = aggregate(Object, 0.02)
tree2str(Object_ag) # [1] "((X3.X5.X4)_{2}.X1.X2)_{1.02}"
```

copMult

d-dim copula

Description

This function returns the values for d-dimensional Archimedean copulae.

Usage

```
copMult(X, theta, type)
```

Arguments

X a $n \times d$ matrix, where d refers to the dimension of the copula.

theta the parameter of the copula.

type all copula-types produced by Archimedean generators, see phi for an overview

of implemented families.

Details

If warnings are returned, see phi.

Value

A vector containing the values of the copula.

See Also

pHAC

Examples

```
# the arguments are defined
X = matrix(runif(300), ncol = 3)
# the values are computed
cop = copMult(X, theta = 1.5, type = 1)
```

dHAC, pHAC, rHAC

pdf, cdf and random sampling

Description

dHAC and pHAC compute the values of the copula's density and cumulative distribution function respectively. rHAC samples from HAC.

Usage

```
dHAC(X, hac, eval = TRUE, margins = NULL, na.rm = FALSE, ...)
pHAC(X, hac, margins = NULL, na.rm = FALSE, ...)
rHAC(n, hac)
```

Arguments

X	a data matrix. The number of columns and the corresponding names have to coincide with the specifications of the copula model hac.
hac	an object of the class hac.
n	number of observations.
margins	specifies the margins. The data matrix X is assumed to contain the values of the marginal distributions by default, i.e. margins = NULL. If raw data are used, the margins can be determined nonparametrically, "edf", or in parametric way, e.g. "norm". See estimate.copula for a detailed explanation.
na.rm	boolean. If na.rm = TRUE, missing values, NA, contained in X are removed.
eval	boolean. If eval = FALSE, a non-evaluated function is returned. Note, that attr "gradient" of the returned function corresponds to the values density.
• • •	arguments to be passed to na.omit.

Details

Sampling schemes of hierarchical and densities of simple Archimedean copula are based on functions of the copula package.

Value

rHAC retruns a $n \times d$ matrix, where d refers to the dimension of the HAC. dHAC and pHAC return vectors. The computation of the density might be time consuming for high-dimensions, since the density is defined as d-th derivative of the HAC with respect to its arguments u_1, \ldots, u_d .

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See Also

```
estimate.copula, to.logLik
```

```
# AC example
# define the underlying model
model = hac(type = 4, tree = list("X1", "X2", 2))
# sample from model
sample = rHAC(100, model)
# returns the pdf/cdf at each vector of the sample
d.values = dHAC(sample, model)
p.values = pHAC(sample, model)
# HAC example
# the underlying model
y = c("X1", "X2", "X3")
theta = c(1.5, 3)
model = hac.full(type = 1, y, theta)
# define sample from copula model
sample = rHAC(100, model)
# returns the pdf/cdf at each point of the sample
d.values = dHAC(sample, model)
p.values = pHAC(sample, model)
# construct a hac-model
tree = list(list("X1", "X5", 3), list("X2", "X3", "X4", 4), 2)
model = hac(type = 1, tree = tree)
# sample from copula model
sample = rHAC(1000, model)
```

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```
# check the accurancy of the estimation procedure
result1 = estimate.copula(sample)
result2 = estimate.copula(sample, epsilon = 0.2)
```

emp.copula

Empirical copula

Description

emp.copula and emp.copula.self compute the empirical copula for a given sample. The difference between these functions is, that emp.copula.self does not require a matrix u, at which the function is evaluated.

Usage

```
emp.copula(u, x, proc = "M", sort = "none", margins = NULL,
na.rm = FALSE, ...)
emp.copula.self(x, proc = "M", sort = "none", margins = NULL,
na.rm = FALSE, ...)
```

arguments to be passed to na.omit.

Arguments

u	a matrix, at which the function is evaluated. According to the dimension of the data matrix x , it can be a scalar, a vector or a matrix. The entries of u should be within the interval $[0,1]$.
х	denotes the matrix of marginal distributions, if margins = NULL. The number of columns should be equal the dimension d , whereas the number of rows should be equal to the number of observations n , with $n>d$.
proc	enables the user to choose between two different methods. It is recommended to use the default method, "M", because it takes only a small fraction of the computational time of method "A". However, method "M" is sensitive with respect to the size of the working memory and therefore, non-applicable for very large datasets.
sort	defines, whether the output is ordered. sort = "asc" refers to ascending values, which might be interesting for plotting and sort = "desc" refers to descending values.
margins	specifies the margins. The data matrix is assumed to contain the values of the marginal distributions by default, i.e. margins = NULL. If raw data are used, the margins can be determined nonparametrically, "edf", or in parametric way, e.g. "norm". See estimate.copula for a detailed explanation.
na.rm	boolean. If na.rm = TRUE, missing values, NA, contained in x and u are removed.

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Details

The estimated copula follows the formula

$$\widehat{C}(u_1, \dots, u_d) = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \prod_{j=1}^d \mathbf{I} \left\{ \widehat{F}_j(X_{ij}) \le u_j \right\},$$

where \hat{F}_j denotes the empirical marginal distribution function of variable X_j .

Value

A vector containing the values of the empirical copula.

References

Okhrin, O. and Ristig, A. 2014, Hierarchical Archimedean Copulae: The HAC Package", *Journal of Statistical Software*, 58(4), 1-20, doi:10.18637/jss.v058.i04.

See Also

pHAC

Examples

```
v = seq(-4, 4, 0.05)
X = cbind(matrix(pt(v, 1), 161, 1), matrix(pnorm(v), 161, 1))
# both methods lead to the same result
z = emp.copula.self(X, proc = "M")
which(((emp.copula.self(X[1:100, ], proc = "M") - emp.copula.self(X[1:100, ], proc = "A")) == 0) == "FALSE")
# integer(0)
# the contour plot
out = outer(z, z)
contour(x = X[,1], y = X[,2], out, main = "Contour Plot",
xlab = "Cauchy Margin", ylab = "Standard Normal Margin",
labcex = 1, lwd = 1.5, nlevels = 15)
```

estimate.copula

Estimation of Hierarchical Archimedean Copulae

Description

The function estimates the parameters and determines the structure of Hierarchical Archimedean Copulae.

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Usage

```
estimate.copula(X, type = 1, method = 1, hac = NULL, epsilon = 0,
agg.method = "mean", margins = NULL, na.rm = FALSE, max.min = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

X a $n \times d$ matrix. If there are no colnames provided, the names X1, X2, ... will

be given.

type defines the copula family, see phi for an overview of implemented families.

method the estimation method. Select between quasi Maximum Likelihood 1, full Max-

imum Likelihood 2, recursive Maximum Likelihood 3 and penalized Maximum

Likelihood 4.

hac a hac object, which determines the structure and provides initial values. An

object must be provided, if method = 2 referring to the full Maximum Likelihood

procedure.

epsilon scalar ≥ 0 . The variables of consecutive nodes are aggregated, if the difference

of the dependency parameters is smaller than epsilon. For a detailed explana-

tion see also aggregate.hac.

agg.method if $\epsilon>0$, the new dependency parameter can be determined by "mean", "min"

or "max" of the two parameters, see aggregate.hac.

margins specifies the margins. The data matrix is assumed to contain the values of the

marginal distributions by default, i.e. margins = NULL. If raw data are used, the margins can be determined nonparametrically, "edf", or in a parametric way, e.g. "norm". Following the latter approach, the parameters of the distributions are estimated by Maximum Likelihood. Building on these estimates the values of the univariate margins are computed. If the argument is defined as scalar, all margins are computed according to this specification. Otherwise, different margins can be defined, e.g. c("norm", "t", "edf") for a 3-dimensional sample. Almost all continuous functions of Distributions are available. Inappropriate usage of this argument might lead to misspecified margins, e.g. application of

"exp" even though the sample contains negative values.

na.rm boolean. If na.rm = TRUE, missing values, NA, contained in X are removed.

max.min boolean. If max.min = TRUE and an element of X is ≥ 1 or ≤ 0 , it is set to

 $1 - 10^{-8}$ and 10^{-8} respectively.

... further arguments passed to or from other methods, e.g. na.omit.

Value

A hac object is returned.

References

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Examples

```
# define the copula model
tree = list(list("X1", "X5", 3), list("X2", "X3", "X4", 4), 2)
model = hac(type = 1, tree = tree)

# sample from copula model
x = rHAC(100, model)

# in the following case the true model is binary approximated
est.obj = estimate.copula(x, type = 1, method = 1, epsilon = 0)
plot(est.obj)

# consider also the aggregation of the variables
est.obj = estimate.copula(x, type = 1, method = 1, epsilon = 0.2)
plot(est.obj)

# full ML estimation to yield more precise parameter
est.obj.full = estimate.copula(x, type = 1, method = 2, hac = est.obj)

# recursive ML estimation leads to almost identical results
est.obj.r = estimate.copula(x, type = 1, method = 3)
```

finData

Financial data

Description

This data set contains the standardized residuals of the filtered daily log-returns of four oil corporations: Chevron Corporation (CVX), Exxon Mobil Corporation (XOM), Royal Dutch Shell (RDSA) and Total (FP), covering n=283 observations from 2011-02-02 to 2012-03-19. Intertemporal dependence is removed by usual ARMA-GARCH models, whose standardized residuals are used as finData.

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Format

A matrix containing 283 observations of 4 stocks. The tickers of the stocks are presented as colnames.

Source

Yahoo! Finance

Examples

```
# load the data
data(finData)
```

get.params

Dependency parameters of a HAC

Description

This function returns the copula parameter(s). They are ordered from top to down and left to right.

Usage

```
get.params(hac, sort.v = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

```
hac an object of the class hac.

sort.v boolean. If sort.v = TRUE, the output is sorted.

further arguments passed to sort.
```

See Also

```
tree2str
```

```
# construct a copula model
tree = list(list("X1", "X5", "X2", 4), list("X3", "X4", "X6", 3), 2)
model = hac(type = 1, tree)

# return the parameter
get.params(model) # [1] 2 4 3
get.params(model, sort.v = TRUE, decreasing = TRUE) # [1] 4 3 2
```

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Description

hac objects are required as input argument for several functions, e.g. plot .hac and rHAC. They can be constructed by hac and hac.full. The latter function produces only fully nested Archimedean copulae, whereas hac can construct arbitrary dependence structures for a given family. Moreover, the functions hac2nacopula and nacopula2hac ensure the compatability with the copula package.

Usage

```
hac(type, tree)
hac.full(type, y, theta)
## S3 method for class 'hac'
print(x, digits = 2, ...)
hac2nacopula(x)
nacopula2hac(outer_nacopula)
```

Arguments

У	a vector containing the variables, which are denoted by a character, e.g. "X1".
theta	a vector containing the HAC parameters, which should be ordered from top to down. The length of theta must be equal to $length(y) - 1$.
tree	a list object of the general structure list(, numeric(1)). The last argument of the list, numeric(1), denotes the dependency parameter. The arguments are either of the same structure or of the class character. The character objects denote variables and embedded lists refer to nested subcopulae.
type	all copula-types are admissible, see ${\tt phi}$ for an overview of implemented families.
x	a hac object.
outer_nacopula	an nacopula object. The variables of the outer_nacopula object 1, 2, \dots are translated into the characters "X1", "X2", \dots
digits	specifies the digits, see tree2str.
	arguments to be passed to cat.

Value

A hac object is returned.

```
type the specified copula type.

tree the structure of the HAC.
```

par.pairs

References

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Examples

```
# it might be helpful to plot the hac objects
# Example 1: 4-dim AC
tree = list("X1", "X2", "X3", "X4", 2)
AC = hac(type = 1, tree = tree)

# Example 2: 4-dim HAC
y = c("X1", "X4", "X3", "X2")
theta = c(2, 3, 4)

HAC1 = hac.full(type = 1, y = y, theta = theta)
HAC2 = hac(type = 1, tree = list(list(list("X2", "X3", 4),
"X4", 3), "X1", 2))
tree2str(HAC1) == tree2str(HAC2) # [1] TRUE

# Example 3: 9-dim HAC

HAC = hac(type = 1, tree = list("X6", "X5", list("X2", "X4", "X3", 4.4),
list("X1", "X7", 3.3), list("X8", "X9", 4), 2.3))
plot(HAC)
```

par.pairs

Parameter of the HAC

Description

This function returns a matrix of HAC parameters. They are pairwise ordered, so that the parameters correspond to the lowest node, at which the variables are joined.

Usage

```
par.pairs(hac, FUN = NULL, ...)
```

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Arguments

an object of the class hac. hac

FUN the parameters of the HAC are returned by default. If FUN = "TAU", theta2tau

is applied to the parameters. FUN can also be a self-defined function.

further arguments passed to FUN.

See Also

```
get.params
```

Examples

```
# construct a copula model
tree = list(list("X1", "X5", "X2", 4), list("X3", "X4", "X6", 3), 2)
model = hac(type = 1, tree)
# returns the pairwise parameter
par.pairs(model)
# Kendall's TAU
par.pairs(model, FUN = "TAU")
# sqrt of the parameter
par.pairs(model, function(r)sqrt(r))
```

phi, phi.inv

Generator function

Description

The Archimedean generator function and its inverse.

Usage

```
phi(x, theta, type)
phi.inv(x, theta, type)
```

Arguments

type

X	a scalar, vector or matrix at which the function is evaluated. The support of the
	functions has to be taken into account, i.e. $x \in [0, \infty]$ for the generator function
	and $x \in [0, 1]$ for its inverse.
theta	the feasible copula parameter, i.e. $\theta \in [1, \infty)$ for the Gumbel and Joe family, $\theta \in (0, \infty)$ for the Clayton and Frank family and $\theta \in [0, 1)$ for the Ali-Mikhail-

Haq family.

select between the following integer numbers for specifying the type of the

hierarchical Archimedean copula (HAC) or Archimedean copula (AC):

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```
• 1 = HAC Gumbel
```

- 2 = AC Gumbel
- 3 = HAC Clayton
- 4 = AC Clayton
- 5 = HAC Frank
- 6 = AC Frank
- 7 = HAC Joe
- 8 = AC Joe
- 9 = HAC Ali-Mikhail-Haq
- 10 = AC Ali-Mikhail-Haq

Examples

```
x = runif(100, min = 0, max = 100)
phi(x, theta = 1.2, type = 1)

# do not run
# phi(x, theta = 0.8, type = 1)
# In phi(x, theta = 0.8, type = 1) : theta >= 1 is required.
```

plot.hac

Plot of a HAC

Description

The function plots the structure of Hierarchical Archimedean Copulae.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'hac'
plot(x, xlim = NULL, ylim = NULL, xlab = "", ylab = "",
col = "black", fg = "black", bg = "white", col.t = "black", lwd = 2,
index = FALSE, numbering = FALSE, theta = TRUE, h = 0.4, l = 1.2,
circles = 0.25, digits = 2, ...)
```

Arguments

X	a hac object. It can be constructed by hac or be the result of estimate.copula.
xlim, ylim	numeric vectors of length 2, giving the limits of the x and y axes. The default values adjust the size of the coordinate plane automatically with respect to the dimension of the HAC.
xlab, ylab	titles for the x and y axes.
col	defines the color of the lines, which connect the circles and rectangles.
fg	defines the color of the lines of the rectangles and circles equivalent to the color settings in R.

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bg	defines the background color of the rectangles and circles equivalent to the color settings in R.
col.t	defines the text color equivalent to the color settings in R.
lwd	the width of the lines.
index	boolean. If index = TRUE, strings, which illustrate the subcopulae of the nodes, are used as subsrcipts of the dependency parameters.
numbering	boolean. If index = TRUE and numbering = TRUE, the dependency parameters are numbered. If x is returned by estimate.copula, the numbers correpsond to the estimation stages.
theta	boolean. Determines, whether the dependency parameter θ or Kendall's rank correlation coefficient τ is printed.
h	the height of the rectangles.
1	the width of the rectangles.
circles	a positive number giving the radius of the circles.
digits	an integer specifying the number of digits of the dependence parameter.
	arguments to be passed to methods, e.g. graphical parameters (see par).

References

Okhrin, O. and Ristig, A. 2014, Hierarchical Archimedean Copulae: The HAC Package", *Journal of Statistical Software*, 58(4), 1-20, doi:10.18637/jss.v058.i04.

See Also

```
estimate.copula
```

```
# a hac object is created

tree = list(list("X1", "X5", 3), list("X2", "X3", "X4", 4), 2)
model = hac(type = 1, tree = tree)
plot(model)

# the same procedure works for an estimated object

sample = rHAC(2000, model)
est.obj = estimate.copula(sample, epsilon = 0.2)
plot(est.obj)
```

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theta2tau, tau2theta Kendall's rank correlation coefficient

Description

Kendall's rank correlation coefficient and its inverse.

Usage

```
theta2tau(theta, type)
tau2theta(tau, type)
```

Arguments

theta the dependency parameter. It can be either a scalar, a vector or a matrix and has

to lie within a certain interval, i.e. $\theta \in [1, \infty)$ for the Gumbel and Joe family, $\theta \in (0, \infty)$ for the Clayton and Frank family and $\theta \in [0, 1)$ for the Ali-Mikhail-

Haq family.

tau Kendall's rank correlation coefficient. It can be either a scalar, a vector or a

matrix and it is to ensure, that $\tau \in [0, 1)$.

type all types are available, see phi for an overview of implemented families.

Examples

```
# computation of the dependency parameter
x = runif(10)
theta = tau2theta(x, type = 1)

# computation of kendall's tau
y = runif(10, 1, 100)
tau = theta2tau(y, type = 1)
```

to.logLik

log-likelihood

Description

to.logLik returns either the log-likehood function depending on a vector theta for a given sample X or the value of the log-likelihood, if eval = TRUE.

Usage

```
to.logLik(X, hac, eval = FALSE, margins = NULL, sum.log = TRUE,
na.rm = FALSE, ...)
```

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Arguments

X	a data matrix. The number of columns and the corresponding names have to coincide with the specifications of the copula model hac. The sample X has to contain at least 2 rows (observations), as the values of the underlying density cannot be computed otherwise.
hac	an object of the class hac.
eval	boolean. If eval = FALSE, the non-evaluated log-likelihood function depending on a parameter vector theta is returned and one default argument, the density, is returned. The values of theta are increasingly ordered.
margins	specifies the margins. The data matrix X is assumed to contain the values of the marginal distributions by default, i.e. margins = NULL. If raw data are used, the margins can be determined nonparametrically, "edf", or in parametric way, e.g. "norm". See estimate.copula for a detailed explanation.
sum.log	boolean. If $sum.log = FALSE$, the values of the individual log-likelihood contributions are returned.
na.rm	boolean. If na.rm = TRUE, missing values, NA, contained in X are removed.
	arguments to be passed to na.omit.

See Also

dHAC

Examples

```
# construct a hac-model
tree = list(list("X1", "X5", 3), list("X2", "X3", "X4", 4), 2)
model = hac(type = 1, tree = tree)

# sample from copula model
sample = rHAC(1000, model)

# check the accurancy of the estimation procedure
ll = to.logLik(sample, model)
ll.value = to.logLik(sample, model, eval = TRUE)

ll(c(2, 3, 4)) == ll.value # [1] TRUE
```

tree2str

String structure of HAC

Description

The function prints the structure of HAC as string, so that the important characteristics of the copula can be identified.

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Usage

```
tree2str(hac, theta = TRUE, digits = 2)
```

Arguments

hac an object of the class hac.

theta boolean. Determines, whether the values of the dependency parameter(s) are

printed (TRUE) or not (FALSE).

digits a non-negative integer value specifying the number of digits of the dependency

parameter(s).

Value

a string of the class character.

See Also

```
plot.hac
```

```
# construct a hac object
tree = list(list("X1", "X5", "X2", 3), list("X3", "X4", "X6", 4), 2)
model = hac(type = 1, tree = tree)
# the parameters are returned within the curly brackets
# variables nested at the same node are separated by a dot
tree2str(model) # [1] "((X1.X5.X2)_{3}.(X3.X4.X6)_{4})_{2}"
\# (X1.X5.X2)_{3} and (X3.X4.X6)_{4} are the two variables nested at the
# initial node with dependency parameter 2
tree2str(model, theta = FALSE) # [1] "((X1.X5.X2).(X3.X4.X6))"
# if theta = FALSE, only the structure of the variables is returned
# alternatively consider the following nested AC
tree = list("X1", list("X5", "X2", 3), list("X3", "X4", "X6", 4), 1.01)
model = hac(type = 1, tree = tree)
tree2str(model) # [1] "(X1.(X5.X2)_{3}.(X3.X4.X6)_{4})_{1.01}"
# _{1.01} represents the initial node
# the first three variables are given by the subtrees (X3.X4.X6)_{4},
\# (X5.X2)_{3} \text{ and } X1
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