Package 'infocausality'

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Title Information-Theoretic Measure of Causality

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Description Methods for quantifying temporal and spatial causality through information flow, and decomposing it into unique, redundant, and synergistic components, following the framework described in Martinez-Sanchez et al. (2024) <doi:10.1038/s41467-024-53373-4>.

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Depends R (>= 4.1.0)

LinkingTo Rcpp

Imports methods, reticulate (>= 1.41.0), sdsfun, sf, terra

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surd   *synergistic-unique-redundant decomposition of causality*

Description

synergistic-unique-redundant decomposition of causality

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'data.frame'
surd(
  data,
  target,
  agents,
  lag = 1,
  bin = 5,
  max.combs = NULL,
  cores = 1,
  backend = "threading"
)

## S4 method for signature 'sf'
surd(
  data,
  target,
  agents,
  lag = 1,
  bin = 5,
  max.combs = NULL,
  cores = 1,
  backend = "threading",
  nb = NULL
)

## S4 method for signature 'SpatRaster'
surd(
  data,
  target,
  agents,
  lag = 1,
  bin = 5,
  max.combs = NULL,
  cores = 1,
  backend = "threading"
)
```

Arguments

`data`	observation data.
`target`	name of the target variable.
`agents`	names of agent variables.
`lag`	(optional) lag order.
`bin`	(optional) number of discretization bins.
`max.combs`	(optional) maximum combination order. If NULL, the standard SURD decomposition is applied.
`cores`	(optional) number of cores for parallel computation.
`backend`	(optional) Joblib backend: `loky`, `threading`, or `multiprocessing`.
`nb`	(optional) neighbours list.

Value

A list.

unique Unique information contributions per variable.

synergistic Synergistic information components by agent combinations.

redundant Redundant information shared by agent subsets.

mutual_info Mutual information measures for each combination.

info_leak Information leak ratio.

References

Martinez-Sanchez, A., Arranz, G. & Lozano-Duran, A. Decomposing causality into its synergistic, unique, and redundant components. Nat Commun 15, 9296 (2024).

Examples

```
columbus = sf::read_sf(system.file("case/columbus.gpkg", package="spEDM"))

tryCatch(
  surd(columbus, "hoval", c("inc", "crime")),
  error = \(e) message("Skipping Python-dependent example: ", e$message)
)
```

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