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PAFit

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mcPAFit-package

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## Details

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- mcPAFit: estimates the Preferential Attachment function in a temporal complex network without temporal information.
- create\_sim\_data: generate simulation data.

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## References

1. Pham, T. and Sheridan, P. and Shimodaira, H. (2015). mcPAFit: Nonparametric Measurement of Preferential Attachment and Fitness from a Single Network Snapshot. Conference on Complex Systems 2015, September 2015, Arizona.

## Examples

```
## Not run:  
library("mcPAFit")  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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create\_sim\_data      *Generating simulated networks*

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### Description

A function generates a complex network from the Bianconi-Barabasi model and a random order to create a random network.

### Usage

```
create_sim_data(mode = 1, sat_at = 10, alpha = 0.5, beta = 1, N = 200)
```

### Arguments

mode	Integer. Indicates the attachment function to be used in generating the network. If mode == 1, the attachment function is $A_k = k^\alpha$ . If mode == 2, the attachment function is $A_k = \min(k, sat_{at})^\alpha$ . If mode == 3, the attachment function is $A_k = \alpha \log(k)^\beta$ . Default value is 1.
sat_at	Integer. This is the saturation position sat_at in the attachment function $A_k = \min(k, sat_{at})^\alpha$ .
alpha	Numeric. If mode == 1, this is the attachment exponent in the attachment function $A_k = k^\alpha$ . If mode == 2, this is the attachment exponent in the attachment function $A_k = \min(k, sat_{at})^\alpha$ . If mode == 3, this is the alpha in the attachment function $A_k = \alpha \log(k)^\beta + 1$ .
beta	Numeric. This is the beta in the attachment function $A_k = \alpha \log(k)^\beta + 1$ .
N	Integer. Number of nodes in the final network.

### Value

An object of class mcPAFit.Sim containing the true network as well as the random-shuffled final snapshot together with the true timeline.

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### Examples

```
library("mcPAFit")
data <- create_sim_data(N = 100)
```

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## Description

This function takes an input file name and then output the MCMC results into files.

## Usage

```
mcPAFit(file_name, burn_in = 1000,
        needed_sample = 1000,
        skip = 1, B = 1,
        step_s = 0.1, lambda = 1, G = 10000, s = 1,
        h_s_shape = 5, h_s_rate = 5,
        not_start_A = 1, file_A = "", not_start_f = 1,
        file_f = "", filename = "network", only_active_node = 1, random = 0)
```

## Arguments

file_name	String. Name of the file containing the network snapshot.
burn_in	Integer. Number of burn-in steps. Default is 1000.
needed_sample	Integer. Number of needed sample. Number of iterations = Skip * needed_sample + burn_in. Default is 1000.
skip	Integer. Number of skips. Large skips reduce correlation between successive samples. Default is 1.
B	Integer. Number of combinations of odd-sweep and even-sweep inside a complete sweep. Default is 1.
step_s	Numeric. Step size for the Metropolis-Hastings random walk for s.
lambda	Integer. Mean parameter of the Poisson prior of number of edges at a time.
G	Integer. Number of bins. Default value is 10000.
s	Numeric. Parameter of the gamma distribution of PA.
h_s_shape	Numeric. The shape of the prior for s.
h_s_rate	Numeric. The rate of the prior for s.
not_start_A	Integer. Indicates whether to use a custom PA function supplied by user. 1 is not to use. Default is 1.
file_A	String. Name of the file containing the custom PA function in the case not_start_A == 0. Default is "".
not_start_f	Integer. Indicates whether to use a custom starting position for f. 1 is not to use. Default is 1.
file_f	String. Name of the file containing the custom fitness in the case not_start_f == 0. Default is "".

filename       String. Main part of names of the output files. Default is "network".

only\_active\_node       Integer. If 1, then only nodes with degrees greater than 0 are considered. Default is 1.

random         Integer. If 1, then the program randomizes the order of edges for starting value. Default is 0.

## Value

The function writes directly to output files.

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## Examples

```
library(mcPAFit)
N      <- 1000 #number of nodes in the network
M      <- 500  #number of needed sample
lag    <- 1
start  <- 100

data   <- create_sim_data(N = N, alpha = 1)
write.table(data$random[,1:2], row.names = FALSE,
            col.names = FALSE, file = "input.txt")
system.time(mcPAFit(file_name = "input.txt",burn_in = 0, s = 5, skip = 1,
                    needed_sample = M, G = 20,only_active_node = 1, random = 0))
# plot log posterior
to.read = file("log_pos_network.binary","rb")
log_pos = readBin(to.read, numeric(),n = M);
plot(log_pos,type = "l",xlab = "Iteration", ylab = "Log Posterior",cex.axis = 1.5, cex.lab = 1.5);
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#plot b
to.read = file("b_out_network.binary","rb")
b = readBin(to.read, numeric(),n = M);
used <- seq(start,M,1)
plot(b[used],type = "l", xlab = "Iteration", ylab = "b", cex.lab = 2 , cex.axis = 2);
acf(b[used])
mean(b[used])
```

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