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markovchain-package *Easy Handling Discrete Time Markov Chains*

Description

The package contains classes and method to create and manage (plot, print, export for example) discrete time Markov chains (DTMC). In addition it provide functions to perform statistical (fitting and drawing random variates) and probabilistic (analysis of DTMC proprieties) analysis.

Details

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References

Discrete-Time Markov Models, Bremaud, Springer 1999

Examples

```
#create some markov chains
statesNames=c("a","b")
mcA<-new("markovchain", transitionMatrix=matrix(c(0.7,0.3,0.1,0.9),byrow=TRUE,
nrow=2, dimnames=list(statesNames,statesNames)))

statesNames=c("a","b","c")
mcB<-new("markovchain", states=statesNames, transitionMatrix=
matrix(c(0.2,0.5,0.3,
0,1,0,
0.1,0.8,0.1),nrow=3, byrow=TRUE, dimnames=list(statesNames,
statesNames)
))

statesNames=c("a","b","c","d")
matrice<-matrix(c(0.25,0.75,0,0,0.4,0.6,0,0,0,0.1,0.9,0,0,0.7,0.3),
nrow=4, byrow=TRUE)
mcC<-new("markovchain", states=statesNames, transitionMatrix=matrice)
```

```
mcD<-new("markovchain", transitionMatrix=matrix(c(0,1,0,1), nrow=2,byrow=TRUE))

#operations with S4 methods

mcA^2
steadyStates(mcB)
absorbingStates(mcB)
markovchainSequence(n=20, markovchain=mcC, include=TRUE)
```

absorbingStates *Various function to perform structural analysis of DTMC*

Description

These functions return absorbing and transient states of the markovchain objects.

Usage

```
absorbingStates(object)

transientStates(object)

## S4 method for signature 'markovchain'
transientStates(object)

canonicForm(object)

communicatingClasses(object)

recurrentClasses(object)

period(object)
```

Arguments

object A markovchain object.

Value

vector, matrix or list

Author(s)

Giorgio Alfredo Spedicato

References

Feres, Matlab listing for markov chain.

See Also

[markovchain](#)

Examples

```

statesNames <- c("a", "b", "c")
markovB <- new("markovchain", states = statesNames, transitionMatrix =
              matrix(c(0.2, 0.5, 0.3,
                      0, 1, 0,
                      0.1, 0.8, 0.1), nrow = 3, byrow = TRUE,
                    dimnames = list(statesNames, statesNames)
              ))

communicatingClasses(markovB)
recurrentClasses(markovB)
absorbingStates(markovB)
transientStates(markovB)
canonicForm(markovB)

# periodicity analysis : 1
E <- matrix(c(0, 1, 0, 0, 0.5, 0, 0.5, 0, 0, 0.5, 0, 0.5, 0, 0, 1, 0),
            nrow = 4, ncol = 4, byrow = TRUE)
mcE <- new("markovchain", states = c("a", "b", "c", "d"),
          transitionMatrix = E,
          name = "E")

is.irreducible(mcE) #true
period(mcE) #2

# periodicity analysis : 2
myMatr <- matrix(c(0, 0, 1/2, 1/4, 1/4, 0, 0,
                  0, 0, 1/3, 0, 2/3, 0, 0,
                  0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1/3, 2/3,
                  0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1/2, 1/2,
                  0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 3/4, 1/4,
                  1/2, 1/2, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0,
                  1/4, 3/4, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0), byrow = TRUE, ncol = 7)
myMc <- new("markovchain", transitionMatrix = myMatr)
period(myMc)

```

Description

This table show mobility between income quartiles for father and sons for the 1970 cohort born

Usage

```
data(blanden)
```

Format

The format is: table [1:4, 1:4] 0.38 0.25 0.21 0.16 0.29 0.28 0.26 0.17 0.22 0.26 ... - attr(*, "dimnames")=List of 2 ..\$: chr [1:4] "Bottom" "2nd" "3rd" "Top" ..\$: chr [1:4] "Bottom" "2nd" "3rd" "Top"

Details

The rows represent father's income quartile when the son is aged 16, whilst the columns represent sons' income quartiles when he is aged 30 (in 2000).

Source

Personal elaborations from references

References

Jo Blanden, Paul Gregg and Stephen Machin, Intergenerational Mobility in Europe and North America, Center for Economic Performances (2005)

Examples

```
data(blanden)
mobilityMc<-as(blanden, "markovchain")
```

conditionalDistribution

conditionalDistribution of a Markov Chain

Description

It extracts the conditional distribution of the subsequent state, given current state.

Usage

```
conditionalDistribution(object, state)
```

Arguments

object	A markovchain object.
state	Subsequent state.

Value

A named probability vector

Author(s)

Giorgio Spedicato, Deepak Yadav

References

A First Course in Probability (8th Edition), Sheldon Ross, Prentice Hall 2010

See Also

[markovchain](#)

Examples

```
# define a markov chain
statesNames <- c("a", "b", "c")
markovB <- new("markovchain", states = statesNames, transitionMatrix =
  matrix(c(0.2, 0.5, 0.3, 0, 1, 0, 0.1, 0.8, 0.1), nrow = 3,
    byrow = TRUE, dimnames = list(statesNames, statesNames)))

conditionalDistribution(markovB, "b")
```

craigsendi

CD4 cells counts on HIV Infected between zero and six month

Description

This is the table shown in Craig and Sendi paper showing zero and six month CD4 cells count in six brackets

Usage

```
data(craigsendi)
```

Format

The format is: table [1:3, 1:3] 682 154 19 33 64 19 25 47 43 - attr(*, "dimnames")=List of 2 ..\$: chr [1:3] "0-49" "50-74" "75-UP" ..\$: chr [1:3] "0-49" "50-74" "75-UP"

Details

Rows represent counts at the beginning, cols represent counts after six months.

Source

Estimation of the transition matrix of a discrete time Markov chain, Bruce A. Craig and Peter P. Sendi, Health Economics 11, 2002.

References

See source

Examples

```
data(craigsendi)
csMc<-as(craigsendi, "markovchain")
steadyStates(csMc)
```

createSequenceMatrix *Function to fit a discrete Markov chain*

Description

Given a sequence of states arising from a stationary state, it fits the underlying Markov chain distribution using either MLE (also using a Laplacian smoother), bootstrap or by MAP (Bayesian) inference.

Usage

```
createSequenceMatrix(stringchar, toRowProbs = FALSE, sanitize = FALSE,
  possibleStates = character())

markovchainFit(data, method = "mle", byrow = TRUE, nboot = 10L,
  laplacian = 0, name = "", parallel = FALSE, confidencelevel = 0.95,
  hyperparam = matrix(), sanitize = FALSE, possibleStates = character())
```

Arguments

stringchar	Equivalent to data. Either a nx2 matrix or a character vector.
toRowProbs	converts a sequence matrix into a probability matrix
sanitize	put 1 in all rows having rowSum equal to zero
possibleStates	Possible states which are not present in the given sequence
data	A character list.
method	Method used to estimate the Markov chain. Either "mle", "map", "bootstrap" or "laplace"
byrow	it tells whether the output Markov chain should show the transition probabilities by row.
nboot	Number of bootstrap replicates in case "bootstrap" is used.

laplacian	Laplacian smoothing parameter, default zero. It is only used when "laplace" method is chosen.
name	Optional character for name slot.
parallel	Use parallel processing when performing Bootstrap estimates.
confidencelevel	

α

hyperparam	level for confidence intervals width. Used only when method equal to "mle". Hyperparameter matrix for the a priori distribution. If none is provided, default value of 1 is assigned to each parameter. This must be of size $k \times k$ where k is the number of states in the chain and the values should typically be non-negative integers.
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Value

A list containing an estimate, log-likelihood, and, when "bootstrap" method is used, a matrix of standard deviations and the bootstrap samples. When the "mle", "bootstrap" or "map" method is used, the lower and upper confidence bounds are returned along with the standard error. The "map" method also returns the expected value of the parameters with respect to the posterior distribution.

Note

This function has been rewritten in Rcpp. Bootstrap algorithm has been defined "heuristically". In addition, parallel facility is not complete, involving only a part of the bootstrap process. When data is either a `data.frame` or a `matrix` object, only MLE fit is currently available.

Author(s)

Giorgio Spedicato, Tae Seung Kang, Sai Bhargav Yalamanchi

References

- A First Course in Probability (8th Edition), Sheldon Ross, Prentice Hall 2010
- Inferring Markov Chains: Bayesian Estimation, Model Comparison, Entropy Rate, and Out-of-Class Modeling, Christopher C. Strelhoff, James P. Crutchfield, Alfred Hubler, Santa Fe Institute
- Yalamanchi SB, Spedicato GA (2015). Bayesian Inference of First Order Markov Chains. R package version 0.2.5

See Also

[markovchainSequence](#), [markovchainListFit](#)

Examples

```
sequence <- c("a", "b", "a", "a", "a", "a", "b", "a", "b", "a", "b", "a", "a",
             "b", "b", "b", "a")
sequenceMatr <- createSequenceMatrix(sequence, sanitize = FALSE)
mcFitMLE <- markovchainFit(data = sequence)
mcFitBSP <- markovchainFit(data = sequence, method = "bootstrap", nboot = 5, name = "Bootstrap Mc")
```

ctmc-class

Class "ctmc"

Description

The S4 class that describes ctmc (continuous time Markov chain) objects.

Objects from the Class

Objects can be created by calls of the form `new("ctmc", states, byrow, generator, ...)`.

Slots

states: Name of the states. Must be the same of colnames and rownames of the generator matrix

byrow: Binary flag.

generator: Square generator matrix

name: Optional character name of the Markov chain

Methods

dim signature(x = "ctmc"): method to get the size

initialize signature(.Object = "ctmc"): initialize method

states signature(object = "ctmc"): states method.

steadyStates signature(object = "ctmc"): method to get the steady state vector.

Warning

Validation method is used to assess whether either columns or rows totals to zero. Rounding is used up to 5th decimal. If state names are not properly defined for a generator matrix, coercing to ctmc object leads to overriding states name with artificial "s1", "s2", ... sequence

Note

ctmc objects are written using S4 Classes.

Author(s)

Sai Bhargav Yalamanchi, Giorgio Spedicato

References

Introduction to Stochastic Processes with Applications in the Biosciences (2013), David F. Anderson, University of Wisconsin at Madison

See Also

[generatorToTransitionMatrix,rctmc](#)

Examples

```
energyStates <- c("sigma", "sigma_star")
byRow <- TRUE
gen <- matrix(data = c(-3, 3,
                      1, -1), nrow = 2,
              byrow = byRow, dimnames = list(energyStates, energyStates))
molecularCTMC <- new("ctmc", states = energyStates,
                    byrow = byRow, generator = gen,
                    name = "Molecular Transition Model")

steadyStates(molecularCTMC)
```

ctmcFit

Function to fit a CTMC

Description

This function fits the underlying CTMC give the state transition data and the transition times using the maximum likelihood method (MLE)

Usage

```
ctmcFit(data, byrow = TRUE, name = "", confidencelevel = 0.95)
```

Arguments

data	It is a list of two elements. The first element is a character vector denoting the states. The second is a numeric vector denoting the corresponding transition times.
byrow	Determines if the output transition probabilities of the underlying embedded DTMC are by row.
name	Optional name for the CTMC.
confidencelevel	Confidence level for the confidence interval construction.

Details

Note that in data, there must exist an element wise corresponding between the two elements of the list and that `data[[2]][1]` is always 0.

Value

It returns a list containing the CTMC object and the confidence intervals.

Author(s)

Sai Bhargav Yalamanchi

References

Continuous Time Markov Chains (vignette), Sai Bhargav Yalamanchi, Giorgio Alfredo Spedicato 2015

See Also

[rctmc](#)

Examples

```
data <- list(c("a", "b", "c", "a", "b", "a", "c", "b", "c"), c(0, 0.8, 2.1, 2.4, 4, 5, 5.9, 8.2, 9))
ctmcFit(data)
```

firstPassage

First passage across states

Description

This function compute the first passage probability in states

Usage

```
firstPassage(object, state, n)
```

Arguments

object	A markovchain object
state	Initial state
n	Number of rows on which compute the distribution

Details

Based on Feres' Matlab listings

Value

A matrix of size 1:n x number of states showing the probability of the first time of passage in states to be exactly the number in the row.

Author(s)

Giorgio Spedicato

References

Renaldo Feres, Notes for Math 450 Matlab listings for Markov chains

See Also

[conditionalDistribution](#)

Examples

```
simpleMc <- new("markovchain", states = c("a", "b"),
              transitionMatrix = matrix(c(0.4, 0.6, .3, .7),
                                       nrow = 2, byrow = TRUE))
firstPassage(simpleMc, "b", 20)
```

fitHigherOrder

Functions to fit a higher order Markov chain

Description

Given a sequence of states arising from a stationary state, it fits the underlying Markov chain distribution with higher order.

Usage

```
fitHigherOrder(sequence, order = 2)
seq2freqProb(sequence)
seq2matHigh(sequence, order)
```

Arguments

sequence	A character list.
order	Markov chain order

Value

A list containing lambda, Q, and X.

Note

This function is written in Rcpp.

Author(s)

Giorgio Spedicato, Tae Seung Kang

References

Ching, W. K., Huang, X., Ng, M. K., & Siu, T. K. (2013). Higher-order markov chains. In Markov Chains (pp. 141-176). Springer US.

Ching, W. K., Ng, M. K., & Fung, E. S. (2008). Higher-order multivariate Markov chains and their applications. Linear Algebra and its Applications, 428(2), 492-507.

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See Also

[markovchain](#)

Examples

```
sequence<-c("a", "a", "b", "b", "a", "c", "b", "a", "b", "c", "a", "b", "c", "a",
            , "b", "c", "a", "b", "a", "b")
fitHigherOrder(sequence)
```

fitHighOrderMultivarMC

Function to fit Higher Order Multivariate Markov chain

Description

Given a matrix of categorical sequences it fits Higher Order Multivariate Markov chain.

Usage

```
fitHighOrderMultivarMC(seqMat, order = 2, Norm = 2)
```

Arguments

seqMat	a matrix or a data frame where each column is a categorical sequence
order	Multivariate Markov chain order. Default is 2.
Norm	Norm to be used. Default is 2.

Value

an hommc object

Author(s)

Giorgio Spedicato, Deepak Yadav

References

W.-K. Ching et al. / Linear Algebra and its Applications

Examples

```
data <- matrix(c('2', '1', '3', '3', '4', '3', '2', '1', '3', '3', '2', '1',  
                c('2', '4', '4', '4', '4', '2', '3', '3', '1', '4', '3', '3')),  
              ncol = 2, byrow = FALSE)  
  
fitHighOrderMultivarMC(data, order = 2, Norm = 2)
```

generatorToTransitionMatrix

Function to obtain the transition matrix from the generator.

Description

The transition matrix of the embedded DTMC is inferred from the CTMC's generator.

Usage

```
generatorToTransitionMatrix(gen, byrow = TRUE)
```

Arguments

gen	The generator matrix.
byrow	Flag to determine if rows (columns) sum to 0.

Value

Returns the transition matrix.

Author(s)

Sai Bhargav Yalamanchi

References

Introduction to Stochastic Processes with Applications in the Biosciences (2013), David F. Anderson, University of Wisconsin at Madison

See Also

[rctmc,ctmc-class](#)

Examples

```
energyStates <- c("sigma", "sigma_star")
byRow <- TRUE
gen <- matrix(data = c(-3, 3,
                      1, -1), nrow = 2,
              byrow = byRow, dimnames = list(energyStates, energyStates))
generatorToTransitionMatrix(gen)
```

```
HigherOrderMarkovChain-class
      Class "HigherOrderMarkovChain"
```

Description

The S4 class that describes HigherOrderMarkovChain objects.

```
holson          Holson data set
```

Description

A data set containing 1000 life histories trajectories and a categorical status (1,2,3) observed on eleven evenly spaced steps.

Usage

```
data("holson")
```

Format

A data frame with 1000 observations on the following 12 variables.

```
id unique id
time1 observed status at i-th time
time2 observed status at i-th time
time3 observed status at i-th time
time4 observed status at i-th time
time5 observed status at i-th time
time6 observed status at i-th time
time7 observed status at i-th time
time8 observed status at i-th time
time9 observed status at i-th time
time10 observed status at i-th time
time11 observed status at i-th time
```


Details

The example can be used to fit a markovchain or a markovchainList object.

Source

Private communications

References

Private communications

Examples

```
data(holson)
head(holson)
```

hommc-class	<i>An S4 class for representing High Order Multivariate Markovchain (HOMMC)</i>
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Description

An S4 class for representing High Order Multivariate Markovchain (HOMMC)

Slots

order an integer equal to order of Multivariate Markovchain
 states a vector of states present in the HOMMC model
 P array of transition matrices
 Lambda a vector which stores the weightage of each transition matrices in P
 byrow if FALSE each column sum of transition matrix is 1 else row sum = 1
 name a name given to hommc

Author(s)

Giorgio Spedicato, Deepak Yadav

Examples

```
statesName <- c("a", "b")

P <- array(0, dim = c(2, 2, 4), dimnames = list(statesName, statesName))
P[,1] <- matrix(c(0, 1, 1/3, 2/3), byrow = FALSE, nrow = 2)
P[,2] <- matrix(c(1/4, 3/4, 0, 1), byrow = FALSE, nrow = 2)
P[,3] <- matrix(c(1, 0, 1/3, 2/3), byrow = FALSE, nrow = 2)
P[,4] <- matrix(c(3/4, 1/4, 0, 1), byrow = FALSE, nrow = 2)
```

```
Lambda <- c(0.8, 0.2, 0.3, 0.7)

ob <- new("hommc", order = 1, states = statesName, P = P,
         Lambda = Lambda, byrow = FALSE, name = "FOMMC")
```

inferHyperparam	<i>Function to infer the hyperparameters for Bayesian inference from an a priori matrix or a data set</i>
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Description

Since the Bayesian inference approach implemented in the package is based on conjugate priors, hyperparameters must be provided to model the prior probability distribution of the chain parameters. The hyperparameters are inferred from a given a priori matrix under the assumption that the matrix provided corresponds to the mean (expected) values of the chain parameters. A scaling factor vector must be provided too. Alternatively, the hyperparameters can be inferred from a data set.

Usage

```
inferHyperparam(transMatr = matrix(), scale = numeric(),
               data = character())
```

Arguments

transMatr	A valid transition matrix, with dimension names.
scale	A vector of scaling factors, each element corresponds to the row names of the provided transition matrix transMatr, in the same order.
data	A data set from which the hyperparameters are inferred.

Details

transMatr and scale need not be provided if data is provided.

Value

Returns the hyperparameter matrix in a list.

Note

The hyperparameter matrix returned is such that the row and column names are sorted alphanumerically, and the elements in the matrix are correspondingly permuted.

Author(s)

Sai Bhargav Yalamanchi, Giorgio Spedicato

References

Yalamanchi SB, Spedicato GA (2015). Bayesian Inference of First Order Markov Chains. R package version 0.2.5

See Also

[markovchainFit](#), [predictiveDistribution](#)

Examples

```
data(rain, package = "markovchain")
inferHyperparam(data = rain$rain)

weatherStates <- c("sunny", "cloudy", "rain")
weatherMatrix <- matrix(data = c(0.7, 0.2, 0.1,
                                0.3, 0.4, 0.3,
                                0.2, 0.4, 0.4),
                        byrow = TRUE, nrow = 3,
                        dimnames = list(weatherStates, weatherStates))
inferHyperparam(transMatr = weatherMatrix, scale = c(10, 10, 10))
```

is.accessible	<i>Verify if a state j is reachable from state i.</i>
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Description

This function verifies if a state is reachable from another, i.e., if exists a path that leads to state j leaving from state i with positive probability

Usage

```
is.accessible(object, from, to)
```

Arguments

object	A markovchain object.
from	The name of state "i" (beginning state).
to	The name of state "j" (ending state).

Details

It wraps an internal function named `.commStatesFinder`.

Value

A boolean value.

Author(s)

Giorgio Spedicato

References

James Montgomery, University of Madison

See Also

is.irreducible

Examples

```
statesNames <- c("a", "b", "c")
markovB <- new("markovchain", states = statesNames,
              transitionMatrix = matrix(c(0.2, 0.5, 0.3,
                                         0, 1, 0,
                                         0.1, 0.8, 0.1), nrow = 3, byrow = TRUE,
                                         dimnames = list(statesNames, statesNames)
              )
is.accessible(markovB, "a", "c")
```

is.irreducible

Function to check if a Markov chain is irreducible

Description

This function verifies whether a markovchain object transition matrix is composed by only one communicating class.

Usage

```
is.irreducible(object)
```

Arguments

object A markovchain object

Details

It is based on .communicatingClasses internal function.

Value

A boolean values.

Author(s)

Giorgio Spedicato

References

Feres, Matlab listings for Markov Chains.

See Also[summary](#)**Examples**

```

statesNames <- c("a", "b")
mcA <- new("markovchain", transitionMatrix = matrix(c(0.7,0.3,0.1,0.9),
                                                    byrow = TRUE, nrow = 2,
                                                    dimnames = list(statesNames, statesNames)
                                                    ))
is.irreducible(mcA)

```

markovchain-class	<i>Class "markovchain"</i>
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Description

The S4 class that describes markovchain objects.

Objects from the ClassObjects can be created by calls of the form `new("markovchain", states, byrow, transitionMatrix, ...)`.**Slots****states:** Name of the states. Must be the same of `colnames` and `rownames` of the transition matrix**byrow:** Binary flag.**transitionMatrix:** Square transition matrix**name:** Optional character name of the Markov chain**Methods*** `signature(e1 = "markovchain", e2 = "markovchain")`: multiply two markovchain objects* `signature(e1 = "markovchain", e2 = "matrix")`: markovchain by matrix multiplication* `signature(e1 = "markovchain", e2 = "numeric")`: markovchain by numeric vector multiplication* `signature(e1 = "matrix", e2 = "markovchain")`: matrix by markov chain

```

* signature(e1 = "numeric", e2 = "markovchain"): numeric vector by markovchain multiplication
[ signature(x = "markovchain", i = "ANY", j = "ANY", drop = "ANY"): ...
^ signature(e1 = "markovchain", e2 = "numeric"): power of a markovchain object
== signature(e1 = "markovchain", e2 = "markovchain"): equality of two markovchain object
!= signature(e1 = "markovchain", e2 = "markovchain"): non-equality of two markovchain object
absorbingStates signature(object = "markovchain"): method to get absorbing states
canonicForm signature(object = "markovchain"): return a markovchain object into canonic form
coerce signature(from = "markovchain", to = "data.frame"): coerce method from markovchain to data.frame
conditionalDistribution signature(object = "markovchain"): returns the conditional probability of subsequent states given a state
coerce signature(from = "data.frame", to = "markovchain"): coerce method from data.frame to markovchain
coerce signature(from = "table", to = "markovchain"): coerce method from table to markovchain
coerce signature(from = "msm", to = "markovchain"): coerce method from msm to markovchain
coerce signature(from = "msm.est", to = "markovchain"): coerce method from msm.est (but only from a Probability Matrix) to markovchain
coerce signature(from = "etm", to = "markovchain"): coerce method from etm to markovchain
coerce signature(from = "markovchain", to = "igraph"): coercing to igraph objects
coerce signature(from = "markovchain", to = "matrix"): coercing to matrix objects
coerce signature(from = "matrix", to = "markovchain"): coercing to markovchain objects from matrix one
dim signature(x = "markovchain"): method to get the size
names signature(x = "markovchain"): method to get the names of states
names<- signature(x = "markovchain", value = "character"): method to set the names of states
initialize signature(.Object = "markovchain"): initialize method
plot signature(x = "markovchain", y = "missing"): plot method for markovchain objects
predict signature(object = "markovchain"): predict method
print signature(x = "markovchain"): print method.
show signature(object = "markovchain"): show method.
states signature(object = "markovchain"): returns the names of states (as names.
steadyStates signature(object = "markovchain"): method to get the steady vector.
summary signature(object = "markovchain"): method to summarize structure of the markov chain
transientStates signature(object = "markovchain"): method to get the transient states.
t signature(x = "markovchain"): transpose matrix
transitionProbability signature(object = "markovchain"): transition probability

```

Warning

Validation method is used to assess whether either columns or rows totals to one. Rounding is used up to 5th decimal. If state names are not properly defined for a probability matrix, coercing to markovchain object leads to overriding states name with artificial "s1", "s2", ... sequence

Note

markovchain object are written in S4 Classes.

Author(s)

Giorgio Spedicato

References

A First Course in Probability (8th Edition), Sheldon Ross, Prentice Hall 2010

See Also

[markovchainSequence](#), [markovchainFit](#)

Examples

```
#show markovchain definition
showClass("markovchain")
#create a simple Markov chain
transMatr<-matrix(c(0.4,0.6,.3,.7),nrow=2,byrow=TRUE)
simpleMc<-new("markovchain", states=c("a","b"),
transitionMatrix=transMatr,
name="simpleMc")
#power
simpleMc^4
#some methods
steadyStates(simpleMc)
absorbingStates(simpleMc)
simpleMc[2,1]
t(simpleMc)
is.irreducible(simpleMc)
#conditional distributions
conditionalDistribution(simpleMc, "b")
#example for predict method
sequence<-c("a", "b", "a", "a", "a", "a", "b", "a", "b", "a", "b", "a", "a", "b", "b", "b", "a")
mcFit<-markovchainFit(data=sequence)
predict(mcFit$estimate, newdata="b",n.ahead=3)
#direct conversion
myMc<-as(transMatr, "markovchain")

#example of summary
summary(simpleMc)
## Not run: plot(simpleMc)
```

markovchainList-class *Class* "markovchainList"

Description

A class to handle non - homogeneous Markov chains

Objects from the Class

A markovchainList is a list of markovchain objects. They can be used to model non - homogeneous discrete time Markov Chains, when transition probabilities (and possible states) change by time.

Slots

markovchains: Object of class "list": a list of markovchains

name: Object of class "character": optional name of the class

Methods

[[signature(x = "markovchainList"): extract the i-th markovchain

dim signature(x = "markovchainList"): number of markovchain underlying the matrix

predict signature(object = "markovchainList"): predict from a markovchainList

print signature(x = "markovchainList"): prints the list of markovchains

show signature(object = "markovchainList"): same as print

Note

The class consists in a list of markovchain objects. It can help to deal with non - homogeneous Markov chains.

Author(s)

Giorgio Spedicato

References

A First Course in Probability (8th Edition), Sheldon Ross, Prentice Hall 2010

See Also

[markovchain](#)

Examples

```

showClass("markovchainList")
#define a markovchainList
statesNames=c("a","b")

mcA<-new("markovchain",name="MCA", transitionMatrix=matrix(c(0.7,0.3,0.1,0.9),
byrow=TRUE, nrow=2, dimnames=list(statesNames,statesNames)))

mcB<-new("markovchain", states=c("a","b","c"), name="MCB",
transitionMatrix=matrix(c(0.2,0.5,0.3,0,1,0,0.1,0.8,0.1),
nrow=3, byrow=TRUE))

mcC<-new("markovchain", states=c("a","b","c","d"), name="MCC",
transitionMatrix=matrix(c(0.25,0.75,0,0,0.4,0.6,
0,0,0,0,0.1,0.9,0,0,0.7,0.3), nrow=4, byrow=TRUE)
)
mcList<-new("markovchainList",markovchains=list(mcA, mcB, mcC),
name="Non - homogeneous Markov Chain")

```

markovchainListFit *markovchainListFit*

Description

Given a data frame or a matrix (rows are observations, by cols the temporal sequence), it fits a non-homogeneous discrete time markov chain process (storing row). In particular a markovchainList of size = ncol - 1 is obtained estimating transitions from the n samples given by consecutive column pairs.

Usage

```
markovchainListFit(data, byrow = TRUE, laplacian = 0, name)
```

Arguments

data	Either a matrix or a data.frame object.
byrow	Indicates whether distinct stochastic processes trajectories are shown in distinct rows.
laplacian	Laplacian correction (default 0).
name	Optional name.

Value

A list containing two slots: estimate (the estimate) name

Examples

```
# using holson dataset
data(holson)
# fitting a single markovchain
singleMc <- markovchainFit(data = holson[,2:12])
# fitting a markovchainList
mclistFit <- markovchainListFit(data = holson[, 2:12], name = "holsonMcList")
```

markovchainSequence *Function to generate a sequence of states from homogeneous Markov chains.*

Description

Provided any markovchain object, it returns a sequence of states coming from the underlying stationary distribution.

Usage

```
markovchainSequence(n, markovchain, t0 = sample(markovchain@states, 1),
  include.t0 = FALSE, useRCpp = TRUE)
```

Arguments

n	Sample size
markovchain	markovchain object
t0	The initial state
include.t0	Specify if the initial state shall be used
useRCpp	Boolean. Should RCpp fast implementation being used? Default is yes.

Details

A sequence of size n is sampled.

Value

A Character Vector

Author(s)

Giorgio Spedicato

References

A First Course in Probability (8th Edition), Sheldon Ross, Prentice Hall 2010

See Also[markovchainFit](#)**Examples**

```
# define the markovchain object
statesNames <- c("a", "b", "c")
mcB <- new("markovchain", states = statesNames,
  transitionMatrix = matrix(c(0.2, 0.5, 0.3, 0, 0.2, 0.8, 0.1, 0.8, 0.1),
    nrow = 3, byrow = TRUE, dimnames = list(statesNames, statesNames))

# show the sequence
outs <- markovchainSequence(n = 100, markovchain = mcB, t0 = "a")
```

`multinomialConfidenceIntervals`*A function to compute multinomial confidence intervals of DTMC*

Description

These functions return multinomial confidence intervals of the markovchain objects.

Usage

```
multinomialConfidenceIntervals(transitionMatrix, countsTransitionMatrix, confidencelevel)
```

Arguments

```
transitionMatrix
    Transition matrix.
countsTransitionMatrix
    Counts transition matrix.
confidencelevel
    Confidence level.
```

Value

A list with two matrices

Author(s)

Tae Seung Kang, Giorgio Alfredo Spedicato

References

Feres, Matlab listing for markov chain.

See Also[markovchain](#)**Examples**

```
seq<-c("a", "b", "a", "a", "a", "a", "b", "a", "b", "a", "b", "a", "a", "b", "b", "b", "a")
mcf<-markovchainFit(data=seq,byrow=TRUE)
seqmat<-createSequenceMatrix(seq)
multinomialConfidenceIntervals(mcf$estimate@transitionMatrix, seqmat, 0.95)
```

name	<i>Method to retrieve name of markovchain object</i>
------	--

Description

This method returns the name of markovchain object

Usage

```
name(object)

## S4 method for signature 'markovchain'
name(object)
```

Arguments

object A markovchain object

Author(s)

Giorgio Spedicato, Deepak Yadav

Examples

```
statesNames <- c("a", "b", "c")
markovB <- new("markovchain", states = statesNames, transitionMatrix =
  matrix(c(0.2, 0.5, 0.3, 0, 1, 0, 0.1, 0.8, 0.1), nrow = 3,
  byrow = TRUE, dimnames=list(statesNames,statesNames)),
  name = "A markovchain Object"
)
name(markovB)
```

name<- *Method to set name of markovchain object*

Description

This method modify the existing name of markovchain object

Usage

```
name(object) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'markovchain'
name(object) <- value
```

Arguments

object	A markovchain object
value	New name of markovchain object

Author(s)

Giorgio Spedicato, Deepak Yadav

Examples

```
statesNames <- c("a", "b", "c")
markovB <- new("markovchain", states = statesNames, transitionMatrix =
  matrix(c(0.2, 0.5, 0.3, 0, 1, 0, 0.1, 0.8, 0.1), nrow = 3,
  byrow = TRUE, dimnames=list(statesNames,statesNames)),
  name = "A markovchain Object"
)
name(markovB) <- "dangerous mc"
```

predictiveDistribution *Function to compute the probability of observing a new data set, given a data set*

Description

The function computes the probability of observing a new data set using information from a given data set. Additionally, hyperparameters can be provided.

Usage

```
predictiveDistribution(stringchar, newData, hyperparam = matrix())
```

Arguments

<code>stringchar</code>	This is the data using which the Bayesian inference is performed.
<code>newData</code>	This is the data whose predictive probability is computed.
<code>hyperparam</code>	This determines the shape of the prior distribution of the parameters. If none is provided, default value of 1 is assigned to each parameter. This must be of size $k \times k$ where k is the number of states in the chain and the values should typically be non-negative integers.

Details

The underlying method is Bayesian inference. The probability is computed by averaging the likelihood of the new data with respect to the posterior. Since the method assumes conjugate priors, the result can be represented in a closed form (see the vignette for more details), which is what is returned.

Value

The log of the probability is returned.

Author(s)

Sai Bhargav Yalamanchi

References

Inferring Markov Chains: Bayesian Estimation, Model Comparison, Entropy Rate, and Out-of-Class Modeling, Christopher C. Strelhoff, James P. Crutchfield, Alfred Hubler, Santa Fe Institute

Yalamanchi SB, Spedicato GA (2015). Bayesian Inference of First Order Markov Chains. R package version 0.2.5

See Also

[markovchainFit](#)

Examples

```
sequence<-c("a", "b", "a", "a", "a", "a", "b", "a", "b", "a", "b", "a", "a",
"b", "b", "b", "a")
hyperMatrix<-matrix(c(1, 2, 1, 4), nrow = 2,dimnames=list(c("a","b"),c("a","b")))
predProb <- predictiveDistribution(sequence[1:10], sequence[11:17], hyperparam =hyperMatrix )
hyperMatrix2<-hyperMatrix[c(2,1),c(2,1)]
predProb2 <- predictiveDistribution(sequence[1:10], sequence[11:17], hyperparam =hyperMatrix2 )
predProb2==predProb
```

preproglucacon	<i>Preprogluccacon DNA protein bases sequences</i>
----------------	--

Description

Sequence of bases for preproglucacon DNA protein

Usage

```
data(preproglucacon)
```

Format

A data frame with 1572 observations on the following 2 variables.

V1 a numeric vector, showing original coding

preproglucacon a character vector, showing initial of DNA bases (Adenine, Cytosine, Guanine, Thymine)

Source

Avery Henderson

References

Avery Henderson, Fitting markov chain models on discrete time series such as DNA sequences

Examples

```
data(preproglucacon)
preproglucaconMc<-markovchainFit(data=preproglucacon$preproglucacon)
```

priorDistribution	<i>Prior Distribution</i>
-------------------	---------------------------

Description

Function to evaluate the prior probability of a transition matrix. It is based on conjugate priors and therefore a Dirichlet distribution is used to model the transitions of each state.

Usage

```
priorDistribution(transMatr, hyperparam = matrix())
```

Arguments

<code>transMatr</code>	The transition matrix whose probability is the parameter of interest.
<code>hyperparam</code>	The hyperparam matrix (optional). If not provided, a default value of 1 is assumed for each and therefore the resulting probability distribution is uniform.

Details

The states (dimnames) of the transition matrix and the hyperparam may be in any order.

Value

The log of the probabilities for each state is returned in a numeric vector. Each number in the vector represents the probability (log) of having a probability transition vector as specified in corresponding the row of the transition matrix.

Note

This function can be used in conjunction with `inferHyperparam`. For example, if the user has a prior data set and a prior transition matrix, he can infer the hyperparameters using `inferHyperparam` and then compute the probability of their prior matrix using the inferred hyperparameters with `priorDistribution`.

Author(s)

Sai Bhargav Yalamanchi, Giorgio Spedicato

References

Yalamanchi SB, Spedicato GA (2015). Bayesian Inference of First Order Markov Chains. R package version 0.2.5

See Also

[predictiveDistribution](#), [inferHyperparam](#)

Examples

```
priorDistribution(matrix(c(0.5, 0.5, 0.5, 0.5),
                        nrow = 2,
                        dimnames = list(c("a", "b"), c("a", "b"))),
                 matrix(c(2, 2, 2, 2),
                        nrow = 2,
                        dimnames = list(c("a", "b"), c("a", "b"))))
```

rain	<i>Alofi island daily rainfall</i>
------	------------------------------------

Description

Rainfall measured in Alofi Island

Usage

```
data(rain)
```

Format

A data frame with 1096 observations on the following 2 variables.

V1 a numeric vector, showing original coding

rain a character vector, showing daily rainfall millilitres brackets

Source

Avery Henderson

References

Avery Henderson, Fitting markov chain models on discrete time series such as DNA sequences

Examples

```
data(rain)
rainMc<-markovchainFit(data=rain$rain)
```

rctmc	<i>Function to generate a sequence of random CTMC transitions.</i>
-------	--

Description

The function generates random CTMC transitions as per the provided generator matrix.

Usage

```
rctmc(n, ctmc, initDist = numeric(), T = 0, include.T0 = TRUE, out.type = "list")
```

Arguments

n	The number of samples to generate.
ctmc	The CTMC S4 object.
initDist	The initial distribution of states.
T	The time up to which the simulation runs (all transitions after time T are not returned).
include.T0	Flag to determine if start state is to be included.
out.type	"list" or "df"

Details

In order to use the T0 argument, set n to Inf.

Value

Based on out.type, a list or a data frame is returned. The returned list has two elements - a character vector (states) and a numeric vector (indicating time of transitions). The data frame is similarly structured.

Author(s)

Sai Bhargav Yalamanchi

References

Introduction to Stochastic Processes with Applications in the Biosciences (2013), David F. Anderson, University of Wisconsin at Madison

See Also

[generatorToTransitionMatrix,ctmc-class](#)

Examples

```
energyStates <- c("sigma", "sigma_star")
byRow <- TRUE
gen <- matrix(data = c(-3, 3,
                      1, -1), nrow = 2,
              byrow = byRow, dimnames = list(energyStates, energyStates))
molecularCTMC <- new("ctmc", states = energyStates,
                    byrow = byRow, generator = gen,
                    name = "Molecular Transition Model")

statesDist <- c(0.8, 0.2)
rctmc(n = Inf, ctmc = molecularCTMC, T = 1)
rctmc(n = 5, ctmc = molecularCTMC, initDist = statesDist, include.T0 = FALSE)
```

rmarkovchain	<i>Function to generate a sequence of states from homogeneous or non-homogeneous Markov chains.</i>
--------------	---

Description

Provided any markovchain or markovchainList objects, it returns a sequence of states coming from the underlying stationary distribution.

Usage

```
rmarkovchain(n, object, what = "data.frame", useRCpp = TRUE,
             parallel = FALSE, num.cores = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

n	Sample size
object	Either a markovchain or a markovchainList object
what	It specifies whether either a data.frame or a matrix (each rows represent a simulation) or a list is returned.
useRCpp	Boolean. Should RCpp fast implementation being used? Default is yes.
parallel	Boolean. Should parallel implementation being used? Default is yes.
num.cores	Number of Cores to be used
...	additional parameters passed to the internal sampler

Details

When a homogeneous process is assumed (markovchain object) a sequence is sampled of size n. When an non - homogeneous process is assumed, n samples are taken but the process is assumed to last from the begin to the end of the non-homogeneous markov process.

Value

Character Vector, data.frame, list or matrix

Note

Check the type of input

Author(s)

Giorgio Spedicato

References

A First Course in Probability (8th Edition), Sheldon Ross, Prentice Hall 2010

See Also[markovchainFit](#)**Examples**

```
# define the markovchain object
statesNames <- c("a", "b", "c")
mcB <- new("markovchain", states = statesNames,
  transitionMatrix = matrix(c(0.2, 0.5, 0.3, 0, 0.2, 0.8, 0.1, 0.8, 0.1),
  nrow = 3, byrow = TRUE, dimnames = list(statesNames, statesNames))

# show the sequence
outs <- rmarkovchain(n = 100, object = mcB, what = "list")

#define markovchainList object
statesNames <- c("a", "b", "c")
mcA <- new("markovchain", states = statesNames, transitionMatrix =
  matrix(c(0.2, 0.5, 0.3, 0, 0.2, 0.8, 0.1, 0.8, 0.1), nrow = 3,
  byrow = TRUE, dimnames = list(statesNames, statesNames))
mcB <- new("markovchain", states = statesNames, transitionMatrix =
  matrix(c(0.2, 0.5, 0.3, 0, 0.2, 0.8, 0.1, 0.8, 0.1), nrow = 3,
  byrow = TRUE, dimnames = list(statesNames, statesNames))
mcC <- new("markovchain", states = statesNames, transitionMatrix =
  matrix(c(0.2, 0.5, 0.3, 0, 0.2, 0.8, 0.1, 0.8, 0.1), nrow = 3,
  byrow = TRUE, dimnames = list(statesNames, statesNames))
mclist <- new("markovchainList", markovchains = list(mcA, mcB, mcC))

# show the list of sequence
rmarkovchain(100, mclist, "list")
```

 sales

Sales Demand Sequences

Description

Sales demand sequences of five products (A, B, C, D, E). Each row corresponds to a sequence. First row corresponds to Sequence A, Second row to Sequence B and so on.

Usage

```
data("sales")
```

Format

An object of class `matrix` with 269 rows and 5 columns.

Details

The example can be used to fit High order multivariate markov chain.

Examples

```
data("sales")
# fitHighOrderMultivarMC(seqMat = sales, order = 2, Norm = 2)
```

show,hommc-method	<i>Function to display the details of hommc object</i>
-------------------	--

Description

This is a convenience function to display the slots of hommc object in proper format

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'hommc'
show(object)
```

Arguments

object	An object of class hommc
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states	<i>Defined states of a transition matrix</i>
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Description

This method returns the states of a transition matrix.

Usage

```
states(object)

## S4 method for signature 'markovchain'
states(object)
```

Arguments

object	A discrete markovchain object
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Value

The character vector corresponding to states slot.

Author(s)

Giorgio Spedicato

References

A First Course in Probability (8th Edition), Sheldon Ross, Prentice Hall 2010

See Also

[markovchain](#)

Examples

```
statesNames <- c("a", "b", "c")
markovB <- new("markovchain", states = statesNames, transitionMatrix =
             matrix(c(0.2, 0.5, 0.3, 0, 1, 0, 0.1, 0.8, 0.1), nrow = 3,
                   byrow = TRUE, dimnames=list(statesNames,statesNames)),
             name = "A markovchain Object"
)
states(markovB)
```

steadyStates

Stationary states of a markovchain object

Description

This method returns the stationary vector in matricial form of a markovchain object.

Usage

```
steadyStates(object)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'markovchain'
steadyStates(object)
```

Arguments

object A discrete markovchain object

Value

A matrix corresponding to the stationary states

Note

The steady states are identified starting from which eigenvectors correspond to identity eigenvalues and then normalizing them to sum up to unity. When negative values are found in the matrix, the eigenvalues extraction is performed on the recurrent classes submatrix.

Author(s)

Giorgio Spedicato

References

A First Course in Probability (8th Edition), Sheldon Ross, Prentice Hall 2010

See Also

[markovchain](#)

Examples

```
statesNames <- c("a", "b", "c")
markovB <- new("markovchain", states = statesNames, transitionMatrix =
  matrix(c(0.2, 0.5, 0.3, 0, 1, 0, 0.1, 0.8, 0.1), nrow = 3,
  byrow = TRUE, dimnames=list(statesNames,statesNames)),
  name = "A markovchain Object"
)
steadyStates(markovB)
```

transition2Generator *Return the generator matrix for a corresponding transition matrix*

Description

Calculate the generator matrix for a corresponding transition matrix

Usage

```
transition2Generator(P, t = 1, method = "logarithm")
```

Arguments

P	transition matrix between time 0 and t
t	time of observation
method	"logarithm" returns the Matrix logarithm of the transition matrix

Value

A matrix that represent the generator of P

See Also

[rctmc](#)

Examples

```
mymatr <- matrix(c(.4, .6, .1, .9), nrow = 2, byrow = TRUE)
Q <- transition2Generator(P = mymatr)
expm::expm(Q)
```

transitionProbability *Function to get the transition probabilities from initial to subsequent states.*

Description

This is a convenience function to get transition probabilities.

Usage

```
transitionProbability(object, t0, t1)

## S4 method for signature 'markovchain'
transitionProbability(object, t0, t1)
```

Arguments

object	A markovchain object.
t0	Initial state.
t1	Subsequent state.

Value

Numeric Vector

Author(s)

Giorgio Spedicato

References

A First Course in Probability (8th Edition), Sheldon Ross, Prentice Hall 2010

See Also

[markovchain](#)

Examples

```
statesNames <- c("a", "b", "c")
markovB <- new("markovchain", states = statesNames, transitionMatrix =
  matrix(c(0.2, 0.5, 0.3, 0, 1, 0, 0.1, 0.8, 0.1), nrow = 3,
  byrow = TRUE, dimnames=list(statesNames,statesNames)),
  name = "A markovchain Object"
)
transitionProbability(markovB,"b", "c")
```

verifyMarkovProperty *Various functions to perform statistical inference of DTMC*

Description

These functions verify the Markov property, assess the order and stationarity of the Markov chain.

Usage

```
verifyMarkovProperty(sequence, ...)
assessOrder(sequence)
assessStationarity(sequence, nblocks)
divergenceTest(sequence, hypothetical)
```

Arguments

sequence	An empirical sequence.
...	Parameters for chi-square test.
nblocks	Number of blocks.
hypothetic	A transition matrix for a hypothetical markov chain sequence.

Value

Verification result

Author(s)

Tae Seung Kang, Giorgio Alfredo Spedicato

References

Monika, Anderson and Goodman.

See Also

markovchain

Examples

```
sequence <- c("a", "b", "a", "a", "a", "a", "b", "a", "b",  
             "a", "b", "a", "a", "b", "b", "b", "a")  
mcFit <- markovchainFit(data = sequence, byrow = FALSE)  
verifyMarkovProperty(sequence)  
assessOrder(sequence)  
assessStationarity(sequence, 1)  
divergenceTest(sequence, mcFit$estimate@transitionMatrix)
```

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