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alltopsorts_recursion *all topological orderings of a DAG*

Description

This function computes all topological orderings of a graph using the recursive algorithm described in Knuth and Szwarcfiter (1974).

Usage

```
alltopsorts_recursion(n, adj_list)
```

Arguments

- n number of nodes in the DAG
- adj_list edges given as an adjacency list

Value

Returns a list of topological orderings.

References

Knuth, D. E. and J. L. Szwarcfiter (1974). A structured program to generate all topological sorting arrangements. Information Processing Letters 2(6), 153–157.

Examples

```
n = 4
alltopsorts_recursion(n, list(c(1,3),c(2,4)))
```

compute_nobile_identity

Nobile's identity for the marginal likelihood

Description

This function uses the identity from Nobile (2004, 2007) to compute an estimate of the marginal likelihood for a mixture model with G components given an estimate of the marginal likelihood for a mixture model with $G-1$ components and an estimate of the proportion of empty components.

Usage

```
compute_nobile_identity(logZhatGminus1, p0hat_value, G, dirichlet_vec, n)
```

Arguments

logZhatGminus1	estimate of the marginal likelihood for $G-1$
p0hat_value	estimate of the proportion of empty components
G	number of components
dirichlet_vec	hyperparameter-vector of the dirichlet prior
n	size of the data

Value

estimate of the marginal likelihood for G

References

Nobile, A. (2004). On the posterior distribution of the number of components in a finite mixture. *The Annals of Statistics* 32(5), 2044–2073.

Nobile, A. (2007). Bayesian finite mixtures: a note on prior specification and posterior computation. *arXiv preprint arXiv:0711.0458*.

Martin Metodiev, Nicholas J. Irons, Marie Perrot-Dockès, Pierre Latouche, Adrian E. Raftery. "Easily Computed Marginal Likelihoods for Multivariate Mixture Models Using the THAMES Estimator." *arXiv preprint arXiv:2504.21812*.

Examples

```
# computes log marginal likelihood of the Swiss banknote dataset
# for G=4, given the settings in Metodiev et al. (2025)
compute_nobile_identity(logZhatGminus1 = -909.49,
p0hat_value = 1/4,
dirichlet_vec = rep(1,4),
n=200)
```

overlapgraph

Estimator of the overlap graph

Description

This function computes the overlap graph for mixture models.

Usage

```
overlapgraph(sims)
```

Arguments

sims $n_simul \times G \times (u+1)$ array of parameters sampled from the posterior, where n_simul is the number of simulations from the posterior, G is the number of components, u is the number of mixture component parameters (parameter $u+1$ is the mixture weight)

Value

Returns a named list with the following elements:

graph, the overlap graph

co, the criterion of overlap

References

Martin Metodiev, Nicholas J. Irons, Marie Perrot-Dockès, Pierre Latouche, Adrian E. Raftery. "Easily Computed Marginal Likelihoods for Multivariate Mixture Models Using the THAMES Estimator." arXiv preprint arXiv:2504.21812.

Examples

```
# toy sample from the posterior
mus = rbind(c(17.67849, 21.46734),
            c(17.67849, 21.46734),
            c(16.98067, 21.11391),
            c(20.58628, 21.22104),
            c(17.38332, 21.37224),
            c(16.43644, 21.19085),
            c(19.49676, 21.28964),
            c(17.82287, 21.22475),
            c(18.06050, 21.36945),
            c(18.70759, 21.60244),
            c(15.93795, 21.04681),
            c(16.23184, 20.96049))
sigmasqus = rbind(c(46.75089, 3.660171),
                  c(58.44208, 3.026577),
                  c(63.19334, 4.090872),
```

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      c(87.02758, 2.856063),
      c(82.34268, 3.760550),
      c(50.92386, 2.380784),
      c(49.51412, 3.605798),
      c(38.67681, 3.362407),
      c(49.59170, 3.130254),
      c(63.41569, 2.475669),
      c(65.95225, 3.927501),
      c(47.22989, 5.465702))
taus = rbind(c(0.2653882, 0.7346118),
             c(0.2560075, 0.7439925),
             c(0.2371868, 0.7628132),
             c(0.2998265, 0.7001735),
             c(0.3518301, 0.6481699),
             c(0.2840316, 0.7159684),
             c(0.2060193, 0.7939807),
             c(0.2859257, 0.7140743),
             c(0.2420695, 0.7579305),
             c(0.2466622, 0.7533378),
             c(0.2726186, 0.7273814),
             c(0.2738916, 0.7261084))
sims = array(dim=c(12,2,3))
sims[,1] = mus
sims[,2] = sigmasqus
sims[,3] = taus

overlapgraph(sims)$co

```

thames_mixtures	<i>THAMES estimator of the reciprocal log marginal likelihood for mixture models</i>
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Description

This function computes the THAMES estimate of the reciprocal log marginal likelihood for mixture models using posterior samples and unnormalized log posterior values.

Usage

```

thames_mixtures(
  logpost,
  sims,
  n_samples = NULL,
  c_opt = NULL,
  type = "simple",
  seed = NULL,
  lps = NULL,
  lps_unif = NULL,
  max_iters = Inf
)

```

Arguments

logpost	function logpost(sims,G) to compute lps with input "sims"
sims	$n_simul \times G \times (u+1)$ array of parameters sampled from the posterior, where n_simul is the number of simulations from the posterior, G is the number of components, u is the number of mixture component parameters (parameter $u+1$ is the mixture weight)
n_samples	integer, number of posterior samples
c_opt	radius of the ellipsoid used to compute the THAMES
type	THAMES variant ("simple", "permutations", or "standard")
seed	a seed
lps	values of the unnormalized log posterior density
lps_unif	values of the unnormalized log posterior density, evaluated on a uniform sample on the posterior ellipsoid
max_iters	maximum number of shrinkage iterations

Value

Returns a named list with the following elements:

theta_hat, posterior mean
 sigma_hat, posterior covariance matrix
 log_det_sigma_hat, log-determinant of sigma_hat
 logvolA, log-volume of the ellipsoid
 log_zhat_inv, log-reciprocal-marginal likelihood
 log_zhat_inv_L, lower bound
 log_zhat_inv_U, upper bound
 alpha, HPD-region correction
 len_perms, number of permutations evaluated
 log_cor, log-correction of the volume of the ellipsoid
 etas, Monte-Carlo sample on the ellipsoid
 graph, the overlap graph for G
 se, standard_error
 phi, ar(1) model parameter
 c_opt, radius of the ellipsoid
 d_par, dimension of the parameter
 G, number of mixture components
 scaling, list of fit of QDA (means, covariances)
 co, the criterion of overlap

References

Martin Metodiev, Nicholas J. Irons, Marie Perrot-Dockès, Pierre Latouche, Adrian E. Raftery. "Easily Computed Marginal Likelihoods for Multivariate Mixture Models Using the THAMES Estimator." arXiv preprint arXiv:2504.21812.

Examples

```
y = c(9.172, 9.350, 9.483, 9.558, 9.775, 10.227, 10.406, 16.084, 16.170,
      18.419, 18.552, 18.600, 18.927, 19.052, 19.070, 19.330, 19.343, 19.349,
      19.440, 19.473, 19.529, 19.541, 19.547, 19.663, 19.846, 19.856, 19.863,
      19.914, 19.918, 19.973, 19.989, 20.166, 20.175, 20.179, 20.196, 20.215,
      20.221, 20.415, 20.629, 20.795, 20.821, 20.846, 20.875, 20.986, 21.137,
      21.492, 21.701, 21.814, 21.921, 21.960, 22.185, 22.209, 22.242, 22.249,
      22.314, 22.374, 22.495, 22.746, 22.747, 22.888, 22.914, 23.206, 23.241,
      23.263, 23.484, 23.538, 23.542, 23.666, 23.706, 23.711, 24.129, 24.285,
      24.289, 24.366, 24.717, 24.990, 25.633, 26.690, 26.995, 32.065, 32.789,
      34.279)

R <- diff(range(y))
m <- mean(range(y))

# likelihood
loglik_gmm <- function(sims,G){
  mus = sims[,1]
  sigma_squs = sims[,2]
  pis = sims[,3]
  log_single_y = Vectorize(function(x)
    log(rowSums(sapply(1:G,
      function(g) pis[,g]*dnorm(x,mus[,g],sqrt(sigma_squs[,g])))))
  )
  res = suppressWarnings(rowSums(log_single_y(y)))
  return(rowSums(log_single_y(y)))
}

# prior
logprior_gmm_marginal <- function(sims,G) {
  mus = sims[,1]
  sigma_squs = sims[,2]
  pis = sims[,3]

  l_mus <- rowSums(sapply(1:G, function(g) dnorm(mus[,g], mean = m, sd = R,
    log = TRUE)))
  l_pis <- LaplacesDemon::ddirichlet(1:G/G, rep(1,G),log=TRUE)
  l_sigma_squs <- lgamma(2*G+0.2) - lgamma(0.2) +
    0.2*log(10/R^2) - (2*G+0.2) * log(rowSums(sigma_squs^(-1))+10/R^2) -
    3*rowSums(log(sigma_squs))
  return(l_mus + l_pis + l_sigma_squs)
}

# unnormalized log-posterior density
logpost = function(sims){
  G = dim(sims)[2]
```

```

mus = sims[,1:G,1]
# apply exp transform
sims[,1:G,2] = sims[,1:G,2]
sigma_squs = sims[,1:G,2]
pis = sims[,1:G,3]

# set to 0 outside of support
if(G>2){
  mask = (((pis > 0) & (rowSums(pis[,1:(G-1)])<=1)) & (sigma_squs>0))
}else{
  mask = (((pis > 0) & (pis[,1]<=1)) & (sigma_squs>0))
}
l_total = suppressWarnings(loglik_gmm(sims,G)+
  logprior_gmm_marginal(sims,G))
l_total[exp(rowSums(log(mask)))=0] = -Inf
return(l_total)
}

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sims = array(dim=c(12,2,3))  
sims[,1] = mus  
sims[,2] = sigmasqus  
sims[,3] = taus  
  
# estimate of the log marginal likelihood  
-thames_mixtures(logpost,sims)$log_zhat_inv
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