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Description Implementation of network diffusion algorithms such as heat diffusion or Markov random walks. Network diffusion algorithms generally spread information in the form of node weights along the edges of a graph to other nodes. These weights can for example be interpreted as temperature, an initial amount of water, the activation of neurons in the brain, or the location of a random surfer in the internet. The information (node weights) is iteratively propagated to other nodes until a equilibrium state or stop criterion occurs.

URL <https://github.com/dirmeier/diffusr>

BugReports <https://github.com/dirmeier/diffusr/issues>

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| diffusr-package | <i>diffusr</i> |
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Description

Network diffusion algorithms in R.

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References

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Laplacian_matrix

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heat_equation

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| heat.diffusion | <i>Graph diffusion using a heat diffusion process on a Laplacian matrix.</i> |
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Description

An amount of starting heat gets distribution using the Laplacian matrix of a graph. Every iteration (or time interval) t heat streams from the starting nodes into surrounding nodes.

Usage

```
heat.diffusion(h0, graph, t = 0.5, ...)  
  
## S4 method for signature 'numeric,matrix'  
heat.diffusion(h0, graph, t = 0.5, ...)  
  
## S4 method for signature 'matrix,matrix'  
heat.diffusion(h0, graph, t = 0.5, ...)
```

Arguments

| | |
|--------------------|---|
| <code>h0</code> | an $n \times p$ -dimensional numeric non-negative vector/matrix of starting temperatures |
| <code>graph</code> | an $(n \times n)$ -dimensional numeric non-negative adjacency matrix representing the graph |
| <code>t</code> | time point when heat is measured |
| <code>...</code> | additional parameters |

Value

returns the heat on every node as numeric vector

References

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Laplacian_matrix
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heat_equation

Examples

```
# count of nodes  
n <- 5  
# starting distribution (has to sum to one)  
h0 <- as.vector(rmultinom(1, 1, prob=rep(.2, n)))  
# adjacency matrix (either normalized or not)  
graph <- matrix(abs(rnorm(n*n)), n, n)  
# computation of stationary distribution  
ht <- heat.diffusion(h0, graph)
```

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| hub.correction | <i>Correct for hubs in an adjacency matrix</i> |
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Description

Correct for hubs in an adjacency matrix

Usage

```
hub.correction(obj)
```

Arguments

obj matrix for which hubs are corrected

Value

returns the matrix with hub correction

Examples

```
W <- matrix(abs(rnorm(10000)), 100, 100)
cor.hub <- hub.correction(W)
```

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| nearest.neighbors | <i>Graph diffusion using nearest neighbors</i> |
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Description

For every node in a set of nodes the graph gets traversed along the node's shortest paths to its neighbors. Nearest neighbors are added until a maximum depth of k is reached. For settings where there are more than k neighbors having the same distance, all neighbors are returned.

Usage

```
nearest.neighbors(nodes, graph, k = 1L, ...)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'integer,matrix'
nearest.neighbors(nodes, graph, k = 1L, ...)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-------|---|
| nodes | a n-dimensional integer vector of node indexes (1-based) for which the algorithm is applied iteratively |
| graph | an (n x n)-dimensional numeric non-negative adjacency matrix representing the graph |
| k | the depth of the nearest neighbor search, e.g. the depth of the graph traversal |
| ... | additional parameters |

Value

returns the kNN nodes as list of integer vectors of node indexes

Examples

```
# count of nodes
n <- 10
# indexes (integer) of nodes for which neighbors should be searched
node.idx <- c(1L, 5L)
# the adjacency matrix (does not need to be symmetric)
graph <- rbind(cbind(0, diag(n-1)), 0)
# compute the neighbors until depth 3
neighs <- nearest.neighbors(node.idx, graph, 3)
```

normalize.laplacian *Calculate the Laplacian of a matrix*

Description

Calculate the Laplacian of a matrix

Usage

```
normalize.laplacian(obj, ...)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-----|--|
| obj | matrix for which the Laplacian is calculated |
| ... | additional params |

Value

returns the Laplacian

Examples

```
W <- matrix(abs(rnorm(10000)), 100, 100)
lapl.W <- normalize.laplacian(W)
```

normalize.stochastic *Create a stochastically normalized matrix/vector*

Description

Create a stochastically normalized matrix/vector

Usage

```
normalize.stochastic(obj, ...)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-----|---|
| obj | matrix/vector that is stochastically normalized |
| ... | additional params |

Value

returns the normalized matrix/vector

Examples

```
W <- matrix(abs(rnorm(10000)), 100, 100)
stoch.W <- normalize.stochastic(W)
```

random.walk *Graph diffusion using a Markov random walk*

Description

A Markov Random Walk takes an initial distribution p_0 and calculates the stationary distribution of that. The diffusion process is regulated by a restart probability r which controls how often the MRW jumps back to the initial values.

Usage

```
random.walk(p0, graph, r = 0.5, niter = 10000, thresh = 1e-04,
  do.analytical = FALSE, correct.for.hubs = FALSE)

## S4 method for signature 'numeric,matrix'
random.walk(p0, graph, r = 0.5, niter = 10000,
  thresh = 1e-04, do.analytical = FALSE, correct.for.hubs = FALSE)

## S4 method for signature 'matrix,matrix'
random.walk(p0, graph, r = 0.5, niter = 10000,
  thresh = 1e-04, do.analytical = FALSE, correct.for.hubs = FALSE)
```

Arguments

| | |
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| <code>p0</code> | an $n \times p$ -dimensional numeric non-negative vector/matrix representing the starting distribution of the Markov chain (does not need to sum to one). |
| <code>graph</code> | an $(n \times n)$ -dimensional numeric non-negative adjacency matrix representing the graph |
| <code>r</code> | a scalar between (0, 1). restart probability if a Markov random walk with restart is desired |
| <code>niter</code> | maximal number of iterations for computation of the Markov chain. If thresh is not reached, then <code>niter</code> is used as stop criterion. |
| <code>thresh</code> | threshold for breaking the iterative computation of the stationary distribution. If the absolute difference of the distribution at time point $t-1$ and t is less than <code>thresh</code> , then the algorithm stops. If <code>thresh</code> is not reached before <code>niter</code> , then the algorithm stops as well. |
| <code>do.analytical</code> | boolean if the stationary distribution shall be computed solving the analytical solution or rather iteratively |
| <code>correct.for.hubs</code> | if TRUE multiplies a correction factor to the nodes, such that the random walk gets not biased to nodes with high degree. In that case the original input matrix will be normalized as: |

$$P(j|i) = 1/\text{degree}(i) * \min(1, \text{degree}(j)/\text{degree}(i))$$

Note that this will not consider edge weights.

Value

returns a list with the following elements

- `p.inf` the stationary distribution as numeric vector
- `transition.matrix` the column normalized transition matrix used for the random walk

References

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Examples

```
# count of nodes
n <- 5
# starting distribution (has to sum to one)
p0 <- as.vector(rmultinom(1, 1, prob=rep(.2, n)))
# adjacency matrix (either normalized or not)
graph <- matrix(abs(rnorm(n*n)), n, n)
```

```
# computation of stationary distribution  
pt <- random.walk(p0, graph)
```


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