Package 'blink'

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Description An implementation of the model in Steorts (2015) <DOI:10.1214/15-BA965SI>, which performs Bayesian entity resolution for categorical and text data, for any distance function defined by the user. In addition, the precision and recall are in the package to allow one to compare to any other comparable method such as logistic regression, Bayesian additive regression trees (BART), or random forests. The experiments are reproducible and illustrated using a simple vignette. LICENSE: GPL-3 + file license.

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check_IDs   *Check whether 2 records which are estimated to be linked have the same IDs*

Description

Check whether 2 records which are estimated to be linked have the same IDs

Usage

```
check_IDs(recpair, identity_vector)
```

Arguments

recpair   A record pair

identity_vector

                   A vector of the unique ids

Value

Whether or not two records which are estimated to be linked have the same unique ids

Examples

```
id <- c(1,2,3,4,5,1,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20)
rec1 <- 6
rec2 <- 1
check_IDs(recpair=c(rec1,rec2),identity_vector=id)
```

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identity.RLdata500   *identity.RLdata500*

Description

Unique identifier for RLdata500 the corresponds to the record number format A vector that contains the codeid

Usage

```
identity.RLdata500
```

Format

An object of class numeric of length 500.

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links	*Function that returns the shared MPMMS (except with an easier condition to code than JASA paper). Function to make a list of vectors of estimated links by "P(MPMMS)>0.5" method Note: The default settings return only MPMMSs with multiple members.*

Description

Function that returns the shared MPMMS (except with an easier condition to code than JASA paper). Function to make a list of vectors of estimated links by "P(MPMMS)>0.5" method Note: The default settings return only MPMMSs with multiple members.

Usage

```
links(lam.gs = lam.gs, include.singles = FALSE, show.as.multiple = FALSE)
```

Arguments

lam.gs	The estimated linkage structure with a default of 10 iterations
include.singles	
	Do not include the singleton records
show.as.multiple	
	Always return MPMMSs that have more than one member

Value

Returns the shared MPMMS

Examples

```
lam.gs <- matrix(c(1,1,2,2,3,3,5,6,4,3,4,5,3,2,4,1,2,3,4,2),ncol=20,  nrow=4)
links(lam.gs)
```

`links.compare`	*This function takes a set of pairwise links and identifies correct, incorrect, and missing links (correct = estimated and true, incorrect = estimated but not true, missing = true but not estimated)*

Description

This function takes a set of pairwise links and identifies correct, incorrect, and missing links (correct = estimated and true, incorrect = estimated but not true, missing = true but not estimated)

Usage

```
links.compare(est.links.pair, true.links.pair, counts.only = TRUE)
```

Arguments

`est.links.pair`	The number of estimated links
`true.links.pair`	
	The number of true links
`counts.only`	State whether or not counts only is true or false

Value

Gives a vector of the estimated and true links, estimated but not true links, and the true but not estimated links

Examples

```
id <- c(1,2,3,4,5,1,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20)
lam.gs <- matrix(c(1,1,2,2,3,3,5,6,4,3,4,5,3,2,4,1,2,3,4,2),ncol=20, nrow=4)
est.links <- links(lam.gs)
true.links <- links(matrix(id,nrow=1))
est.links.pair <- pairwise(est.links)
links.compare(est.links.pair, true.links=id)
```

`mms`	*Function to compute a record's Maximal Matching Set (MMS) based on a single linkage structure*

Description

Function to compute a record's Maximal Matching Set (MMS) based on a single linkage structure

Usage

```
mms(lambda, record)
```

Arguments

lambda	The linkage structure
record	A vector of records

Value

Computes a records MMS

Examples

```
lambda <- matrix(c(1,1,2,2,3,3),ncol=3)
record <- c(1,10,3,5,20,2)
mms(lambda=lambda, record=record)
```

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mpmms	*Function to compute a record's MPMMS based on a Gibbs sampler. Note: It returns a list of the MPMMS ($mpmms) and its probability ($prob)*

Description

Function to compute a record's MPMMS based on a Gibbs sampler. Note: It returns a list of the MPMMS ($mpmms) and its probability ($prob)

Usage

```
mpmms(lam.gs, record)
```

Arguments

lam.gs	The gibbs sampler
record	A specific record

Value

Returns a list of the MPMSS and the associated probabilities.

Examples

```
lam.gs <- matrix(c(1,1,2,2,3,3,5,6,4,3,4,5,3,2,4,1,2,3,4,2),ncol=20,  nrow=4)
record <- c(1,3,1,3,1,3,1,3,1,3,1,3,1,3,1,3,1,3,1,3)
mpmms(lam.gs=lam.gs, record=record)
```

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pairwise	*Function to take links list that may contain 3-way, 4-way, etc. and reduce it to pairwise only (e.g., a 3-way link 12-45-78 is changed to 2-way links: 12-45, 12-78, 45-78*

Description

Function to take links list that may contain 3-way, 4-way, etc. and reduce it to pairwise only (e.g., a 3-way link 12-45-78 is changed to 2-way links: 12-45, 12-78, 45-78

Usage

```
pairwise(.links)
```

Arguments

.links	A vector of records that are linked to one another

Value

Returns two ways links of records

Examples

```
id <- c(1,2,3,4,5,1,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20)
lam.gs <- matrix(c(1,1,2,2,3,3,5,6,4,3,4,5,3,2,4,1,2,3,4,2),ncol=20, nrow=4)
est.links <- links(lam.gs)
est.links.pair <- pairwise(est.links)
```

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rl.gibbs	*Gibbs sampler for empirically motivated Bayesian record linkage*

Description

Gibbs sampler for empirically motivated Bayesian record linkage

Usage

```
rl.gibbs(
  file.num = file.num,
  X.s = X.s,
  X.c = X.c,
  num.gs = num.gs,
  a = a,
  b = b,
  c = c,
```

```
    d = d,
    M = M
)
```

Arguments

`file.num`	The number of the file
`X.s`	A vector of string variables
`X.c`	A vector of categorical variables
`num.gs`	Total number of gibb iterations
`a`	Shape parameter of Beta prior
`b`	Scale parameter of Beta prior
`c`	Positive constant
`d`	Any distance metric measuring the latent and observed string
`M`	The true value of the population size

Value

lambda.out The estimated linkage structure via Gibbs sampling

Examples

```
data(RLdata500)
X.c <- as.matrix(RLdata500[c("by","bm","bd")])[1:3,]
p.c <- ncol(X.c)
X.s <- as.matrix(RLdata500[c(1,3)])[1:3,]
p.s <- ncol(X.s)
file.num <- rep(c(1,1,1),c(1,1,1))
d <- function(string1,string2){adist(string1,string2)}
lam.gs <- rl.gibbs(file.num,X.s,X.c,num.gs=2,a=.01,b=100,c=1,d, M=3)
```

RLdata500	*RLdata500*

Description

Data on synthetic generation of German names with 500 total records and 10 precent duplication.

Usage

```
RLdata500
```

Format

A data frame with five variables: `fname_c1,lname_c1, by, codebm, bd`.

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