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as_adj_list1	<i>Adjacency list</i>
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Description

Create adjacency lists from a graph, either for adjacent edges or for neighboring vertices. This version is faster than the version of igraph but less general.

Usage

```
as_adj_list1(g)
```

Arguments

`g` An igraph object

Details

The function does not have a mode parameter and only returns the adjacency list comparable to `as_adj_list(g,mode="all")`

Value

A list of numeric vectors.

Author(s)

David Schoch

Examples

```
library(igraph)
g <- make_ring(10)
as_adj_list1(g)
```

as_adj_weighted	<i>weighted dense adjacency matrix</i>
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Description

returns the weighted adjacency matrix in dense format

Usage

```
as_adj_weighted(g, attr = NULL)
```

Arguments

<code>g</code>	An igraph object
<code>attr</code>	Either NULL or a character string giving an edge attribute name. If NULL a traditional adjacency matrix is returned. If not NULL then the values of the given edge attribute are included in the adjacency matrix.

Details

This method is faster than `as_adj` from igraph if you need the weighted adjacency matrix in dense format

Value

Numeric matrix

Author(s)

David Schoch

Examples

```
library(igraph)
g <- sample_gnp(10, 0.2)
E(g)$weight <- runif(ecount(g))
as_adj_weighted(g, attr = "weight")
```

as_multi_adj *Convert a list of graphs to an adjacency matrices*

Description

Convenience function that turns a list of igraph objects into adjacency matrices.

Usage

```
as_multi_adj(g_lst, attr = NULL, sparse = FALSE)
```

Arguments

g_lst	A list of igraph object
attr	Either NULL or a character string giving an edge attribute name. If NULL a binary adjacency matrix is returned.
sparse	Logical scalar, whether to create a sparse matrix. The 'Matrix' package must be installed for creating sparse matrices.

Value

List of numeric matrices

Author(s)

David Schoch

bipartite_from_data_frame
two-mode network from a data.frame

Description

Create a two-mode network from a data.frame

Usage

```
bipartite_from_data_frame(d, type1, type2, attr = NULL, weighted = TRUE)
```

Arguments

d	data.frame
type1	column name of mode 1
type2	column name of mode 2
attr	named list of edge attributes
weighted	should a weighted graph be created if multiple edges occur

Value

two mode network as igraph object

Author(s)

David Schoch

Examples

```
library(igraph)
edges <- data.frame(mode1 = 1:5, mode2 = letters[1:5])
bipartite_from_data_frame(edges, "mode1", "mode2")
```

clique_vertex_mat *Clique Vertex Matrix*

Description

Creates the clique vertex matrix with entries (i,j) equal to one if node j is in clique i

Usage

```
clique_vertex_mat(g)
```

Arguments

g An igraph object

Value

Numeric matrix

Author(s)

David Schoch

Examples

```
library(igraph)
g <- sample_gnp(10, 0.2)
clique_vertex_mat(g)
```

core_periphery	<i>Discrete core-periphery model</i>
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Description

Fits a discrete core-periphery model to a given network

Usage

```
core_periphery(graph, method = "rk1_dc", iter = 500, ...)
```

Arguments

graph	igraph object
method	algorithm to use (see details)
iter	number of iterations if method=GA
...	other parameters for GA

Details

The function fits the data to an optimal pattern matrix with a genetic algorithm (method="GA") or a rank 1 approximation, either with degree centrality (method="rk1_dc") or eigenvector centrality (method="rk1_ec"). The rank 1 approximation is computationally far cheaper but also more experimental. Best is to compare the results from both models.

Value

list with numeric vector with entries (k1,k2,...ki...) where ki assigns vertex i to either the core (ki=1) or periphery (ki=0), and the maximal correlation with an optimal pattern matrix

Author(s)

David Schoch

References

Borgatti, Stephen P., and Martin G. Everett. "Models of core/periphery structures." *Social networks* 21.4 (2000): 375-395.

Examples

```
set.seed(121)
# split graphs have a perfect core-periphery structure
sg <- split_graph(n = 20, p = 0.3, core = 0.5)
core_periphery(sg)
```

dyad_census_attr	<i>dyad census with node attributes</i>
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Description

dyad census with node attributes

Usage

```
dyad_census_attr(g, vattr)
```

Arguments

`g` igraph object. should be a directed graph.
`vattr` name of vertex attribute to be used.

Details

The node attribute should be integers from 1 to max(attr)

Value

dyad census as a data.frame.

Author(s)

David Schoch

Examples

```
library(igraph)
g <- sample_gnp(10, 0.4, directed = TRUE)
V(g)$attr <- c(rep(1, 5), rep(2, 5))
dyad_census_attr(g, "attr")
```

fast_cliques	<i>Find Cliques, maximal or not, fast</i>
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Description

Enumerates all (maximal) cliques using MACE. Can be faster than igraph in some circumstances

Usage

```
fast_cliques(g, what = "M", min = NULL, max = NULL, outfile = NA)
```

Arguments

g	An igraph object
what	either "M" for maximal cliques or "C" for all cliques
min	Numeric constant, lower limit on the size of the cliques to find. NULL means no limit, ie. it is the same as 0
max	Numeric constant, upper limit on the size of the cliques to find. NULL means no limit
outfile	character. If not NA, cliques are written to file

Details

C Code downloaded from <http://research.nii.ac.jp/~uno/codes.htm>. Download the code and run make and then point an environment variable called MACE_PATH to the binary. See <http://research.nii.ac.jp/~uno/code/mace> for more details. MACE is faster than igraph for dense graphs.

Value

a list containing numeric vectors of vertex ids. Each list element is a clique. If outfile!=NA, the output is written to the specified file

Author(s)

David Schoch

References

Kazuhiisa Makino, Takeaki Uno, "New Algorithms for Enumerating All Maximal Cliques", Lecture Notes in Computer Science 3111 (Proceedings of SWAT 2004), Springer, pp.260-272, 2004

graph_cartesian	<i>Cartesian product of two graphs</i>
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Description

Compute the Cartesian product of two graphs

Usage

```
graph_cartesian(g, h)
```

Arguments

g	An igraph object
h	An igraph object

Details

See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cartesian_product_of_graphs

Value

Cartesian product as igraph object

Author(s)

David Schoch

Examples

```
library(igraph)
g <- make_ring(4)
h <- make_full_graph(2)
graph_cartesian(g, h)
```

graph_cor

Graph correlation

Description

This function computes the correlation between networks. Implemented methods expect the graph to be an adjacency matrix, an igraph, or a network object.

Usage

```
graph_cor(object1, object2)

## Default S3 method:
graph_cor(object1, object2)

## S3 method for class 'igraph'
graph_cor(object1, object2, ...)

## S3 method for class 'matrix'
graph_cor(object1, object2)

## S3 method for class 'array'
graph_cor(object1, object2)
```

Arguments

object1	igraph object or adjacency matrix
object2	igraph object or adjacency matrix over the same vertex set as object1
...	additional arguments

Value

correlation between graphs

graph_direct	<i>Direct product of two graphs</i>
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Description

Compute the direct product of two graphs

Usage

```
graph_direct(g, h)
```

Arguments

g	An igraph object
h	An igraph object

Details

See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tensor_product_of_graphs

Value

Direct product as igraph object

Author(s)

David Schoch

Examples

```
library(igraph)
g <- make_ring(4)
h <- make_full_graph(2)
graph_direct(g, h)
```

`graph_from_multi_edgelist`*Multiple networks from a single edgelist with a typed attribute*

Description

Create a list of igraph objects from an edgelist according to a type attribute

Usage

```
graph_from_multi_edgelist(  
  d,  
  from = NULL,  
  to = NULL,  
  type = NULL,  
  weight = NULL,  
  directed = FALSE  
)
```

Arguments

<code>d</code>	data frame.
<code>from</code>	column name of sender. If NULL, defaults to first column.
<code>to</code>	column of receiver. If NULL, defaults to second column.
<code>type</code>	type attribute to split the edgelist. If NULL, defaults to third column.
<code>weight</code>	optional column name of edge weights. Ignored if NULL.
<code>directed</code>	logical scalar, whether or not to create a directed graph.

Value

list of igraph objects.

Author(s)

David Schoch

Examples

```
library(igraph)  
d <- data.frame(  
  from = rep(c(1, 2, 3), 3), to = rep(c(2, 3, 1), 3),  
  type = rep(c("a", "b", "c"), each = 3), weight = 1:9  
)  
graph_from_multi_edgelist(d, "from", "to", "type", "weight")
```

graph_kpartite *k partite graphs*

Description

Create a random k-partite graph.

Usage

```
graph_kpartite(n = 10, grp = c(5, 5))
```

Arguments

n	number of nodes
grp	vector of partition sizes

Value

igraph object

Author(s)

David Schoch

Examples

```
# 3-partite graph with equal sized groups
graph_kpartite(n = 15, grp = c(5, 5, 5))
```

helpers *helper function*

Description

small functions to deal with typical network problems

Usage

```
biggest_component(g)
delete_isolates(g)
```

Arguments

g	igraph object
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Value

igraph object

Author(s)

David Schoch

 reciprocity_cor *Reciprocity correlation coefficient*

Description

Reciprocity correlation coefficient

Usage

reciprocity_cor(g)

Arguments

g igraph object. should be a directed graph

Details

The usual definition of reciprocity has some defects. It cannot tell the relative difference of reciprocity compared with purely random network with the same number of vertices and edges. The useful information from reciprocity is not the value itself, but whether mutual links occur more or less often than expected by chance.

To overcome this issue, reciprocity can be defined as the correlation coefficient between the entries of the adjacency matrix of a directed graph:

$$\frac{\sum_{i \neq j} (a_{ij} - a')((a_{ji} - a'))}{\sum_{i \neq j} (a_{ij} - a')^2}$$

where a' is the density of g .

This definition gives an absolute quantity which directly allows one to distinguish between reciprocal (>0) and antireciprocal (<0) networks, with mutual links occurring more and less often than random respectively.

Value

Reciprocity as a correlation

Author(s)

David Schoch

References

Diego Garlaschelli; Loffredo, Maria I. (2004). "Patterns of Link Reciprocity in Directed Networks". *Physical Review Letters*. American Physical Society. 93 (26): 268701

Examples

```
library(igraph)
g <- sample_gnp(20, p = 0.3, directed = TRUE)
reciprocity(g)
reciprocity_cor(g)
```

sample_coreseq

Generate random graphs with a given coreness sequence

Description

Similar to [sample_degseq](#) just with [coreness](#)

Usage

```
sample_coreseq(cores)
```

Arguments

cores coreness sequence

Details

The code is an adaption of the python code from <https://github.com/ktvank/Random-Graphs-with-Prescribed-K-Core-Sequences/>

Value

igraph object of graph with the same coreness sequence as the input

Author(s)

David Schoch

References

Van Koevering, Katherine, Austin R. Benson, and Jon Kleinberg. 2021. 'Random Graphs with Prescribed K-Core Sequences: A New Null Model for Network Analysis'. ArXiv:2102.12604. <https://doi.org/10.1145/3442381.3450001>.

Examples

```

library(igraph)
g1 <- make_graph("Zachary")
kcores1 <- coreness(g1)
g2 <- sample_coreseq(kcores1)
kcores2 <- coreness(g2)

# the sorted arrays are the same
all(sort(kcores1) == sort(kcores2))

```

sample_lfr

*LFR benchmark graphs***Description**

Generates benchmark networks for clustering tasks with a priori known communities. The algorithm accounts for the heterogeneity in the distributions of node degrees and of community sizes.

Usage

```

sample_lfr(
  n,
  tau1 = 2,
  tau2 = 1,
  mu = 0.1,
  average_degree,
  max_degree,
  min_community = NULL,
  max_community = NULL,
  on = 0,
  om = 0
)

```

Arguments

n	Number of nodes in the created graph.
tau1	Power law exponent for the degree distribution of the created graph. This value must be strictly greater than one
tau2	Power law exponent for the community size distribution in the created graph. This value must be strictly greater than one
mu	Fraction of inter-community edges incident to each node. This value must be in the interval 0 to 1.
average_degree	Desired average degree of nodes in the created graph. This value must be in the interval 0 to n. Exactly one of this and min_degree must be specified, otherwise an error is raised

max_degree	Maximum degree of nodes in the created graph. If not specified, this is set to n-1.
min_community	Minimum size of communities in the graph. If not specified, this is set to min_degree
max_community	Maximum size of communities in the graph. If not specified, this is set to n, the total number of nodes in the graph.
on	number of overlapping nodes
om	number of memberships of the overlapping nodes

Details

code adapted from https://github.com/synwalk/synwalk-analysis/tree/master/lfr_generator

Value

an igraph object

References

A. Lancichinetti, S. Fortunato, and F. Radicchi.(2008) Benchmark graphs for testing community detection algorithms. Physical Review E, 78. arXiv:0805.4770

Examples

```
# Simple Girven-Newman benchmark graphs
g <- sample_lfr(
  n = 128, average_degree = 16,
  max_degree = 16, mu = 0.1,
  min_community = 32, max_community = 32
)
```

sample_pa_homophilic *Homophilic random graph using BA preferential attachment model*

Description

A graph of n nodes is grown by attaching new nodes each with m edges that are preferentially attached to existing nodes with high degree, depending on the homophily parameters.

Usage

```
sample_pa_homophilic(
  n,
  m,
  minority_fraction,
  h_ab,
  h_ba = NULL,
  directed = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

n	number of nodes
m	number of edges a new node is connected to
minority_fraction	fraction of nodes that belong to the minority group
h_ab	probability to connect a node from group a with group b
h_ba	probability to connect a node from group b with group a. If NULL, h_ab is used.
directed	should a directed network be created

Details

The code is an adaption of the python code from <https://github.com/gesiscss/HomophilicNtwMinorities/>

Value

igraph object

Author(s)

David Schoch #maximally heterophilic network `sample_pa_homophilic(n = 50, m = 2, minority_fraction = 0.2, h_ab = 1)` #maximally homophilic network `sample_pa_homophilic(n = 50, m = 2, minority_fraction = 0.2, h_ab = 0)`

References

Karimi, F., Génois, M., Wagner, C., Singer, P., & Strohmaier, M. (2018). Homophily influences ranking of minorities in social networks. *Scientific reports*, 8(1), 1-12. (<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41598-018-29405-7>)

Espín-Noboa, L., Wagner, C., Strohmaier, M., & Karimi, F. (2022). Inequality and inequity in network-based ranking and recommendation algorithms. *Scientific reports*, 12(1), 1-14. (<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41022-022-05434-1>)

split_graph

split graph

Description

Create a random split graph with a perfect core-periphery structure.

Usage

`split_graph(n, p, core)`

Arguments

n	number of nodes
p	probability of peripheral nodes to connect to the core nodes
core	fraction of nodes in the core

Value

igraph object

Author(s)

David Schoch

Examples

```
# split graph with 20 nodes and a core size of 10
split_graph(n = 20, p = 0.4, 0.5)
```

str.igraph

Print graphs to terminal

Description

Prints an igraph object to terminal (different than the standard igraph method)

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'igraph'
str(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object	An igraph object
...	additional arguments to print (ignored)

Value

str does not return anything. The obvious side effect is output to the terminal.

Author(s)

David Schoch

`structural_equivalence`*Maximal Structural Equivalence*

Description

Calculates structural equivalence for an undirected graph

Usage

```
structural_equivalence(g)
```

Arguments

`g` An igraph object

Details

Two nodes `u` and `v` are structurally equivalent if they have exactly the same neighbors. The equivalence classes produced with this function are either cliques or empty graphs.

Value

vector of equivalence classes

Author(s)

David Schoch

`triad_census_attr`*triad census with node attributes*

Description

triad census with node attributes

Usage

```
triad_census_attr(g, vattr)
```

Arguments

`g` igraph object. should be a directed graph
`vattr` name of vertex attribute to be used

Details

The node attribute should be integers from 1 to $\max(\text{attr})$. The output is a named vector where the names are of the form Txxx-abc, where xxx corresponds to the standard triad census notation and "abc" are the attributes of the involved nodes.

The implemented algorithm is comparable to the algorithm in Lienert et al.

Value

triad census with node attributes

Author(s)

David Schoch

References

Lienert, J., Koehly, L., Reed-Tsochas, F., & Marcum, C. S. (2019). An efficient counting method for the colored triad census. *Social Networks*, 58, 136-142.

Examples

```
library(igraph)
set.seed(112)
g <- sample_gnp(20, p = 0.3, directed = TRUE)
# add a vertex attribute
V(g)$type <- rep(1:2, each = 10)
triad_census_attr(g, "type")
```

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