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ergm-package	<i>Fit, Simulate and Diagnose Exponential-Family Models for Networks</i>
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Description

ergm is a collection of functions to plot, fit, diagnose, and simulate from exponential-family random graph models (ERGMs). For a list of functions type: `help(package='ergm')`

Details

For a complete list of the functions, use `library(help="ergm")` or read the rest of the manual. For a simple demonstration, use `demo(packages="ergm")`.

When publishing results obtained using this package, please cite the original authors as described in `citation(package="ergm")`.

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Recent advances in the statistical modeling of random networks have had an impact on the empirical study of social networks. Statistical exponential family models (Strauss and Ikeda 1990) are a generalization of the Markov random network models introduced by Frank and Strauss (1986), which in turn derived from developments in spatial statistics (Besag, 1974). These models recognize the complex dependencies within relational data structures. To date, the use of stochastic network models for networks has been limited by three interrelated factors: the complexity of realistic models, the lack of simulation tools for inference and validation, and a poor understanding of the inferential properties of nontrivial models.

This manual introduces software tools for the representation, visualization, and analysis of network data that address each of these previous shortcomings. The package relies on the **network** package which allows networks to be represented in . The **ergm** package implements maximum likelihood

estimates of ERGMs to be calculated using Markov Chain Monte Carlo (via [ergm](#)). The package also provides tools for simulating networks (via [simulate.ergm](#)) and assessing model goodness-of-fit (see [mcmc.diagnostics](#) and [gof.ergm](#)).

A number of Statnet Project packages extend and enhance [ergm](#). These include [tergm](#) (Temporal ERGM), which provides extensions for modeling evolution of networks over time; [ergm.count](#), which facilitates exponential family modeling for networks whose dyadic measurements are counts; and [ergm.userterms](#), which allows users to implement their own ERGM terms.

For detailed information on how to download and install the software, go to the [ergm](#) website: <https://statnet.org>. A tutorial, support newsgroup, references and links to further resources are provided there.

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anova.ergm

ANOVA for ERGM Fits

Description

Compute an analysis of variance table for one or more ERGM fits.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'ergm'
anova(object, ..., eval.loglik = FALSE)

## S3 method for class 'ergmlist'
anova(object, ..., eval.loglik = FALSE)
```

Arguments

`object, ...` objects of class `ergm`, usually, a result of a call to `ergm`.
`eval.loglik` a logical specifying whether the log-likelihood will be evaluated if missing.

Details

Specifying a single object gives a sequential analysis of variance table for that fit. That is, the reductions in the residual sum of squares as each term of the formula is added in turn are given in the rows of a table, plus the residual sum of squares.

The table will contain F statistics (and P values) comparing the mean square for the row to the residual mean square.

If more than one object is specified, the table has a row for the residual degrees of freedom and sum of squares for each model. For all but the first model, the change in degrees of freedom and sum of squares is also given. (This only make statistical sense if the models are nested.) It is conventional to list the models from smallest to largest, but this is up to the user.

Optionally the table can include test statistics. Normally the F statistic is most appropriate, which compares the mean square for a row to the residual sum of squares for the largest model considered. If scale is specified chi-squared tests can be used. Mallows' C_p statistic is the residual sum of squares plus twice the estimate of σ^2 times the residual degrees of freedom.

If any of the objects do not have estimated log-likelihoods, produces an error, unless `eval.loglik=TRUE`.

Value

An object of class "anova" inheriting from class "data.frame".

Warning

The comparison between two or more models will only be valid if they are fitted to the same dataset. This may be a problem if there are missing values and 's default of `na.action = na.omit` is used, and `anova.ergm` will detect this with an error.

See Also

The model fitting function `ergm`, `anova`, `logLik.ergm` for adding the log-likelihood to an existing `ergm` object.

Examples

```
data(molecule)
molecule %v% "atomic type" <- c(1,1,1,1,1,1,2,2,2,2,2,2,3,3,3,3,3,3)
fit0 <- ergm(molecule ~ edges)
anova(fit0)
fit1 <- ergm(molecule ~ edges + nodefactor("atomic type"))
anova(fit1)

fit2 <- ergm(molecule ~ edges + nodefactor("atomic type") + gwesp(0.5,
  fixed=TRUE), eval.loglik=TRUE) # Note the eval.loglik argument.
anova(fit0, fit1)
```

```
anova(fit0, fit1, fit2)
```

```
approx.hotelling.diff.test
```

Approximate Hotelling T^2 -Test for One or Two Population Means

Description

A multivariate hypothesis test for a single population mean or a difference between them. This version attempts to adjust for multivariate autocorrelation in the samples.

Usage

```
approx.hotelling.diff.test(
  x,
  y = NULL,
  mu0 = 0,
  assume.indep = FALSE,
  var.equal = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	a numeric matrix of data values with cases in rows and variables in columns.
<code>y</code>	an optional matrix of data values with cases in rows and variables in columns for a 2-sample test.
<code>mu0</code>	an optional numeric vector: for a 1-sample test, the population mean under the null hypothesis; and for a 2-sample test, the difference between population means under the null hypothesis; defaults to a vector of 0s.
<code>assume.indep</code>	if TRUE, performs an ordinary Hotelling's test without attempting to account for autocorrelation.
<code>var.equal</code>	for a 2-sample test, perform the pooled test: assume population variance-covariance matrices of the two variables are equal.
<code>...</code>	additional arguments, passed on to <code>spectrum0.mvar()</code> , etc.; in particular, <code>order.max=</code> can be used to limit the order of the AR model used to estimate the effective sample size.

Value

An object of class `htest` with the following information:

<code>statistic</code>	The T^2 statistic.
<code>parameter</code>	Degrees of freedom.
<code>p.value</code>	P-value.

method	Method specifics.
null.value	Null hypothesis mean or mean difference.
alternative	Always "two.sided".
estimate	Sample difference.
covariance	Estimated variance-covariance matrix of the estimate of the difference.
covariance.x	Estimated variance-covariance matrix of the estimate of the mean of x.
covariance.y	Estimated variance-covariance matrix of the estimate of the mean of y.

It has a print method `print.htest()`.

Note

For `mcmc.list` input, the variance for this test is estimated with unpooled means. This is not strictly correct.

References

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See Also

`t.test()`

as.network.numeric	Create a Simple Random network of a Given Size
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Description

`as.network.numeric` creates a random Bernoulli network of the given size as an object of class `network`.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'numeric'
as.network(
  x,
  directed = TRUE,
  hyper = FALSE,
  loops = FALSE,
  multiple = FALSE,
  bipartite = FALSE,
  ignore.eval = TRUE,
  names.eval = NULL,
  edge.check = FALSE,
  density = NULL,
```

```

    init = NULL,
    numedges = NULL,
    ...
)

```

Arguments

x	count; the number of nodes in the network
directed	logical; should edges be interpreted as directed?
hyper	logical; are hyperedges allowed? Currently ignored.
loops	logical; should loops be allowed? Currently ignored.
multiple	logical; are multiplex edges allowed? Currently ignored.
bipartite	count; should the network be interpreted as bipartite? If present (i.e., non-NULL) it is the count of the number of actors in the bipartite network. In this case, the number of nodes is equal to the number of actors plus the number of events (with all actors preceding all events). The edges are then interpreted as nondirected.
ignore.eval	logical; ignore edge values? Currently ignored.
names.eval	optionally, the name of the attribute in which edge values should be stored. Currently ignored.
edge.check	logical; perform consistency checks on new edges?
density	numeric; the probability of a tie for Bernoulli networks. If neither density nor init is given, it defaults to the number of nodes divided by the number of dyads (so the expected number of ties is the same as the number of nodes.)
init	numeric; the log-odds of a tie for Bernoulli networks. It is only used if density is not specified.
numedges	count; if present, sample the Bernoulli network conditional on this number of edges (rather than independently with the specified probability).
...	additional arguments

Details

The network will not have vertex, edge or network attributes. These can be added with operators such as %v%, %n%, %e%.

Value

An object of class [network](#)

References

Butts, C.T. 2002. “Memory Structures for Relational Data in R: Classes and Interfaces” Working Paper.

See Also

[network](#)

Examples

```
#Draw a random directed network with 25 nodes
g<-network(25)
#Draw a random undirected network with density 0.1
g<-network(25, directed=FALSE, density=0.1)
#Draw a random bipartite network with 4 actors and 6 events and density 0.1
g<-network(10, bipartite=4, density=0.1)
```

check.ErgmTerm	<i>Ensures an Ergm Term and its Arguments Meet Appropriate Conditions</i>
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Description

Helper functions for implementing [ergm\(\)](#) terms, to check whether the term can be used with the specified network. For information on ergm terms, see [ergm-terms](#). `ergm.checkargs`, `ergm.checkbipartite`, and `ergm.checkdirected` are helper functions for an old API and are deprecated. Use `check.ErgmTerm`.

Usage

```
check.ErgmTerm(
  nw,
  arglist,
  directed = NULL,
  bipartite = NULL,
  nonnegative = FALSE,
  varnames = NULL,
  vartypes = NULL,
  defaultvalues = list(),
  required = NULL,
  dep.inform = rep(FALSE, length(required)),
  dep.warn = rep(FALSE, length(required))
)
```

Arguments

<code>nw</code>	the network that term X is being checked against
<code>arglist</code>	the list of arguments for term X
<code>directed</code>	logical, whether term X requires a directed network; default=NULL
<code>bipartite</code>	whether term X requires a bipartite network (T or F); default=NULL
<code>nonnegative</code>	whether term X requires a network with only nonnegative weights; default=FALSE
<code>varnames</code>	the vector of names of the possible arguments for term X; default=NULL
<code>vartypes</code>	the vector of types of the possible arguments for term X, separated by commas; an empty string ("") or NA disables the check for that argument; default=NULL
<code>defaultvalues</code>	the list of default values for the possible arguments of term X; default=list()

required the logical vector of whether each possible argument is required; default=NULL
 dep.inform, dep.warn a list of length equal to the number of arguments the term can take; if the corresponding element of the list is not FALSE, a `message()` or a `warning()` respectively will be issued if the user tries to pass it; if the element is a character string, it will be used as a suggestion for replacement.

Details

The `check.ErgmTerm` function ensures for the `InitErgmTerm.X` function that the term X:

- is applicable given the 'directed' and 'bipartite' attributes of the given network
- is not applied to a directed bipartite network
- has an appropriate number of arguments
- has correct argument types if arguments where provided
- has default values assigned if defaults are available

by halting execution if any of the first 3 criteria are not met.

Value

A list of the values for each possible argument of term X; user provided values are used when given, default values otherwise. The list also has an `attr(,"missing")` attribute containing a named logical vector indicating whether a particular argument had been set to its default.

cohab	<i>Target statistics and model fit to a hypothetical 50,000-node network population with 50,000 nodes based on egocent</i>
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Description

This dataset consists of three objects, each based on data from King County, Washington, USA (where Seattle is located) derived from the National Survey of Family Growth (NSFG) (<https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nsfg/index.htm>). The full dataset cannot be released publicly, so some aspects of these objects are simulated based on the real data. These objects may be used to illustrate that network modeling may be performed using data that are collected on egos only, i.e., without directly observing information about alters in a network except for information reported from egos. The hypothetical population reepresented by this dataset consists of only a subset of individuals, as categorized by their age, race / ethnicity / immigration status, and gender and sexual identity.

Usage

```
data(cohab)
```

Details

The three objects are

cohab_MixMat Mixing matrix on 'race'. Based on ego reports of the race / ethnicity / immigration status of their cohabiting partners, this matrix gives counts of ego-alter ties by the race of each individual for a hypothetical population. These counts are based on the NSFG mixing matrix. Only five categories of the 'race' variable are included here: Black, Black immigrant, Hispanic, Hispanic immigrant, and White.

cohab_PopWts Data frame of demographic characteristics together with relative counts (weights) in a hypothetical population. Individuals are classified according to five variables: age in years, race (same five categories of race / ethnicity / immigration status as above), sex (Male or Female), sexual identity (Female, Male who has sex with Females, or Male who has sex with Males or Females), and number of model-predicted persistent partnerships with non-cohabiting partners (0 or 1, where 1 means any nonzero value; the number is capped at 3), and number of partners (0 or 1).

cohab_TargetStats Vector of target (expected) statistics for a 15-term ERGM applied to a network of 50,000 nodes in which a tie represents a cohabitation relationship between two nodes. It is assumed for the purposes of these statistics that only male-female cohabitation relationships are allowed and that no individual may have such a relationship with more than one person. That is, each node must have degree zero or one. The ergm formula is: `~ edges + nodefactor("sex.ident", levels = 3) + nodecov("age") + nodecov("agesq") + nodefactor("race", levels = -5) + nodefactor("othr.net.deg", levels = -1) + nodematch("race", diff = TRUE) + absdiff("sqrt.age.adj")`

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See Also

ergm

Description

Auxiliary function as user interface for fine-tuning 'ergm' fitting.

Usage

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control.ergm(
  drop = TRUE,
  init = NULL,
  init.method = NULL,
  main.method = c("MCMLE", "Robbins-Monro", "Stochastic-Approximation", "Stepping"),
  force.main = FALSE,
  main.hessian = TRUE,
  checkpoint = NULL,
  resume = NULL,
  MPLE.max.dyad.types = 1e+06,
  MPLE.samplesize = .Machine$integer.max,
  init.MPLE.samplesize = function(d, e) max(sqrt(d), e, 40) * 8,
  MPLE.type = c("glm", "penalized", "logitreg"),
  MPLE.maxit = 10000,
  MPLE.nonvar = c("warning", "message", "error"),
  MPLE.nonident = c("warning", "message", "error"),
  MPLE.nonident.tol = 1e-10,
  MPLE.constraints.ignore = FALSE,
  MCMC.prop = trim_env(~sparse),
  MCMC.prop.weights = "default",
  MCMC.prop.args = list(),
  MCMC.interval = NULL,
  MCMC.burnin = EVL(MCMC.interval * 16),
  MCMC.samplesize = NULL,
  MCMC.effectiveSize = NULL,
  MCMC.effectiveSize.damp = 10,
  MCMC.effectiveSize.maxruns = 16,
  MCMC.effectiveSize.burnin.pval = 0.2,
  MCMC.effectiveSize.order.max = NULL,
  MCMC.return.stats = TRUE,
  MCMC.runtime.traceplot = FALSE,
  MCMC.maxedges = Inf,
  MCMC.addto.se = TRUE,
  MCMC.packagenames = c(),
  SAN.maxit = 4,
  SAN.nsteps.times = 8,
  SAN = control.san(term.options = term.options, SAN.maxit = SAN.maxit,
    SAN.prop.weights = MCMC.prop.weights, SAN.prop.args = MCMC.prop.args, SAN.nsteps =
    EVL(MCMC.burnin, 16384) * SAN.nsteps.times, SAN.samplesize = EVL(MCMC.samplesize,
    1024), SAN.packagenames = MCMC.packagenames, parallel = parallel, parallel.type =
    parallel.type, parallel.version.check = parallel.version.check),
  MCMLE.termination = c("confidence", "Hummel", "Hotelling", "precision", "none"),
  MCMLE.maxit = 60,
  MCMLE.conv.min.pval = 0.5,
  MCMLE.confidence = 0.99,
  MCMLE.confidence.boost = 2,
  MCMLE.confidence.boost.threshold = 1,

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MCMLE.confidence.boost.lag = 4,
MCMLE.NR.maxit = 100,
MCMLE.NR.reltol = sqrt(.Machine$double.eps),
obs.MCMC.mul = 1/4,
obs.MCMC.samplesize.mul = sqrt(obs.MCMC.mul),
obs.MCMC.samplesize = EVL(round(MCMC.samplesize * obs.MCMC.samplesize.mul)),
obs.MCMC.effectiveSize = NVL3(MCMC.effectiveSize, . * obs.MCMC.mul),
obs.MCMC.interval.mul = sqrt(obs.MCMC.mul),
obs.MCMC.interval = EVL(round(MCMC.interval * obs.MCMC.interval.mul)),
obs.MCMC.burnin.mul = sqrt(obs.MCMC.mul),
obs.MCMC.burnin = EVL(round(MCMC.burnin * obs.MCMC.burnin.mul)),
obs.MCMC.prop = MCMC.prop,
obs.MCMC.prop.weights = MCMC.prop.weights,
obs.MCMC.prop.args = MCMC.prop.args,
obs.MCMC.impute.min_informative = function(nw) network.size(nw)/4,
obs.MCMC.impute.default_density = function(nw) 2/network.size(nw),
MCMLE.min.depfac = 2,
MCMLE.sampsizes.boost.pow = 0.5,
MCMLE.MCMC.precision = if (startsWith("confidence", MCMLE.termination[1])) 0.1 else
  0.005,
MCMLE.MCMC.max.ESS.frac = 0.1,
MCMLE.metric = c("lognormal", "logtaylor", "Median.Likelihood", "EF.Likelihood",
  "naive"),
MCMLE.method = c("BFGS", "Nelder-Mead"),
MCMLE.dampening = FALSE,
MCMLE.dampening.min.ess = 20,
MCMLE.dampening.level = 0.1,
MCMLE.steplength.margin = 0.05,
MCMLE.steplength.point.exp = 1,
MCMLE.steplength.prefilter = FALSE,
MCMLE.steplength = NVL2(MCMLE.steplength.margin, 1, 0.5),
MCMLE.steplength.parallel = c("observational", "always", "never"),
MCMLE.steplength.precision = 0.25,
MCMLE.sequential = TRUE,
MCMLE.density.guard.min = 10000,
MCMLE.density.guard = exp(3),
MCMLE.effectiveSize = 64,
obs.MCMLE.effectiveSize = NVL3(MCMLE.effectiveSize, . * obs.MCMC.mul),
MCMLE.interval = 1024,
MCMLE.burnin = MCMLE.interval * 16,
MCMLE.samplesize.per_theta = 32,
MCMLE.samplesize.min = 256,
MCMLE.samplesize = NULL,
obs.MCMLE.samplesize.per_theta = round(MCMLE.samplesize.per_theta *
  obs.MCMC.samplesize.mul),
obs.MCMLE.samplesize.min = 256,
obs.MCMLE.samplesize = NULL,
obs.MCMLE.interval = round(MCMLE.interval * obs.MCMC.interval.mul),

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obs.MCMLE.burnin = round(MCMLE.burnin * obs.MCMC.burnin.mul),
MCMLE.last.boost = 4,
MCMLE.steplength.esteq = TRUE,
MCMLE.steplength.miss.sample = function(x1) ceiling(sqrt(ncol(rbind(x1)))),
MCMLE.steplength.maxit = NVL3(MCMLE.steplength.margin, if (. < 0) 5 else 25),
MCMLE.steplength.min = 1e-04,
MCMLE.effectiveSize.interval_drop = 2,
MCMLE.save_intermediates = NULL,
MCMLE.nonvar = c("message", "warning", "error"),
MCMLE.nonident = c("warning", "message", "error"),
MCMLE.nonident.tol = 1e-10,
SA.phase1_n = NULL,
SA.initial_gain = NULL,
SA.nsubphases = 4,
SA.niterations = NULL,
SA.phase3_n = NULL,
SA.interval = 1024,
SA.burnin = SA.interval * 16,
SA.samplesize = 1024,
RM.phase1n_base = 7,
RM.phase2n_base = 100,
RM.phase2sub = 7,
RM.init_gain = 0.5,
RM.phase3n = 500,
RM.interval = 1024,
RM.burnin = RM.interval * 16,
RM.samplesize = 1024,
Step.maxit = 50,
Step.gridsize = 100,
Step.interval = 1024,
Step.burnin = Step.interval * 16,
Step.samplesize = 1024,
CD.samplesize.per_theta = 128,
obs.CD.samplesize.per_theta = 128,
CD.nsteps = 8,
CD.multiplicity = 1,
CD.nsteps.obs = 128,
CD.multiplicity.obs = 1,
CD.maxit = 60,
CD.conv.min.pval = 0.5,
CD.NR.maxit = 100,
CD.NR.reltol = sqrt(.Machine$double.eps),
CD.metric = c("naive", "lognormal", "logtaylor", "Median.Likelihood",
  "EF.Likelihood"),
CD.method = c("BFGS", "Nelder-Mead"),
CD.dampening = FALSE,
CD.dampening.min.ess = 20,
CD.dampening.level = 0.1,

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CD.steplength.margin = 0.5,
CD.steplength = 1,
CD.adaptive.epsilon = 0.01,
CD.steplength.esteq = TRUE,
CD.steplength.miss.sample = function(x1) ceiling(sqrt(ncol(rbind(x1))))),
CD.steplength.maxit = 25,
CD.steplength.min = 1e-04,
CD.steplength.parallel = c("observational", "always", "never"),
loglik = control.logLik.ergm(),
term.options = NULL,
seed = NULL,
parallel = 0,
parallel.type = NULL,
parallel.version.check = TRUE,
parallel.inherit.MT = FALSE,
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Arguments

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| drop | Logical: If TRUE, terms whose observed statistic values are at the extremes of their possible ranges are dropped from the fit and their corresponding parameter estimates are set to plus or minus infinity, as appropriate. This is done because maximum likelihood estimates cannot exist when the vector of observed statistic lies on the boundary of the convex hull of possible statistic values. |
| init | <p>numeric or NA vector equal in length to the number of parameters in the model or NULL (the default); the initial values for the estimation and coefficient offset terms. If NULL is passed, all of the initial values are computed using the method specified by <code>control\$init.method</code>. If a numeric vector is given, the elements of the vector are interpreted as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elements corresponding to terms enclosed in <code>offset()</code> are used as the fixed offset coefficients. Note that offset coefficients alone can be more conveniently specified using <code>ergm()</code> argument <code>offset.coef</code>. If both <code>offset.coef</code> and <code>init</code> arguments are given, values in <code>offset.coef</code> will take precedence. • Elements that do not correspond to offset terms and are not NA are used as starting values in the estimation. • Initial values for the elements that are NA are fit using the method specified by <code>control\$init.method</code>. <p>Passing <code>control.ergm(init=coef(prev.fit))</code> can be used to “resume” an uncovered <code>ergm()</code> run, though checkpoint and ‘resume’ would be better under most circumstances.</p> |
| init.method | <p>A character vector or NULL. The default method depends on the reference measure used. For the binary (“Bernoulli”) ERGMs, with dyad-independent constraints, it’s maximum pseudo-likelihood estimation (MPLE). Other valid values include “zeros” for a 0 vector of appropriate length and “CD” for contrastive divergence. If passed explicitly, this setting overrides the reference’s limitations. Valid initial methods for a given reference are set by the <code>InitErgmReference.*</code> function.</p> |

main.method	<p>One of "MCMLE" (default), "Robbins-Monro", "Stochastic-Approximation", or "Stepping". Chooses the estimation method used to find the MLE. MCMLE attempts to maximize an approximation to the log-likelihood function. Robbins-Monro and Stochastic-Approximation are both stochastic approximation algorithms that try to solve the method of moments equation that yields the MLE in the case of an exponential family model. Another alternative is a partial stepping algorithm (Stepping) as in Hummel et al. (2012). The direct use of the likelihood function has many theoretical advantages over stochastic approximation, but the choice will depend on the model and data being fit. See Handcock (2000) and Hunter and Handcock (2006) for details.</p> <p>Note that in recent versions of ERGM, the enhancements of Stepping have been folded into the default MCMLE, which is able to handle more modeling scenarios.</p>
force.main	Logical: If TRUE, then force MCMC-based estimation method, even if the exact MLE can be computed via maximum pseudolikelihood estimation.
main.hessian	Logical: If TRUE, then an approximate Hessian matrix is used in the MCMC-based estimation method.
checkpoint	At the start of every iteration, save the state of the optimizer in a way that will allow it to be resumed. The name is passed through <code>sprintf()</code> with iteration number as the second argument. (For example, <code>checkpoint="step_%03d.RData"</code> will save to <code>step_001.RData</code> , <code>step_002.RData</code> , etc.)
resume	If given a file name of an RData file produced by checkpoint, the optimizer will attempt to resume after restoring the state. Control parameters from the saved state will be reused, except for those whose value passed via <code>control.ergm()</code> had change from the saved run. Note that if the network, the model, or some critical settings differ between runs, the results may be undefined.
MPLE.samplesize, init.MPLE.samplesize, MPLE.max.dyad.types	<p>These parameters control the maximum number of dyads (potential ties) that will be used by the MPLE to construct the predictor matrix for its logistic regression. In general, the algorithm visits dyads in a systematic sample that, if it does not hit one of these limits, will visit every informative dyad. If a limit is exceeded, case-control approximation to the likelihood, comprising all edges and those non-edges that have been visited by the algorithm before the limit was exceeded will be used.</p> <p><code>MPLE.samplesize</code> limits the number of dyads visited, unless the MPLE is being computed for the purpose of being the initial value for MCMC-based estimation, in which case <code>init.MPLE.samplesize</code> is used instead, <code>MPLE.max.dyad.types</code> limits the number of unique values of change statistic vectors that will be stored. All of these can be specified either as numbers or as <code>function(d,e)</code> taking the number of informative dyads and informative edges. Specifying or returning a larger number than the number of informative dyads is safe.</p>
MPLE.type	One of "glm", "penalized", or "logitreg". Chooses method of calculating MPLE. "glm" is the usual formal logistic regression called via <code>glm</code> , whereas "penalized" uses the bias-reduced method of Firth (1993) as originally implemented by Meinhard Ploner, Daniela Dunkler, Harry Southworth, and Georg Heinze in the "logistf" package. "logitreg" is an "in-house" implementation that is slower and probably less stable but supports nonlinear logistic regression. It is invoked automatically when the model has curved terms.

MPLE.maxit	Maximum number of iterations for "logitreg" implementation of MPLE.
MPLE.nonident, MPLE.nonident.tol, MPLE.nonvar, MCMLE.nonident, MCMLE.nonident.tol, MCMLE.nonvar	A rudimentary nonidentifiability/multicollinearity diagnostic. If <code>MPLE.nonident.tol > 0</code> , test the MPLE covariate matrix or the CD statistics matrix has linearly dependent columns via QR decomposition with tolerance <code>MPLE.nonident.tol</code> . This is often (not always) indicative of a non-identifiable (multicollinear) model. If nonidentifiable, depending on <code>MPLE.nonident</code> issue a warning, an error, or a message specifying the potentially redundant statistics. Before the diagnostic is performed, covariates that do not vary (i.e., all-zero columns) are dropped, with their handling controlled by <code>MPLE.nonvar</code> . The corresponding <code>MCMLE.*</code> arguments provide a similar diagnostic for the unconstrained MCMC sample's estimating functions.
MPLE.constraints.ignore	If TRUE, MPLE will ignore all dyad-independent constraints except for those due to attributes missingness. This can be used to avert evaluating and storing the rlebdms for very large networks except where absolutely necessary. Note that this can be very dangerous unless you know what you are doing.
MCMC.prop	Specifies the proposal (directly) and/or a series of "hints" about the structure of the model being sampled. The specification is in the form of a one-sided formula with hints separated by + operations. If the LHS exists and is a string, the proposal to be used is selected directly. A common and default "hint" is <code>~sparse</code> , indicating that the network is sparse and that the sample should put roughly equal weight on selecting a dyad with or without a tie as a candidate for toggling.
MCMC.prop.weights	Specifies the proposal distribution used in the MCMC Metropolis-Hastings algorithm. Possible choices depending on selected reference and constraints arguments of the ergm() function, but often include "TNT" and "random", and the "default" is to use the one with the highest priority available.
MCMC.prop.args	An alternative, direct way of specifying additional arguments to proposal.
MCMC.interval	Number of proposals between sampled statistics. Increasing interval will reduce the autocorrelation in the sample, and may increase the precision in estimates by reducing MCMC error, at the expense of time. Set the interval higher for larger networks.
MCMC.burnin	Number of proposals before any MCMC sampling is done. It typically is set to a fairly large number.
MCMC.samplesize	Number of network statistics, randomly drawn from a given distribution on the set of all networks, returned by the Metropolis-Hastings algorithm. Increasing sample size may increase the precision in the estimates by reducing MCMC error, at the expense of time. Set it higher for larger networks, or when using parallel functionality.
MCMC.effectiveSize, MCMC.effectiveSize.damp, MCMC.effectiveSize.maxruns, MCMC.effectiveSize.burnin.pv	Set <code>MCMC.effectiveSize</code> to a non-NULL value to adaptively determine the burn-in and the MCMC length needed to get the specified effective size; 50 is a reasonable value. In the adaptive MCMC mode, MCMC is run forward repeatedly (<code>MCMC.samplesize*MCMC.interval</code> steps, up to <code>MCMC.effectiveSize.maxruns</code>

times) until the target effective sample size is reached or exceeded. After each run, the returned statistics are mapped to the estimating function scale, then a broken stick model is fit to each statistic to find the candidate burn-in. If its Geweke diagnostic produces a p -value higher than `MCMC.effectiveSize.burnin.pval`, it is accepted. The effective size of the post-burn-in sample is computed via Vats, Flegal, and Jones (2015), and compared to the target effective size. If it is not matched, the MCMC run is resumed, with the additional draws needed linearly extrapolated but weighted in favor of the baseline `MCMC.samplesize` by the weighting factor `MCMC.effectiveSize.damp` (higher = less damping). Lastly, if after an MCMC run, the number of samples equals or exceeds `2*MCMC.samplesize`, the chain will be thinned by 2 until it falls below that, while doubling `MCMC.interval`. `MCMC.effectiveSize.order.max` can be used to set the order of the AR model used to estimate the effective sample size and the variance for the Geweke diagnostic.

`MCMC.return.stats`

Logical: If TRUE, return the matrix of MCMC-sampled network statistics. This matrix should have `MCMC.samplesize` rows. This matrix can be used directly by the coda package to assess MCMC convergence.

`MCMC.runtime.traceplot`

Logical: If TRUE, plot traceplots of the MCMC sample after every MCMC MLE iteration.

`MCMC.maxedges`

The maximum number of edges that may occur during the MCMC sampling. If this number is exceeded at any time, sampling is stopped immediately.

`MCMC.addto.se`

Whether to add the standard errors induced by the MCMC algorithm to the estimates' standard errors.

`MCMC.packagenames`

Names of packages in which to look for change statistic functions in addition to those autodetected. This argument should not be needed outside of very strange setups.

`SAN.maxit`

When `target.stats` argument is passed to `ergm()`, the maximum number of attempts to use `san` to obtain a network with statistics close to those specified.

`SAN.nsteps.times`

Multiplier for `SAN.nsteps` relative to `MCMC.burnin`. This lets one control the amount of SAN burn-in (arguably, the most important of SAN parameters) without overriding the other SAN defaults.

`SAN`

Control arguments to `san`. See `control.san` for details.

`MCMLE.termination`

The criterion used for terminating MCML estimation:

- "Hummel" Terminate when the Hummel step length is 1 for two consecutive iterations. For the last iteration, the sample size is boosted by a factor of `MCMLE.last.boost`. See Hummel et. al. (2012).

Note that this criterion is incompatible with `MCMLE.steplength ≠ 1` or `MCMLE.steplength.margin = NULL`.

- "Hotelling" After every MCMC sample, an autocorrelation-adjusted Hotelling's T^2 test for equality of MCMC-simulated network statistics to observed is

conducted, and if its P-value exceeds `MCMLE.conv.min.pval`, the estimation is considered to have converged and finishes. This was the default option in `ergm` version 3.1.

- "precision" Terminate when the estimated loss in estimating precision due to using MCMC standard errors is below the precision bound specified by `MCMLE.MCMC.precision`, and the Hummel step length is 1 for two consecutive iterations. See `MCMLE.MCMC.precision` for details. This feature is in experimental status until we verify the coverage of the standard errors.

Note that this criterion is incompatible with `MCMLE.steplength` $\neq 1$ or `MCMLE.steplength.margin` = `NULL`.

- "confidence": Performs an equivalence test to prove with level of confidence `MCMLE.confidence` that the true value of the deviation of the simulated mean value parameter from the observed is within an ellipsoid defined by the inverse-variance-covariance of the sufficient statistics multiplied by a scaling factor `control$MCMLE.MCMC.precision` (which has a different default).
- "none" Stop after `MCMLE.maxit` iterations.

`MCMLE.maxit` Maximum number of times the parameter for the MCMC should be updated by maximizing the MCMC likelihood. At each step the parameter is changed to the values that maximizes the MCMC likelihood based on the current sample.

`MCMLE.conv.min.pval`

The P-value used in the Hotelling test for early termination.

`MCMLE.confidence`

The confidence level for declaring convergence for "confidence" methods.

`MCMLE.confidence.boost`

The maximum increase factor in sample size (or target effective size, if enabled) when the "confidence" termination criterion is either not approaching the tolerance region or is unable to prove convergence.

`MCMLE.confidence.boost.threshold`, `MCMLE.confidence.boost.lag`

Sample size or target effective size will be increased if the distance from the tolerance region fails to decrease more than `MCMLE.confidence.boost.threshold` in this many successive iterations.

`MCMLE.NR.maxit`, `MCMLE.NR.reltol`

The method, maximum number of iterations and relative tolerance to use within the `optim` routine in the MLE optimization. Note that by default, `ergm` uses `trust`, and falls back to `optim` only when `trust` fails.

`obs.MCMC.prop`, `obs.MCMC.prop.weights`, `obs.MCMC.prop.args`, `obs.MCMC.effectiveSize`, `obs.MCMC.samplesize`

Corresponding MCMC parameters and settings used for the constrained sample when unobserved data are present in the estimation routine. By default, they are controlled by the `*.mul` parameters, as fractions of the corresponding settings for the unconstrained (standard) MCMC.

These can, in turn, be controlled by `obs.MCMC.mul`, which can be used to set the overall multiplier for the number of MCMC steps in the constrained sample; one half of its effect applies to the burn-in and interval and the other half to the total sample size. For example, for `obs.MCMC.mul=1/4` (the default), `obs.MCMC.samplesize` is set to $\sqrt{1/4} = 1/2$ that of `obs.MCMC.samplesize`,

and `obs.MCMC.burnin` and `obs.MCMC.interval` are set to $\sqrt{1/4} = 1/2$ of their respective unconstrained sampling parameters. When `MCMC.effectiveSize` or `MCMLE.effectiveSize` are given, their corresponding `obs` parameters are set to them multiplied by `obs.MCMC.mul`.

`obs.MCMC.impute.min_informative`, `obs.MCMC.impute.default_density`

Controls for imputation of missing dyads for initializing MCMC sampling. If numeric, `obs.MCMC.impute.min_informative` specifies the minimum number dyads that need to be non-missing before sample network density is used as the imputation density. It can also be specified as a function that returns this value. `obs.MCMC.impute.default_density` similarly controls the imputation density when number of non-missing dyads is too low.

`MCMLE.min.depfac`, `MCMLE.sampsize.boost.pow`

When using adaptive MCMC effective size, and methods that increase the MCMC sample size, use `MCMLE.sampsize.boost.pow` as the power of the boost amount (relative to the boost of the target effective size), but ensure that sample size is no less than `MCMLE.min.depfac` times the target effective size.

`MCMLE.MCMC.precision`, `MCMLE.MCMC.max.ESS.frac`

`MCMLE.MCMC.precision` is a vector of upper bounds on the standard errors induced by the MCMC algorithm, expressed as a percentage of the total standard error. The MCMLE algorithm will terminate when the MCMC standard errors are below the precision bound, and the Hummel step length is 1 for two consecutive iterations. This is an experimental feature.

If effective sample size is used (see `MCMC.effectiveSize`), then `ergm` may increase the target ESS to reduce the MCMC standard error.

`MCMLE.metric` Method to calculate the loglikelihood approximation. See Hummel et al (2010) for an explanation of "lognormal" and "naive".

`MCMLE.method` Deprecated. By default, `ergm` uses `trust`, and falls back to `optim` with Nelder-Mead method when `trust` fails.

`MCMLE.dampening`

(logical) Should likelihood dampening be used?

`MCMLE.dampening.min.ess`

The effective sample size below which dampening is used.

`MCMLE.dampening.level`

The proportional distance from boundary of the convex hull move.

`MCMLE.steplength.margin`

The extra margin required for a Hummel step to count as being inside the convex hull of the sample. Set this to 0 if the step length gets stuck at the same value over several iterations. Set it to NULL to use fixed step length. Note that this parameter is required to be non-NULL for MCMLE termination using Hummel or precision criteria.

`MCMLE.steplength.point.exp`

For observation process ERGMs, allows the step length to scale the spread of points differently from the amount of shift towards the centroid by exponentiating the former by `MCMLE.steplength.point.exp`.

`MCMLE.steplength.prefilter`

Whether to enable pre-filtering of target and test points in the Hummel step

length calculation. May improve performance for large MCMC sample sizes with missing data MLE.

MCMLE.steplength

Multiplier for step length (on the mean-value parameter scale), which may (for values less than one) make fitting more stable at the cost of computational efficiency.

If MCMLE.steplength.margin is not NULL, the step length will be set using the algorithm of Hummel et al. (2010). In that case, it will serve as the maximum step length considered. However, setting it to anything other than 1 will preclude using Hummel or precision as termination criteria.

MCMLE.steplength.parallel

Whether parallel multisection search (as opposed to a bisection search) for the Hummel step length should be used if running in multiple threads. Possible values (partially matched) are "always", "never", and (default) "observational" (i.e., when missing data MLE is used).

MCMLE.steplength.precision

Required relative precision of the step length calculation: $(u - l)/l$.

MCMLE.sequential

Logical: If TRUE, the next iteration of the fit uses the last network sampled as the starting network. If FALSE, always use the initially passed network. The results should be similar (stochastically), but the TRUE option may help if the target.stats in the `ergm()` function are far from the initial network.

MCMLE.density.guard.min, MCMLE.density.guard

A simple heuristic to stop optimization if it finds itself in an overly dense region, which usually indicates ERGM degeneracy: if the sampler encounters a network configuration that has more than MCMLE.density.guard.min edges and whose number of edges is exceeds the observed network by more than MCMLE.density.guard, the optimization process will be stopped with an error.

MCMLE.effectiveSize, MCMLE.effectiveSize.interval_drop, MCMLE.burnin, MCMLE.interval, MCMLE.samplesize

Sets the corresponding MCMC.* parameters when main.method="MCMLE" (the default). Used because defaults may be different for different methods. MCMLE.samplesize.per_theta controls the MCMC sample size (not target effective size) as a function of the number of (curved) parameters in the model, and MCMLE.samplesize.min sets the minimum sample size regardless of their number.

MCMLE.last.boost

For the Hummel termination criterion, increase the MCMC sample size of the last iteration by this factor.

MCMLE.steplength.esteq

For curved ERGMs, should the estimating function values be used to compute the Hummel step length? This allows the Hummel stepping algorithm converge when some sufficient statistics are at 0.

MCMLE.steplength.miss.sample

In fitting the missing data MLE, the rules for step length become more complicated. In short, it is necessary for *all* points in the constrained sample to be in the convex hull of the unconstrained (though they may be on the border); and it is necessary for their centroid to be in its interior. This requires checking a large number of points against whether they are in the convex hull, so to speed up

the procedure, a sample is taken of the points most likely to be outside it. This parameter specifies the sample size or a function of the unconstrained sample matrix to determine the sample size.

`MCMLE.steplength.maxit`

Maximum number of iterations in searching for the best step length.

`MCMLE.steplength.min`

Stops MCMLE estimation when the step length gets stuck below this minimum value.

`MCMLE.save_intermediates`

Every iteration, after MCMC sampling, save the MCMC sample and some miscellaneous information to a file with this name. This is mainly useful for diagnostics and debugging. The name is passed through `sprintf()` with iteration number as the second argument. (For example, `MCMLE.save_intermediates="step_%03d.RData"` will save to `step_001.RData`, `step_002.RData`, etc.)

`SA.phase1_n`

Number of MCMC samples to draw in Phase 1 of the stochastic approximation algorithm. Defaults to 7 plus 3 times the number of terms in the model. See Snijders (2002) for details.

`SA.initial_gain`

Initial gain to Phase 2 of the stochastic approximation algorithm. See Snijders (2002) for details.

`SA.nsubphases`

Number of sub-phases in Phase 2 of the stochastic approximation algorithm. Defaults to `MCMLE.maxit`. See Snijders (2002) for details.

`SA.iterations`

Number of MCMC samples to draw in Phase 2 of the stochastic approximation algorithm. Defaults to 7 plus the number of terms in the model. See Snijders (2002) for details.

`SA.phase3_n`

Sample size for the MCMC sample in Phase 3 of the stochastic approximation algorithm. See Snijders (2002) for details.

`SA.burnin`, `SA.interval`, `SA.samplesize`

Sets the corresponding MCMC.* parameters when `main.method="Stochastic-Approximation"`.

`RM.phase1n_base`, `RM.phase2n_base`, `RM.phase2sub`, `RM.init_gain`, `RM.phase3n`

The Robbins-Monro control parameters are not yet documented.

`RM.burnin`, `RM.interval`, `RM.samplesize`

Sets the corresponding MCMC.* parameters when `main.method="Robbins-Monro"`.

`Step.maxit`

Maximum number of iterations (steps) allowed by the "Stepping" method.

`Step.gridsize`

Integer N such that the "Stepping" style of optimization chooses a step length equal to the largest possible multiple of $1/N$. See Hummel et al. (2012) for details.

`Step.burnin`, `Step.interval`, `Step.samplesize`

Sets the corresponding MCMC.* parameters when `main.method="Stepping"`.

`CD.samplesize.per_theta`, `obs.CD.samplesize.per_theta`, `CD.maxit`, `CD.conv.min.pval`, `CD.NR.maxit`, `CD.NR.r`

Miscellaneous tuning parameters of the CD sampler and optimizer. These have the same meaning as their MCMLE.* and MCMC.* counterparts.

Note that only the Hotelling's stopping criterion is implemented for CD.

CD.nsteps, CD.multiplicity	<p>Main settings for contrastive divergence to obtain initial values for the estimation: respectively, the number of Metropolis–Hastings steps to take before reverting to the starting value and the number of tentative proposals per step. Computational experiments indicate that increasing CD.multiplicity improves the estimate faster than increasing CD.nsteps — up to a point — but it also samples from the wrong distribution, in the sense that while as $\text{CD.nsteps} \rightarrow \infty$, the CD estimate approaches the MLE, this is not the case for CD.multiplicity.</p> <p>In practice, MPLE, when available, usually outperforms CD for even a very high CD.nsteps (which is, in turn, not very stable), so CD is useful primarily when MPLE is not available. This feature is to be considered experimental and in flux. The default values have been set experimentally, providing a reasonably stable, if not great, starting values.</p>
CD.nsteps.obs, CD.multiplicity.obs	<p>When there are missing dyads, CD.nsteps and CD.multiplicity must be set to a relatively high value, as the network passed is not necessarily a good start for CD. Therefore, these settings are in effect if there are missing dyads in the observed network, using a higher default number of steps.</p>
loglik	See control.ergm.bridge
term.options	A list of additional arguments to be passed to term initializers. See ? term.options .
seed	Seed value (integer) for the random number generator. See set.seed .
parallel	<p>Number of threads in which to run the sampling. Defaults to 0 (no parallelism). See the entry on parallel processing for details and troubleshooting.</p>
parallel.type	<p>API to use for parallel processing. Supported values are "MPI" and "PSOCK". Defaults to using the parallel package with PSOCK clusters. See ergm-parallel</p>
parallel.version.check	<p>Logical: If TRUE, check that the version of ergm running on the slave nodes is the same as that running on the master node.</p>
parallel.inherit.MT	<p>Logical: If TRUE, slave nodes and processes inherit the set.MT_terms() setting.</p>
...	A dummy argument to catch deprecated or mistyped control parameters.

Details

This function is only used within a call to the [ergm\(\)](#) function. See the usage section in [ergm\(\)](#) for details.

Value

A list with arguments as components.

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See Also

`ergm()`. The `control.simulate` function performs a similar function for `simulate.ergm`; `control.gof` performs a similar function for `gof`.

`control.ergm.bridge` *Auxiliaries for Controlling `ergm.bridge.llr()` and `logLik.ergm()`*

Description

Auxiliary functions as user interfaces for fine-tuning the `ergm.bridge.llr()` algorithm, which approximates log likelihood ratios using bridge sampling.

By default, the bridge sampler inherits its control parameters from the `ergm()` fit; `control.logLik.ergm()` allows the user to selectively override them.

Usage

```
control.ergm.bridge(
  bridge.nsteps = 16,
  bridge.target.se = NULL,
  bridge.bidirectional = TRUE,
  MCMC.burnin = MCMC.interval * 128,
  MCMC.burnin.between = max(ceiling(MCMC.burnin/sqrt(bridge.nsteps)), MCMC.interval *
    16),
  MCMC.interval = 128,
  MCMC.samplesize = 16384,
  obs.MCMC.burnin = obs.MCMC.interval * 128,
  obs.MCMC.burnin.between = max(ceiling(obs.MCMC.burnin/sqrt(bridge.nsteps)),
    obs.MCMC.interval * 16),
  obs.MCMC.interval = MCMC.interval,
  obs.MCMC.samplesize = MCMC.samplesize,
  MCMC.prop = trim_env(~sparse),
  MCMC.prop.weights = "default",
  MCMC.prop.args = list(),
  obs.MCMC.prop = MCMC.prop,
  obs.MCMC.prop.weights = MCMC.prop.weights,
```

```

    obs.MCMC.prop.args = MCMC.prop.args,
    MCMC.maxedges = Inf,
    MCMC.packagenames = c(),
    term.options = list(),
    seed = NULL,
    parallel = 0,
    parallel.type = NULL,
    parallel.version.check = TRUE,
    parallel.inherit.MT = FALSE,
    ...
)

control.logLik.ergm(
  bridge.nsteps = 16,
  bridge.target.se = NULL,
  bridge.bidirectional = TRUE,
  MCMC.burnin = NULL,
  MCMC.interval = NULL,
  MCMC.samplesize = NULL,
  obs.MCMC.samplesize = MCMC.samplesize,
  obs.MCMC.interval = MCMC.interval,
  obs.MCMC.burnin = MCMC.burnin,
  MCMC.prop = NULL,
  MCMC.prop.weights = NULL,
  MCMC.prop.args = NULL,
  obs.MCMC.prop = MCMC.prop,
  obs.MCMC.prop.weights = MCMC.prop.weights,
  obs.MCMC.prop.args = MCMC.prop.args,
  MCMC.maxedges = NULL,
  MCMC.packagenames = NULL,
  term.options = NULL,
  seed = NULL,
  parallel = NULL,
  parallel.type = NULL,
  parallel.version.check = TRUE,
  parallel.inherit.MT = FALSE,
  ...
)

```

Arguments

bridge.nsteps Number of geometric bridges to use.

bridge.target.se
 If not NULL, if the estimated MCMC standard error of the likelihood estimate exceeds this, repeat the bridge sampling, accumulating samples.

bridge.bidirectional
 Whether the bridge sampler first bridges from from to to, then from to to from (skipping the first burn-in), etc. if multiple attempts are required.

MCMC.burnin	Number of proposals before any MCMC sampling is done. It typically is set to a fairly large number.
MCMC.burnin.between	Number of proposals between the bridges; typically, less and less is needed as the number of steps decreases.
MCMC.interval	Number of proposals between sampled statistics.
MCMC.samplesize	Number of network statistics, randomly drawn from a given distribution on the set of all networks, returned by the Metropolis-Hastings algorithm.
obs.MCMC.burnin, obs.MCMC.burnin.between, obs.MCMC.interval, obs.MCMC.samplesize	The obs versions of these arguments are for the unobserved data simulation algorithm.
MCMC.prop	Specifies the proposal (directly) and/or a series of "hints" about the structure of the model being sampled. The specification is in the form of a one-sided formula with hints separated by + operations. If the LHS exists and is a string, the proposal to be used is selected directly. A common and default "hint" is <code>~sparse</code> , indicating that the network is sparse and that the sample should put roughly equal weight on selecting a dyad with or without a tie as a candidate for toggling.
MCMC.prop.weights	Specifies the proposal distribution used in the MCMC Metropolis-Hastings algorithm. Possible choices depending on selected reference and constraints arguments of the <code>ergm()</code> function, but often include "TNT" and "random", and the "default" is to use the one with the highest priority available.
MCMC.prop.args	An alternative, direct way of specifying additional arguments to proposal.
obs.MCMC.prop, obs.MCMC.prop.weights, obs.MCMC.prop.args	The obs versions of these arguments are for the unobserved data simulation algorithm.
MCMC.maxedges	The maximum number of edges that may occur during the MCMC sampling. If this number is exceeded at any time, sampling is stopped immediately.
MCMC.packagenames	Names of packages in which to look for change statistic functions in addition to those autodetected. This argument should not be needed outside of very strange setups.
term.options	A list of additional arguments to be passed to term initializers. See ? term.options .
seed	Seed value (integer) for the random number generator. See set.seed .
parallel	Number of threads in which to run the sampling. Defaults to 0 (no parallelism). See the entry on parallel processing for details and troubleshooting.
parallel.type	API to use for parallel processing. Supported values are "MPI" and "PSOCK". Defaults to using the parallel package with PSOCK clusters. See ergm-parallel
parallel.version.check	Logical: If TRUE, check that the version of <code>ergm</code> running on the slave nodes is the same as that running on the master node.

parallel.inherit.MT Logical: If TRUE, slave nodes and processes inherit the `set.MT_terms()` setting.

... A dummy argument to catch deprecated or mistyped control parameters.

Details

`control.ergm.bridge()` is only used within a call to the `ergm.bridge.llr()`, `ergm.bridge.dindstart.llk()`, or `ergm.bridge.0.llk()` functions.

`control.logLik.ergm()` is only used within a call to the `logLik.ergm()`.

Value

A list with arguments as components.

See Also

`ergm.bridge.llr()`

`logLik.ergm`

`control.ergm.godfather`

Control parameters for `ergm.godfather()`.

Description

Returns a list of its arguments.

Usage

```
control.ergm.godfather(term.options = NULL)
```

Arguments

`term.options` A list of additional arguments to be passed to term initializers. See `? term.options`.

control.gof

*Auxiliary for Controlling ERGM Goodness-of-Fit Evaluation***Description**

Auxiliary function as user interface for fine-tuning ERGM Goodness-of-Fit Evaluation.

The `control.gof.ergm` version is intended to be used with `gof.ergm()` specifically and will "inherit" as many control parameters from `ergm` fit as possible().

Usage

```
control.gof.formula(
  nsim = 100,
  MCMC.burnin = 10000,
  MCMC.interval = 1000,
  MCMC.batch = 0,
  MCMC.prop = trim_env(~sparse),
  MCMC.prop.weights = "default",
  MCMC.prop.args = list(),
  MCMC.maxedges = Inf,
  MCMC.packagenames = c(),
  MCMC.runtime.traceplot = FALSE,
  network.output = "network",
  seed = NULL,
  parallel = 0,
  parallel.type = NULL,
  parallel.version.check = TRUE,
  parallel.inherit.MT = FALSE
)
```

```
control.gof.ergm(
  nsim = 100,
  MCMC.burnin = NULL,
  MCMC.interval = NULL,
  MCMC.batch = NULL,
  MCMC.prop = NULL,
  MCMC.prop.weights = NULL,
  MCMC.prop.args = NULL,
  MCMC.maxedges = NULL,
  MCMC.packagenames = NULL,
  MCMC.runtime.traceplot = FALSE,
  network.output = "network",
  seed = NULL,
  parallel = 0,
  parallel.type = NULL,
  parallel.version.check = TRUE,
```

```

    parallel.inherit.MT = FALSE
  )

```

Arguments

<code>nsim</code>	Number of networks to be randomly drawn using Markov chain Monte Carlo. This sample of networks provides the basis for comparing the model to the observed network.
<code>MCMC.burnin</code>	Number of proposals before any MCMC sampling is done. It typically is set to a fairly large number.
<code>MCMC.interval</code>	Number of proposals between sampled statistics.
<code>MCMC.batch</code>	if not 0 or NULL, sample about this many networks per call to the lower-level code; this can be useful if <code>output=</code> is a function, where it can be used to limit the number of networks held in memory at any given time.
<code>MCMC.prop</code>	Specifies the proposal (directly) and/or a series of "hints" about the structure of the model being sampled. The specification is in the form of a one-sided formula with hints separated by + operations. If the LHS exists and is a string, the proposal to be used is selected directly. A common and default "hint" is <code>~sparse</code> , indicating that the network is sparse and that the sample should put roughly equal weight on selecting a dyad with or without a tie as a candidate for toggling.
<code>MCMC.prop.weights</code>	Specifies the proposal distribution used in the MCMC Metropolis-Hastings algorithm. Possible choices depending on selected reference and constraints arguments of the <code>ergm()</code> function, but often include "TNT" and "random", and the "default" is to use the one with the highest priority available.
<code>MCMC.prop.args</code>	An alternative, direct way of specifying additional arguments to proposal.
<code>MCMC.maxedges</code>	The maximum number of edges that may occur during the MCMC sampling. If this number is exceeded at any time, sampling is stopped immediately.
<code>MCMC.packagenames</code>	Names of packages in which to look for change statistic functions in addition to those autodetected. This argument should not be needed outside of very strange setups.
<code>MCMC.runtime.traceplot</code>	Logical: If TRUE, plot traceplots of the MCMC sample.
<code>network.output</code>	R class with which to output networks. The options are "network" (default) and "edgelist.compressed" (which saves space but only supports networks without vertex attributes)
<code>seed</code>	Seed value (integer) for the random number generator. See set.seed .
<code>parallel</code>	Number of threads in which to run the sampling. Defaults to 0 (no parallelism). See the entry on parallel processing for details and troubleshooting.
<code>parallel.type</code>	API to use for parallel processing. Supported values are "MPI" and "PSOCK". Defaults to using the <code>parallel</code> package with PSOCK clusters. See ergm-parallel
<code>parallel.version.check</code>	Logical: If TRUE, check that the version of <code>ergm</code> running on the slave nodes is the same as that running on the master node.

```
parallel.inherit.MT
```

Logical: If TRUE, slave nodes and processes inherit the `set.MT_terms()` setting.

Details

This function is only used within a call to the `gof` function. See the usage section in `gof` for details.

Value

A list with arguments as components.

See Also

`gof`. The `control.simulate` function performs a similar function for `simulate.ergm`; `control.ergm` performs a similar function for `ergm`.

control.san

Auxiliary for Controlling SAN

Description

Auxiliary function as user interface for fine-tuning simulated annealing algorithm.

Usage

```
control.san(
  SAN.maxit = 4,
  SAN.tau = 1,
  SAN.invcov = NULL,
  SAN.invcov.diag = FALSE,
  SAN.nsteps.alloc = function(nsim) 2^seq_len(nsim),
  SAN.nsteps = 2^19,
  SAN.samplesize = 2^12,
  SAN.prop = trim_env(~sparse),
  SAN.prop.weights = "default",
  SAN.prop.args = list(),
  SAN.packagenames = c(),
  SAN.ignore.finite.offsets = TRUE,
  term.options = list(),
  seed = NULL,
  parallel = 0,
  parallel.type = NULL,
  parallel.version.check = TRUE,
  parallel.inherit.MT = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

<code>SAN.maxit</code>	Number of temperature levels to use.
<code>SAN.tau</code>	Tuning parameter, specifying the temperature of the process during the <i>penultimate</i> iteration. (During the last iteration, the temperature is set to 0, resulting in a greedy search, and during the previous iterations, the temperature is set to <code>SAN.tau*(iterations left after this one)</code>).
<code>SAN.invcov</code>	Initial inverse covariance matrix used to calculate Mahalanobis distance in determining how far a proposed MCMC move is from the <code>target.stats</code> vector. If NULL, initially set to the identity matrix. In either case, during subsequent runs, it is estimated empirically.
<code>SAN.invcov.diag</code>	Whether to only use the diagonal of the covariance matrix. It seems to work better in practice.
<code>SAN.nsteps.alloc</code>	Either a numeric vector or a function of the number of runs giving a sequence of relative lengths of simulated annealing runs.
<code>SAN.nsteps</code>	Number of MCMC proposals for all the annealing runs combined.
<code>SAN.samplesize</code>	Number of realisations' statistics to obtain for tuning purposes.
<code>SAN.prop</code>	Specifies the proposal (directly) and/or a series of "hints" about the structure of the model being sampled. The specification is in the form of a one-sided formula with hints separated by + operations. If the LHS exists and is a string, the proposal to be used is selected directly. A common and default "hint" is <code>~sparse</code> , indicating that the network is sparse and that the sample should put roughly equal weight on selecting a dyad with or without a tie as a candidate for toggling.
<code>SAN.prop.weights</code>	Specifies the proposal distribution used in the SAN Metropolis-Hastings algorithm. Possible choices depending on selected reference and constraints arguments of the <code>ergm()</code> function, but often include "TNT" and "random", and the "default" is to use the one with the highest priority available.
<code>SAN.prop.args</code>	An alternative, direct way of specifying additional arguments to proposal.
<code>SAN.packagenames</code>	Names of packages in which to look for change statistic functions in addition to those autodetected. This argument should not be needed outside of very strange setups.
<code>SAN.ignore.finite.offsets</code>	Whether SAN should ignore (treat as 0) finite offsets.
<code>term.options</code>	A list of additional arguments to be passed to term initializers. See ? term.options .
<code>seed</code>	Seed value (integer) for the random number generator. See set.seed .
<code>parallel</code>	Number of threads in which to run the sampling. Defaults to 0 (no parallelism). See the entry on parallel processing for details and troubleshooting.
<code>parallel.type</code>	API to use for parallel processing. Supported values are "MPI" and "PSOCK". Defaults to using the <code>parallel</code> package with PSOCK clusters. See ergm-parallel

parallel.version.check

Logical: If TRUE, check that the version of [ergm](#) running on the slave nodes is the same as that running on the master node.

parallel.inherit.MT

Logical: If TRUE, slave nodes and processes inherit the [set.MT_terms\(\)](#) setting.

Details

This function is only used within a call to the [san](#) function. See the usage section in [san](#) for details.

Value

A list with arguments as components.

See Also

[san](#)

control.simulate.ergm *Auxiliary for Controlling ERGM Simulation*

Description

Auxiliary function as user interface for fine-tuning ERGM simulation. `control.simulate`, `control.simulate.formula`, and `control.simulate.formula.ergm` are all aliases for the same function.

While the others supply a full set of simulation settings, `control.simulate.ergm` when passed as a control parameter to [simulate.ergm\(\)](#) allows some settings to be inherited from the ERGM stimulation while overriding others.

Usage

```
control.simulate.formula.ergm(
  MCMC.burnin = MCMC.interval * 16,
  MCMC.interval = 1024,
  MCMC.prop = trim_env(~sparse),
  MCMC.prop.weights = "default",
  MCMC.prop.args = list(),
  MCMC.batch = NULL,
  MCMC.effectiveSize = NULL,
  MCMC.effectiveSize.damp = 10,
  MCMC.effectiveSize.maxruns = 1000,
  MCMC.effectiveSize.burnin.pval = 0.2,
  MCMC.effectiveSize.order.max = NULL,
  MCMC.maxedges = Inf,
  MCMC.packagenames = c(),
  MCMC.runtime.traceplot = FALSE,
```

```

    network.output = "network",
    term.options = NULL,
    parallel = 0,
    parallel.type = NULL,
    parallel.version.check = TRUE,
    parallel.inherit.MT = FALSE,
    ...
)

control.simulate(
  MCMC.burnin = MCMC.interval * 16,
  MCMC.interval = 1024,
  MCMC.prop = trim_env(~sparse),
  MCMC.prop.weights = "default",
  MCMC.prop.args = list(),
  MCMC.batch = NULL,
  MCMC.effectiveSize = NULL,
  MCMC.effectiveSize.damp = 10,
  MCMC.effectiveSize.maxruns = 1000,
  MCMC.effectiveSize.burnin.pval = 0.2,
  MCMC.effectiveSize.order.max = NULL,
  MCMC.maxedges = Inf,
  MCMC.packagenames = c(),
  MCMC.runtime.traceplot = FALSE,
  network.output = "network",
  term.options = NULL,
  parallel = 0,
  parallel.type = NULL,
  parallel.version.check = TRUE,
  parallel.inherit.MT = FALSE,
  ...
)

control.simulate.formula(
  MCMC.burnin = MCMC.interval * 16,
  MCMC.interval = 1024,
  MCMC.prop = trim_env(~sparse),
  MCMC.prop.weights = "default",
  MCMC.prop.args = list(),
  MCMC.batch = NULL,
  MCMC.effectiveSize = NULL,
  MCMC.effectiveSize.damp = 10,
  MCMC.effectiveSize.maxruns = 1000,
  MCMC.effectiveSize.burnin.pval = 0.2,
  MCMC.effectiveSize.order.max = NULL,
  MCMC.maxedges = Inf,
  MCMC.packagenames = c(),
  MCMC.runtime.traceplot = FALSE,

```

```

network.output = "network",
term.options = NULL,
parallel = 0,
parallel.type = NULL,
parallel.version.check = TRUE,
parallel.inherit.MT = FALSE,
...
)

control.simulate.ergm(
  MCMC.burnin = NULL,
  MCMC.interval = NULL,
  MCMC.scale = 1,
  MCMC.prop = NULL,
  MCMC.prop.weights = NULL,
  MCMC.prop.args = NULL,
  MCMC.batch = NULL,
  MCMC.effectiveSize = NULL,
  MCMC.effectiveSize.damp = 10,
  MCMC.effectiveSize.maxruns = 1000,
  MCMC.effectiveSize.burnin.pval = 0.2,
  MCMC.effectiveSize.order.max = NULL,
  MCMC.maxedges = Inf,
  MCMC.packagenames = NULL,
  MCMC.runtime.traceplot = FALSE,
  network.output = "network",
  term.options = NULL,
  parallel = 0,
  parallel.type = NULL,
  parallel.version.check = TRUE,
  parallel.inherit.MT = FALSE,
  ...
)

```

Arguments

MCMC.burnin	Number of proposals before any MCMC sampling is done. It typically is set to a fairly large number.
MCMC.interval	Number of proposals between sampled statistics.
MCMC.prop	Specifies the proposal (directly) and/or a series of "hints" about the structure of the model being sampled. The specification is in the form of a one-sided formula with hints separated by + operations. If the LHS exists and is a string, the proposal to be used is selected directly. A common and default "hint" is <code>~sparse</code> , indicating that the network is sparse and that the sample should put roughly equal weight on selecting a dyad with or without a tie as a candidate for toggling.
MCMC.prop.weights	Specifies the proposal distribution used in the MCMC Metropolis-Hastings al-

gorithm. Possible choices depending on selected reference and constraints arguments of the `ergm()` function, but often include "TNT" and "random", and the "default" is to use the one with the highest priority available.

- `MCMC.prop.args` An alternative, direct way of specifying additional arguments to proposal.
- `MCMC.batch` if not 0 or NULL, sample about this many networks per call to the lower-level code; this can be useful if `output=` is a function, where it can be used to limit the number of networks held in memory at any given time.
- `MCMC.effectiveSize`, `MCMC.effectiveSize.damp`, `MCMC.effectiveSize.maxruns`, `MCMC.effectiveSize.burnin.pval`
 Set `MCMC.effectiveSize` to a non-NULL value to adaptively determine the burn-in and the MCMC length needed to get the specified effective size; 50 is a reasonable value. In the adaptive MCMC mode, MCMC is run forward repeatedly (`MCMC.samplesize*MCMC.interval` steps, up to `MCMC.effectiveSize.maxruns` times) until the target effective sample size is reached or exceeded. After each run, the returned statistics are mapped to the estimating function scale, then a broken stick model is fit to each statistic to find the candidate burn-in. If its Geweke diagnostic produces a p -value higher than `MCMC.effectiveSize.burnin.pval`, it is accepted. The effective size of the post-burn-in sample is computed via Vats, Flegal, and Jones (2015), and compared to the target effective size. If it is not matched, the MCMC run is resumed, with the additional draws needed linearly extrapolated but weighted in favor of the baseline `MCMC.samplesize` by the weighting factor `MCMC.effectiveSize.damp` (higher = less damping). Lastly, if after an MCMC run, the number of samples equals or exceeds `2*MCMC.samplesize`, the chain will be thinned by 2 until it falls below that, while doubling `MCMC.interval`. `MCMC.effectiveSize.order.max` can be used to set the order of the AR model used to estimate the effective sample size and the variance for the Geweke diagnostic.
- `MCMC.maxedges` The maximum number of edges that may occur during the MCMC sampling. If this number is exceeded at any time, sampling is stopped immediately.
- `MCMC.packagenames`
 Names of packages in which to look for change statistic functions in addition to those autodetected. This argument should not be needed outside of very strange setups.
- `MCMC.runtime.traceplot`
 Logical: If TRUE, plot traceplots of the MCMC sample.
- `network.output` R class with which to output networks. The options are "network" (default) and "edgelist.compressed" (which saves space but only supports networks without vertex attributes)
- `term.options` A list of additional arguments to be passed to term initializers. See `?term.options`.
- `parallel` Number of threads in which to run the sampling. Defaults to 0 (no parallelism). See the entry on [parallel processing](#) for details and troubleshooting.
- `parallel.type` API to use for parallel processing. Supported values are "MPI" and "PSOCK". Defaults to using the parallel package with PSOCK clusters. See [ergm-parallel](#)
- `parallel.version.check`
 Logical: If TRUE, check that the version of `ergm` running on the slave nodes is the same as that running on the master node.

<code>parallel.inherit.MT</code>	Logical: If TRUE, slave nodes and processes inherit the <code>set.MT_terms()</code> setting.
<code>...</code>	A dummy argument to catch deprecated or mistyped control parameters.
<code>MCMC.scale</code>	For <code>control.simulate.ergm()</code> inheriting <code>MCMC.burnin</code> and <code>MCMC.interval</code> from the <code>ergm</code> fit, the multiplier for the inherited values. This can be useful because MCMC parameters used in the fit are tuned to generate a specific effective sample size for the sufficient statistic in a large MCMC sample, so the inherited values might not generate independent realisations.

Details

This function is only used within a call to the `simulate` function. See the usage section in `simulate.ergm` for details.

Value

A list with arguments as components.

See Also

`simulate.ergm`, `simulate.formula.control.ergm` performs a similar function for `ergm`; `control.gof` performs a similar function for `gof`.

<code>degreedist</code>	<i>Computes and Returns the Degree Distribution Information for a Given Network</i>
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Description

The `degreedist` generic computes and returns the degree distribution (number of vertices in the network with each degree value) for a given network. This help page documents the function. For help about [the ERGM sample space constraint with that name](#), try `help("degreedist-constraint")`.

Usage

```
degreedist(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'network'
degreedist(object, print = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>object</code>	a network object or some other object for which degree distribution is meaningful.
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments to functions.
<code>print</code>	logical, whether to print the degree distribution.

Value

If directed, a matrix of the distributions of in and out degrees; this is row bound and only contains degrees for which one of the in or out distributions has a positive count. If bipartite, a list containing the degree distributions of b1 and b2. Otherwise, a vector of the positive values in the degree distribution

Methods (by class)

- network: Method for `network` objects.

Examples

```
data(faux.mesa.high)
degreedist(faux.mesa.high)
```

ecoli

*Two versions of an E. Coli network dataset***Description**

This network data set comprises two versions of a biological network in which the nodes are operons in *Escherichia Coli* and a directed edge from one node to another indicates that the first encodes the transcription factor that regulates the second.

Usage

```
data(ecoli)
```

Details

The network object `ecoli1` is directed, with 423 nodes and 519 arcs. The object `ecoli2` is an undirected version of the same network, in which all arcs are treated as edges and the five isolated nodes (which exhibit only self-regulation in `ecoli1`) are removed, leaving 418 nodes.

Licenses and Citation

When publishing results obtained using this data set, the original authors (Salgado et al, 2001; Shen-Orr et al, 2002) should be cited, along with this R package.

Source

The data set is based on the RegulonDB network (Salgado et al, 2001) and was modified by Shen-Orr et al (2002).

References

Salgado et al (2001), Regulondb (version 3.2): Transcriptional Regulation and Operon Organization in Escherichia Coli K-12, *Nucleic Acids Research*, 29(1): 72-74.

Shen-Orr et al (2002), Network Motifs in the Transcriptional Regulation Network of Escherichia Coli, *Nature Genetics*, 31(1): 64-68.

%Saul and Filkov (2007)

%Hummel et al (2010)

edges	edges (<i>disambiguation</i>)
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Description

edges may refer to:

- [An ERGM statistic](#) (help("edges-term"))
- [An ERGM sample space constraint](#) (help("edges-constraint"))

enformulate.curved-deprecated

Convert a curved ERGM into a form suitable as initial values for the same ergm. Deprecated in 4.0.0.

Description

The generic `enformulate.curved` converts an [ergm](#) object or formula of a model with curved terms to the variant in which the curved parameters embedded into the formula and are removed from the parameter vector. This is the form that used to be required by [ergm](#) calls.

Usage

```
enformulate.curved(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'ergm'
enformulate.curved(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'formula'
enformulate.curved(object, theta, ...)
```

Arguments

object	An ergm object or an ERGM formula. The curved terms of the given formula (or the formula used in the fit) must have all of their arguments passed by name.
...	Unused at this time.
theta	Curved model parameter configuration.

Details

Because of a current kludge in [ergm](#), output from one run cannot be directly passed as initial values (`control.ergm(init=)`) for the next run if any of the terms are curved. One workaround is to embed the curved parameters into the formula (while keeping `fixed=FALSE`) and remove them from `control.ergm(init=)`.

This function automates this process for curved ERGM terms included with the [ergm](#) package. It does not work with curved terms not included in `ergm`.

Value

A list with the following components:

<code>formula</code>	The formula with curved parameter estimates incorporated.
<code>theta</code>	The coefficient vector with curved parameter estimates removed.

See Also

[ergm](#), [simulate.ergm](#)

ergm

Exponential-Family Random Graph Models

Description

[ergm](#) is used to fit exponential-family random graph models (ERGMs), in which the probability of a given network, y , on a set of nodes is $h(y) \exp\{\eta(\theta) \cdot g(y)\} / c(\theta)$, where $h(y)$ is the reference measure (usually $h(y) = 1$), $g(y)$ is a vector of network statistics for y , $\eta(\theta)$ is a natural parameter vector of the same length (with $\eta(\theta) = \theta$ for most terms), and $c(\theta)$ is the normalizing constant for the distribution. [ergm](#) can return a maximum pseudo-likelihood estimate, an approximate maximum likelihood estimate based on a Monte Carlo scheme, or an approximate contrastive divergence estimate based on a similar scheme. (For an overview of the package, see [ergm-package](#).)

Usage

```
ergm(
  formula,
  response = NULL,
  reference = ~Bernoulli,
  constraints = ~.,
  obs.constraints = ~. - observed,
  offset.coef = NULL,
  target.stats = NULL,
  eval.loglik = getOption("ergm.eval.loglik"),
  estimate = c("MLE", "MPLE", "CD"),
  control = control.ergm(),
  verbose = FALSE,
```

```

    ...,
    basis = ergm.getnetwork(formula)
)

is.ergm(object)

## S3 method for class 'ergm'
nobs(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'ergm'
print(x, digits = max(3, getOption("digits") - 3), ...)

## S3 method for class 'ergm'
vcov(object, sources = c("all", "model", "estimation"), ...)

```

Arguments

formula	An R formula object, of the form $y \sim \langle \text{model terms} \rangle$, where y is a network object or a matrix that can be coerced to a network object. For the details on the possible $\langle \text{model terms} \rangle$, see ergm-terms and Morris, Handcock and Hunter (2008) for binary ERGM terms and Krivitsky (2012) for valued ERGM terms (terms for weighted edges). To create a network object in R, use the <code>network()</code> function, then add nodal attributes to it using the <code>%v%</code> operator if necessary. Enclosing a model term in <code>offset()</code> fixes its value to one specified in <code>offset.coef</code> . (A second argument—a logical or numeric index vector—can be used to select <i>which</i> of the parameters within the term are offsets.)
response	<p>Either a character string, a formula, or NULL (the default), to specify the response attributes and whether the ERGM is binary or valued. Interpreted as follows:</p> <p>NULL Model simple presence or absence, via a binary ERGM.</p> <p>character string The name of the edge attribute whose value is to be modeled. Type of ERGM will be determined by whether the attribute is logical (TRUE/FALSE) for binary or numeric for valued.</p> <p>a formula must be of the form <code>NAME~EXPR TYPE</code> (with <code> </code> being literal). <code>EXPR</code> is evaluated in the formula's environment with the network's edge attributes accessible as variables. The optional <code>NAME</code> specifies the name of the edge attribute into which the results should be stored, with the default being a concise version of <code>EXPR</code>. Normally, the type of ERGM is determined by whether the result of evaluating <code>EXPR</code> is logical or numeric, but the optional <code>TYPE</code> can be used to override by specifying a scalar of the type involved (e.g., TRUE for binary and 1 for valued).</p>
reference	A one-sided formula specifying the reference measure ($h(y)$) to be used. See help for ERGM reference measures implemented in the ergm package.
constraints	A formula specifying one or more constraints on the support of the distribution of the networks being modeled, using syntax similar to the <code>formula</code> argument, on the right-hand side. Multiple constraints may be given, separated by “+” and “-” operators. (See ERGM constraints for the explanation of their semantics.) Together with the model terms in the formula and the reference measure, the constraints define the distribution of networks being modeled.

It is also possible to specify a proposal function directly either by passing a string with the function's name (in which case, arguments to the proposal should be specified through the `prop.args` argument to `control.ergm`) or by giving it on the LHS of the constraints formula, in which case it will override the one chosen automatically.

The default is `~.`, for an unconstrained model.

See the [ERGM constraints](#) documentation for the constraints implemented in the `ergm` package. Other packages may add their own constraints.

Note that not all possible combinations of constraints and reference measures are supported. However, for relatively simple constraints (i.e., those that simply permit or forbid specific dyads or sets of dyads from changing), arbitrary combinations should be possible.

`obs.constraints`

A one-sided formula specifying one or more constraints or other modification *in addition* to those specified by constraints that had affected the observation process for the network, using syntax similar to the `formula` argument. Multiple constraints may be given, separated by “+” operators.

This allows the domain of the integral in the numerator of the partially observed network face-value likelihoods of Handcock and Gile (2010) and Karwa et al. (2017) to be specified explicitly.

The default is `~observed`, to constrain the integral to only integrate over the missing dyads. (It is dropped automatically if the network is completely observed.)

It is also possible to specify a proposal function directly by passing a string with the function's name. In that case, arguments to the proposal should be specified through the `obs.prop.args` argument to `control.ergm`.

See the [ERGM constraints](#) documentation for the constraints implemented in the `ergm` package. Other packages may add their own constraints.

Note that not all possible combinations of constraints and reference measures are supported.

`offset.coef`

A vector of coefficients for the offset terms.

`target.stats`

vector of "observed network statistics," if these statistics are for some reason different than the actual statistics of the network on the left-hand side of formula. Equivalently, this vector is the mean-value parameter values for the model. If this is given, the algorithm finds the natural parameter values corresponding to these mean-value parameters. If `NULL`, the mean-value parameters used are the observed statistics of the network in the formula.

`eval.loglik`

Logical: For dyad-dependent models, if `TRUE`, use bridge sampling to evaluate the log-likelihood associated with the fit. Has no effect for dyad-independent models. Since bridge sampling takes additional time, setting to `FALSE` may speed performance if likelihood values (and likelihood-based values like AIC and BIC) are not needed. Can be set globally via `option(ergm.eval.loglik=...)`, which is set to `TRUE` when the package is loaded. (See [options?ergm](#).)

`estimate`

If "MPLE," then the maximum pseudolikelihood estimator is returned. If "MLE" (the default), then an approximate maximum likelihood estimator is returned.

For certain models, the MPLE and MLE are equivalent, in which case this argument is ignored. (To force MCMC-based approximate likelihood calculation even when the MLE and MPLE are the same, see the `force.main` argument of `control.ergm`. If "CD" (*EXPERIMENTAL*), the Monte-Carlo contrastive divergence estimate is returned.)

<code>control</code>	A list of control parameters for algorithm tuning, typically constructed with <code>control.ergm()</code> . Its documentation gives the the list of recognized control parameters and their meaning. The more generic utility <code>snctrl()</code> (StatNet CONTRoL) also provides argument completion for the available control functions and limited argument name checking.
<code>verbose</code>	A logical or an integer to control the amount of progress and diagnostic information to be printed. FALSE/0 produces minimal output, wit higher values producing more detail. Note that very high values (5+) may significantly slow down processing.
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments, to be passed to lower-level functions.
<code>basis</code>	a value (usually a <code>network</code>) to override the LHS of the formula.
<code>object</code>	an <code>ergm</code> object.
<code>x, digits</code>	See <code>print()</code> . Automatically called when an object of class <code>ergm</code> is printed. Currently, summarizes the size of the MCMC sample, the θ vector governing the selection of the sample, and the Monte Carlo MLE. The optional <code>digits</code> argument specifies the significant digits for coefficients
<code>sources</code>	For the <code>vcov</code> method, specify whether to return the covariance matrix from the ERGM model, the estimation process, or both combined.

Value

`ergm` returns an object of class `ergm` that is a list consisting of the following elements:

<code>coef</code>	The Monte Carlo maximum likelihood estimate of θ , the vector of coefficients for the model parameters.
<code>sample</code>	The $n \times p$ matrix of network statistics, where n is the sample size and p is the number of network statistics specified in the model, generated by the last iteration of the MCMC-based likelihood maximization routine. These statistics are centered with respect to the observed statistics or <code>target.stats</code> , unless missing data MLE is used.
<code>sample.obs</code>	As <code>sample</code> , but for the constrained sample.
<code>iterations</code>	The number of Newton-Raphson iterations required before convergence.
<code>MCMCtheta</code>	The value of θ used to produce the Markov chain Monte Carlo sample. As long as the Markov chain mixes sufficiently well, <code>sample</code> is roughly a random sample from the distribution of network statistics specified by the model with the parameter equal to <code>MCMCtheta</code> . If <code>estimate="MPLE"</code> then <code>MCMCtheta</code> equals the MPLE.
<code>loglikelihood</code>	The approximate change in log-likelihood in the last iteration. The value is only approximate because it is estimated based on the MCMC random sample.

gradient	The value of the gradient vector of the approximated loglikelihood function, evaluated at the maximizer. This vector should be very close to zero.
covar	Approximate covariance matrix for the MLE, based on the inverse Hessian of the approximated loglikelihood evaluated at the maximizer.
failure	Logical: Did the MCMC estimation fail?
network	Network passed on the left-hand side of formula. If <code>target.stats</code> are passed, it is replaced by the network returned by <code>san()</code> .
newnetworks	A list of the final networks at the end of the MCMC simulation, one for each thread.
newnetwork	The first (possibly only) element of <code>newnetworks</code> .
coef.init	The initial value of θ .
est.cov	The covariance matrix of the model statistics in the final MCMC sample.
coef.hist, steplen.hist, stats.hist, stats.obs.hist	For the MCMLE method, the history of coefficients, Hummel step lengths, and average model statistics for each iteration..
control	The control list passed to the call.
etamap	The set of functions mapping the true parameter θ to the canonical parameter η (irrelevant except in a curved exponential family model)
formula	The original <code>formula</code> entered into the <code>ergm</code> function.
target.stats	The <code>target.stats</code> used during estimation (passed through from the Arguments)
target.esteq	Used for curved models to preserve the target mean values of the curved terms. It is identical to <code>target.stats</code> for non-curved models.
constrained	The list of constraints implied by the constraints used by original <code>ergm</code> call
constraints	Constraints used during estimation (passed through from the Arguments)
reference	The reference measure used during estimation (passed through from the Arguments)
estimate	The estimation method used (passed through from the Arguments).
offset	vector of logical telling which model parameters are to be set at a fixed value (i.e., not estimated).
drop	<p>If <code>control\$drop=TRUE</code>, a numeric vector indicating which terms were dropped due to extreme values of the corresponding statistics on the observed network, and how:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 The term was not dropped. -1 The term was at its minimum and the coefficient was fixed at $-\text{Inf}$. +1 The term was at its maximum and the coefficient was fixed at $+\text{Inf}$.
estimable	A logical vector indicating which terms could not be estimated due to a constraints constraint fixing that term at a constant value.
null.lik	Log-likelihood of the null model. Valid only for unconstrained models.
mle.lik	The approximate log-likelihood for the MLE. The value is only approximate because it is estimated based on the MCMC random sample.

Methods (by generic)

- `nobs`: Return the number of informative dyads of a model fit.
- `print`:
- `vcov`: extracts the variance-covariance matrix of parameter estimates.

Notes on model specification

Although each of the statistics in a given model is a summary statistic for the entire network, it is rarely necessary to calculate statistics for an entire network in a proposed Metropolis-Hastings step. Thus, for example, if the triangle term is included in the model, a census of all triangles in the observed network is never taken; instead, only the change in the number of triangles is recorded for each edge toggle.

In the implementation of `ergm`, the model is initialized in R, then all the model information is passed to a C program that generates the sample of network statistics using MCMC. This sample is then returned to R, which implements a simple Newton-Raphson algorithm to approximate the MLE. An alternative style of maximum likelihood estimation is to use a stochastic approximation algorithm. This can be chosen with the `control.ergm(style="Robbins-Monro")` option.

The mechanism for proposing new networks for the MCMC sampling scheme, which is a Metropolis-Hastings algorithm, depends on two things: The constraints, which define the set of possible networks that could be proposed in a particular Markov chain step, and the weights placed on these possible steps by the proposal distribution. The former may be controlled using the `constraints` argument described above. The latter may be controlled using the `prop.weights` argument to the `control.ergm` function.

The package is designed so that the user could conceivably add additional proposal types.

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See Also

[network](#), [%v%](#), [%n%](#), [ergm-terms](#), [ergmMPLE](#), [summary.ergm\(\)](#)

Examples

```
#
# load the Florentine marriage data matrix
#
data(flo)
#
# attach the sociomatrix for the Florentine marriage data
# This is not yet a network object.
#
flo
#
# Create a network object out of the adjacency matrix
```

```

#
flomarriage <- network(flo,directed=FALSE)
flomarriage
#
# print out the sociomatrix for the Florentine marriage data
#
flomarriage[,]
#
# create a vector indicating the wealth of each family (in thousands of lira)
# and add it as a covariate to the network object
#
flomarriage %v% "wealth" <- c(10,36,27,146,55,44,20,8,42,103,48,49,10,48,32,3)
flomarriage
#
# create a plot of the social network
#
plot(flomarriage)
#
# now make the vertex size proportional to their wealth
#
plot(flomarriage, vertex.cex=flomarriage %v% "wealth" / 20, main="Marriage Ties")
#
# Use 'data(package = "ergm")' to list the data sets in a
#
data(package="ergm")
#
# Load a network object of the Florentine data
#
data(florentine)
#
# Fit a model where the propensity to form ties between
# families depends on the absolute difference in wealth
#
gest <- ergm(flomarriage ~ edges + absdiff("wealth"))
summary(gest)
#
# add terms for the propensity to form 2-stars and triangles
# of families
#
gest <- ergm(flomarriage ~ kstar(1:2) + absdiff("wealth") + triangle)
summary(gest)

# import synthetic network that looks like a molecule
data(molecule)
# Add a attribute to it to mimic the atomic type
molecule %v% "atomic type" <- c(1,1,1,1,1,1,2,2,2,2,2,2,3,3,3,3,3,3,3)
#
# create a plot of the social network
# colored by atomic type
#
plot(molecule, vertex.col="atomic type",vertex.cex=3)

# measure tendency to match within each atomic type

```

```

gest <- ergm(molecule ~ edges + kstar(2) + triangle + nodematch("atomic type"))
summary(gest)

# compare it to differential homophily by atomic type
gest <- ergm(molecule ~ edges + kstar(2) + triangle
             + nodematch("atomic type",diff=TRUE))
summary(gest)

# Extract parameter estimates as a numeric vector:
coef(gest)
# Sources of variation in parameter estimates:
vcov(gest, sources="model")
vcov(gest, sources="estimation")
vcov(gest, sources="all") # the default

```

ergm-constraints

Sample Space Constraints for Exponential-Family Random Graph Models

Description

[ergm](#) is used to fit exponential-family random graph models (ERGMs), in which the probability of a given network, y , on a set of nodes is $h(y) \exp\{\eta(\theta) \cdot g(y)\} / c(\theta)$, where $h(y)$ is the reference measure (usually $h(y) = 1$), $g(y)$ is a vector of network statistics for y , $\eta(\theta)$ is a natural parameter vector of the same length (with $\eta(\theta) = \theta$ for most terms), and $c(\theta)$ is the normalizing constant for the distribution.

This page describes the constraints (the networks y for which $h(y) > 0$) that are included with the [ergm](#) package. Other packages may add new constraints.

Constraints formula

A constraints formula is a one- or two-sided formula whose left-hand side is an optional direct selection of the `InitErgmProposal` function and whose right-hand side is a series of one or more terms separated by “+” and “-” operators, specifying the constraint.

The sample space (over and above the reference distribution) is determined by iterating over the constraints terms from left to right, each term updating it as follows:

- If the constraint introduces complex dependence structure (e.g., constrains degree or number of edges in the network), then this constraint always restricts the sample space. It may only have a “+” sign.
- If the constraint only restricts the set of dyads that may vary in the sample space (e.g., block-diagonal structure or fixing specific dyads at specific values) and has a “+” sign, the set of dyads that may vary is restricted to those that may vary according to this constraint *and* all the constraints to date.

- If the constraint only restricts the set of dyads that may vary in the sample space but has a “-” sign, the set of dyads that may vary is expanded to those that may vary according to this constraint *or* all the constraints up to date.

For example, a constraints formula $\sim a - b + c - d$ with all constraints dyadic will allow dyads permitted by either ‘a’ or ‘b’ but only if they are also permitted by ‘c’; as well as all dyads permitted by ‘d’. If ‘A’, ‘B’, ‘C’, and ‘D’ were logical matrices, the matrix of variable dyads would be equal to $((A|B) \& C) | D$.

Terms with a positive sign can be viewed as “adding” a constraint while those with a negative sign can be viewed as “relaxing” a constraint.

Constraints implemented in the `ergm` package

- . **or NULL (dyad-independent)** A placeholder for no constraints: all networks of a particular size and type have non-zero probability. Cannot be combined with other constraints.

`Dyads(fix=NULL, vary=NULL)` **(dyad-independent)** This is an “operator” constraint that takes one or two `ergm` formulas. These formulas should contain only dyad-independent terms. For the terms in the `fix=` formula, dyads that affect the network statistic (i.e., have nonzero change statistic) for *any* the terms will be fixed at their current values. For the terms in the `vary=` formula, only those that change *at least one* of the terms will be allowed to vary, and all others will be fixed. If both formulas are given, the dyads that vary either for one or for the other will be allowed to vary. Note that a formula passed to `Dyads` without an argument name will default to `fix=`.

`bd(attrs,maxout,maxin,minout,minin)` Constrain maximum and minimum vertex degree. See “Placing Bounds on Degrees” section for more information.

`degrees` **and** `nodedegrees` Preserve the degree of each vertex of the given network: only networks whose vertex degrees are the same as those in the network passed in the model formula have non-zero probability. If the network is directed, both indegree and outdegree are preserved.

`odegrees`, `idegrees`, `b1degrees`, `b2degrees` For directed networks, `odegrees` preserves the outdegree of each vertex of the given network, while allowing indegree to vary, and conversely for `idegrees`. `b1degrees` and `b2degrees` perform a similar function for bipartite networks.

`degreedist` Preserve the degree distribution of the given network: only networks whose degree distributions are the same as those in the network passed in the model formula have non-zero probability.

`dyadnoise(p01,p10)` A soft constraint to adjust the sampled distribution for dyad-level noise with known perturbation probabilities. It is assumed that the observed LHS network is a noisy observation of some unobserved true network, with `p01` giving the dyadwise probability of erroneously observing a tie where the true network had a non-tie and `p10` giving the dyadwise probability of erroneously observing a nontie where the true network had a tie.

`p01` and `p10` can be either both be scalars or both be adjacency matrices of the same dimension as that of the LHS network giving these probabilities.

See Karwa et al. (2016) for an application.

`idegreedist` **and** `odegreedist` Preserve the (respectively) indegree or outdegree distribution of the given network.

`edges` Preserve the edge count of the given network: only networks having the same number of edges as the network passed in the model formula have non-zero probability.

- `observed` (**dyad-independent**) Preserve the observed dyads of the given network.
- `fixedas(present, absent)` (**dyad-independent**) Preserve the edges in 'present' and preclude the edges in 'absent'. Both 'present' and 'absent' can take input object as edgelist and network, the latter will convert to the corresponding edgelist.
- `fixallbut(free.dyads)` (**dyad-independent**) Preserve the dyad status in all but `free.dyads`. `free.dyads` can take input object as edgelist and network, the latter will convert to the corresponding edgelist.
- `egocentric(attr = NULL, direction = c("both", "out", "in"))` (**dyad-independent**) Preserve values of dyads incident on vertices with attribute `attr` (see [Specifying Vertex Attributes and Levels](#) for details) being TRUE or if `attrname` is NULL, the vertex attribute "na" being 'FALSE'. For directed networks, `direction=="out"` only preserves the out-dyads of those actors, and `direction=="in"` preserves their in-dyads.
- `blocks(attr = NULL, levels = NULL, levels2 = FALSE, b1levels = NULL, b2levels = NULL)` (**dyad-independent**) Constrain "blocks" of dyads; any dyad whose toggle would produce a nonzero change statistic for a `nodemix` term with the same arguments will be fixed. Note that the `levels2` argument has a different default value for `blocks` than it does for `nodemix`.
- `blockdiag(attr)` (**dyad-independent**) Force a block-diagonal structure (and its bipartite analogue) on the network. Only dyads (i, j) for which `attr(i)==attr(j)` can have edges. See [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (? `nodal_attributes`) for the ways to specify nodal attributes and expressions.
- Note that the current implementation requires that blocks be contiguous for "unipartite" graphs, and for bipartite graphs, they must be contiguous within a partition and must have the same ordering in both partitions. (They do not, however, require that all blocks be represented in both partitions, but those that overlap must have the same order.)
- If multiple block-diagonal constraints are given, or if `attr` is a vector with multiple attribute names, blocks will be constructed on *all* attributes matching.
- Not all combinations of the above are supported.

Placing Bounds on Degrees:

There are many times when one may wish to condition on the number of inedges or outedges possessed by a node, either as a consequence of some intrinsic property of that node (e.g., to control for activity or popularity processes), to account for known outliers of some kind, and thus we wish to limit its indegree, an intrinsic property of the sampling scheme whence came our data (e.g., the survey asked everyone to name only three friends total) or as a function of the attributes of the nodes to which a node has edges (e.g., we specify that nodes designated "male" have a maximum number of outdegrees to nodes designated "female"). To accomplish this we use the constraints term `bd`.

Let's consider the simple cases first. Suppose you want to condition on the total number of degrees regardless of attributes. That is, if you had a survey that asked respondents to name three alters and no more, then you might want to limit your maximal outdegree to three without regard to any of the alters' attributes. The argument is then:

```
constraints=~bd(maxout=3)
```

Similar calls are used to restrict the number of indegrees (`maxin`), the minimum number of outdegrees (`minout`), and the minimum number of indegrees (`minin`).

You can also set ego specific limits. For example:

```
constraints=bd(maxout=rep(c(3,4),c(36,35)))
```

limits the first 36 to 3 and the other 35 to 4 outdegrees.

Multiple restrictions can be combined. `bd` is very flexible. In general, the `bd` term can contain up to five arguments:

```
bd(attrs=attrs,
    maxout=maxout,
    maxin=maxin,
    minout=minout,
    minin=minin)
```

Omitted arguments are unrestricted, and arguments of length 1 are replicated out to all nodes (as above). If an individual entry in `maxout`,..., `minin` is `NA` then no restriction of that kind is applied to that actor.

In general, `attrs` is a matrix of the attributes on which we are conditioning. The dimensions of `attrs` are `n_nodes` rows by `attrcount` columns, where `attrcount` is the number of distinct attribute values on which we want to condition (i.e., a separate column is required for “male” and “female” if we want to condition on the number of ties to both “male” and “female” partners). The value of `attrs[n,i]`, therefore, is `TRUE` if node `n` has attribute value `i`, and `FALSE` otherwise. (Note that, since each column represents only a single value of a single attribute, the values of this matrix are all Boolean (`TRUE` or `FALSE`)). It is important to note that `attrs` is a matrix of nodal attributes, not alter attributes.

So, for instance, if we wanted to construct an `attrs` matrix with two columns, one each for male and female attribute values (we are conditioning on these values of the attribute “sex”), and the attribute `sex` is represented in `ads.sex` as an `n_node`-long vector of 0s and 1s (men and women), then our code would look as follows:

```
# male column: bit vector, TRUE for males
attrsex1 <- (ads.sex == 0)
# female column: bit vector, TRUE for females
attrsex2 <- (ads.sex == 1)
# now create attrs matrix
attrs <- matrix(ncol=2,nrow=71, data=c(attrsex1,attrsex2))
```

`maxout` is a matrix of alter attributes, with the same dimensions as the `attrs` matrix. `maxout` is `n_nodes` rows by `attrcount` columns. The value of `maxout[n,i]`, therefore, is the maximum number of outdegrees permitted from node `n` to nodes with the attribute `i` (where a `NA` means there is no maximum).

For example: if we wanted to create a `maxout` matrix to work with our `attrs` matrix above, with a maximum from every node of five outedges to males and five outedges to females, our code would look like this:

```
# every node has maximum of 5 outdegrees to male alters
maxoutsex1 <- c(rep(5,71))
# every node has maximum of 5 outdegrees to female alters
```

```
maxoutsex2 <- c(rep(5,71))
# now create maxout matrix
maxout <- cbind(maxoutsex1,maxoutsex2)
```

The maxin, minout, and minin matrices are constructed exactly like the maxout matrix, except for the maximum allowed indegree, the minimum allowed outdegree, and the minimum allowed indegree, respectively. Note that in an undirected network, we only look at the outdegree matrices; maxin and minin will both be ignored in this case.

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Description

These hints may be used to control proposal probabilities.

Hints implemented in the **ergm** package

sparse (dyad-independent) The network is sparse. This typically results in a Tie-Non-Tie (TNT) proposal regime.

strat(attr=NULL, pmat=NULL, empirical=FALSE) (dyad-independent) The dyads in the network are stratified according to an attribute combination.

This typically results in stratifying proposals by mixing type on a vertex attribute.

Specifically, the user may pass a vertex attribute `attr` as an argument (the default for `attr` gives every vertex the same attribute value), and may also pass a matrix of weights `pmat` (the default for `pmat` gives equal weight to each mixing type). See [Specifying Vertex Attributes and Levels](#) for details on specifying vertex attributes. The matrix `pmat`, if specified, must have

the same dimensions as a mixing matrix for the network and attribute under consideration, and the correspondence between rows and columns of `pmat` and values of `attr` is the same as for a mixing matrix.

The interpretation is that $\text{pmat}[i, j] / \text{sum}(\text{pmat})$ is the probability of proposing a toggle for mixing type (i, j) . (For undirected, unipartite networks, `pmat` is first symmetrized, and then entries below the diagonal are set to zero. Only entries on or above the diagonal of the symmetrized `pmat` are considered when making proposals. This accounts for the convention that mixing is undirected in an undirected, unipartite network: a tail of type i and a head of type j has the same mixing type as a tail of type j and a head of type i .)

As an alternative way of specifying `pmat`, the user may pass `empirical=TRUE` to use the mixing matrix of the network beginning the MCMC chain as `pmat`. In order for this to work, that network should have a reasonable (in particular, nonempty) edge set.

While some mixing types may be assigned zero proposal probability (either with a direct specification of `pmat` or with `empirical=TRUE`), this will not be recognized as a constraint by all components of `ergm`, and should be used with caution.

ergm-options

Global options and term options for the ergm package

Description

Options set via the built-in `options()` functions that affect `ergm` estimation and options that control the behavior of some terms.

Global options and defaults

`ergm.eval.loglik = TRUE` Whether `ergm()` and similar functions will evaluate the likelihood of the fitted model. Can be overridden for a specific call by passing `eval.loglik` argument directly.

`ergm.loglik.warn_dyads = TRUE` Whether log-likelihood evaluation should issue a warning when the effective number of dyads that can vary in the sample space is poorly defined, such as if the degree sequence is constrained.

`ergm.cluster.retries = 5` `ergm`'s parallel routines implement rudimentary fault-tolerance. This option controls the number of retries for a cluster call before giving up.

`ergm.term = list()` The default term options below.

Term options

Term options can be set in three places, in the order of precedence from high to low:

1. As a term argument (not always). For example, `gw.cutoff` below can be set in a `gwesp` term by `gwesp(..., cutoff=X)`.
2. For functions such as `summary` that take `ergm` formulas but do not take a control list, the named arguments passed in as `...`. E.g., `summary(nw~gwesp(.5, fix=TRUE), gw.cutoff=60)` will evaluate the GWESP statistic with its cutoff set to 60.

3. As an element in a `term.options=` list passed via a control function such as `control.ergm()` or, for functions that do not, in a list with that argument name. E.g., `summary(nw~gwesp(.5,fix=TRUE),term.options=1)` has the same effect.
4. As an element in a global option list `ergm.term` above.

The following options are in use by terms in the `ergm` package:

`version` A string that can be interpreted as an R package version. If set, the term will attempt to emulate its behavior as it was that version of `ergm`. Not all past version behaviors are available.

`gw.cutoff` In geometrically weighted terms (`gwesp`, `gwdegree`, etc.) the highest number of shared partners, degrees, etc. for which to compute the statistic. This usually defaults to 30.

`cache.sp` Whether the `gwesp`, `dgwesp`, and similar terms need should use a cache for the dyadwise number of shared partners. This usually improves performance significantly and therefore defaults to `TRUE`, but it can be disabled.

`interact.dependent` Whether to allow and how to handle the user attempting to interact dyad-dependent terms (e.g., `absdiff("age"):triangles` or `absdiff("age")*triangles` as opposed to `absdiff("age"):nodefactor("sex")`). Possible values are "error" (the default), "message", and "warning", for their respective actions, and "silent" for simply processing the term.

ergm-parallel

Parallel Processing in the ergm Package

Description

Using clusters multiple CPUs or CPU cores to speed up ERGM estimation and simulation.

The `ergm.getCluster` function is usually called internally by the `ergm` process (in `ergm_MCMC_sample`) and will attempt to start the appropriate type of cluster indicated by the `control.ergm` settings. It will also check that the same version of `ergm` is installed on each node.

The `ergm.stopCluster` shuts down a cluster, but only if `ergm.getCluster` was responsible for starting it.

The `ergm.restartCluster` restarts and returns a cluster, but only if `ergm.getCluster` was responsible for starting it.

`nthreads` is a simple generic to obtain the number of parallel processes represented by its argument, keeping in mind that having no cluster (e.g., `NULL`) represents one thread.

Usage

```
ergm.getCluster(control = NULL, verbose = FALSE, stop_on_exit = parent.frame())
```

```
ergm.stopCluster(..., verbose = FALSE)
```

```
ergm.restartCluster(control = NULL, verbose = FALSE)
```

```
set.MT_terms(n)
```

```

get.MT_terms()

nthreads(clinfo = NULL, ...)

## S3 method for class 'cluster'
nthreads(clinfo = NULL, ...)

## S3 method for class '`NULL`'
nthreads(clinfo = NULL, ...)

## S3 method for class 'control.list'
nthreads(clinfo = NULL, ...)

```

Arguments

<code>control</code>	a <code>control.ergm</code> (or similar) list of parameter values from which the parallel settings should be read; can also be <code>NULL</code> , in which case an existing cluster is used if started, or no cluster otherwise.
<code>verbose</code>	A logical or an integer to control the amount of progress and diagnostic information to be printed. <code>FALSE/0</code> produces minimal output, wit higher values producing more detail. Note that very high values (5+) may significantly slow down processing.
<code>stop_on_exit</code>	An <code>environment</code> or <code>NULL</code> . If an environment, defaulting to that of the calling function, the cluster will be stopped when the calling the frame in question exits.
<code>...</code>	not currently used
<code>n</code>	an integer specifying the number of threads to use; 0 (the starting value) disables multithreading, and <code>-1</code> or <code>NA</code> sets it to the number of CPUs detected.
<code>clinfo</code>	a <code>cluster</code> or another object.

Details

For estimation that require MCMC, `ergm` can take advantage of multiple CPUs or CPU cores on the system on which it runs, as well as computing clusters through one of two mechanisms:

Running MCMC chains in parallel Packages `parallel` and `snow` are used to to facilitate this, all cluster types that they support are supported.

The number of nodes used and the parallel API are controlled using the `parallel` and `parallel.type` arguments passed to the control functions, such as `control.ergm()`.

The `ergm.getCluster()` function is usually called internally by the `ergm` process (in `ergm_MCMC_sample()`) and will attempt to start the appropriate type of cluster indicated by the `control.ergm()` settings. The `ergm.stopCluster()` is helpful if the user has directly created a cluster.

Further details on the various cluster types are included below.

Multithreaded evaluation of model terms Rather than running multiple MCMC chains, it is possible to attempt to accelerate sampling by evaluating qualified terms' change statistics in multiple threads run in parallel. This is done using the **OpenMP** API.

However, this introduces a nontrivial amont of computational overhead. See below for a list of the major factors affecting whether it is worthwhile.

Generally, the two approaches should not be used at the same time without caution. In particular, by default, cluster slave nodes will not “inherit” the multithreading setting; but `parallel.inherit.MT=` control parameter can override that. Their relative advantages and disadvantages are as follows:

- Multithreading terms cannot take advantage of clusters but only of CPUs and cores.
- Parallel MCMC chains produce several independent chains; multithreading still only produces one.
- Multithreading terms actually accelerates sampling, including the burn-in phase; parallel MCMC’s multiple burn-in runs are effectively “wasted”.

Value

`set.MT_terms()` returns the previous setting, invisibly.

`get.MT_terms()` returns the current setting.

Different types of clusters

PSOCK clusters The `parallel` package is used with PSOCK clusters by default, to utilize multiple cores on a system. The number of cores on a system can be determined with the `detectCores()` function.

This method works with the base installation of R on all platforms, and does not require additional software.

For more advanced applications, such as clusters that span multiple machines on a network, the clusters can be initialized manually, and passed into `ergm()` and others using the `parallel` control argument. See the second example below.

MPI clusters To use MPI to accelerate ERGM sampling, pass the control parameter `parallel.type="MPI"`. `ergm` requires the `snow` and `Rmpi` packages to communicate with an MPI cluster.

Using MPI clusters requires the system to have an existing MPI installation. See the MPI documentation for your particular platform for instructions.

To use `ergm()` across multiple machines in a high performance computing environment, see the section "User initiated clusters" below.

User initiated clusters A cluster can be passed into `ergm()` with the `parallel` control parameter. `ergm()` will detect the number of nodes in the cluster, and use all of them for MCMC sampling. This method is flexible: it will accept any cluster type that is compatible with `snow` or `parallel` packages.

When is multithreading terms worthwhile?

- The more terms with statistics the model has, the more benefit from parallel execution.
- The more expensive the terms in the model are, the more benefit from parallel execution. For example, models with terms like `gwdsp` will generally get more benefit than models where all terms are dyad-independent.
- Sampling more dense networks will generally get more benefit than sparse networks. Network size has little, if any, effect.
- More CPUs/cores usually give greater speed-up, but only up to a point, because the amount of overhead grows with the number of threads; it is often better to “batch” the terms into a smaller number of threads than possible.

- Any other workload on the system will have a more severe effect on multithreaded execution. In particular, do not run more threads than CPUs/cores that you want to allocate to the tasks.
- Under Windows, even compiling with OpenMP appears to introduce unacceptable amounts of overhead, so it is disabled for Windows at compile time. To enable, *delete* `src/Makevars.win` and recompile from scratch.

Note

This is a setting global to the `ergm` package and all of its C functions, including when called from other packages via the Linking-To mechanism.

Examples

```
# Uses 2 SOCK clusters for MCMLE estimation
data(faux.mesa.high)
nw <- faux.mesa.high
fauxmodel.01 <- ergm(nw ~ edges + isolates + gwesp(0.2, fixed=TRUE),
                    control=control.ergm(parallel=2, parallel.type="PSOCK"))
summary(fauxmodel.01)
```

ergm-references

Reference Measures for Exponential-Family Random Graph Models

Description

This page describes the possible reference measures (baseline distributions) for found in the `ergm` package, particularly the default (Bernoulli) reference measure for binary ERGMs.

The reference measure is specified on the RHS of a one-sided formula passed as the reference argument to `ergm`. See the `ergm` documentation for a complete description of how reference measures are specified.

Possible reference measures to represent baseline distributions

Reference measures currently available are:

`Bernoulli` *Bernoulli-reference ERGM*: Specifies each dyad's baseline distribution to be Bernoulli with probability of the tie being 0.5. This is the only reference measure used in binary mode.

`DiscUnif(a,b)` *Discrete-Uniform-reference ERGM*: Specifies each dyad's baseline distribution to be discrete uniform between a and b (both inclusive): $h(y) = 1$, with the support being $a, a+1, \dots, b-1, b$. At this time, both a and b must be finite.

`Unif(a,b)` *Continuous-Uniform-reference ERGM*: Specifies each dyad's baseline distribution to be continuous uniform between a and b (both inclusive): $h(y) = 1$, with the support being $[a,b]$. At this time, both a and b must be finite.

`StdNormal` *Standard-Normal-reference ERGM*: Specifies each dyad's baseline distribution to be the normal distribution with mean 0 and variance 1.

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See Also

ergm, network, %v%, %n%, sna, summary.ergm, print.ergm

ergm-terms

Terms used in Exponential Family Random Graph Models

Description

The function `ergm` is used to fit exponential random graph models, in which the probability of a given network, y , on a set of nodes is

$$h(y) \exp\{\eta(\theta) \cdot g(y)\} / c(\theta)$$

where $h(y)$ is the reference measure (for valued network models), $g(y)$ is a vector of network statistics for y , $\eta(\theta)$ is a natural parameter vector of the same length (with $\eta(\theta) \equiv \theta$ for most terms), \cdot is the dot product, and $c(\theta)$ is the normalizing constant for the distribution.

The network statistics $g(y)$ are entered as terms in the function call to `ergm`. This page describes the possible terms (and hence network statistics) included in `ergm` package.

A cross-referenced HTML version of the term documentation is available via `vignette('ergm-term-crossRef')` and terms can also be searched via [search.ergmTerms](#).

Specifying models

Terms to `ergm` are specified by a formula to represent the network and network statistics. This is done via a formula, that is, an R formula object, of the form $y \sim \langle \text{term 1} \rangle + \langle \text{term 2} \rangle \dots$, where y is a network object or a matrix that can be coerced to a network object, and $\langle \text{term 1} \rangle$, $\langle \text{term 2} \rangle$, etc, are each terms chosen from the list given below. To create a network object in R, use the `network` function, then add nodal attributes to it using the `%v%` operator if necessary.

Operator terms: Operator terms like `B` and `F` take formulas with other `ergm` terms as their arguments and transform them by modifying their inputs (e.g., the network they evaluate) and/or their outputs.

By convention, their names are capitalized and CamelCased.

Interactions:

For binary ERGMs, interactions between `ergm` terms can be specified in a manner similar to `lm` and others, as using the `:` and `*` operators. However, they must be interpreted carefully, especially for dyad-dependent terms. (Interactions involving curved terms are not supported at this time.)

Generally, if term a has p_a statistics and b has p_b , $a:b$ will add $p_a \times p_b$ statistics to the model, corresponding to each element of $g_a(y)$ interacted with each element of $g_b(y)$.

The interaction is defined as follows. Dyad-independent terms can be expressed in the general form $g(y; x) = \sum_{i,j} x_{i,j} y_{i,j}$ for some edge covariate matrix x ,

$$g_{a:b}(y) = \sum_{i,j} x_{a,i,j} x_{b,i,j} y_{i,j}.$$

In other words, rather than being a product of their sufficient statistics ($g_a(y)g_b(y)$), it is a dyad-wise product of their dyad-level effects.

This means that an interaction between two dyad-independent terms can be interpreted the same way as it would be in the corresponding logistic regression for each potential edge. However, for undirected networks in particular, this may lead to somewhat counterintuitive results. For example, given two nodal covariates "a" and "b" (whose values for node i are denoted a_i and b_i , respectively), `nodecov("a")` adds one statistic of the form $\sum_{i,j} (a_i + a_j) y_{i,j}$ and analogously for `nodecov("b")`, so `nodecov("a"):nodecov("b")` produces

$$\sum_{i,j} (a_i + a_j)(b_i + b_j) y_{i,j}.$$

Binary and valued ERGM terms:

`ergm` functions such as `ergm` and `simulate` (for ERGMs) may operate in two modes: binary and weighted/valued, with the latter activated by passing a non-NULL value as the response argument, giving the edge attribute name to be modeled/simulated.

Generalizations of binary terms: Binary ERGM statistics cannot be used directly in valued mode and vice versa. However, a substantial number of binary ERGM statistics — particularly the ones with dyadic independence — have simple generalizations to valued ERGMs, and have been adapted in `ergm`. They have the same form as their binary ERGM counterparts, with an additional argument: `form`, which, at this time, has two possible values: "sum" (the default) and "nonzero". The former creates a statistic of the form $\sum_{i,j} x_{i,j} y_{i,j}$, where $y_{i,j}$ is the value of dyad (i, j) and $x_{i,j}$ is the term's covariate associated with it. The latter computes the binary version, with the edge considered to be present if its value is not 0. Valued version of some binary ERGM terms have an argument `threshold`, which sets the value above which a dyad is considered to have a tie. (Value less than or equal to threshold is considered a nontie.)

The `B()` operator term documented below can be used to pass other binary terms to valued models, and is more flexible, at the cost of being somewhat slower.

Nodal attribute levels and indices:

Terms taking a categorical nodal covariate also take the `levels` argument. (There are analogous `b1levels` and `b2levels` arguments for some terms that apply to bipartite networks, and the `levels2` argument for mixing terms.) The `levels` argument can be used to control the set and the ordering of attribute levels.

Terms that allow the selection of nodes do so with the `nodes` argument, which is interpreted in the same way as the `levels` argument, where the categories are the relevant nodal indices themselves. Both `levels` and `nodes` use the new level selection UI. (See [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (? nodal_attributes) for details.)

Legacy arguments:

The legacy `base` and `keep` arguments are deprecated as of version 3.10, and replaced by the `levels` UI. The `levels` argument provides consistent and flexible mechanisms for specifying which attribute levels to exclude (previously handled by `base`) and include (previously handled by `keep`). If `levels` or `nodes` argument is given, then `base` and `keep` arguments are ignored. The legacy arguments will most likely be removed in a future version.

Note that this exact behavior is new in version 3.10, and it differs slightly from older versions: previously if both `levels` and `base/keep` were given, `levels` argument was applied first and then applied the `base/keep` argument. Since version 3.10, `base/keep` would be ignored, even if old term behavior is invoked (as described in the next section).

Term versioning:

When a term's behavior has changed from prior version, it is often possible to invoke the old behavior by setting and/or passing a version term option, giving the version (constructed by `as.package_version`) desired.

Custom ergm terms:

Users and other packages may build custom terms, and package `ergm.userterms` provides tools for implementing them.

The current recommendation for any package implementing additional terms is to create a help file with a name or alias `ergm-terms`, so that `help("ergm-terms")` will list ERGM terms available from all loaded packages.

Terms included in the `ergm` package

As noted above, a cross-referenced HTML version of the term documentation is available via `vignette('ergm-term-crossRef')` and terms can also be searched via `search.ergmTerms`.

B(formula, form) (valued) (operator) Wraps binary ergm terms for use in valued models, with `formula` specifying which terms are to be wrapped and `form` specifying how they are to be used and how the binary network they are evaluated on is to be constructed. More precisely, `formula` A one-sided formula whose RHS contains the binary ergm terms to be used. Which terms may be used depends on the argument `form`.

`form` One of three values:

"sum" see section "Generalizations of binary terms" above; all terms in `formula` must be dyad-independent.

"nonzero" section "Generalizations of binary terms" above; any binary ergm terms may be used in `formula`.

a one-sided formula value-dependent network. `form` must contain one *valued* ergm term, with the following properties:

- dyadic independence;
- dyadwise contribution of either 0 or 1; and
- dyadwise contribution of 0 for a 0-valued dyad.

Formally, this means that it is expressible as

$$g(y) = \sum_{i,j} f_{i,j}(y_{i,j}),$$

, where for all i, j , and y , $f_{i,j}(y_{i,j})$ is either 0 or 1 and, in particular, $f_{i,j}(0) = 0$.

Examples of such terms include `nonzero`, `ininterval()`, `atleast()`, `atmost()`, `greaterthan()`, `lessthen()`, and `equalto()`.

Then, the value of the statistic will be the value of the statistics in formula evaluated on a binary network that is defined to have an edge if and only if the corresponding dyad of the valued network adds 1 to the valued term in form.

For example, `B(~nodecov("a"), form="sum")` is equivalent to `nodecov("a", form="sum")` and similarly with `form="nonzero"`.

When a valued implementation is available, it should be preferred, as it is likely to be faster.

`Parametrize(formula, params, map, gradient=NULL, minpar=-Inf, maxpar=+Inf, cov=NULL)` **(binary) (operator)**, **(valued) (operator)**

Impose a curved structure on term parameters.

`formula` is an arbitrary formula for a linear or curved ERGM. `params`, `map`, `gradient`, `minpar`, `maxpar`, and `cov` are the curved ERGM term API: a named list whose names are the curved parameter names, the mapping from curved to canonical, its gradient function, the minimum and the maximum allowed curved parameter values, and an optional “covariate” object.

Arguments may have the same forms as in the API, but for convenience, alternative forms are accepted.

`params` may also be a character vector with names.

`minpar` **and** `maxpar` will be recycled to appropriate length.

`map` may have the following forms:

- a `function(x, n, ...)` treated as in the API: called with `x` set to the curved parameter vector, `n` to the length of output expected, and `cov`, if present, passed in The function must return a numeric vector of length `n`.

- a **numeric vector** to fix the output coefficients, like in an offset.

- a **character string** to select (partially-matched) one of predefined forms. Currently, the defined forms include:

- “rep” recycle the input vector to the length of the output vector as a `rep` function would.

`gradient` is optional if `map` is constant or one of the predefined forms; otherwise, it must have one of the following forms:

- a `function(x, n, ...)` treated as in the API: called with `x` set to the curved parameter vector, `n` to the length of output expected, and `cov`, if present, passed in The function must return a numeric matrix with `length(params)` rows and `n` columns.

- a **numeric matrix** to fix the gradient; this is useful when `map` is linear.

- a **character string** to select (partially-matched) one of predefined forms. Currently, the defined forms include:

- “linear” calculate the (constant) gradient matrix using finite differences. Note that this will be done only once at the initialization stage, so use only if you are certain `map` is, in fact, linear.

If the model in `formula` is curved, then the outputs of this operator term’s `map` argument will be used as inputs to the curved terms of the formula model.

`Curve` is an obsolete alias and may be deprecated and removed in a future release.

`Exp(formula)` **(binary) (operator)**, `Exp(formula)` **(valued) (operator)** *Exponentiate a network’s statistic*: Evaluate the terms specified in `formula` and exponentiates them with base e .

`F(formula, filter)` **(binary) (operator)** *Filtering on arbitrary one-term model.* `filter` must contain one binary ergm term, with the following properties:

- dyadic independence;
- dyadwise contribution of 0 for a 0-valued dyad.

Formally, this means that it is expressible as

$$g(y) = \sum_{i,j} f_{i,j}(y_{i,j}),$$

where for all i, j , and y , $f_{i,j}(y_{i,j})$ for which $f_{i,j}(0) = 0$.

Examples of such terms include `nodemix`, `nodematch`, `nodefactor`, and `nodecov` and `edgescov` with appropriate covariates.

`formula` will be evaluated on a network constructed by taking y and removing any edges for which $f_{i,j}(y_{i,j}) = 0$.

`Log(formula, log0=-1/sqrt(.Machine$double.eps))` **(binary) (operator)**, `Log(formula, log0=-1/sqrt(.Machine$double.eps))` *Take a natural logarithm of a network's statistic:* Evaluate the terms specified in `formula` and takes a natural (base e) logarithm of them. Since an ERGM statistic must be finite, `log0` specifies the value to be substituted for $\log(0)$. The default value seems reasonable for most purposes.

`Prod(formulas, label)` **(binary) (operator)**, `Prod(formulas, label)` **(valued) (operator)** *A product (or an arbitrary power combination) of one or more formulas:*

`formulas` is a list of formulas whose corresponding RHS statistics will be multiplied elementwise. They are required to be nonnegative.

If a formula has an LHS, it is interpreted as follows:

a numeric scalar Network statistics of this formula will be exponentiated by this.

a numeric vector Corresponding network statistics of this formula will be exponentiated by this.

a numeric matrix Vector of network statistics will be exponentiated by this using the same pattern as matrix multiplication.

a character string One of several predefined linear combinations. Currently supported presets are as follows:

"prod" Network statistics of this formula will be multiplied together; equivalent to `matrix(1, 1, p)`, where p is the length of the network statistic vector.

"geomean" Network statistics of this formula will be geometrically averaged; equivalent to `matrix(1/p, 1, p)`, where p is the length of the network statistic vector.

Note that each formula must either produce the same number of statistics or be mapped through a matrix to produce the same number of statistics.

A single formula is also permissible. This can be useful if one wishes to, say, multiply together the statistics returned by a formula.

Offsets are ignored unless there is only one formula and the transformation only exponentiates the statistics (i.e., the effective transformation matrix is diagonal).

`label` is used to specify the names of the elements of the resulting term sum vector. If `label` is a character vector of length 1, it will be recycled with indices appended. If `label` is a function, `formulas'` parameter names are extracted and their list of character vectors is passed `label`.

(For convenience, if only one formula is given, just a character vector is passed. Lastly, if label or result of its function call is an [AsIs](#) object, it is not wrapped in `Sum~` . . .

Curved models are supported, subject to some limitations. In particular, the *first* model's etamap will be used, overwriting the others. If label is not of length 1, it should have an [attr](#)-style attribute "curved" specifying the names for the curved parameters.

Note that the current implementation piggybacks on the Log, Exp, and Sum operators, essentially `Exp(~Sum(~Log(formula), label))`. This may result in loss of precision, particularly for extremely large or small statistics. The implementation may change in the future.

`S(formula, attrs)` **(binary) (operator)** *Evaluation on an induced subgraph:*

`attrs` is a two-sided formula whose LHS gives the attribute or attribute function (see [Specifying Vertex Attributes and Levels](#)) for which tails and heads will be used to construct the induced subgraph. A one-sided formula (e.g., `~A`) is symmetrized (e.g., `A~A`).

It should evaluate either to a logical vector equal in length to the number of tails (for LHS) and heads (for RHS) indicating which nodes are to be used to induce the subgraph or a numeric vector giving their indices. (As with indexing vectors, the logical vector will be recycled to the size of the network or the size of the appropriate bipartition, and negative indices will deselect vertices.)

When the two sets are identical, the induced subgraph retains the directedness of the original graph. Otherwise, an undirected bipartite graph is induced.

`Sum(formulas, label)` **(binary) (operator)**, `Sum(formulas, label)` **(valued) (operator)** *A sum (or an arbitrary linear combination) of one or more formulas:*

`formulas` is a list of formulas whose corresponding RHS statistics will be summed element-wise.

If a formula has an LHS, it is interpreted as follows:

a numeric scalar Network statistics of this formula will be multiplied by this.

a numeric vector Corresponding network statistics of this formula will be multiplied by this.

a numeric matrix Vector of network statistics will be pre-multiplied by this.

a character string One of several predefined linear combinations. Currently supported pre-sets are as follows:

"sum" Network statistics of this formula will be summed up; equivalent to `matrix(1, 1, p)`, where `p` is the length of the network statistic vector.

"mean" Network statistics of this formula will be averaged; equivalent to `matrix(1/p, 1, p)`, where `p` is the length of the network statistic vector.

Note that each formula must either produce the same number of statistics or be mapped through a matrix to produce the same number of statistics.

A single formula is also permitted. This can be useful if one wishes to, say, scale or sum up the statistics returned by a formula.

Offsets are ignored unless there is only one formula and the transformation only scales the statistics (i.e., the effective transformation matrix is diagonal).

`label` is used to specify the names of the elements of the resulting term sum vector. If `label` is a character vector of length 1, it will be recycled with indices appended. If `label` is a function, `formulas'` parameter names are extracted and their list of character vectors is passed `label`. (For convenience, if only one formula is given, just a character vector is passed. Lastly, if `label` or result of its function call is an [AsIs](#) object, it is not wrapped in `Sum~` . . .

Curved models are supported, subject to some limitations. In particular, the *first* model's etamap will be used, overwriting the others. If label is not of length 1, it should have an `attr`-style attribute "curved" specifying the names for the curved parameters.

`Symmetrize(formula, rule="weak")` **(binary) (directed) (operator)** *Evaluation on symmetrized (undirected) network*: Evaluates the terms in formula on an undirected network constructed by symmetrizing the LHS network using one of four rules:

"weak" A tie (i, j) is present in the constructed network if the LHS network has either tie (i, j) or (j, i) (or both).

"strong" A tie (i, j) is present in the constructed network if the LHS network has both tie (i, j) and tie (j, i) .

"upper" A tie (i, j) is present in the constructed network if the LHS network has tie $(\min(i, j), \max(i, j))$: the upper triangle of the LHS network.

"upper" A tie (i, j) is present in the constructed network if the LHS network has tie $(\max(i, j), \min(i, j))$: the lower triangle of the LHS network.

`Label(formula, label, pos)` **(binary) (operator)**, `Label(formula, label, pos)` **(valued) (operator)**

Modify terms' coefficient names: The `Label` operator evaluates formula without modification, but modifies its coefficient and/or parameter names based on `label` and `pos`. `label` is either a character vector specifying the label for the terms or a function through which term names are mapped (or a `as_mapper`-style formula). If it is a character vector, the `pos` argument controls how it modifies the term names: one of "prepend", "replace", "append", or "(", with the latter wrapping the term names in parentheses like a function call with name specified by `label`.

`NodematchFilter(formula, attrname)` **(binary) (operator)** *Filtering on nodematch*: evaluates the terms specified in formula on a network constructed by taking y and removing any edges for which `attrname(i) != attrname(j)`. The `attrname` argument is a character vector giving one or more names of attributes in the network's vertex attribute list.

`Offset(formula, coef, which)` **(binary) (operator)** *Terms with fixed coefficients*: This operator is analogous to the `offset()` wrapper, but the coefficients are specified within the term and the curved ERGM mechanism is used internally. In addition, the `which` argument can be used to specify which of the *parameters* in the formula are fixed. It can be a logical vector (recycled as needed), a numeric vector of indices of parameters to be fixed, or the a character vector of parameter names.

`absdiff(attr, pow=1)` **(binary) (dyad-independent) (frequently-used) (directed) (undirected) (quantitative nodal attr)**

Absolute difference: The `attr` argument specifies a quantitative attribute (see [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (? nodal_attributes) for details). This term adds one network statistic to the model equaling the sum of `abs(attr[i]-attr[j])^pow` for all edges (i, j) in the network.

Note that `ergm` versions 3.9.4 and earlier used different arguments for this term. See the above section on versioning for invoking the old behavior.

`absdiffcat(attr, base=NULL, levels=NULL)` **(binary) (dyad-independent) (directed) (undirected) (categorical nodal attr)**

Categorical absolute difference: The `attr` argument specifies a quantitative attribute (see [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (? nodal_attributes) for details). This term adds one statistic for every possible nonzero distinct value of `abs(attr[i]-attr[j])` in the network; the value of each such statistic is the number of edges in the network with the corresponding absolute difference. The optional argument `levels` specifies which nonzero differences to include in or exclude from the model (see [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (? nodal_attributes)

for details). For example, if the possible values of `abs(attr[i]-attr[j])` are 0, 0.5, 3, 3.5, and 10, then to omit 0.5 and 10 one could set `levels=2:3` (we wish to retain the second and third nonzero difference, when differences are sorted in increasing order). Note that this term should generally be used only when the quantitative attribute has a limited number of possible values; an example is the "Grade" attribute of the [faux.mesa.high](#) or [faux.magnolia.high](#) datasets.

The argument `base` is retained for backwards compatibility and may be removed in a future version. When both `base` and `levels` are passed, `levels` overrides `base`.

`altkstar(lambda, fixed=FALSE)` **(binary) (undirected) (curved) (categorical nodal attribute)**

Alternating k-star: This term adds one network statistic to the model equal to a weighted alternating sequence of k-star statistics with weight parameter `lambda`. This is the version given in Snijders et al. (2006). The `gwdegree` and `altkstar` produce mathematically equivalent models, as long as they are used together with the edges (or `kstar(1)`) term, yet the interpretation of the `gwdegree` parameters is slightly more straightforward than the interpretation of the `altkstar` parameters. For this reason, we recommend the use of the `gwdegree` instead of `altkstar`. See Section 3 and especially equation (13) of Hunter (2007) for details. The optional argument `fixed` indicates whether the decay parameter is fixed at the given value, or is to be fit as a curved exponential family model (see Hunter and Handcock, 2006). The default is `FALSE`, which means the scale parameter is not fixed and thus the model is a CEF model. This term can only be used with undirected networks.

`asymmetric(attr=NULL, diff=FALSE, keep=NULL, levels=NULL)` **(binary) (directed) (dyad-independent) (triad-relat**

Asymmetric dyads: This term adds one network statistic to the model equal to the number of pairs of actors for which exactly one of $(i \rightarrow j)$ or $(j \rightarrow i)$ exists. This term can only be used with directed networks. The optional argument `attr` specifies a vertex attribute (see [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (? nodal_attributes) for details). If `attr` is specified, only asymmetric pairs that match on the vertex attribute `attr` are counted. The optional modifiers `diff` and `levels` are used in the same way as for the `nodematch` term; refer to this term for details and an example.

The argument `keep` is retained for backwards compatibility and may be removed in a future version. When both `keep` and `levels` are passed, `levels` overrides `keep`.

`atleast(threshold=0)` **(valued) (directed) (undirected) (dyad-independent)** *Number of dyads with values greater than or equal to a threshold* Adds the number of statistics equal to the length of `threshold` equaling to the number of dyads whose values equal or exceed the corresponding element of `threshold`.

`atmost(threshold=0)` **(valued) (directed) (undirected) (dyad-independent)** *Number of dyads with values less than or equal to a threshold* Adds the number of statistics equal to the length of `threshold` equaling to the number of dyads whose values equal or are exceeded by the corresponding element of `threshold`.

`attrcov(attr, mat)` **(binary) (dyad-independent) (directed) (undirected)** *Edge covariate by attribute pairing:* The `attr` argument specifies a vertex attribute (see [Specifying Vertex Attributes and Levels](#) for details), and the `mat` argument is a matrix of covariates with the same dimensions as a mixing matrix for `attr`. This term adds one statistic to the model, equal to the sum of the covariate values for each edge appearing in the network, where the covariate value for a given edge is determined by its mixing type on `attr`. Undirected networks are regarded as having undirected mixing, and it is assumed that `mat` is symmetric in that case.

This term can be useful for simulating large networks with many mixing types, where `nodemix` would be slow due to the large number of statistics, and `edgescov` cannot be used because an

adjacency matrix would be too big.

b1concurrent(by=NULL, levels=NULL) **(binary) (bipartite) (undirected) (categorical nodal attribute)**

Concurrent node count for the first mode in a bipartite (aka two-mode) network: This term adds one network statistic to the model, equal to the number of nodes in the first mode of the network with degree 2 or higher. The first mode of a bipartite network object is sometimes known as the "actor" mode. The optional argument *by* specifies a vertex attribute (see [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (? nodal_attributes) for details); it functions just like the *by* argument of the **b1degree** term. Without the optional argument, this statistic is equivalent to **b1mindegree**(2). This term can only be used with undirected bipartite networks.

b1cov(attr) **(binary) (undirected) (bipartite) (dyad-independent) (quantitative nodal attribute) (frequently-used)**, b

Main effect of a covariate for the first mode in a bipartite (aka two-mode) network: The *attr* argument specifies one or more quantitative attributes (see [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (? nodal_attributes) for details). This term adds a single network statistic for each quantitative attribute or matrix column to the model equaling the total value of *attr*(*i*) for all edges (*i*, *j*) in the network. This term may only be used with bipartite networks. For categorical attributes, see **b1factor**.

Note that *ergm* versions 3.9.4 and earlier used different arguments for this term. See the above section on versioning for invoking the old behavior.

b1degrange(from, to=+Inf, by=NULL, homophily=FALSE, levels=NULL) **(binary) (bipartite) (undirected)**

Degree range for the first mode in a bipartite (a.k.a. two-mode) network: The *from* and *to* arguments are vectors of distinct integers (or +Inf, for *to* (its default)). If one of the vectors has length 1, it is recycled to the length of the other. Otherwise, they must have the same length. This term adds one network statistic to the model for each element of *from* (or *to*); the *i*th such statistic equals the number of nodes of the first mode ("actors") in the network of degree greater than or equal to *from*[*i*] but strictly less than *to*[*i*], i.e. with edge count in semiopen interval [*from*, *to*). The optional argument *by* specifies a vertex attribute (see [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (? nodal_attributes) for details). If this is specified and *homophily* is TRUE, then degrees are calculated using the subnetwork consisting of only edges whose endpoints have the same value of the *by* attribute. If *by* is specified and *homophily* is FALSE (the default), then separate degree range statistics are calculated for nodes having each separate value of the attribute.

This term can only be used with bipartite networks; for directed networks see **idegrange** and **odegrange**. For undirected networks, see **degrange**, and see **b2degrange** for degrees of the second mode ("events").

b1degree(d, by=NULL, levels=NULL) **(binary) (bipartite) (undirected) (categorical nodal attribute) (frequently-used)**

Degree for the first mode in a bipartite (aka two-mode) network: The *d* argument is a vector of distinct integers. This term adds one network statistic to the model for each element in *d*; the *i*th such statistic equals the number of nodes of degree *d*[*i*] in the first mode of a bipartite network, i.e. with exactly *d*[*i*] edges. The first mode of a bipartite network object is sometimes known as the "actor" mode. The optional argument *by* specifies a vertex attribute (see [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (? nodal_attributes) for details). If this is specified then each node's degree is tabulated only with other nodes having the same value of the *by* attribute.

This term can only be used with undirected bipartite networks.

b1dsp(d) **(binary) (bipartite) (undirected)** *Dyadwise shared partners for dyads in the first bi-partition:* The *d* argument is a vector of distinct integers. This term adds one network statistic to the model for each element in *d*; the *i*th such statistic equals the number of dyads in the

first bipartition with exactly $d[i]$ shared partners. (Those shared partners, of course, must be members of the second bipartition.) This term can only be used with bipartite networks.

b1factor(attr, base=1, levels=-1) **(binary) (bipartite) (undirected) (dyad-independent) (frequently-used) (categorical)**

Factor attribute effect for the first mode in a bipartite (aka two-mode) network: The `attr` argument specifies a categorical vertex attribute (see [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (? `nodal_attributes`) for details). This term adds multiple network statistics to the model, one for each of (a subset of) the unique values of the `attr` attribute. Each of these statistics gives the number of times a node with that attribute in the first mode of the network appears in an edge. The first mode of a bipartite network object is sometimes known as the "actor" mode.

The optional `levels` argument controls which levels of the attribute should be included and which should be excluded. (See [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (? `nodal_attributes`) for details.) For example, if the "fruit" attribute has levels "orange", "apple", "banana", and "pear", then to include just two levels, one for "apple" and one for "pear", use any of `b1factor("fruit", levels=-(2:3))`, `b1factor("fruit", levels=c(1,4))`, and `b1factor("fruit", levels=c("orange", "pear"))`. Note: if you are using numeric values to specify the levels of a character variable, the levels will correspond to the alphabetically sorted character levels.

To include all attribute values is usually not a good idea, because the sum of all such statistics equals the number of edges and hence a linear dependency would arise in any model also including edges. The default, `levels=-1`, is therefore to omit the first (in lexicographic order) attribute level. To include all levels, pass either `levels=TRUE` (i.e., keep all levels) or `levels=NULL` (i.e., do not filter levels).

The argument `base` is retained for backwards compatibility and may be removed in a future version. When both `base` and `levels` are passed, `levels` overrides `base`.

This term can only be used with undirected bipartite networks.

b1mindegree(d) **(binary) (bipartite) (undirected)** *Minimum degree for the first mode in a bipartite (aka two-mode) network:* The `d` argument is a vector of distinct integers. This term adds one network statistic to the model for each element in `d`; the i th such statistic equals the number of nodes in the first mode of a bipartite network with at least degree $d[i]$. The first mode of a bipartite network object is sometimes known as the "actor" mode.

This term can only be used with undirected bipartite networks.

b1nodematch(attr, diff=FALSE, keep=NULL, alpha=1, beta=1, byb2attr=NULL, levels=NULL) **(binary) (bipartite)**

Nodal attribute-based homophily effect for the first mode in a bipartite (aka two-mode) network: This term is introduced in Bomirya et al (2014). The `attr` argument specifies a categorical vertex attribute (see [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (? `nodal_attributes`) for details). Out of the two arguments (discount parameters) `alpha` and `beta`, both of which take values from $[0,1]$, only one should be set at a time. If none is set to a value other than 1, this term will simply be a homophily based two-star statistic. This term adds one statistic to the model unless `diff` is set to `TRUE`, in which case the term adds multiple network statistics to the model, one for each of (a subset of) the unique values of the `attr` attribute. To include only the attribute values you wish, use the `levels` arguments.

The argument `keep` is retained for backwards compatibility and may be removed in a future version. When both `keep` and `levels` are passed, `levels` overrides `keep`.

If an `alpha` discount parameter is used, each of these statistics gives the sum of the number of common second-mode nodes raised to the power `alpha` for each pair of first-mode nodes with that attribute. If a `beta` discount parameter is used, each of these statistics gives half the sum of the number of two-paths with two first-mode nodes with that attribute as the two ends of the two path raised to the power `beta` for each edge in the network. The `byb2attr` argument

specifies a second mode categorical attribute. Setting this argument will separate the original statistics based on the values of the set second mode attribute— i.e. for example, if `diff` is `FALSE`, then the sum of all the statistics for each level of this second-mode attribute will be equal to the original `b1nodematch` statistic where `byb2attr` set to `NULL`. This term can only be used with undirected bipartite networks.

`b1sociality(nodes=-1)` **(binary) (bipartite) (undirected) (dyad-independent)**, `b1sociality(nodes=-1, form="sum"`

Degree: This term adds one network statistic for each node in the first bipartition, equal to the number of ties of that node. By default, `nodes=-1` means that the statistic for the first node will be omitted, but this argument may be changed to control which statistics are included. The `nodes` argument is interpreted using the new UI for level specification (see [Specifying Vertex Attributes and Levels](#) for details), where both the attribute and the sorted unique values are the vector of vertex indices `1:nb1`, where `nb1` is the size of the first bipartition. This term can only be used with bipartite networks. For directed networks, see `sender` and `receiver`. For unipartite networks, see `sociality`.

`b1star(k, attr=NULL, levels=NULL)` **(binary) (bipartite) (undirected) (categorical nodal attribute)**

k-Stars for the first mode in a bipartite (aka two-mode) network: The `k` argument is a vector of distinct integers. This term adds one network statistic to the model for each element in `k`. The i th such statistic counts the number of distinct `k[i]`-stars whose center node is in the first mode of the network. The first mode of a bipartite network object is sometimes known as the "actor" mode. A k -star is defined to be a center node N and a set of k different nodes $\{O_1, \dots, O_k\}$ such that the ties $\{N, O_i\}$ exist for $i = 1, \dots, k$. The optional argument `attr` specifies a vertex attribute (see [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (? nodal_attributes) for details). If this is specified then the count is over the number of k -stars (with center node in the first mode) where all nodes have the same value of the attribute. This term can only be used for undirected bipartite networks. Note that `b1star(1)` is equal to `b2star(1)` and to edges.

`b1starmix(k, attr, base=NULL, diff=TRUE)` **(binary) (bipartite) (undirected) (categorical nodal attribute)**

Mixing matrix for k-stars centered on the first mode of a bipartite network: Only a single value of k is allowed. This term counts all k -stars in which the `b2` nodes (called events in some contexts) are homophilous in the sense that they all share the same value of `attr`. However, the `b1` node (in some contexts, the actor) at the center of the k -star does NOT have to have the same value as the `b2` nodes; indeed, the values taken by the `b1` nodes may be completely distinct from those of the `b2` nodes, which allows for the use of this term in cases where there are two separate nodal attributes, one for the `b1` nodes and another for the `b2` nodes (in this case, however, these two attributes should be combined to form a single nodal attribute, `attr`). A different statistic is created for each value of `attr` seen in a `b1` node, even if no k -stars are observed with this value. Whether a different statistic is created for each value seen in a `b2` node depends on the value of the `diff` argument: When `diff=TRUE`, the default, a different statistic is created for each value and thus the behavior of this term is reminiscent of the `nodemix` term, from which it takes its name; when `diff=FALSE`, all homophilous k -stars are counted together, though these k -stars are still categorized according to the value of the central `b1` node.

`b1twostar(b1attr, b2attr, base=NULL, b1levels=NULL, b2levels=NULL, levels2=NULL)` **(binary) (bipartite) (undirected)**

Two-star census for central nodes centered on the first mode of a bipartite network: This term takes two nodal attributes (see [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (? nodal_attributes) for details), one for `b1` nodes (actors in some contexts) and one for `b2` nodes (events in some contexts). Only `b1attr` is required; if `b2attr` is not passed, it is assumed to be the same as `b1attr`. Assuming that there are n_1 values of `b1attr` among the `b1` nodes and n_2 values of

b2attr among the b2 nodes, then the total number of distinct categories of two stars according to these two attributes is $n_1(n_2)(n_2 + 1)/2$. By default, this model term creates a distinct statistic counting each of these categories. The b1levels, b2levels, base, and levels2 arguments may be used to leave some of these categories out (see [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (? nodal_attributes) for details).

The argument base is retained for backwards compatibility and may be removed in a future version. When both base and levels are passed, levels overrides base. The argument base is retained for backwards compatibility and may be removed in a future version. When both base and levels2 are passed, levels2 overrides base.

b2concurrent(by=NULL) (binary) (bipartite) (undirected) (frequently-used) *Concurrent node count for the second mode in a bipartite (aka two-mode) network:* This term adds one network statistic to the model, equal to the number of nodes in the second mode of the network with degree 2 or higher. The second mode of a bipartite network object is sometimes known as the "event" mode. The optional argument by specifies a vertex attribute (see [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (? nodal_attributes) for details); it functions just like the by argument of the b2degree term. Without the optional argument, this statistic is equivalent to b2mindegree(2).

This term can only be used with undirected bipartite networks.

b2cov(attr) (binary) (undirected) (bipartite) (dyad-independent) (quantitative nodal attribute) (frequently-used), b2cov *Main effect of a covariate for the second mode in a bipartite (aka two-mode) network:* The attr argument specifies one or more quantitative attributes (see [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (? nodal_attributes) for details). This term adds a single network statistic for each quantitative attribute or matrix column to the model equaling the total value of attr(j) for all edges (i, j) in the network. This term may only be used with bipartite networks. For categorical attributes, see b2factor.

Note that ergm versions 3.9.4 and earlier used different arguments for this term. See the above section on versioning for invoking the old behavior.

b2degrange(from, to=+Inf, by=NULL, homophily=FALSE, levels=NULL) (binary) (bipartite) (undirected) *Degree range for the second mode in a bipartite (a.k.a. two-mode) network:* The from and to arguments are vectors of distinct integers (or +Inf, for to (its default)). If one of the vectors has length 1, it is recycled to the length of the other. Otherwise, they must have the same length. This term adds one network statistic to the model for each element of from (or to); the i-th such statistic equals the number of nodes of the second mode ("events") in the network of degree greater than or equal to from[i] but strictly less than to[i], i.e. with edge count in semiopen interval [from, to). The optional argument by specifies a vertex attribute (see [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (? nodal_attributes) for details). If this is specified and homophily is TRUE, then degrees are calculated using the subnetwork consisting of only edges whose endpoints have the same value of the by attribute. If by is specified and homophily is FALSE (the default), then separate degree range statistics are calculated for nodes having each separate value of the attribute.

This term can only be used with bipartite networks; for directed networks see idegrange and odegrange. For undirected networks, see degrange, and see b1degrange for degrees of the first mode ("actors").

b2degree(d, by=NULL) (binary) (bipartite) (undirected) (categorical nodal attribute) (frequently-used) *Degree for the second mode in a bipartite (aka two-mode) network:* The d argument is a vector of distinct integers. This term adds one network statistic to the model for each element in d; the i-th such statistic equals the number of nodes of degree d[i] in the second mode of

a bipartite network, i.e. with exactly $d[i]$ edges. The second mode of a bipartite network object is sometimes known as the "event" mode. The optional term `by` specifies a vertex attribute (see [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (? nodal_attributes) for details). If this is specified then each node's degree is tabulated only with other nodes having the same value of the `by` attribute.

This term can only be used with undirected bipartite networks.

b2dsp(d) (binary) (bipartite) (undirected) *Dyadwise shared partners for dyads in the second bipartition:* The `d` argument is a vector of distinct integers. This term adds one network statistic to the model for each element in `d`; the i th such statistic equals the number of dyads in the second bipartition with exactly $d[i]$ shared partners. (Those shared partners, of course, must be members of the first bipartition.) This term can only be used with bipartite networks.

b2factor(attr, base=1, levels=-1) (binary) (bipartite) (undirected) (dyad-independent) (categorical nodal attribute) *Factor attribute effect for the second mode in a bipartite (aka two-mode) network :* The `attr` argument specifies a categorical vertex attribute (see [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (? nodal_attributes) for details). This term adds multiple network statistics to the model, one for each of (a subset of) the unique values of the `attr` attribute. Each of these statistics gives the number of times a node with that attribute in the second mode of the network appears in an edge. The second mode of a bipartite network object is sometimes known as the "event" mode.

The optional `levels` argument controls which levels of the attribute should be included and which should be excluded. (See [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (? nodal_attributes) for details.) For example, if the "fruit" attribute has levels "orange", "apple", "banana", and "pear", then to include just two levels, one for "apple" and one for "pear", use any of `b2factor("fruit", levels=c(2:3))`, `b2factor("fruit", levels=c(1,4))`, and `b2factor("fruit", levels=c("apple", "pear"))`. Note: if you are using numeric values to specify the levels of a character variable, the levels will correspond to the alphabetically sorted character levels.

To include all attribute values is usually not a good idea, because the sum of all such statistics equals the number of edges and hence a linear dependency would arise in any model also including edges. The default, `levels=-1`, is therefore to omit the first (in lexicographic order) attribute level. To include all levels, pass either `levels=TRUE` (i.e., keep all levels) or `levels=NULL` (i.e., do not filter levels).

The argument `base` is retained for backwards compatibility and may be removed in a future version. When both `base` and `levels` are passed, `levels` overrides `base`.

This term can only be used with undirected bipartite networks.

b2mindegree(d) (binary) (bipartite) (undirected) *Minimum degree for the second mode in a bipartite (aka two-mode) network:* The `d` argument is a vector of distinct integers. This term adds one network statistic to the model for each element in `d`; the i th such statistic equals the number of nodes in the second mode of a bipartite network with at least degree $d[i]$. The second mode of a bipartite network object is sometimes known as the "event" mode.

This term can only be used with undirected bipartite networks.

b2nodematch(attr, diff=FALSE, keep=NULL, alpha=1, beta=1, by1attr=NULL, levels=NULL) (binary) (bipartite) *Nodal attribute-based homophily effect for the second mode in a bipartite (aka two-mode) network:* This term is introduced in Bomirya et al (2014). The `attr` argument specifies a categorical vertex attribute (see [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (? nodal_attributes) for details). Out of the two arguments (discount parameters) `alpha` and `beta`, both which takes values from $[0,1]$, only one should be set at a time. If none is set to a value other than 1, this term will simply be a homophily based two-star statistic. This term adds one statistic to the

model unless `diff` is set to `TRUE`, in which case the term adds multiple network statistics to the model, one for each of (a subset of) the unique values of the `attr` attribute. To include only the attribute values you wish, use the `levels` argument.

The argument `keep` is retained for backwards compatibility and may be removed in a future version. When both `keep` and `levels` are passed, `levels` overrides `keep`.

If an alpha discount parameter is used, each of these statistics gives the sum of the number of common first-mode nodes raised to the power alpha for each pair of second-mode nodes with that attribute. If a beta discount parameter is used, each of these statistics gives half the sum of the number of two-paths with two second-mode nodes with that attribute as the two ends of the two path raised to the power beta for each edge in the network. The `byb1attr` argument specifies a first mode categorical attribute. Setting this argument will separate the original statistics based on the values of the set first mode attribute— i.e. for example, if `diff` is `FALSE`, then the sum of all the statistics for each level of this first-mode attribute will be equal to the original `b2nodematch` statistic where `byb1attr` set to `NULL`.

This term can only be used with undirected bipartite networks.

`b2sociality(nodes=-1)` **(binary) (bipartite) (undirected) (dyad-independent)**, `b2sociality(nodes=-1, form="sum"`

Degree: This term adds one network statistic for each node in the second bipartition, equal to the number of ties of that node. By default, `nodes=-1` means that the statistic for the first node (in the second bipartition) will be omitted, but this argument may be changed to control which statistics are included. The `nodes` argument is interpreted using the new UI for level specification (see [Specifying Vertex Attributes and Levels](#) for details), where both the attribute and the sorted unique values are the vector of vertex indices $(nb1 + 1):n$, where `nb1` is the size of the first bipartition and `n` is the total number of nodes in the network. Thus `nodes=120` will include only the statistic for the 120th node in the second bipartition, while `nodes=I(120)` will include only the statistic for the 120th node in the entire network. This term can only be used with undirected bipartite networks. For directed networks, see `sender` and `receiver`. For unipartite networks, see `sociality`.

`b2star(k, attr=NULL, levels=NULL)` **(binary) (bipartite) (undirected) (categorical nodal attribute)**

k-Stars for the second mode in a bipartite (aka two-mode) network: The `k` argument is a vector of distinct integers. This term adds one network statistic to the model for each element in `k`. The i th such statistic counts the number of distinct $k[i]$ -stars whose center node is in the second mode of the network. The second mode of a bipartite network object is sometimes known as the "event" mode. A k -star is defined to be a center node N and a set of k different nodes $\{O_1, \dots, O_k\}$ such that the ties $\{N, O_i\}$ exist for $i = 1, \dots, k$. The optional argument `attr` specifies a vertex attribute (see [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (? nodal_attributes) for details). If this is specified then the count is over the number of k -stars (with center node in the second mode) where all nodes have the same value of the attribute. This term can only be used for undirected bipartite networks. Note that `b2star(1)` is equal to `b1star(1)` and to edges.

`b2starmix(k, attr, base=NULL, diff=TRUE)` **(binary) (bipartite) (undirected) (categorical nodal attribute)**

Mixing matrix for k-stars centered on the second mode of a bipartite network: This term is exactly the same as `b1starmix` except that the roles of `b1` and `b2` are reversed.

`b2twostar(b1attr, b2attr, base=NULL, b1levels=NULL, b2levels=NULL, levels2=NULL)` **(binary) (bipartite) (undirected)**

Two-star census for central nodes centered on the second mode of a bipartite network: This term is exactly the same as `b1twostar` except that the roles of `b1` and `b2` are reversed.

`balance` **(binary) (triad-related) (directed) (undirected)** *Balanced triads:* This term adds one network statistic to the model equal to the number of triads in the network that are balanced.

The balanced triads are those of type 102 or 300 in the categorization of Davis and Leinhardt (1972). For details on the 16 possible triad types, see `?triad.classify` in the `{sna}` package. For an undirected network, the balanced triads are those with an odd number of ties (i.e., 1 and 3).

`coincidence(levels=NULL, active=0)` **(binary) (bipartite) (undirected)** *Coincident node count for the second mode in a bipartite (aka two-mode) network:* By default this term adds one network statistic to the model for each pair of nodes of mode two. It is equal to the number of (first mode) mutual partners of that pair. The first mode of a bipartite network object is sometimes known as the "actor" mode and the seconds as the "event" mode. So this is the number of actors going to both events in the pair. The optional argument `levels` specifies which pairs of nodes in mode two to include (see [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (`? nodal_attributes`) for details). The second optional argument, `active`, selects pairs for which the observed count is at least active. If both `levels` and `active` are specified, then `active` is ignored. (Thus, indices passed as `levels` should correspond to indices when `levels = NULL` and `active = 0`.) This term can only be used with undirected bipartite networks.

Note that `ergm` versions 3.9.4 and earlier used different arguments for this term. See the above section on versioning for invoking the old behavior.

`concurrent(by=NULL, levels=NULL)` **(binary) (undirected) (categorical nodal attribute)** *Concurrent node count:* This term adds one network statistic to the model, equal to the number of nodes in the network with degree 2 or higher. The optional argument `by` specifies a vertex attribute (see [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (`? nodal_attributes`) for details); it functions just like the `by` argument of the degree term. This term can only be used with undirected networks.

`concurrentties(by=NULL, levels=NULL)` **(binary) (undirected) (categorical nodal attribute)** *Concurrent tie count:* This term adds one network statistic to the model, equal to the number of ties incident on each actor beyond the first. The optional argument `by` specifies a vertex attribute (see [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (`? nodal_attributes`) for details); it functions just like the `by` argument of the degree term. This term can only be used with undirected networks.

`ctriple(attr=NULL, diff=FALSE, levels=NULL)` **(binary) (directed) (triad-related) (categorical nodal attribute)**, **a.k.a.** *Cyclic triples:* By default, this term adds one statistic to the model, equal to the number of cyclic triples in the network, defined as a set of edges of the form $\{(i \rightarrow j), (j \rightarrow k), (k \rightarrow i)\}$. Note that for all directed networks, `triangle` is equal to `ttriple+ctriple`, so at most two of these three terms can be in a model. The optional argument `attr` specifies a vertex attribute (see [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (`? nodal_attributes`) for details). If `attr` is specified and `diff` is `FALSE`, then the statistic is the number of cyclic triples where all three nodes have the same value of the attribute. If `attr` is specified and `diff` is `TRUE`, then one statistic is added to the model for each value of `attr` (or each value of `attr` specified by `levels` if that argument is passed), equal to the number of cyclic triples where all three nodes have that value of the attribute. This term can only be used with directed networks.

`cycle(k, semi=FALSE)` **(binary) (directed) (undirected)** *k-Cycle Census:* The `k` argument must be a vector of integers giving the cycle lengths to count. Directed cycle lengths may range from 2 to `N` (the network size); undirected cycle lengths and semicycle lengths may range from 3 to `N`; length 2 semicycles are not currently supported. Note that directed 2-cycles are equivalent to mutual dyads.

This term adds one network statistic to the model for each value of `k`, corresponding to the number of `k`-cycles (or, alternately, semicycles) in the graph.

The optional argument `semi` is a logical indicating whether semicycles (rather than directed cycles) should be counted; this is ignored in the undirected case.

This term can be used with either directed or undirected networks.

`cyclicalities(attr=NULL, levels=NULL)` **(binary) (directed) (undirected)**, `cyclicalities(threshold=0)` **(valued) (directed) (undirected)**

Cyclical ties: This term adds one statistic, equal to the number of ties $i \rightarrow j$ such that there exists a two-path from j to i . (Related to the `ttriple` term.) The binary version takes a nodal attribute `attr`, and, if given, all three nodes involved (i , j , and the node on the two-path) must match on this attribute in order for $i \rightarrow j$ to be counted.

`cyclicalweights(twopath="min", combine="max", affect="min")` **(valued) (directed) (undirected)**

Cyclical weights: This statistic implements the cyclical weights statistic, like that defined by Krivitsky (2012), Equation 13, but with the focus dyad being $y_{j,i}$ rather than $y_{i,j}$. The currently implemented options for `twopath` is the minimum of the constituent dyads ("min") or their geometric mean ("geomean"); for `combine`, the maximum of the 2-path strengths ("max") or their sum ("sum"); and for `affect`, the minimum of the focus dyad and the combined strength of the two paths ("min") or their geometric mean ("geomean"). For each of these options, the first (and the default) is more stable but also more conservative, while the second is more sensitive but more likely to induce a multimodal distribution of networks.

`ddsp(d, type="OTP")` **(binary) (directed)** *Directed dyadwise shared partners:* This term adds one network statistic to the model for each element in `d` where the i th such statistic equals the number of *dyads* in the network with exactly `d[i]` shared partners. This term can only be used with directed networks.

While there is only one shared partner configuration in the undirected case, nine distinct configurations are possible for directed graphs, selected using the `type` argument. Currently, terms may be defined with respect to five of these configurations; they are defined here as follows (using terminology from Butts (2008) and the relevant package):

Outgoing Two-path ("OTP") vertex k is an OTP shared partner of ordered pair (i, j) iff $i \rightarrow k \rightarrow j$. Also known as "transitive shared partner".

Incoming Two-path ("ITP") vertex k is an ITP shared partner of ordered pair (i, j) iff $j \rightarrow k \rightarrow i$. Also known as "cyclical shared partner"

Reciprocated Two-path ("RTP") vertex k is an RTP shared partner of ordered pair (i, j) iff $i \leftrightarrow k \leftrightarrow j$.

Outgoing Shared Partner ("OSP") vertex k is an OSP shared partner of ordered pair (i, j) iff $i \rightarrow k, j \rightarrow k$.

Incoming Shared Partner ("ISP") vertex k is an ISP shared partner of ordered pair (i, j) iff $k \rightarrow i, k \rightarrow j$.

By default, outgoing two-paths ("OTP") are calculated. Note that Robins et al. (2009) define closely related statistics to several of the above, using slightly different terminology.

`degrange(from, to=+Inf, by=NULL, homophily=FALSE, levels=NULL)` **(binary) (undirected) (categorical nodal attribute)**

Degree range: The `from` and `to` arguments are vectors of distinct integers (or `+Inf`, for `to` (its default)). If one of the vectors has length 1, it is recycled to the length of the other. Otherwise, they must have the same length. This term adds one network statistic to the model for each element of `from` (or `to`); the i th such statistic equals the number of nodes in the network of degree greater than or equal to `from[i]` but strictly less than `to[i]`, i.e. with edges in semiopen interval $[from, to)$. The optional argument `by` specifies a vertex attribute (see [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (? nodal_attributes) for details). If this is specified and `homophily` is TRUE, then degrees are calculated using the subnetwork consisting of only edges

whose endpoints have the same value of the `by` attribute. If `by` is specified and `homophily` is `FALSE` (the default), then separate degree range statistics are calculated for nodes having each separate value of the attribute.

This term can only be used with undirected networks; for directed networks see `idegrange` and `odegrange`. This term can be used with bipartite networks, and will count nodes of both first and second mode in the specified degree range. To count only nodes of the first mode ("actors"), use `b1degrange` and to count only those for the second mode ("events"), use `b2degrange`.

`degree(d, by=NULL, homophily=FALSE, levels=NULL)` **(binary) (undirected) (categorical nodal attribute) (frequently-used)**

Degree: The `d` argument is a vector of distinct integers. This term adds one network statistic to the model for each element in `d`; the i th such statistic equals the number of nodes in the network of degree `d[i]`, i.e. with exactly `d[i]` edges. The optional argument `by` specifies a vertex attribute (see [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (? nodal_attributes) for details). If this is specified and `homophily` is `TRUE`, then degrees are calculated using the subnetwork consisting of only edges whose endpoints have the same value of the `by` attribute. If `by` is specified and `homophily` is `FALSE` (the default), then separate degree statistics are calculated for nodes having each separate value of the attribute. This term can only be used with undirected networks; for directed networks see `idegree` and `odegree`.

`degree1.5` **(binary) (undirected)** *Degree to the 3/2 power:* This term adds one network statistic to the model equaling the sum over the actors of each actor's degree taken to the $3/2$ power (or, equivalently, multiplied by its square root). This term is an undirected analog to the terms of Snijders et al. (2010), equations (11) and (12). This term can only be used with undirected networks.

`degpopularity` **(binary) (undirected) (deprecated)** *Degree popularity (deprecated):* see `degree1.5`.

`degcrossprod` **(binary) (undirected)** *Degree Cross-Product:* This term adds one network statistic equal to the mean of the cross-products of the degrees of all pairs of nodes in the network which are tied. Only coded for undirected networks.

`degcor` **(binary) (undirected)** *Degree Correlation:* This term adds one network statistic equal to the correlation of the degrees of all pairs of nodes in the network which are tied. Only coded for undirected networks.

`density` **(binary) (dyad-independent) (directed) (undirected)** *Density:* This term adds one network statistic equal to the density of the network. For undirected networks, `density` equals `kstar(1)` or edges divided by $n(n-1)/2$; for directed networks, `density` equals edges or `istar(1)` or `ostar(1)` divided by $n(n-1)$.

`diff(attr, pow=1, dir="t-h", sign.action="identity")` **(binary) (dyad-independent) (frequently-used) (directed)**

Difference: The `attr` argument specifies a quantitative vertex attribute (see [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (? nodal_attributes) for details). For values of `pow` other than 0, this term adds one network statistic to the model, equaling the sum, over directed edges (i, j) , of `sign.action(attr[i]-attr[j])^pow` if `dir` is "t-h" (the default), "tail-head", or "b1-b2" and of `sign.action(attr[j]-attr[i])^pow` if "h-t", "head-tail", or "b2-b1". That is, the argument `dir` determines which vertex's attribute is subtracted from which, with tail being the origin of a directed edge and head being its destination, and bipartite networks' edges being treated as going from the first part (b1) to the second (b2).

If `pow==0`, the exponentiation is replaced by the signum function: +1 if the difference is positive, 0 if there is no difference, and -1 if the difference is negative. Note that this function is applied *after* the `sign.action`. The comparison is exact, so when using calculated values of `attr`, ensure that values that you want to be considered equal are, in fact, equal.

The following `sign.actions` are possible:

"identity" (**the default**) no transformation of the difference regardless of sign

"abs" absolute value of the difference: equivalent to the `absdiff` term

"posonly" positive differences are kept, negative differences are replaced by 0

"negonly" negative differences are kept, positive differences are replaced by 0

Note that this term may not be meaningful for unipartite undirected networks unless `sign.action=="abs"`.

When used on such a network, it behaves as if all edges were directed, going from the lower-indexed vertex to the higher-indexed vertex.

`desp(d, type="OTP")` (**binary**) (**directed**) *Directed edgewise shared partners*: This term adds one network statistic to the model for each element in `d` where the i th such statistic equals the number of *edges* in the network with exactly `d[i]` shared partners. This term can only be used with directed networks.

While there is only one shared partner configuration in the undirected case, nine distinct configurations are possible for directed graphs, selected using the `type` argument. Currently, terms may be defined with respect to five of these configurations; they are defined here as follows (using terminology from Butts (2008) and the relevant package):

Outgoing Two-path ("OTP") vertex k is an OTP shared partner of ordered pair (i, j) iff $i \rightarrow k \rightarrow j$. Also known as "transitive shared partner".

Incoming Two-path ("ITP") vertex k is an ITP shared partner of ordered pair (i, j) iff $j \rightarrow k \rightarrow i$. Also known as "cyclical shared partner"

Reciprocated Two-path ("RTP") vertex k is an RTP shared partner of ordered pair (i, j) iff $i \leftrightarrow k \leftrightarrow j$.

Outgoing Shared Partner ("OSP") vertex k is an OSP shared partner of ordered pair (i, j) iff $i \rightarrow k, j \rightarrow k$.

Incoming Shared Partner ("ISP") vertex k is an ISP shared partner of ordered pair (i, j) iff $k \rightarrow i, k \rightarrow j$.

By default, outgoing two-paths ("OTP") are calculated. Note that Robins et al. (2009) define closely related statistics to several of the above, using slightly different terminology.

`dgdwsp(decay, fixed=FALSE, cutoff=30, type="OTP")` (**binary**) (**directed**) *Geometrically weighted dyadwise shared partner distribution*: This term adds one network statistic to the model equal to the geometrically weighted dyadwise shared partner distribution with decay parameter `decay`, which should be non-negative. (this parameter was called `alpha` prior to `ergm 3.7`). The value supplied for this parameter may be fixed (if `fixed=TRUE`), or it may be used instead as the starting value for the estimation of decay in a curved exponential family model (when `fixed=FALSE`, the default) (see Hunter and Handcock, 2006). Note that the GWDSP statistic is equal to the sum of GWNSP plus GWESP.

While there is only one shared partner configuration in the undirected case, nine distinct configurations are possible for directed graphs, selected using the `type` argument. Currently, terms may be defined with respect to five of these configurations; they are defined here as follows (using terminology from Butts (2008) and the relevant package):

Outgoing Two-path ("OTP") vertex k is an OTP shared partner of ordered pair (i, j) iff $i \rightarrow k \rightarrow j$. Also known as "transitive shared partner".

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By default, outgoing two-paths ("OTP") are calculated. Note that Robins et al. (2009) define closely related statistics to several of the above, using slightly different terminology.

The optional argument `cutoff` sets the number of underlying DSP terms to use in computing the statistics when `fixed=FALSE`, in order to reduce the computational burden. Its default value can also be controlled by the `gw.cutoff` term option control parameter. (See [control.ergm](#).)

`dgwesp(decay, fixed=FALSE, cutoff=30, type="OTP")` **(binary) (directed)** *Geometrically weighted edgewise shared partner distribution*: This term adds a statistic equal to the geometrically weighted *edgewise* (not *dyadwise*) shared partner distribution with decay parameter `decay`, which should be non-negative. (this parameter was called `alpha` prior to `ergm` 3.7). The value supplied for this parameter may be fixed (if `fixed=TRUE`), or it may be used instead as the starting value for the estimation of `decay` in a curved exponential family model (when `fixed=FALSE`, the default) (see Hunter and Handcock, 2006).

While there is only one shared partner configuration in the undirected case, nine distinct configurations are possible for directed graphs, selected using the `type` argument. Currently, terms may be defined with respect to five of these configurations; they are defined here as follows (using terminology from Butts (2008) and the relevant package):

Outgoing Two-path ("OTP") vertex k is an OTP shared partner of ordered pair (i, j) iff $i \rightarrow k \rightarrow j$. Also known as "transitive shared partner".

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Incoming Shared Partner ("ISP") vertex k is an ISP shared partner of ordered pair (i, j) iff $k \rightarrow i, k \rightarrow j$.

By default, outgoing two-paths ("OTP") are calculated. Note that Robins et al. (2009) define closely related statistics to several of the above, using slightly different terminology.

The optional argument `cutoff` sets the number of underlying ESP terms to use in computing the statistics when `fixed=FALSE`, in order to reduce the computational burden. Its default value can also be controlled by the `gw.cutoff` term option control parameter. (See [control.ergm](#).)

`dgwensp(decay, fixed=FALSE, cutoff=30, type="OTP")` **(binary) (directed)** *Geometrically weighted non-edgewise shared partner distribution*: This term is just like `gwesp` and `gdwsp` except it adds a statistic equal to the geometrically weighted *nonedgewise* (that is, over dyads that do not have an edge) shared partner distribution with decay parameter `decay`, which should be non-negative. (this parameter was called `alpha` prior to `ergm` 3.7). The value supplied for this parameter may be fixed (if `fixed=TRUE`), or it may be used instead as the starting

value for the estimation of decay in a curved exponential family model (when `fixed=FALSE`, the default) (see Hunter and Handcock, 2006).

While there is only one shared partner configuration in the undirected case, nine distinct configurations are possible for directed graphs, selected using the `type` argument. Currently, terms may be defined with respect to five of these configurations; they are defined here as follows (using terminology from Butts (2008) and the relevant package):

Outgoing Two-path ("OTP") vertex k is an OTP shared partner of ordered pair (i, j) iff $i \rightarrow k \rightarrow j$. Also known as "transitive shared partner".

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By default, outgoing two-paths ("OTP") are calculated. Note that Robins et al. (2009) define closely related statistics to several of the above, using slightly different terminology.

The optional argument `cutoff` sets the number of underlying NSP terms to use in computing the statistics when `fixed=FALSE`, in order to reduce the computational burden. Its default value can also be controlled by the `gw.cutoff` term option control parameter. (See [control.ergm](#).)

`dnsp(d, type="OTP") (binary) (directed)` *Directed non-edgewise shared partners*: This term adds one network statistic to the model for each element in `d` where the i th such statistic equals the number of *non-edges* in the network with exactly `d[i]` shared partners. This term can only be used with directed networks.

While there is only one shared partner configuration in the undirected case, nine distinct configurations are possible for directed graphs, selected using the `type` argument. Currently, terms may be defined with respect to five of these configurations; they are defined here as follows (using terminology from Butts (2008) and the relevant package):

Outgoing Two-path ("OTP") vertex k is an OTP shared partner of ordered pair (i, j) iff $i \rightarrow k \rightarrow j$. Also known as "transitive shared partner".

Incoming Two-path ("ITP") vertex k is an ITP shared partner of ordered pair (i, j) iff $j \rightarrow k \rightarrow i$. Also known as "cyclical shared partner"

Reciprocated Two-path ("RTP") vertex k is an RTP shared partner of ordered pair (i, j) iff $i \leftrightarrow k \leftrightarrow j$.

Outgoing Shared Partner ("OSP") vertex k is an OSP shared partner of ordered pair (i, j) iff $i \rightarrow k, j \rightarrow k$.

Incoming Shared Partner ("ISP") vertex k is an ISP shared partner of ordered pair (i, j) iff $k \rightarrow i, k \rightarrow j$.

By default, outgoing two-paths ("OTP") are calculated. Note that Robins et al. (2009) define closely related statistics to several of the above, using slightly different terminology.

`dsp(d) (binary) (directed) (undirected)` *Dyadwise shared partners*: The `d` argument is a vector of distinct integers. This term adds one network statistic to the model for each element in `d`; the i th such statistic equals the number of dyads in the network with exactly `d[i]` shared partners. This term can be used with directed and undirected networks.

For directed networks, only outgoing two-path ("OTP") shared partners are counted. In other words, for a (directed) dyad (i, j) in a directed graph, the number of shared partners counted by `dsp` is the number of nodes k that have edges $i \rightarrow k \rightarrow j$. (These may also be called homogeneous shared partners.) To count other types of shared partners instead, see `ddsp`.

`dyadcov(x, attrname=NULL)` **(binary) (dyad-independent) (directed) (undirected) (categorical nodal attribute)**

Dyadic covariate: The `x` argument is either a square matrix of covariates, one for each possible edge in the network, the name of a network attribute of covariates, or a network; if the latter, optional argument `attrname` provides the name of the quantitative edge attribute to use for covariate values (in this case, missing edges in `x` are assigned a covariate value of zero). This term adds three statistics to the model, each equal to the sum of the covariate values for all dyads occupying one of the three possible non-empty dyad states (mutual, upper-triangular asymmetric, and lower-triangular asymmetric dyads, respectively), with the empty or null state serving as a reference category. If the network is undirected, `x` is either a matrix of edge-wise covariates, or a network; if the latter, optional argument `attrname` provides the name of the edge attribute to use for edge values. This term adds one statistic to the model, equal to the sum of the covariate values for each edge appearing in the network. The `edgescov` and `dyadcov` terms are equivalent for undirected networks.

`edgescov(x, attrname=NULL)` **(binary) (dyad-independent) (directed) (undirected) (frequently-used)**, `edgescov(x, attrname=)`

Edge covariate: The `x` argument is either a square matrix of covariates, one for each possible edge in the network, the name of a network attribute of covariates, or a network; if the latter, optional argument `attrname` provides the name of the quantitative edge attribute to use for covariate values (in this case, missing edges in `x` are assigned a covariate value of zero). This term adds one statistic to the model, equal to the sum of the covariate values for each edge appearing in the network. The `edgescov` term applies to both directed and undirected networks. For undirected networks the covariates are also assumed to be undirected. The `edgescov` and `dyadcov` terms are equivalent for undirected networks.

`edges` **(binary) (valued) (dyad-independent) (directed) (undirected) (frequently-used)**, **a.k.a nonzero (valued) (directed)**

Edges: This term adds one network statistic equal to the number of edges (i.e. nonzero values) in the network. For undirected networks, `edges` is equal to `kstar(1)`; for directed networks, `edges` is equal to both `ostar(1)` and `istar(1)`.

`esp(d)` **(binary) (directed) (undirected)** *Edgewise shared partners:* This is just like the `dsp` term, except this term adds one network statistic to the model for each element in `d` where the i th such statistic equals the number of *edges* (rather than dyads) in the network with exactly `d[i]` shared partners. This term can be used with directed and undirected networks.

For directed networks, only outgoing two-path ("OTP") shared partners are counted. In other words, for a (directed) edge $i \rightarrow j$ in a directed graph, the number of shared partners counted by `esp` is the number of nodes k that have edges $i \rightarrow k \rightarrow j$. (These may also be called homogeneous shared partners.) To count other types of shared partners instead, see `desp`.

`equalto(value=0, tolerance=0)` **(valued) (directed) (undirected) (dyad-independent)** *Number of dyads with values equal to a specific value (within tolerance):* Adds one statistic equal to the number of dyads whose values are within tolerance of value, i.e., between value-tolerance and value+tolerance, inclusive.

`greaterthan(threshold=0)` **(valued) (directed) (undirected) (dyad-independent)** *Number of dyads with values strictly greater than a threshold:* Adds the number of statistics equal to the length of threshold equaling to the number of dyads whose values exceed the corresponding element of threshold.

`gwb1degree(decay, fixed=FALSE, attr=NULL, cutoff=30, levels=NULL)` **(binary) (bipartite) (undirected) (curved)**

Geometrically weighted degree distribution for the first mode in a bipartite (aka two-mode) network: This term adds one network statistic to the model equal to the weighted degree distribution with decay controlled by the decay parameter, which should be non-negative, for nodes in the first mode of a bipartite network. The first mode of a bipartite network object is sometimes known as the "actor" mode. The decay parameter is the same as `theta_s` in equation (14) in Hunter (2007). The value supplied for this parameter may be fixed (if `fixed=TRUE`), or it may be used as merely the starting value for the estimation in a curved exponential family model (the default).

The optional argument `cutoff` sets the number of underlying degree terms to use in computing the statistics when `fixed=FALSE`, in order to reduce the computational burden. Its default value can also be controlled by the `gw.cutoff` term option control parameter. (See [control.ergm](#).)

If `attr` is specified (see [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (? nodal_attributes) for details) then separate degree statistics are calculated for nodes having each separate value of the attribute. This term can only be used with undirected bipartite networks.

`gwb1dsp(decay=0, fixed=FALSE, cutoff=30)` **(binary) (bipartite) (undirected) (curved)** *Geometrically*

weighted dyadwise shared partner distribution for dyads in the first bipartition: This term adds one network statistic to the model equal to the geometrically weighted dyadwise shared partner distribution for dyads in the first bipartition, with decay parameter decay parameter, which should be non-negative. The value supplied for this parameter may be fixed (if `fixed=TRUE`), or it may be used instead as the starting value for the estimation of decay in a curved exponential family model (when `fixed=FALSE`, the default) (see Hunter and Handcock, 2006). This term can only be used with bipartite networks.

The optional argument `cutoff` sets the number of underlying `b1dsp` terms to use in computing the statistics when `fixed=FALSE`, in order to reduce the computational burden. Its default value can also be controlled by the `gw.cutoff` term option control parameter. (See [control.ergm](#).)

`gwb2degree(decay, fixed=FALSE, attr=NULL, cutoff=30, levels=NULL)` **(binary) (bipartite) (undirected) (curved)**

Geometrically weighted degree distribution for the second mode in a bipartite (aka two-mode) network: This term adds one network statistic to the model equal to the weighted degree distribution with decay controlled by the which should be non-negative, for nodes in the second mode of a bipartite network. The second mode of a bipartite network object is sometimes known as the "event" mode. The decay parameter is the same as `theta_s` in equation (14) in Hunter (2007). The value supplied for this parameter may be fixed (if `fixed=TRUE`), or it may be used as merely the starting value for the estimation in a curved exponential family model (the default).

The optional argument `cutoff` sets the number of underlying degree terms to use in computing the statistics when `fixed=FALSE`, in order to reduce the computational burden. Its default value can also be controlled by the `gw.cutoff` term option control parameter. (See [control.ergm](#).)

If `attr` is specified (see [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (? nodal_attributes) for details) then separate degree statistics are calculated for nodes having each separate value of the attribute. This term can only be used with undirected bipartite networks.

`gwb2dsp(decay=0, fixed=FALSE, cutoff=30)` **(binary) (bipartite) (undirected) (curved)** *Geometrically*

weighted dyadwise shared partner distribution for dyads in the second bipartition: This term adds one network statistic to the model equal to the geometrically weighted dyadwise shared

partner distribution for dyads in the second bipartition, with decay parameter decay parameter, which should be non-negative. The value supplied for this parameter may be fixed (if `fixed=TRUE`), or it may be used instead as the starting value for the estimation of decay in a curved exponential family model (when `fixed=FALSE`, the default) (see Hunter and Handcock, 2006). This term can only be used with bipartite networks.

The optional argument `cutoff` sets the number of underlying b2dsp terms to use in computing the statistics when `fixed=FALSE`, in order to reduce the computational burden. Its default value can also be controlled by the `gw.cutoff` term option control parameter. (See [control.ergm](#).)

`gwdegree(decay, fixed=FALSE, attr=NULL, cutoff=30, levels=NULL)` **(binary) (undirected) (curved) (frequently-used)**

Geometrically weighted degree distribution: This term adds one network statistic to the model equal to the weighted degree distribution with decay controlled by the decay parameter. The decay parameter is the same as `theta_s` in equation (14) in Hunter (2007). The value supplied for this parameter may be fixed (if `fixed=TRUE`), or it may be used instead as the starting value for the estimation of decay in a curved exponential family model (when `fixed=FALSE`, the default) (see Hunter and Handcock, 2006).

The optional argument `cutoff` sets the number of underlying degree terms to use in computing the statistics when `fixed=FALSE`, in order to reduce the computational burden. Its default value can also be controlled by the `gw.cutoff` term option control parameter. (See [control.ergm](#).)

If `attr` is specified (see [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (? nodal_attributes) for details) then separate degree statistics are calculated for nodes having each separate value of the attribute. This term can only be used with undirected networks.

`gwdsp(decay, fixed=FALSE, cutoff=30)` **(binary) (directed) (undirected) (curved)** *Geometrically*

weighted dyadwise shared partner distribution: This term adds one network statistic to the model equal to the geometrically weighted dyadwise shared partner distribution with decay parameter decay parameter, which should be non-negative. The value supplied for this parameter may be fixed (if `fixed=TRUE`), or it may be used instead as the starting value for the estimation of decay in a curved exponential family model (when `fixed=FALSE`, the default) (see Hunter and Handcock, 2006). This term can be used with directed and undirected networks.

For directed networks, only outgoing two-path ("OTP") shared partners are counted. In other words, for a (directed) dyad (i, j) in a directed graph, the number of shared partners counted by `gwdsp` is the number of nodes k that have edges $i \rightarrow k \rightarrow j$. (These may also be called homogeneous shared partners.) To count other types of shared partners instead, see `dgwdsp`.

The optional argument `cutoff` sets the number of underlying DSP terms to use in computing the statistics when `fixed=FALSE`, in order to reduce the computational burden. Its default value can also be controlled by the `gw.cutoff` term option control parameter. (See [control.ergm](#).)

`gwesp(decay, fixed=FALSE, cutoff=30)` **(binary) (frequently-used) (directed) (undirected) (curved)**

Geometrically weighted edgewise shared partner distribution: This term is just like `gwdsp` except it adds a statistic equal to the geometrically weighted *edgewise* (not *dyadwise*) shared partner distribution with decay parameter decay parameter, which should be non-negative. The value supplied for this parameter may be fixed (if `fixed=TRUE`), or it may be used instead as the starting value for the estimation of decay in a curved exponential family model (when `fixed=FALSE`, the default) (see Hunter and Handcock, 2006). This term can be used with directed and undirected networks.

For directed networks, only outgoing two-path ("OTP") shared partners are counted. In other words, for a (directed) edge $i \rightarrow j$ in a directed graph, the number of shared partners counted by `gwesp` is the number of nodes k that have edges $i \rightarrow k \rightarrow j$. (These may also be called homogeneous shared partners.) To count other types of shared partners instead, see `dgwesp`.

The optional argument `cutoff` sets the number of underlying ESP terms to use in computing the statistics when `fixed=FALSE`, in order to reduce the computational burden. Its default value can also be controlled by the `gw.cutoff` term option control parameter. (See [control.ergm](#).)

`gwidegree(decay, fixed=FALSE, attr=NULL, cutoff=30, levels=NULL)` **(binary) (directed) (curved)**

Geometrically weighted in-degree distribution: This term adds one network statistic to the model equal to the weighted in-degree distribution with decay parameter `decay`, which should be non-negative. (this parameter was called `alpha` prior to `ergm 3.7`). The value supplied for this parameter may be fixed (if `fixed=TRUE`), or it may be used instead as the starting value for the estimation of decay in a curved exponential family model (when `fixed=FALSE`, the default) (see Hunter and Handcock, 2006). This term can only be used with directed networks.

The optional argument `cutoff` sets the number of underlying degree terms to use in computing the statistics when `fixed=FALSE`, in order to reduce the computational burden. Its default value can also be controlled by the `gw.cutoff` term option control parameter. (See [control.ergm](#).)

If `attr` is specified (see [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (? nodal_attributes) for details) then separate degree statistics are calculated for nodes having each separate value of the attribute.

`gwnsp(decay, fixed=FALSE, cutoff=30)` **(binary) (directed) (undirected) (curved)** *Geometrically*

weighted nonedgewise shared partner distribution: This term is just like `gwesp` and `gwdsp` except it adds a statistic equal to the geometrically weighted *nonedgewise* (that is, over dyads that do not have an edge) shared partner distribution with weight parameter `decay`, which should be non-negative. (this parameter was called `alpha` prior to `ergm 3.7`). The optional argument `fixed` indicates whether the decay parameter is fixed at the given value, or is to be fit as a curved exponential-family model (see Hunter and Handcock, 2006). The default is `FALSE`, which means the scale parameter is not fixed and thus the model is a CEF model. This term can be used with directed and undirected networks.

For directed networks, only outgoing two-path ("OTP") shared partners are counted. In other words, for a (directed) non-edge (i, j) in a directed graph, the number of shared partners counted by `gwnsp` is the number of nodes k that have edges $i \rightarrow k \rightarrow j$. (These may also be called homogeneous shared partners.) To count other types of shared partners instead, see `dgwnsp`.

The optional argument `cutoff` sets the number of underlying NSP terms to use in computing the statistics when `fixed=FALSE`, in order to reduce the computational burden. Its default value can also be controlled by the `gw.cutoff` term option control parameter. (See [control.ergm](#).)

`gwodegree(decay, fixed=FALSE, attr=NULL, cutoff=30, levels=NULL)` **(binary) (directed) (curved)**

Geometrically weighted out-degree distribution: This term adds one network statistic to the model equal to the weighted out-degree distribution with decay parameter `decay`, which should be non-negative. (this parameter was called `alpha` prior to `ergm 3.7`). The value supplied for this parameter may be fixed (if `fixed=TRUE`), or it may be used instead as the starting value for the estimation of decay in a curved exponential family model (when

fixed=FALSE, the default) (see Hunter and Handcock, 2006). This term can only be used with directed networks.

The optional argument `cutoff` sets the number of underlying degree terms to use in computing the statistics when `fixed=FALSE`, in order to reduce the computational burden. Its default value can also be controlled by the `gw.cutoff` term option control parameter. (See [control.ergm.](#))

If `attr` is specified (see [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (? nodal_attributes) for details) then separate degree statistics are calculated for nodes having each separate value of the attribute.

`hamming(x, cov, attrname=NULL)` **(binary) (dyad-independent) (directed) (undirected)** *Hamming distance*: This term adds one statistic to the model equal to the weighted or unweighted Hamming distance of the network from the network specified by `x`. (If no argument is given, `x` is taken to be the observed network, i.e., the network on the left side of the \sim in the formula that defines the ERGM.) Unweighted Hamming distance is defined as the total number of pairs (i, j) (ordered or unordered, depending on whether the network is directed or undirected) on which the two networks differ. If the optional argument `cov` is specified, then the weighted Hamming distance is computed instead, where each pair (i, j) contributes a pre-specified weight toward the distance when the two networks differ on that pair. The argument `cov` is either a matrix of edgewise weights or a network; if the latter, the optional argument `attrname` provides the name of the edge attribute to use for weight values.

`idegrange(from, to=+Inf, by=NULL, homophily=FALSE, levels=NULL)` **(binary) (directed) (categorical nodal attribute)** *In-degree range*: The `from` and `to` arguments are vectors of distinct integers (or `+Inf`, for `to` (its default)). If one of the vectors has length 1, it is recycled to the length of the other. Otherwise, they must have the same length. This term adds one network statistic to the model for each element of `from` (or `to`); the i th such statistic equals the number of nodes in the network of in-degree greater than or equal to `from[i]` but strictly less than `to[i]`, i.e. with in-edge count in semiopen interval $[from, to)$. The optional argument `by` specifies a vertex attribute (see [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (? nodal_attributes) for details). If this is specified and `homophily` is TRUE, then degrees are calculated using the subnetwork consisting of only edges whose endpoints have the same value of the `by` attribute. If `by` is specified and `homophily` is FALSE (the default), then separate degree range statistics are calculated for nodes having each separate value of the attribute.

This term can only be used with directed networks; for undirected networks (bipartite and not) see `degrange`. For degrees of specific modes of bipartite networks, see `b1degrange` and `b2degrange`. For in-degrees, see `idegrange`.

`idegree(d, by=NULL, homophily=FALSE, levels=NULL)` **(binary) (directed) (categorical nodal attribute) (frequently-)** *In-degree*: The `d` argument is a vector of distinct integers. This term adds one network statistic to the model for each element in `d`; the i th such statistic equals the number of nodes in the network of in-degree `d[i]`, i.e. the number of nodes with exactly `d[i]` in-edges. The optional term `by` specifies a vertex attribute (see [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (? nodal_attributes) for details). If this is specified and `homophily` is TRUE, then degrees are calculated using the subnetwork consisting of only edges whose endpoints have the same value of the `by` attribute. If `by` is specified and `homophily` is FALSE (the default), then separate degree statistics are calculated for nodes having each separate value of the attribute. This term can only be used with directed networks; for undirected networks see `degree`.

`idegree1.5` **(binary) (directed)** *In-degree to the 3/2 power*: This term adds one network statistic to the model equaling the sum over the actors of each actor's indegree taken to the 3/2 power

(or, equivalently, multiplied by its square root). This term is analogous to the term of Snijders et al. (2010), equation (12). This term can only be used with directed networks.

idegreepopularity (binary) (directed) (deprecated) *In-degree popularity (deprecated)*: see `idegree1.5`.

ininterval(lower=-Inf, upper=+Inf, open=c(TRUE, TRUE)) (valued) (directed) (undirected) (dyad-independent)

Number of dyads whose values are in an interval Adds one statistic equaling to the number of dyads whose values are between lower and upper. Argument open is a logical vector of length 2 that controls whether the interval is open (exclusive) on the lower and on the upper end, respectively. open can also be specified as one of "[", "(", "[)", and "()".

intransitive (binary) (directed) (triad-related) *Intransitive triads*: This term adds one statistic to the model, equal to the number of triads in the network that are intransitive. The intransitive triads are those of type 111D, 201, 111U, 021C, or 030C in the categorization of Davis and Leinhardt (1972). For details on the 16 possible triad types, see `triad.classify` in the `sna` package. Note the distinction from the `ctriple` term. This term can only be used with directed networks.

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isolatededges (binary) (undirected) (bipartite) *Isolated edges*: This term adds one statistic to the model equal to the number of isolated edges in the network, i.e., the number of edges each of whose endpoints has degree 1. This term can only be used with undirected networks.

isolates (binary) (directed) (undirected) (frequently-used) *Isolates*: This term adds one statistic to the model equal to the number of isolates in the network. For an undirected network, an isolate is defined to be any node with degree zero. For a directed network, an isolate is any node with both in-degree and out-degree equal to zero.

istar(k, attr=NULL, levels=NULL) (binary) (directed) (categorical nodal attribute) *In-stars*: The `k` argument is a vector of distinct integers. This term adds one network statistic to the model for each element in `k`. The i th such statistic counts the number of distinct $k[i]$ -instars in the network, where a k -instar is defined to be a node N and a set of k different nodes $\{O_1, \dots, O_k\}$ such that the ties $(O_j \rightarrow N)$ exist for $j = 1, \dots, k$. The optional argument `attr` specifies a vertex attribute (see [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (? nodal_attributes) for details). If this is specified then the count is over the number of k -instars where all nodes have the same value of the attribute. This term can only be used for directed networks; for undirected networks see `kstar`. Note that `istar(1)` is equal to both `ostar(1)` and `edges`.

kstar(k, attr=NULL, levels=NULL) (binary) (undirected) (categorical nodal attribute) *k-Stars*: The `k` argument is a vector of distinct integers. This term adds one network statistic to the model for each element in `k`. The i th such statistic counts the number of distinct $k[i]$ -stars in the network, where a k -star is defined to be a node N and a set of k different nodes $\{O_1, \dots, O_k\}$ such that the ties $\{N, O_i\}$ exist for $i = 1, \dots, k$. The optional argument `attr` specifies a vertex attribute (see [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (? nodal_attributes) for details). If this is specified then the count is over the number of k -stars where all nodes have the same value of the attribute. This term can only be used for undirected networks; for directed networks, see `istar`, `ostar`, `twopath` and `m2star`. Note that `kstar(1)` is equal to `edges`.

`smallerthan(threshold=0)` **(valued) (directed) (undirected) (dyad-independent)** *Number of dyads with values strictly smaller than a threshold:* Adds the number of statistics equal to the length of threshold equaling to the number of dyads whose values are exceeded by the corresponding element of threshold.

`localtriangle(x)` **(binary) (triad-related) (directed) (undirected)** *Triangles within neighborhoods:* This term adds one statistic to the model equal to the number of triangles in the network between nodes “close to” each other. For an undirected network, a local triangle is defined to be any set of three edges between nodal pairs $\{(i, j), (j, k), (k, i)\}$ that are in the same neighborhood. For a directed network, a triangle is defined as any set of three edges $(i \rightarrow j), (j \rightarrow k)$ and either $(k \rightarrow i)$ or $(k \leftarrow i)$ where again all nodes are within the same neighborhood. The argument `x` is an undirected network or an symmetric adjacency matrix that specifies whether the two nodes are in the same neighborhood. Note that `triangle`, with or without an argument, is a special case of `localtriangle`.

`m2star` **(binary) (directed)** *Mixed 2-stars, a.k.a 2-paths:* This term adds one statistic to the model, equal to the number of mixed 2-stars in the network, where a mixed 2-star is a pair of distinct edges $(i \rightarrow j), (j \rightarrow k)$. A mixed 2-star is sometimes called a 2-path because it is a directed path of length 2 from i to k via j . However, in the case of a 2-path the focus is usually on the endpoints i and k , whereas for a mixed 2-star the focus is usually on the midpoint j . This term can only be used with directed networks; for undirected networks see `kstar(2)`. See also `twopath`.

`meandeg` **(binary) (dyad-independent) (directed) (undirected)** *Mean vertex degree:* This term adds one network statistic to the model equal to the average degree of a node. Note that this term is a constant multiple of both edges and density.

`mm(attrs, levels=NULL, levels2=-1)` **(binary) (dyad-independent) (frequently-used) (directed) (undirected) (category)** *Mixing matrix cells and margins:* `attrs` is a two-sided formula whose LHS gives the attribute or attribute function (see [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (? nodal_attributes)) for the rows of the mixing matrix and whose RHS gives that for its columns. A one-sided formula (e.g., `~A`) is symmetrized (e.g., `A~A`). `levels` similarly specifies the subset of rows and columns to be used. `levels2` can then be used to filter which specific cells of the matrix to include. A two-sided formula with a dot on one side calculates the margins of the mixing matrix, analogously to `nodefactor`, with `A~.` calculating the row/sender/b1 margins and `.~A` calculating the column/receiver/b2 margins.

`mutual(same=NULL, by=NULL, diff=FALSE, keep=NULL, levels=NULL)` **(binary) (directed) (frequently-used)**, `mutual` *Mutuality:* In binary ERGMs, equal to the number of pairs of actors i and j for which $(i \rightarrow j)$ and $(j \rightarrow i)$ both exist. For valued ERGMs, equal to $\sum_{i < j} m(y_{i,j}, y_{j,i})$, where m is determined by `form` argument: “min” for $\min(y_{i,j}, y_{j,i})$, “nabsdiff” for $-|y_{i,j} - y_{j,i}|$, “product” for $y_{i,j}y_{j,i}$, and “geometric” for $\sqrt{y_{i,j}}\sqrt{y_{j,i}}$. See Krivitsky (2012) for a discussion of these statistics. `form=“threshold”` simply computes the binary mutuality after thresholding at threshold.

This term can only be used with directed networks. The binary version also has the following capabilities: if the optional `same` argument is passed (see [Specifying Vertex Attributes and Levels](#) for details), only mutual pairs that match on the attribute are counted; separate counts for each unique matching value can be obtained by using `diff=TRUE` with `same`; and if `by` is passed (again, see [Specifying Vertex Attributes and Levels](#)), then each node is counted separately for each mutual pair in which it occurs and the counts are tabulated by unique values of the attribute. This means that the sum of the mutual statistics when `by` is used will equal twice the standard mutual statistic. Only one of `same` or `by` may be used, and only the

former is affected by `diff`; if both same and by are passed, by is ignored. Finally, if `levels` is passed, this tells which statistics should be kept whenever the mutual term would ordinarily result in multiple statistics (see [Specifying Vertex Attributes and Levels](#)).

The argument `keep` is retained for backwards compatibility and may be removed in a future version. When both `keep` and `levels` are passed, `levels` overrides `keep`.

nearsimmelian (binary) (directed) (triad-related) *Near simmelian triads*: This term adds one statistic to the model equal to the number of near Simmelian triads, as defined by Krackhardt and Handcock (2007). This is a sub-graph of size three which is exactly one tie short of being complete. This term can only be used with directed networks.

nodecov(attr) (binary) (dyad-independent) (frequently-used) (directed) (undirected) (quantitative nodal attribute),

Main effect of a covariate: The `attr` argument specifies one or more quantitative attributes (see [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (? `nodal_attributes`) for details). This term adds a single network statistic for each quantitative attribute or matrix column to the model equaling the sum of `attr(i)` and `attr(j)` for all edges (i, j) in the network. For categorical attributes, see `nodefactor`. Note that for directed networks, `nodecov` equals `nodeicov` plus `nodeocov`.

Note that `ergm` versions 3.9.4 and earlier used different arguments for this term. See the above section on versioning for invoking the old behavior.

nodecovar(center, transform) (valued) (directed) *Covariance of undirected dyad values incident on each actor*: This term adds one statistic equal to $\sum_{i,j < k} y_{i,j} y_{i,k} / (n - 2)$. This can be viewed as a valued analog of the `star(2)` statistic. If `center=TRUE`, the $y_{.,s}$ are centered by their mean over the whole network before the calculation. Note that this makes the model non-local, but it may alleviate multimodality. If `transform="sqrt"`, $y_{.,s}$ are repaced by their square roots before the calculation. This makes sense for counts in particular. If `center=TRUE` as well, they are centered by the mean of the square roots.

Note that this term replaces `nodesqrtcovar`, which has been deprecated in favor of `nodecovar(transform="sqrt")`.

nodecovar (valued) (directed) (undirected) (quantitative nodal attribute) *Uncentered covariance of dyad values incident on each actor*: This term adds one statistic equal to $\sum_{i,j,k} (y_{i,j} y_{i,k} + y_{k,j} y_{k,i})$. This can be viewed as a valued analog of the `kstar(2)` statistic.

nodefactor(attr, base=1, levels=-1) (binary) (dyad-independent) (directed) (undirected) (categorical nodal attribute)

Factor attribute effect: The `attr` argument specifies one or more categorical attributes (see [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (? `nodal_attributes`) for details). This term adds multiple network statistics to the model, one for each of (a subset of) the unique values of the `attr` attribute (or each combination of the attributes given). Each of these statistics gives the number of times a node with that attribute or those attributes appears in an edge in the network.

The optional `levels` argument controls which levels of the attribute should be included and which should be excluded. (See [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (? `nodal_attributes`) for details.) For example, if the “fruit” attribute has levels “orange”, “apple”, “banana”, and “pear”, then to include just two levels, one for “apple” and one for “pear”, use any of `nodefactor("fruit", levels=-(2:3))`, `nodefactor("fruit", levels=c(1,4))`, and `nodefactor("fruit", levels=2:3)`. Note: if you are using numeric values to specify the levels of a character variable, the levels will correspond to the alphabetically sorted character levels.

To include all attribute values is usually not a good idea, because the sum of all such statistics equals the number of edges and hence a linear dependency would arise in any model also including edges. The default, `levels=-1`, is therefore to omit the first (in lexicographic order) attribute level. To include all levels, pass either `levels=TRUE` (i.e., keep all levels) or `levels=NULL` (i.e., do not filter levels).

The argument `base` is retained for backwards compatibility and may be removed in a future version. When both `base` and `levels` are passed, `levels` overrides `base`.

`nodeicov(attr)` **(binary) (directed) (quantitative nodal attribute) (frequently-used)**, `nodeicov(attr, form="sum")` (

Main effect of a covariate for in-edges: The `attr` argument specifies one or more quantitative attributes (see [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (? `nodal_attributes`) for details). This term adds a single network statistic for each quantitative attribute or matrix column to the model equaling the total value of `attr(j)` for all edges (i, j) in the network. This term may only be used with directed networks. For categorical attributes, see `nodeifactor`.

Note that `ergm` versions 3.9.4 and earlier used different arguments for this term. See the above section on versioning for invoking the old behavior.

`nodeicovar(center, transform)` **(valued) (directed)** *Covariance of in-dyad values incident on each actor:* This term adds one statistic equal to $\sum_{i,j,k} y_{j,i} y_{k,i} / (n-2)$. This can be viewed as a valued analog of the [istar\(2\)](#) statistic. If `center=TRUE`, the $y_{.,i}$ s are centered by their mean over the whole network before the calculation. Note that this makes the model non-local, but it may alleviate multimodality. If `transform="sqrt"`, $y_{.,i}$ s are repaced by their square roots before the calculation. This makes sense for counts in particular. If `center=TRUE` as well, they are centered by the mean of the square roots.

Note that this term replaces `nodeisqrtcovar`, which has been deprecated in favor of `nodeicovar(transform="sqrt")`.

`nodeifactor(attr, base=1, levels=-1)` **(binary) (dyad-independent) (directed) (categorical nodal attribute) (frequently-used)**

Factor attribute effect for in-edges: The `attr` argument specifies one or more categorical attributes (see [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (? `nodal_attributes`) for details). This term adds multiple network statistics to the model, one for each of (a subset of) the unique values of the `attr` attribute (or each combination of the attributes given). Each of these statistics gives the number of times a node with that attribute or those attributes appears as the terminal node of a directed tie.

The optional `levels` argument controls which levels of the attribute should be included and which should be excluded. (See [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (? `nodal_attributes`) for details.) For example, if the “fruit” attribute has levels “orange”, “apple”, “banana”, and “pear”, then to include just two levels, one for “apple” and one for “pear”, use any of `nodeifactor("fruit", levels=-(2:3))`, `nodeifactor("fruit", levels=c(1,4))`, and `nodeifactor("fruit", levels=c(1,4))`. Note: if you are using numeric values to specify the levels of a character variable, the levels will correspond to the alphabetically sorted character levels.

To include all attribute values is usually not a good idea, because the sum of all such statistics equals the number of edges and hence a linear dependency would arise in any model also including edges. The default, `levels=-1`, is therefore to omit the first (in lexicographic order) attribute level. To include all levels, pass either `levels=TRUE` (i.e., keep all levels) or `levels=NULL` (i.e., do not filter levels).

The argument `base` is retained for backwards compatibility and may be removed in a future version. When both `base` and `levels` are passed, `levels` overrides `base`.

For an analogous term for quantitative vertex attributes, see `nodeicov`.

`nodematch(attr, diff=FALSE, keep=NULL, levels=NULL)` **(binary) (dyad-independent) (frequently-used) (directed)**

Uniform homophily and differential homophily: The `attr` argument specifies one or more attributes (see [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (? `nodal_attributes`) for details). When `diff=FALSE`, this term adds one network statistic to the model, which counts the number of edges (i, j) for which `attr(i)==attr(j)`. This is also called “uniform homophily,” because each group is assumed to have the same propensity for within-group ties. When multiple attribute names are given, the statistic counts only ties for which all of the attributes match.

When `diff=TRUE`, p network statistics are added to the model, where p is the number of unique values of the `attr` attribute. The k th such statistic counts the number of edges (i, j) for which `attr(i) == attr(j) == value(k)`, where `value(k)` is the k th smallest unique value of the `attr` attribute. This is also called "differential homophily," because each group is allowed to have a unique propensity for within-group ties. Note that a statistical test of uniform vs. differential homophily should be conducted using the `ANOVA` function.

By default, matches on all levels k are counted. The optional `levels` argument controls which levels of the attribute should be included and which should be excluded. (See [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (? `nodal_attributes`) for details.) For example, if the "fruit" attribute has levels "orange", "apple", "banana", and "pear", then to include just two levels, one for "apple" and one for "pear", use any of `nodematch("fruit", levels=c(2:3))`, `nodematch("fruit", levels=c(1, 4))`, and `nodematch("fruit", levels=c("apple", "pear"))`. Note: if you are using numeric values to specify the levels of a character variable, the levels will correspond to the alphabetically sorted character levels. This works for both `diff=TRUE` and `diff=FALSE`.

The argument `keep` is retained for backwards compatibility and may be removed in a future version. When both `keep` and `levels` are passed, `levels` overrides `keep`.

`nodemix(attr, base=NULL, b1levels=NULL, b2levels=NULL, levels=NULL, levels2=-1)` **(binary) (dyad-independent)**

Nodal attribute mixing: The `attr` argument specifies one or more categorical vertex attributes (see [Specifying Vertex Attributes and Levels](#) for details). By default, this term adds one network statistic to the model for each possible pairing of attribute values. The statistic equals the number of edges in the network in which the nodes have that pairing of values. (When multiple attributes are specified, a statistic is added for each combination of attribute values for those attributes.) In other words, this term produces one statistic for every entry in the mixing matrix for the attribute(s). By default, the ordering of the attribute values is lexicographic: alphabetical (for nominal categories) or numerical (for ordered categories), but this can be overridden using the `levels` arguments. The optional arguments `levels`, `levels2`, `b1levels`, and `b2levels` control what statistics are included in the model, and the order in which they appear. `levels2` apply to all networks; `levels` applies to unipartite networks; `b1levels` and `b2levels` apply to bipartite networks (see [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (? `nodal_attributes`)).

The argument `base` is retained for backwards compatibility and may be removed in a future version. When both `base` and `levels2` are passed, `levels2` overrides `base`.

`nodeocov(attr)` **(binary) (directed) (dyad-independent)(quantitative nodal attribute)**, `nodeocov(attr, form="sum")`

Main effect of a covariate for out-edges: The `attr` argument specifies one or more quantitative attributes (see [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (? `nodal_attributes`) for details). This term adds a single network statistic for each quantitative attribute or matrix column to the model equaling the total value of `attr(i)` for all edges (i, j) in the network. This term may only be used with directed networks. For categorical attributes, see `nodeofactor`.

Note that `ergm` versions 3.9.4 and earlier used different arguments for this term. See the above section on versioning for invoking the old behavior.

`nodeocovar(center, transform)` **(valued) (directed)** *Covariance of out-dyad values incident on each actor:* This term adds one statistic equal to $\sum_{i,j,k} y_{i,j} y_{i,k} / (n-2)$. This can be viewed as a valued analog of the [ostar\(2\)](#) statistic. If `center=TRUE`, the $y_{i,j}$ s are centered by their mean over the whole network before the calculation. Note that this makes the model non-local, but it may alleviate multimodality. If `transform="sqrt"`, $y_{i,j}$ s are repaced by their square roots before the calculation. This makes sense for counts in particular. If `center=TRUE` as well, they are centered by the mean of the square roots.

Note that this term replaces `nodeosqrtcovar`, which has been deprecated in favor of `nodecovar(transform="sqrt")`.
`nodeofactor(attr, base=1, levels=-1)` **(binary) (dyad-independent) (directed) (categorical nodal attribute)**, `nodeofactor(attr, base=1, levels=-1)`

Factor attribute effect for out-edges: The `attr` argument specifies one or more categorical attributes (see [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (? nodal_attributes) for details). This term adds multiple network statistics to the model, one for each of (a subset of) the unique values of the `attr` attribute (or each combination of the attributes given). Each of these statistics gives the number of times a node with that attribute or those attributes appears as the node of origin of a directed tie.

The optional `levels` argument controls which levels of the attribute should be included and which should be excluded. (See [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (? nodal_attributes) for details.) For example, if the “fruit” attribute has levels “orange”, “apple”, “banana”, and “pear”, then to include just two levels, one for “apple” and one for “pear”, use any of `nodeofactor("fruit", levels=-(2:3))`, `nodeofactor("fruit", levels=c(1,4))`, and `nodeofactor("fruit", levels=c(1,4))`. Note: if you are using numeric values to specify the levels of a character variable, the levels will correspond to the alphabetically sorted character levels.

To include all attribute values is usually not a good idea, because the sum of all such statistics equals the number of edges and hence a linear dependency would arise in any model also including edges. The default, `levels=-1`, is therefore to omit the first (in lexicographic order) attribute level. To include all levels, pass either `levels=TRUE` (i.e., keep all levels) or `levels=NULL` (i.e., do not filter levels).

The argument `base` is retained for backwards compatibility and may be removed in a future version. When both `base` and `levels` are passed, `levels` overrides `base`.

This term can only be used with directed networks.

`nsp(d)` **(binary) (directed) (undirected)** *Nonedgewise shared partners:* This is just like the `dsp` and `esp` terms, except this term adds one network statistic to the model for each element in `d` where the i th such statistic equals the number of *non-edges* (that is, dyads that do not have an edge) in the network with exactly `d[i]` shared partners. This term can be used with directed and undirected networks.

For directed networks, only outgoing two-path (“OTP”) shared partners are counted. In other words, for a (directed) non-edge (i, j) in a directed graph, the number of shared partners counted by `nsp` is the number of nodes k that have edges $i \rightarrow k \rightarrow j$. (These may also be called homogeneous shared partners.) To count other types of shared partners instead, see `dnsp`.

`odegrange(from, to=+Inf, by=NULL, homophily=FALSE, levels=NULL)` **(binary) (directed) (categorical nodal attribute)**, `odegrange(from, to=+Inf, by=NULL, homophily=FALSE, levels=NULL)`

Out-degree range: The `from` and `to` arguments are vectors of distinct integers (or `+Inf`, for `to` (its default)). If one of the vectors has length 1, it is recycled to the length of the other. Otherwise, they must have the same length. This term adds one network statistic to the model for each element of `from` (or `to`); the i th such statistic equals the number of nodes in the network of out-degree greater than or equal to `from[i]` but strictly less than `to[i]`, i.e. with out-edge count in semiopen interval $[from, to)$. The optional argument `by` specifies a vertex attribute (see [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (? nodal_attributes) for details). If this is specified and `homophily` is `TRUE`, then degrees are calculated using the subnetwork consisting of only edges whose endpoints have the same value of the `by` attribute. If `by` is specified and `homophily` is `FALSE` (the default), then separate degree range statistics are calculated for nodes having each separate value of the attribute.

This term can only be used with directed networks; for undirected networks (bipartite and not) see `degrange`. For degrees of specific modes of bipartite networks, see `b1degrange` and `b2degrange`.

b2degrange. For in-degrees, see idegrange.

odegree(d, by=NULL, homophily=FALSE, levels=NULL) **(binary) (directed) (categorical nodal attribute) (frequently-**

Out-degree: The d argument is a vector of distinct integers. This term adds one network statistic to the model for each element in d; the i th such statistic equals the number of nodes in the network of out-degree $d[i]$, i.e. the number of nodes with exactly $d[i]$ out-edges. The optional argument by specifies a vertex attribute (see [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (? nodal_attributes) for details). If this is specified and homophily is TRUE, then degrees are calculated using the subnetwork consisting of only edges whose endpoints have the same value of the by attribute. If by is specified and homophily is FALSE (the default), then separate degree statistics are calculated for nodes having each separate value of the attribute. This term can only be used with directed networks; for undirected networks see degree.

odegree1.5 **(binary) (directed)** *Out-degree to the 3/2 power:* This term adds one network statistic to the model equaling the sum over the actors of each actor's outdegree taken to the 3/2 power (or, equivalently, multiplied by its square root). This term is analogous to the term of Snijders et al. (2010), equation (12). This term can only be used with directed networks.

odegreepopularity **(binary) (directed) (deprecated)** *Out-degree popularity (deprecated):* see odegree1.5.

opentriad **(binary) (undirected) (triad-related)** *Open triads:* This term adds one statistic to the model equal to the number of 2-stars minus three times the number of triangles in the network. It is currently only implemented for undirected networks.

ostar(k, attr=NULL, levels=NULL) **(binary) (directed) (categorical nodal attribute)** *k-Outstars:*

The k argument is a vector of distinct integers. This term adds one network statistic to the model for each element in k. The i th such statistic counts the number of distinct $k[i]$ -outstars in the network, where a k -outstar is defined to be a node N and a set of k different nodes $\{O_1, \dots, O_k\}$ such that the ties $(N \rightarrow O_j)$ exist for $j = 1, \dots, k$. The optional argument attr specifies a vertex attribute (see [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (? nodal_attributes) for details). If this is specified then the count is the number of k -outstars where all nodes have the same value of the attribute. This term can only be used with directed networks; for undirected networks see kstar. Note that ostar(1) is equal to both istar(1) and edges.

receiver(base=1, nodes=-1) **(binary) (directed) (dyad-independent)**, receiver(base=1, nodes=-1, form="sum") **(value**

Receiver effect: This term adds one network statistic for each node equal to the number of in-ties for that node. This measures the popularity of the node. The term for the first node is omitted by default because of linear dependence that arises if this term is used together with edges, but its coefficient can be computed as the negative of the sum of the coefficients of all the other actors. That is, the average coefficient is zero, following the Holland-Leinhardt parametrization of the $\$p_1\$$ model (Holland and Leinhardt, 1981). The base and nodes arguments allow the user to determine which nodes' statistics should be included or excluded (see [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (? nodal_attributes) for details). The argument nodes is preferred to base, although base carries a default value of 1 for backwards compatibility. (If both base and nodes are supplied, then nodes overrides base.) This term can only be used with directed networks. For undirected networks, see sociality.

sender(base=1, nodes=-1) **(binary) (directed) (dyad-independent)**, sender(base=1, nodes=-1, form="sum") **(value**

Sender effect: This term adds one network statistic for each node equal to the number of out-ties for that node. This measures the activity of the node. The term for the first node is omitted by default because of linear dependence that arises if this term is used together with edges, but its coefficient can be computed as the negative of the sum of the coefficients of all the other

actors. That is, the average coefficient is zero, following the Holland-Leinhardt parametrization of the $\$p_1\$$ model (Holland and Leinhardt, 1981). The nodes arguments allow the user to determine which nodes' statistics should be included or excluded (see [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (? nodal_attributes) for details).

The argument base is retained for backwards compatibility and may be removed in a future version. When both base and nodes are passed, nodes overrides base.

This term can only be used with directed networks. For undirected networks, see sociality.

simmelian (binary) (directed) (triad-related) *Simmelian triads*: This term adds one statistic to the model equal to the number of Simmelian triads, as defined by Krackhardt and Handcock (2007). This is a complete sub-graph of size three. This term can only be used with directed networks.

simmeliانتies (binary) (triad-related) (directed) *Ties in simmelian triads*: This term adds one statistic to the model equal to the number of ties in the network that are associated with Simmelian triads, as defined by Krackhardt and Handcock (2007). Each Simmelian has six ties in it but, because Simmelians can overlap in terms of nodes (and associated ties), the total number of ties in these Simmelians is less than six times the number of Simmelians. Hence this is a measure of the clustering of Simmelians (given the number of Simmelians). This term can only be used with directed networks.

smalldiff(attr, cutoff) (binary) (dyad-independent) (directed) (undirected) (quantitative nodal attribute)

Number of ties between actors with similar (but not necessarily identical) attribute values:

The attr argument specifies a quantitative vertex attribute (see [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (? nodal_attributes) for details). This term adds one statistic, having as its value the number of edges in the network for which the incident actors' attribute values differ less than cutoff; that is, number of edges between i to j such that $\text{abs}(\text{attr}[i] - \text{attr}[j]) < \text{cutoff}$.

sociality(attr=NULL, base=1, levels=NULL, nodes=-1) (binary) (undirected) (dyad-independent) (categorical nodal attribute)

Undirected degree: This term adds one network statistic for each node equal to the number of ties of that node. This term can only be used with undirected networks. For directed networks, see sender and receiver. By default, nodes=-1 means that the statistic for the first node will be omitted, but this argument may be changed to control which statistics are included just as for the nodes argument of sender and receiver terms.

The argument base is retained for backwards compatibility and may be removed in a future version. When both base and nodes are passed, nodes overrides base.

The optional attr argument is deprecated and will be replaced with a more elegant implementation in a future release. In the meantime, it specifies a categorical vertex attribute (see [Specifying Vertex Attributes and Levels](#) for details). If provided, this term only counts ties between nodes with the same value of the attribute (an actor-specific version of the nodematch term), restricted to be one of the values specified by (also deprecated) levels if levels is not NULL.

sum(pow=1) (valued) (directed) (undirected) *Sum of dyad values (optionally taken to a power)*:

This term adds one statistic equal to the sum of dyad values taken to the power pow, which defaults to 1.

threetrail(keep=NULL, levels=NULL) (binary) (directed) (undirected) (triad-related), *Three-*

trails: a.k.a. threepath. For an undirected network, this term adds one statistic equal to the number of 3-trails, where a 3-trail is defined as a "trail" of length three that traverses three distinct edges. Note that a 3-trail need not include four distinct nodes; in particular, a triangle counts as three 3-trails. For a directed network, this term adds four statistics (or some subset

of these four specified by the `levels` argument), one for each of the four distinct types of directed three-paths. If the nodes of the path are written from left to right such that the middle edge points to the right (R), then the four types are RRR, RRL, LRR, and LRL. That is, an RRR 3-trail is of the form $i \rightarrow j \rightarrow k \rightarrow l$, and RRL 3-trail is of the form $i \rightarrow j \rightarrow k \leftarrow l$, etc. Like in the undirected case, there is no requirement that the nodes be distinct in a directed 3-trail. However, the three edges must all be distinct. Thus, a mutual tie $i \leftrightarrow j$ does not count as a 3-trail of the form $i \rightarrow j \rightarrow i \leftarrow j$; however, in the subnetwork $i \leftrightarrow j \rightarrow k$, there are two directed 3-trails, one LRR ($k \leftarrow j \rightarrow i \leftarrow j$) and one RRR ($j \rightarrow i \rightarrow j \leftarrow k$).

The argument `keep` is retained for backwards compatibility and may be removed in a future version. When both `keep` and `levels` are passed, `levels` overrides `keep`. This term used to be (inaccurately) called `threepath`. That name has been deprecated and may be removed in a future version.

transitive (binary) (directed) (triad-related) *Transitive triads*: This term adds one statistic to the model, equal to the number of triads in the network that are transitive. The transitive triads are those of type 120D, 030T, 120U, or 300 in the categorization of Davis and Leinhardt (1972). For details on the 16 possible triad types, see [triad.classify](#) in the `sna` package. Note the distinction from the `ttriple` term. This term can only be used with directed networks.

transitivity(attr=NULL, levels=NULL) (binary) (directed) (undirected) (triad-related) (categorical nodal attribute) *Transitive ties*: This term adds one statistic, equal to the number of ties $i \rightarrow j$ such that there exists a two-path from i to j . (Related to the `ttriple` term.) The binary version takes a nodal attribute `attr`, and, if given, all three nodes involved (i , j , and the node on the two-path) must match on this attribute in order for $i \rightarrow j$ to be counted.

transitiveweights(twopath="min", combine="max", affect="min") (valued) (directed) (undirected) (non-negative) *Transitive weights*: This statistic implements the transitive weights statistic defined by Krivitsky (2012), Equation 13. The currently implemented options for `twopath` is the minimum of the constituent dyads ("min") or their geometric mean ("geomean"); for `combine`, the maximum of the 2-path strengths ("max") or their sum ("sum"); and for `affect`, the minimum of the focus dyad and the combined strength of the two paths ("min") or their geometric mean ("geomean"). For each of these options, the first (and the default) is more stable but also more conservative, while the second is more sensitive but more likely to induce a multimodal distribution of networks.

triadcensus(levels) (binary) (triad-related) (directed) (undirected) *Triad census*: For a directed network, this term adds one network statistic for each of an arbitrary subset of the 16 possible types of triads categorized by Davis and Leinhardt (1972) as 003, 012, 102, 021D, 021U, 021C, 111D, 111U, 030, and 300. Note that at least one category should be dropped; otherwise a linear dependency will exist among the 16 statistics, since they must sum to the total number of three-node sets. By default, the category 003, which is the category of completely empty three-node sets, is dropped. This is considered category zero, and the others are numbered 1 through 15 in the order given above. By using the `levels` argument (see [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (? nodal_attributes) for details), the user may specify a set of terms to add other than the default value of 1:15. Each statistic is the count of the corresponding triad type in the network. For details on the 16 types, see `?triad.classify` in the `{sna}` package, on which this code is based. For an undirected network, the triad census is over the four types defined by the number of ties (i.e., 0, 1, 2, and 3), and the default is to add 1:3, which is to say that the 0 is dropped; however, this too may be controlled by changing the `levels` argument.

triangle(attr=NULL, diff=FALSE, levels=NULL) (binary) (frequently-used) (triad-related) (directed) (undirected) *Triangles*: By default, this term adds one statistic to the model equal to the number of

triangles in the network. For an undirected network, a triangle is defined to be any set $\{(i, j), (j, k), (k, i)\}$ of three edges. For a directed network, a triangle is defined as any set of three edges $(i \rightarrow j)$ and $(j \rightarrow k)$ and either $(k \rightarrow i)$ or $(k \leftarrow i)$. The former case is called a “transitive triple” and the latter is called a “cyclic triple”, so in the case of a directed network, `triangle` equals `ttriple` plus `ctriple` — thus at most two of these three terms can be in a model. The optional argument `attr` specifies a vertex attribute (see [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (? `nodal_attributes`) for details). If `attr` is specified and `diff` is `FALSE`, then the count is restricted to those triples of nodes with equal values of the vertex attribute specified by `attr`. If `attr` is specified and `diff` is `TRUE`, then one statistic is added for each value of `attr` (or each value specified by `levels` if that argument is passed), equal to the number of triangles where all three nodes have that value of the attribute.

`trippercent(attr=NULL, diff=FALSE, levels=NULL)` **(binary) (undirected) (triad-related) (categorical nodal attribute)**

Triangle percentage: By default, this term adds one statistic to the model equal to 100 times the ratio of the number of triangles in the network to the sum of the number of triangles and the number of 2-stars not in triangles (the latter is considered a potential but incomplete triangle). In case the denominator equals zero, the statistic is defined to be zero. For the definition of triangle, see `triangle`. The optional argument `attr` specifies a vertex attribute (see [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (? `nodal_attributes`) for details). If `attr` is specified and `diff` is `FALSE`, the counts (both numerator and denominator) are restricted to those triples of nodes with equal values of the vertex attribute specified by `attr`. If `attr` is specified and `diff` is `TRUE`, then one statistic is added for each value of `attr` (or each value specified by `levels` if that argument is passed), where the counts (both numerator and denominator) are restricted to those triples of nodes with that value of the vertex attribute specified by `attr`. This is often called the mean correlation coefficient. This term can only be used with undirected networks; for directed networks, it is difficult to define the numerator and denominator in a consistent and meaningful way.

`ttriple(attr=NULL, diff=FALSE, levels=NULL)` **(binary) (directed) (triad-related) (categorical nodal attribute)**, **a.k.a.**

Transitive triples: By default, this term adds one statistic to the model, equal to the number of transitive triples in the network, defined as a set of edges $\{(i \rightarrow j), (j \rightarrow k), (i \rightarrow k)\}$. Note that `triangle` equals `ttriple`+`ctriple` for a directed network, so at most two of the three terms can be in a model. The optional argument `attr` specifies a vertex attribute (see [Specifying Vertex attributes and Levels](#) (? `nodal_attributes`) for details). If `attr` is specified and `diff` is `FALSE`, then the count is over the number of transitive triples where all three nodes have the same value of the attribute. If `attr` is specified and `diff` is `TRUE`, then one statistic is added for each value of `attr` (or each value of `attr` specified by `levels` if that argument is passed), equal to the number of transitive triples where all three nodes have that value of `attr`. This term can only be used with directed networks.

`twopath` **(binary) (directed) (undirected)** *2-Paths:* This term adds one statistic to the model, equal to the number of 2-paths in the network. For a directed network this is defined as a pair of edges $(i \rightarrow j), (j \rightarrow k)$, where i and j must be distinct. That is, it is a directed path of length 2 from i to k via j . For directed networks a 2-path is also a mixed 2-star but the interpretation is usually different; see `m2star`. For undirected networks a `twopath` is defined as a pair of edges $\{i, j\}, \{j, k\}$. That is, it is an undirected path of length 2 from i to k via j , also known as a 2-star.

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See Also

[ergm](#) package, [search.ergmTerms](#), [ergm](#), [network](#), [%v%](#), [%n%](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
ergm(flomarriage ~ kstar(1:2) + absdiff("wealth") + triangle)

ergm(molecule ~ edges + kstar(2:3) + triangle
      + nodematch("atomic type",diff=TRUE)
      + triangle + absdiff("atomic type"))

## End(Not run)
```

ergm.allstats	<i>Calculate all possible vectors of statistics on a network for an ERGM</i>
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Description

ergm.allstats produces a matrix of network statistics for an arbitrary statnet exponential-family random graph model. One possible use for this function is to calculate the exact loglikelihood function for a small network via the [ergm.exact](#) function.

Usage

```
ergm.allstats(
  formula,
  zeroobs = TRUE,
  force = FALSE,
  maxNumChangeStatVectors = 2^16,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

formula	an formula object of the form <code>y ~ <model terms></code> , where <code>y</code> is a network object or a matrix that can be coerced to a network object. For the details on the possible <code><model terms></code> , see ergm-terms . To create a network object in <code>R</code> , use the <code>network()</code> function, then add nodal attributes to it using the <code>%v%</code> operator if necessary.
zeroobs	Logical: Should the vectors be centered so that the network passed in the formula has the zero vector as its statistics?
force	Logical: Should the algorithm be run even if it is determined that the problem may be very large, thus bypassing the warning message that normally terminates the function in such cases?
maxNumChangeStatVectors	Maximum possible number of distinct values of the vector of statistics. It's good to use a power of 2 for this.
...	further arguments; not currently used.

Details

The mechanism for doing this is a recursive algorithm, where the number of levels of recursion is equal to the number of possible dyads that can be changed from 0 to 1 and back again. The algorithm starts with the network passed in `formula`, then recursively toggles each edge twice so that every possible network is visited.

ergm.allstats should only be used for small networks, since the number of possible networks grows extremely fast with the number of nodes. An error results if it is used on a directed network of more than 6 nodes or an undirected network of more than 8 nodes; use `force=TRUE` to override this error.

Value

Returns a list object with these two elements:

weights	integer of counts, one for each row of statmat telling how many networks share the corresponding vector of statistics.
statmat	matrix in which each row is a unique vector of statistics.

See Also

[ergm.exact](#)

Examples

```
# Count by brute force all the edge statistics possible for a 7-node
# undirected network
mynw <- network(matrix(0,7,7),dir=FALSE)
system.time(a <- ergm.allstats(mynw~edges))

# Summarize results
rbind(t(a$statmat),a$weights)

# Each value of a$weights is equal to 21-choose-k,
# where k is the corresponding statistic (and 21 is
# the number of dyads in an 7-node undirected network).
# Here's a check of that fact:
as.vector(a$weights - choose(21, t(a$statmat)))

# Simple ergm.exact output for this network.
# We know that the loglikelihood for my empty 7-node network
# should simply be -21*log(1+exp(eta)), so we may check that
# the following two values agree:
-21*log(1+exp(.1234))
ergm.exact(.1234, mynw~edges, statmat=a$statmat, weights=a$weights)
```

ergm.bridge.llr	<i>Bridge sampling to evaluate ERGM log-likelihoods and log-likelihood ratios</i>
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Description

ergm.bridge.llr uses bridge sampling with geometric spacing to estimate the difference between the log-likelihoods of two parameter vectors for an ERGM via repeated calls to [simulate.formula.ergm](#).

ergm.bridge.0.llk is a convenience wrapper that returns the log-likelihood of configuration θ relative to the reference measure. That is, the configuration with $\theta = 0$ is defined as having log-likelihood of 0.

ergm.bridge.dindstart.llk is a wrapper that uses a dyad-independent ERGM as a starting point for bridge sampling to estimate the log-likelihood for a given dyad-dependent model and parameter configuration. Note that it only handles binary ERGMs (response=NULL) and with constraints (constraints=) that that do not induce dyadic dependence.

Usage

```

ergm.bridge.llr(
  object,
  response = NULL,
  reference = ~Bernoulli,
  constraints = ~.,
  from,
  to,
  obs.constraints = ~. - observed,
  target.stats = NULL,
  basis = ergm.getnetwork(object),
  verbose = FALSE,
  ...,
  llronly = FALSE,
  control = control.ergm.bridge()
)

ergm.bridge.0.llk(
  object,
  response = NULL,
  reference = ~Bernoulli,
  coef,
  ...,
  llkonly = TRUE,
  control = control.ergm.bridge(),
  basis = ergm.getnetwork(object)
)

ergm.bridge.dindstart.llk(
  object,
  response = NULL,
  constraints = ~.,
  coef,
  obs.constraints = ~. - observed,
  target.stats = NULL,
  dind = NULL,
  coef.dind = NULL,
  basis = ergm.getnetwork(object),
  ...,
  llkonly = TRUE,
  control = control.ergm.bridge(),
  verbose = FALSE
)

```

Arguments

<code>object</code>	A model formula. See ergm for details.
<code>response</code>	Either a character string, a formula, or NULL (the default), to specify the response

attributes and whether the ERGM is binary or valued. Interpreted as follows:

NULL Model simple presence or absence, via a binary ERGM.

character string The name of the edge attribute whose value is to be modeled.

Type of ERGM will be determined by whether the attribute is **logical** (TRUE/FALSE) for binary or **numeric** for valued.

a formula must be of the form `NAME~EXPR|TYPE` (with `|` being literal). `EXPR` is evaluated in the formula's environment with the network's edge attributes accessible as variables. The optional `NAME` specifies the name of the edge attribute into which the results should be stored, with the default being a concise version of `EXPR`. Normally, the type of ERGM is determined by whether the result of evaluating `EXPR` is logical or numeric, but the optional `TYPE` can be used to override by specifying a scalar of the type involved (e.g., `TRUE` for binary and `1` for valued).

reference A one-sided formula specifying the reference measure ($h(y)$) to be used. (Defaults to `~Bernoulli`.)

constraints, obs.constraints

One-sided formulas specifying one or more constraints on the support of the distribution of the networks being simulated and on the observation process respectively. See the documentation for a similar argument for **ergm** for more information.

from, to The initial and final parameter vectors.

target.stats A vector of sufficient statistics to be used in place of those of the network in the formula.

basis An optional **network** object to start the Markov chain. If omitted, the default is the left-hand-side of the object.

verbose A logical or an integer to control the amount of progress and diagnostic information to be printed. `FALSE/0` produces minimal output, with higher values producing more detail. Note that very high values (5+) may significantly slow down processing.

... Further arguments to `ergm.bridge.llr` and `simulate.formula.ergm`.

llronly Logical: If `TRUE`, only the estimated log-ratio will be returned by `ergm.bridge.llr`.

control A list of control parameters for algorithm tuning, typically constructed with `control.ergm.bridge()`. Its documentation gives the list of recognized control parameters and their meaning. The more generic utility `snctrl()` (StatNet ConTRoL) also provides argument completion for the available control functions and limited argument name checking.

coef A vector of coefficients for the configuration of interest.

llkonly Whether only the estimated log-likelihood should be returned by the `ergm.bridge.0.llk` and `ergm.bridge.dindstart.llk`. (Defaults to `TRUE`.)

dind A one-sided formula with the dyad-independent model to use as a starting point. Defaults to the dyad-independent terms found in the formula object with an overall density term (edges) added if not redundant.

coef.dind Parameter configuration for the dyad-independent starting point. Defaults to the MLE of `dind`.

Value

If `llronly=TRUE` or `llkonly=TRUE`, these functions return the scalar log-likelihood-ratio or the log-likelihood. Otherwise, they return a list with the following components:

<code>llr</code>	The estimated log-ratio.
<code>llr.vcov</code>	The estimated variance of the log-ratio due to MCMC approximation.
<code>llrs</code>	A list of lists (1 per attempt) of the estimated log-ratios for each of the <code>bridge.nsteps</code> bridges.
<code>llrs.vcov</code>	A list of lists (1 per attempt) of the estimated variances of the estimated log-ratios for each of the <code>bridge.nsteps</code> bridges.
<code>paths</code>	A list of lists (1 per attempt) with two elements: <code>theta</code> , a numeric matrix with <code>bridge.nsteps</code> rows, with each row being the respective bridge's parameter configuration; and <code>weight</code> , a vector of length <code>bridge.nsteps</code> containing its weight.
<code>Dtheta.Du</code>	The gradient vector of the parameter values with respect to position of the bridge.

`ergm.bridge.0.llk` result list also includes an `llk` element, with the log-likelihood itself (with the reference distribution assumed to have likelihood 0).

`ergm.bridge.dindstart.llk` result list also includes an `llk` element, with the log-likelihood itself and an `llk.dind` element, with the log-likelihood of the nearest dyad-independent model.

References

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See Also

[simulate.formula.ergm](#)

`ergm.design`

Obtain the set of informative dyads based on the network structure.

Description

Note that this function is not recommended for general use, since it only supports only one way of specifying observational structure—through NA edges. It is likely to be deprecated in the future.

Usage

```
ergm.design(nw, ...)
```

Arguments

`nw` a [network](#) object.
`...` term options.

Value

ergm.design returns a [rlebdm](#) of informative (non-missing, non fixed) dyads.

ergm.exact	<i>Calculate the exact loglikelihood for an ERGM</i>
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Description

ergm.exact calculates the exact loglikelihood, evaluated at eta, for the statnet exponential-family random graph model represented by formula.

Usage

```
ergm.exact(eta, formula, statmat = NULL, weights = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

eta	vector of canonical parameter values at which the loglikelihood should be evaluated.
formula	an <code>link{formula}</code> object of the form <code>y ~ <model terms></code> , where <code>y</code> is a network object or a matrix that can be coerced to a network object. For the details on the possible <code><model terms></code> , see ergm-terms . To create a network object in <code>R</code> , use the <code>network()</code> function, then add nodal attributes to it using the <code>%v%</code> operator if necessary.
statmat	if <code>NULL</code> , call ergm.allstats to generate all possible graph statistics for the networks in this model.
weights	In case <code>statmat</code> is not <code>NULL</code> , this should be the vector of counts corresponding to the rows of <code>statmat</code> . If <code>statmat</code> is <code>NULL</code> , this is generated by the call to ergm.allstats .
...	further arguments; not currently used.

Details

ergm.exact should only be used for small networks, since the number of possible networks grows extremely fast with the number of nodes. An error results if it is used on a directed network of more than 6 nodes or an undirected network of more than 8 nodes; use `force=TRUE` to override this error.

In case this function is to be called repeatedly, for instance by an optimization routine, it is preferable to call [ergm.allstats](#) first, then pass `statmat` and `weights` explicitly to avoid repeatedly calculating these objects.

Value

Returns the value of the exact loglikelihood, evaluated at eta, for the statnet exponential-family random graph model represented by formula.

See Also[ergm.allstats](#)**Examples**

```
# Count by brute force all the edge statistics possible for a 7-node
# undirected network
mynw <- network(matrix(0,7,7),dir=FALSE)
system.time(a <- ergm.allstats(mynw~edges))

# Summarize results
rbind(t(a$statmat),a$weights)

# Each value of a$weights is equal to 21-choose-k,
# where k is the corresponding statistic (and 21 is
# the number of dyads in an 7-node undirected network).
# Here's a check of that fact:
as.vector(a$weights - choose(21, t(a$statmat)))

# Simple ergm.exact output for this network.
# We know that the loglikelihood for my empty 7-node network
# should simply be -21*log(1+exp(eta)), so we may check that
# the following two values agree:
-21*log(1+exp(.1234))
ergm.exact(.1234, mynw~edges, statmat=a$statmat, weights=a$weights)
```

ergm.getnetwork	<i>Acquire and verify the network from the LHS of an ergm formula and verify that it is a valid network.</i>
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Description

The function ensures that the network in a given formula is valid; if so, the network is returned; if not, execution is halted with warnings.

Usage

```
ergm.getnetwork(formula, loopswarning = TRUE)
```

Arguments

formula	a two-sided formula whose LHS is a network , an object that can be coerced to a network , or an expression that evaluates to one.
loopswarning	whether warnings about loops should be printed (TRUE or FALSE); defaults to TRUE.

Value

A [network](#) object constructed by evaluating the LHS of the model formula in the formula's environment.

ergm.godfather	<i>A function to apply a given series of changes to a network.</i>
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Description

Gives the network a series of proposals it can't refuse. Returns the statistics of the network, and, optionally, the final network.

Usage

```
ergm.godfather(
  formula,
  changes = NULL,
  response = NULL,
  end.network = FALSE,
  stats.start = FALSE,
  changes.only = FALSE,
  verbose = FALSE,
  control = control.ergm.godfather()
)
```

Arguments

formula	An ergm -style formula, with a network on its LHS.
changes	Either a matrix with three columns: tail, head, and new value, describing the changes to be made; or a list of such matrices to apply these changes in a sequence. For binary network models, the third column may be omitted. In that case, the changes are treated as toggles. Note that if a list is passed, it must either be all of changes or all of toggles.
response	<p>Either a character string, a formula, or NULL (the default), to specify the response attributes and whether the ERGM is binary or valued. Interpreted as follows:</p> <p>NULL Model simple presence or absence, via a binary ERGM.</p> <p>character string The name of the edge attribute whose value is to be modeled. Type of ERGM will be determined by whether the attribute is logical (TRUE/FALSE) for binary or numeric for valued.</p> <p>a formula must be of the form NAME~EXPR TYPE (with being literal). EXPR is evaluated in the formula's environment with the network's edge attributes accessible as variables. The optional NAME specifies the name of the edge attribute into which the results should be stored, with the default being a concise version of EXPR. Normally, the type of ERGM is determined by whether the result of evaluating EXPR is logical or numeric, but the optional TYPE can be used to override by specifying a scalar of the type involved (e.g., TRUE for binary and 1 for valued).</p>

<code>end.network</code>	Whether to return a network that results. Defaults to FALSE.
<code>stats.start</code>	Whether to return the network statistics at <code>start</code> (before any changes are applied) as the first row of the statistics matrix. Defaults to FALSE, to produce output similar to that of <code>simulate</code> for ERGMs when <code>output="stats"</code> , where initial network's statistics are not returned.
<code>changes.only</code>	Whether to return network statistics or only their changes relative to the initial network.
<code>verbose</code>	A logical or an integer to control the amount of progress and diagnostic information to be printed. FALSE/0 produces minimal output, wit higher values producing more detail. Note that very high values (5+) may significantly slow down processing.
<code>control</code>	A list of control parameters for algorithm tuning, typically constructed with <code>control.ergm.godfather()</code> . Its documentation gives the the list of recognized control parameters and their meaning. The more generic utility <code>snctrl()</code> (StatNet ConTRoL) also provides argument completion for the available control functions and limited argument name checking.

Value

If `end.network==FALSE` (the default), an `mcmc` object with the requested network statistics associated with the network series produced by applying the specified changes. Its `mcmc` attributes encode the timing information: so `start(out)` gives the time point associated with the first row returned, and `end(out)` out the last. The "thinning interval" is always 1.

If `end.network==TRUE`, return a `network` object, representing the final network, with a matrix of statistics described in the previous paragraph attached to it as an `attr`-style attribute "stats".

See Also

`tergm::tergm.godfather()`, `simulate.ergm()`, `simulate.formula()`

Examples

```
data(florentine)
ergm.godfather(flomarriage~edges+absdiff("wealth")+triangles,
               changes=list(cbind(1:2,2:3),
                             cbind(3,5),
                             cbind(3,5),
                             cbind(1:2,2:3)),
               stats.start=TRUE)
```

ergmMPLE

ERGM Predictors and response for logistic regression calculation of MPLE

Description

Return the predictor matrix, response vector, and vector of weights that can be used to calculate the MPLE for an ERGM.

Usage

```

ergmMPLE(
  formula,
  constraints = ~.,
  obs.constraints = ~-observed,
  fitmodel = FALSE,
  output = c("matrix", "array", "dyadlist", "fit"),
  expand.bipartite = FALSE,
  control = control.ergm(),
  verbose = FALSE,
  ...,
  basis = ergm.getnetwork(formula)
)

```

Arguments

formula, constraints, obs.constraints	An ERGM formula and (optional) constraint specification formulas. See ergm .
fitmodel	Deprecated. Use output="fit" instead.
output	Character, partially matched. See Value.
expand.bipartite	Logical. Specifies whether the output matrices (or array slices) representing dyads for bipartite networks are represented as rectangular matrices with first mode vertices in rows and second mode in columns, or as square matrices with dimension equalling the total number of vertices, containing with structural NAs or 0s within each mode.
control	A list of control parameters for algorithm tuning, typically constructed with control.ergm() . Its documentation gives the the list of recognized control parameters and their meaning. The more generic utility snctrl() (StatNet ConTROl) also provides argument completion for the available control functions and limited argument name checking.
verbose	A logical or an integer to control the amount of progress and diagnostic information to be printed. FALSE/0 produces minimal output, wit higher values producing more detail. Note that very high values (5+) may significantly slow down processing.
...	Additional arguments, to be passed to lower-level functions.
basis	a value (usually a network) to override the LHS of the formula.

Details

The MPLE for an ERGM is calculated by first finding the matrix of change statistics. Each row of this matrix is associated with a particular pair (ordered or unordered, depending on whether the network is directed or undirected) of nodes, and the row equals the change in the vector of network statistics (as defined in formula) when that pair is toggled from a 0 (no edge) to a 1 (edge), holding all the rest of the network fixed. The MPLE results if we perform a logistic regression in which the predictor matrix is the matrix of change statistics and the response vector is the observed network (i.e., each entry is either 0 or 1, depending on whether the corresponding edge exists or not).

Using `output="matrix"`, note that the result of the fit may be obtained from the [glm](#) function, as shown in the examples below.

When `output="array"`, the `MPLEx.max.dyad.types` control parameter must be greater than `network.dyadcount(.)` of the response network, or not all elements of the array that ought to be filled in will be.

Value

If `output=="matrix"` (the default), then only the response, predictor, and weights are returned; thus, the MPLE may be found by hand or the vector of change statistics may be used in some other way. To save space, the algorithm will automatically search for any duplicated rows in the predictor matrix (and corresponding response values). `ergmMPLE` function will return a list with three elements, response, predictor, and weights, respectively the response vector, the predictor matrix, and a vector of weights, which are really counts that tell how many times each corresponding response, predictor pair is repeated.

If `output=="dyadlist"`, as "matrix", but rather than coalescing the duplicated rows, every relation in the network that is not fixed and is observed will have its own row in predictor and element in response and weights, and predictor matrix will have two additional rows at the start, tail and head, indicating to which dyad the row and the corresponding elements pertain.

If `output=="array"`, a list with similarly named three elements is returned, but response is formatted into a sociomatrix; predictor is a 3-dimensional array of with cell `predictor[t,h,k]` containing the change score of term `k` for dyad `(t,h)`; and weights is also formatted into a sociomatrix, with an element being 1 if it is to be added into the pseudolikelihood and 0 if it is not.

In particular, for a unipartite network, cells corresponding to self-loops, i.e., `predictor[i,i,k]` will be NA and `weights[i,i]` will be 0; and for a unipartite undirected network, lower triangle of each predictor[, ,k] matrix will be set to NA, with the lower triangle of weights being set to 0.

If `output=="fit"`, then `ergmMPLE` simply calls the [ergm](#) function with the `estimate="MPLE"` option set, returning an object of class `ergm` that gives the fitted pseudolikelihood model.

See Also

[ergm](#), [glm](#)

Examples

```
data(faux.mesa.high)
formula <- faux.mesa.high ~ edges + nodematch("Sex") + nodefactor("Grade")
mplesetup <- ergmMPLE(formula)

# Obtain MPLE coefficients "by hand":
coef(glm(mplesetup$response ~ . - 1, data = data.frame(mplesetup$predictor),
  weights = mplesetup$weights, family="binomial"))

# Check that the coefficients agree with the output of the ergm function:
coef(ergmMPLE(formula, output="fit"))

# We can also format the predictor matrix into an array:
mplearray <- ergmMPLE(formula, output="array")

# The resulting matrices are big, so only print the first 8 actors:
```

```

mplearray$response[1:8,1:8]
mplearray$predictor[1:8,1:8,]
mplearray$weights[1:8,1:8]

if(require(tergm)){
# Constraints are handled:
faux.mesa.high~v%"block" <- seq_len(network.size(faux.mesa.high)) %/% 4
mplearray <- ergmMPL(faux.mesa.high~edges, constraints=~blockdiag("block"), output="array")
mplearray$response[1:8,1:8]
mplearray$predictor[1:8,1:8,]
mplearray$weights[1:8,1:8]

# Or, a dyad list:
faux.mesa.high~v%"block" <- seq_len(network.size(faux.mesa.high)) %/% 4
mplearray <- ergmMPL(faux.mesa.high~edges, constraints=~blockdiag("block"), output="dyadlist")
mplearray$response[1:8]
mplearray$predictor[1:8,]
mplearray$weights[1:8]
}

# Curved terms produce predictors on the canonical scale:
formula2 <- faux.mesa.high ~ gwesp
mplearray <- ergmMPL(formula2, output="array")
# The resulting matrices are big, so only print the first 5 actors:
mplearray$response[1:5,1:5]
mplearray$predictor[1:5,1:5,1:3]
mplearray$weights[1:5,1:5]

```

ergm_bd_init

Initializes the parameters to bound degree during sampling

Description

Not normally called directly by user, `ergm.bounddeg` initializes the list of parameters used to bound the degree during the Metropolis Hastings sampling process, and issues warnings if the original network doesn't meet the constraints specified by 'bounddeg'.

Usage

```
ergm_bd_init(arguments, nw)
```

Arguments

- | | |
|-----------|---|
| arguments | the arguments argument passed to the <code>InitErgmProposal.*()</code> function; the sub-list <code>arguments\$constraints\$bd</code> should be a list of parameters which may contain the following for a network of size <code>n</code> nodes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <code>attrs</code>: an <code>n</code>x<code>p</code> matrix, where entry <code>ij</code> is <code>TRUE</code> if node <code>i</code> has attribute <code>j</code>, and <code>FALSE</code> otherwise; default=an <code>n</code>x1 matrix of 1's |
|-----------|---|

- `maxout` : an `n x p` matrix, where entry `ij` is the maximum number of out degrees for node `i` to nodes with attribute `j`; default=an `n x p` matrix of the value `(n-1)`
- `maxin` : defined similarly to `maxout`, but ignored for undirected networks; default=an `n x p` matrix of the value `(n-1)`
- `minout` : defined similarly to `maxout`; default=an `n x p` matrix of 0's
- `minin` : defined similarly to `maxout`, but ignored for undirected networks; default=an `n x p` matrix of 0's

`nw` the original network specified to `ergm` in 'formula'

Details

In some modeling situations, the degree of certain nodes are constrained to lie in a certain range (rather than their theoretically possible range of 0 to `n-1`). Such sample space constraints may be incorporated into the `ergm` modeling process, and if so then the MCMC routine is prevented from visiting network states that violate any of these bounds.

In case there are categories of nodes and degree bounds for each set of categories, such constraints may be incorporated as well. For instance, if the nodes are girls and boys, and there is a maximum of 5 out-ties to boys and a maximum of 5 out-ties to girls for each node, we would define `p` to be 2, and the `n x p` matrix `attribs` would have `TRUE` in the first column (say) for exactly those nodes that are boys and `TRUE` in the second column for only the girls. The `maxout` matrix would consist of all 5s in this case, and the other arguments would be left as their default values.

Since the observed network is generally the beginning of the Markov chain, it must satisfy all of the degree constraints itself; thus, this function returns an error message if any bound is violated by the observed network.

Value

a list of parameters used to bound degree during sampling

<code>condAllDegExact</code>	always <code>FALSE</code>
<code>attribs</code>	as defined above
<code>maxout</code>	as defined above
<code>maxin</code>	as defined above
<code>minout</code>	as defined above
<code>minin</code>	as defined above

See Also

[ergm-proposals](#)

ergm_dyadgen_select	<i>A helper function to select and construct a dyad generator for C.</i>
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Description

A helper function to select and construct a dyad generator for C.

Usage

```
ergm_dyadgen_select(arguments, nw, extra_rlebdm = NULL)
```

Arguments

arguments	arguments passed to the ergm_proposal .
nw	a network .
extra_rlebdm	an rlebdm representing any additional constraints.

Value

A list understood by the C DyadGen API.

ergm_MCMC_sample	<i>Internal Function to Sample Networks and Network Statistics</i>
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Description

This is an internal function, not normally called directly by the user. The `ergm_MCMC_sample` function samples networks and network statistics using an MCMC algorithm via `MCMC_wrapper` and is capable of running in multiple threads using `ergm_MCMC_slave`.

The `ergm_MCMC_slave` function calls the actual C routine and does minimal preprocessing.

Usage

```
ergm_MCMC_sample(
  state,
  control,
  theta = NULL,
  verbose = FALSE,
  ...,
  eta = ergm.eta(theta, (if (is.ergm_state(state)) as.ergm_model(state) else
    as.ergm_model(state[[1]]))$etamap)
)

ergm_MCMC_slave(
  state,
```

```

    eta,
    control,
    verbose,
    ...,
    burnin = NULL,
    samplesize = NULL,
    interval = NULL
  )

```

Arguments

state	an ergm_state representing the sampler state, containing information about the network, the model, the proposal, and (optionally) initial statistics, or a list thereof.
control	A list of control parameters for algorithm tuning, typically constructed with control.ergm() , control.simulate.ergm() , etc., which have different defaults. Their documentation gives the the list of recognized control parameters and their meaning. The more generic utility snctrl() (StatNet ConTRoL) also provides argument completion for the available control functions and limited argument name checking.
theta	the (possibly curved) parameters of the model.
verbose	A logical or an integer to control the amount of progress and diagnostic information to be printed. FALSE/0 produces minimal output, wit higher values producing more detail. Note that very high values (5+) may significantly slow down processing.
...	additional arugments.
eta	the natural parameters of the model; by default constructed from theta.
burnin, samplesize, interval	MCMC paramters that can be used to temporarily override those in the control list.

Value

`ergm_MCMC_sample` returns a list containing:

stats	an mcmc.list with sampled statistics.
networks	a list of final sampled networks, one for each thread.
status	status code, propagated from <code>ergm_MCMC_slave()</code> .
final.interval	adaptively determined MCMC interval.
sampnetworks	If <code>control\$MCMC.save_networks</code> is set and is TRUE, a list of lists of <code>ergm_states</code> corresponding to the sampled networks.

`ergm_MCMC_slave` returns the MCMC sample as a list of the following:

s	the matrix of statistics.
state	an ergm_state object for the new network.
status	success or failure code: 0 is success, 1 for too many edges, and 2 for a Metropolis-Hastings proposal failing.

Note

ergm_MCMC_sample and ergm_MCMC_slave replace ergm.getMCMCsample and ergm.mcmcslave respectively. They differ slightly in their argument names and in their return formats. For example, ergm_MCMC_sample expects ergm_state rather than network/model/proposal, and theta or eta rather than eta0; and it does not return statsmatrix or newnetwork elements. Rather, if parallel processing is not in effect, stats is an `mcmc.list` with one chain and networks is a list with one element.

Note that unless stats is a part of the ergm_state, the returned stats will be relative to the original network, i.e., the calling function must shift the statistics if required.

At this time, repeated calls to ergm_MCMC_sample will not produce the same sequence of networks as a single long call, even with the same starting seeds. This is because the network sampling algorithms rely on the internal state of the network representation in C, which may not be reconstructed exactly the same way when "resuming". This behaviour may change in the future.

Examples

```
# This example illustrates constructing "ingredients" for calling
# ergm_MCMC_sample() from calls to simulate.ergm(). One can also
# construct an ergm_state object directly from ergm_model(),
# ergm_proposal(), etc., but the approach shown here is likely to
# be the least error-prone and the most robust to future API
# changes.
#
# The regular simulate() call hierarchy is
#
# simulate_formula.network(formula) ->
#   simulate.ergm_model(ergm_model) ->
#     simulate.ergm_state_full(ergm_state)
#
# They take an argument, return.args=, that will interrupt the call
# and have it return its arguments. We can use it to obtain
# low-level inputs robustly.

data(florentine)
control <- control.simulate(MCMC.burnin = 2, MCMC.interval = 1)

# FYI: Obtain input for simulate.ergm_model():
sim.mod <- simulate(florentine~absdiff("wealth"), constraints=~edges,
                   coef = NULL, nsim=3, control=control,
                   return.args="ergm_model")
names(sim.mod)
str(sim.mod$object,1) # ergm_model

# Obtain input for simulate.ergm_state_full():
sim.state <- simulate(florentine~absdiff("wealth"), constraints=~edges,
                    coef = NULL, nsim=3, control=control,
                    return.args="ergm_state")
names(sim.state)
str(sim.state$object, 1) # ergm_state
```

```
# This control parameter would be set by nsim in the regular
# simulate() call:
control$MCMC.samplesize <- 3

# Capture intermediate networks; can also be left NULL for just the
# statistics:
control$MCMC.save_networks <- TRUE

# Simulate starting from this state:
out <- ergm_MCMC_sample(sim.state$object, control, theta = -1, verbose=6)
names(out)
out$stats # Sampled statistics
str(out$networks, 1) # Updated ergm_state (one per thread)
# List (an element per thread) of lists of captured ergm_states,
# one for each sampled network:
str(out$sampnetworks, 2)
lapply(out$sampnetworks[[1]], as.network) # Converted to networks.

# One more, picking up where the previous sampler left off, but see Note:
control$MCMC.samplesize <- 1
str(ergm_MCMC_sample(out$networks, control, theta = -1, verbose=6), 2)
```

ergm_plot.mcmc.list *Plot MCMC list using lattice package graphics*

Description

Plot MCMC list using lattice package graphics

Usage

```
ergm_plot.mcmc.list(x, main = NULL, vars.per.page = 3, ...)
```

Arguments

x	an mcmc.list object containing the mcmc diagnostic samples.
main	character, main plot heading title.
vars.per.page	Number of rows (one variable per row) per plotting page. Ignored if <code>latticeExtra</code> package is not installed.
...	additional arguments, currently unused.

Note

This is not a method at this time.

eut-upgrade

Updating `ergm.userterms` prior to 3.1

Description

Explanation and instructions for updating custom ERGM terms developed prior to the release of `ergm` version 3.1 (including 3.0–999 preview release) to be used with versions 3.1 or later.

Explanation

`ergm.userterms` — Statnet’s mechanism enabling users to write their own ERGM terms — comes in a form of an R package containing files for the user to put their own statistics into (i.e., `changestats.user.h`, `changestats.user.c`, and `InitErgmTerm.user.R`), as well as some boilerplate to support them (e.g., `edgetree.h`, `edgetree.c`, `changestat.h`, `changestat.c`, etc.).

Although the `ergm.userterms` API is stable, recent developments in `ergm` have necessitated the boilerplate files in `ergm.userterms` to be updated. To reiterate, the user-written statistic source code (`changestats.user.h`, `changestats.user.c`, and `InitErgmTerm.user.R`) can be used without modification, but other files that came with the package need to be changed.

To make things easier in the future, we have implemented a mechanism (using R’s `LinkingTo` API, in case you are wondering) that will keep things in sync in releases after the upcoming one. However, for the upcoming release, we need to transition to this new mechanism.

Instructions

The transition entails the following steps. They only need to be done once for a package. Future releases will keep up to date automatically.

1. Download the up-to-date `ergm.userterms` source from CRAN using, e.g., `download.packages` and unpack it.
2. Copy the R and C files defining the user-written terms (usually `changestats.user.h`, `changestats.user.c`, and `InitErgmTerm.user.R`) and *only* those files from the old `ergm.userterms` source code to the new. Do *not* copy the boilerplate files that you did not modify.
3. If you have customized the package DESCRIPTION file (e.g., to change the package name) or `zzz.R` (e.g., to change the startup message), modify them as needed in the updated `ergm.userterms`, but do *not* simply overwrite them with their old versions.
4. Make sure that your `ergm` installation is up to date, and rebuild `ergm.userterms`.

faux.desert.high*Faux desert High School as a network object*

Description

This data set represents a simulation of a directed in-school friendship network. The network is named faux.desert.high.

Usage

```
data(faux.desert.high)
```

Format

faux.desert.high is a `network` object with 107 vertices (students, in this case) and 439 directed edges (friendship nominations). To obtain additional summary information about it, type `summary(faux.desert.high)`.

The vertex attributes are Grade, Sex, and Race. The Grade attribute has values 7 through 12, indicating each student's grade in school. The Race attribute is based on the answers to two questions, one on Hispanic identity and one on race, and takes six possible values: White (non-Hisp.), Black (non-Hisp.), Hispanic, Asian (non-Hisp.), Native American, and Other (non-Hisp.)

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Mark S. Handcock, David R. Hunter, Carter T. Butts, Steven M. Goodreau, and Martina Morris. 2003 *statnet: Software tools for the Statistical Modeling of Network Data*
<https://statnet.org>.

Source

The data set is simulation based upon an ergm model fit to data from one school community from the AddHealth Study, Wave I (Resnick et al., 1997). It was constructed as follows:

The school in question (a single school with 7th through 12th grades) was selected from the Add Health "structure files." Documentation on these files can be found here: <https://addhealth.cpc.unc.edu/documentation/codebooks/>.

The stucture file contains directed out-ties representing each instance of a student who named another student as a friend. Students could nominate up to 5 male and 5 female friends. Note that registered students who did not take the AddHealth survey or who were not listed by name on the schools' student roster are not included in the stucture files. In addition, we removed any students with missing values for race, grade or sex.

The following `ergm` model was fit to the original data (with code updated for modern syntax):

```
desert.fit <- ergm(original.net ~ edges + mutual +
absdiff("grade") + nodefactor("race", base=5) + nodefactor("grade", base=3)
+ nodefactor("sex") + nodematch("race", diff = TRUE) + nodematch("grade",
diff = TRUE) + nodematch("sex", diff = FALSE) + idgree(0:1) + odegree(0:1)
+ gwesp(0.1,fixed=T), constraints = ~bd(maxout=10), control =
control.ergm(MCMLE.steplength = .25, MCMC.burnin = 100000, MCMC.interval =
10000, MCMC.samplesize = 2500, MCMLE.maxit = 100), verbose=T)
```

Then the faux.desert.high dataset was created by simulating a single network from the above model fit:

```
faux.desert.high <- simulate(desert.fit, nsim=1,
control=snctrl(MCMC.burnin=1e+8),
constraints = ~edges)
```

References

Resnick M.D., Bearman, P.S., Blum R.W. et al. (1997). *Protecting adolescents from harm. Findings from the National Longitudinal Study on Adolescent Health*, *Journal of the American Medical Association*, 278: 823-32.

See Also

[network](#), [plot.network](#), [ergm](#), [faux.desert.high](#), [faux.mesa.high](#), [faux.magnolia.high](#)

faux.dixon.high

Faux dixon High School as a network object

Description

This data set represents a simulation of a directed in-school friendship network. The network is named faux.dixon.high.

Usage

```
data(faux.dixon.high)
```

Format

faux.dixon.high is a [network](#) object with 248 vertices (students, in this case) and 1197 directed edges (friendship nominations). To obtain additional summary information about it, type `summary(faux.dixon.high)`.

The vertex attributes are Grade, Sex, and Race. The Grade attribute has values 7 through 12, indicating each student's grade in school. The Race attribute is based on the answers to two questions, one on Hispanic identity and one on race, and takes six possible values: White (non-Hisp.), Black (non-Hisp.), Hispanic, Asian (non-Hisp.), Native American, and Other (non-Hisp.).

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Source

The data set is simulation based upon an ergm model fit to data from one school community from the AddHealth Study, Wave I (Resnick et al., 1997). It was constructed as follows:

The school in question (a single school with 7th through 12th grades) was selected from the Add Health "structure files." Documentation on these files can be found here: <https://addhealth.cpc.unc.edu/documentation/codebooks/>.

The stucture file contains directed out-ties representing each instance of a student who named another student as a friend. Students could nominate up to 5 male and 5 female friends. Note that registered students who did not take the AddHealth survey or who were not listed by name on the schools' student roster are not included in the stucture files. In addition, we removed any students with missing values for race, grade or sex.

The following [ergm](#) model was fit to the original data (with code updated for modern syntax):

```
dixon.fit <- ergm(original.net ~ edges + mutual +
absdiff("grade") + nodefactor("race", base=5) + nodefactor("grade", base=3)
+ nodefactor("sex") + nodematch("race", diff = TRUE) + nodematch("grade",
diff = TRUE) + nodematch("sex", diff = FALSE) + idgree(0:1) + odegree(0:1)
+ gwesp(0.1,fixed=T), constraints = ~bd(maxout=10), control =
control.ergm(MCMLE.steplength = .25, MCMC.burnin = 100000, MCMC.interval =
10000, MCMC.samplesize = 2500, MCMLE.maxit = 100), verbose=T)
```

Then the faux.dixon.high dataset was created by simulating a single network from the above model fit:

```
faux.dixon.high <- simulate(dixon.fit, nsim=1, burnin=1e+8,
constraint = "edges")
```

References

Resnick M.D., Bearman, P.S., Blum R.W. et al. (1997). *Protecting adolescents from harm. Findings from the National Longitudinal Study on Adolescent Health*, *Journal of the American Medical Association*, 278: 823-32.

See Also

[network](#), [plot.network](#), [ergm](#), [faux.desert.high](#), [faux.mesa.high](#), [faux.magnolia.high](#)

`faux.magnolia.high`*Goodreau's Faux Magnolia High School as a network object*

Description

This data set represents a simulation of an in-school friendship network. The network is named `faux.magnolia.high` because the school communities on which it is based are large and located in the southern US.

Usage

```
data(faux.magnolia.high)
```

Format

`faux.magnolia.high` is a [network](#) object with 1461 vertices (students, in this case) and 974 undirected edges (mutual friendships). To obtain additional summary information about it, type `summary(faux.magnolia.high)`.

The vertex attributes are Grade, Sex, and Race. The Grade attribute has values 7 through 12, indicating each student's grade in school. The Race attribute is based on the answers to two questions, one on Hispanic identity and one on race, and takes six possible values: White (non-Hisp.), Black (non-Hisp.), Hispanic, Asian (non-Hisp.), Native American, and Other (non-Hisp.)

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Mark S. Handcock, David R. Hunter, Carter T. Butts, Steven M. Goodreau, and Martina Morris. 2003 *statnet: Software tools for the Statistical Modeling of Network Data* <https://statnet.org>.

Source

The data set is based upon a model fit to data from two school communities from the AddHealth Study, Wave I (Resnick et al., 1997). It was constructed as follows:

The two schools in question (a junior and senior high school in the same community) were combined into a single network dataset. Students who did not take the AddHealth survey or who were not listed on the schools' student rosters were eliminated, then an undirected link was established between any two individuals who both named each other as a friend. All missing race, grade, and sex values were replaced by a random draw with weights determined by the size of the attribute classes in the school.

The following [ergm](#) model was fit to the original data:

```
magnolia.fit <- ergm (magnolia ~ edges +
  nodematch("Grade",diff=T) + nodematch("Race",diff=T) +
  nodematch("Sex",diff=F) + absdiff("Grade") + gwesp(0.25,fixed=T),
  control=control.ergm(MCMC.burnin=10000, MCMC.interval=1000, MCMLL.maxit=25,
    MCMC.samplesize=2500, MCMLL.steplength=0.25))
```

Then the faux.magnolia.high dataset was created by simulating a single network from the above model fit:

```
faux.magnolia.high <- simulate (magnolia.fit, nsim=1,
  control = snctrl(MCMC.burnin=100000000), constraints = ~edges)
```

References

Resnick M.D., Bearman, P.S., Blum R.W. et al. (1997). *Protecting adolescents from harm. Findings from the National Longitudinal Study on Adolescent Health*, *Journal of the American Medical Association*, 278: 823-32.

See Also

[network](#), [plot.network](#), [ergm](#), [faux.mesa.high](#)

faux.mesa.high

Goodreau's Faux Mesa High School as a network object

Description

This data set (formerly called “fauxhigh”) represents a simulation of an in-school friendship network. The network is named faux.mesa.high because the school community on which it is based is in the rural western US, with a student body that is largely Hispanic and Native American.

Usage

```
data(faux.mesa.high)
```

Format

faux.mesa.high is a [network](#) object with 205 vertices (students, in this case) and 203 undirected edges (mutual friendships). To obtain additional summary information about it, type `summary(faux.mesa.high)`.

The vertex attributes are Grade, Sex, and Race. The Grade attribute has values 7 through 12, indicating each student's grade in school. The Race attribute is based on the answers to two questions, one on Hispanic identity and one on race, and takes six possible values: White (non-Hisp.), Black (non-Hisp.), Hispanic, Asian (non-Hisp.), Native American, and Other (non-Hisp.)

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Mark S. Handcock, David R. Hunter, Carter T. Butts, Steven M. Goodreau, and Martina Morris. 2003 *statnet: Software tools for the Statistical Modeling of Network Data* <https://statnet.org>.

Source

The data set is based upon a model fit to data from one school community from the AddHealth Study, Wave I (Resnick et al., 1997). It was constructed as follows:

A vector representing the sex of each student in the school was randomly re-ordered. The same was done with the students' response to questions on race and grade. These three attribute vectors were permuted independently. Missing values for each were randomly assigned with weights determined by the size of the attribute classes in the school.

The following [ergm](#) formula was used to fit a model to the original data:

```
~ edges + nodefactor("Grade") + nodefactor("Race") +
nodefactor("Sex") + nodematch("Grade",diff=TRUE) +
nodematch("Race",diff=TRUE) + nodematch("Sex",diff=FALSE) +
gwdegree(1.0,fixed=TRUE) + gwesp(1.0,fixed=TRUE) + gwdsp(1.0,fixed=TRUE)
```

The resulting model fit was then applied to a network with actors possessing the permuted attributes and with the same number of edges as in the original data.

The processes for handling missing data and defining the race attribute are described in Hunter, Goodreau \& Handcock (2008).

References

Hunter D.R., Goodreau S.M. and Handcock M.S. (2008). *Goodness of Fit of Social Network Models*, *Journal of the American Statistical Association*.

Resnick M.D., Bearman, P.S., Blum R.W. et al. (1997). *Protecting adolescents from harm. Findings from the National Longitudinal Study on Adolescent Health*, *Journal of the American Medical Association*, 278: 823-32.

See Also

[network](#), [plot.network](#), [ergm](#), [faux.magnolia.high](#)

fix.curved	<i>Convert a curved ERGM into a corresponding "fixed" ERGM.</i>
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Description

The generic `fix.curved` converts an [ergm](#) object or formula of a model with curved terms to the variant in which the curved parameters are fixed. Note that each term has to be treated as a special case.

Usage

```
fix.curved(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'ergm'
fix.curved(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'formula'
fix.curved(object, theta, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>object</code>	An ergm object or an ERGM formula. The curved terms of the given formula (or the formula used in the fit) must have all of their arguments passed by name.
<code>...</code>	Unused at this time.
<code>theta</code>	Curved model parameter configuration.

Details

Some ERGM terms such as [gwesp](#) and [gwdegree](#) have two forms: a curved form, for which their decay or similar parameters are to be estimated, and whose canonical statistics is a vector of the term's components ([esp\(1\)](#), [esp\(2\)](#), ... and [degree\(1\)](#), [degree\(2\)](#), ..., respectively) and a "fixed" form where the decay or similar parameters are fixed, and whose canonical statistic is just the term itself. It is often desirable to fit a model estimating the curved parameters but simulate the "fixed" statistic.

This function thus takes in a fit or a formula and performs this mapping, returning a "fixed" model and parameter specification. It only works for curved ERGM terms included with the [ergm](#) package. It does not work with curved terms not included in `ergm`.

Value

A list with the following components:

<code>formula</code>	The "fixed" formula.
<code>theta</code>	The "fixed" parameter vector.

See Also

[ergm](#), [simulate.ergm](#)

Examples

```
data(sampson)
gest<-ergm(samplike~edges+gwesp(),
           control=control.ergm(MCMLE.maxit=2))
summary(gest)
# A statistic for esp(1),...,esp(16)
simulate(gest,output="stats")

tmp<-fix.curved(gest)
tmp
# A gwesp() statistic only
simulate(tmp$formula, coef=tmp$theta, output="stats")
```

florentine	<i>Florentine Family Marriage and Business Ties Data as a "network" object</i>
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Description

This is a data set of marriage and business ties among Renaissance Florentine families. The data is originally from Padgett (1994) via UCINET and stored as a [network](#) object.

Usage

```
data(florentine)
```

Details

Breiger & Pattison (1986), in their discussion of local role analysis, use a subset of data on the social relations among Renaissance Florentine families (person aggregates) collected by John Padgett from historical documents. The two relations are business ties (flobusiness - specifically, recorded financial ties such as loans, credits and joint partnerships) and marriage alliances (flomarriage).

As Breiger & Pattison point out, the original data are symmetrically coded. This is acceptable perhaps for marital ties, but is unfortunate for the financial ties (which are almost certainly directed). To remedy this, the financial ties can be recoded as directed relations using some external measure of power - for instance, a measure of wealth. Both graphs provide vertex information on (1) wealth each family's net wealth in 1427 (in thousands of lira); (2) priorates the number of priorates (seats on the civic council) held between 1282- 1344; and (3) totalties the total number of business or marriage ties in the total dataset of 116 families (see Breiger & Pattison (1986), p 239).

Substantively, the data include families who were locked in a struggle for political control of the city of Florence around 1430. Two factions were dominant in this struggle: one revolved around the infamous Medicis (9), the other around the powerful Strozzi (15).

Source

Padgett, John F. 1994. Marriage and Elite Structure in Renaissance Florence, 1282-1500. Paper delivered to the Social Science History Association.

References

Wasserman, S. and Faust, K. (1994) *Social Network Analysis: Methods and Applications*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, England.

Breiger R. and Pattison P. (1986). *Cumulated social roles: The duality of persons and their algebras*, Social Networks, 8, 215-256.

See Also

flo, network, plot.network, ergm

g4

Goodreau's four node network as a "network" object

Description

This is an example thought of by Steve Goodreau. It is a directed network of four nodes and five ties stored as a [network](#) object.

Usage

```
data(g4)
```

Details

It is interesting because the maximum likelihood estimator of the model with out degree 3 in it exists, but the maximum pseudolikelihood estimator does not.

Source

Steve Goodreau

See Also

florentine, network, plot.network, ergm

Examples

```
data(g4)
summary(ergm(g4 ~ odegree(3), estimate="MPLE"))
summary(ergm(g4 ~ odegree(3), control=control.ergm(init=0)))
```

geweke.diag.mv	Multivariate version of coda's coda::geweke.diag() .
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Description

Rather than comparing each mean independently, compares them jointly. Note that it returns an `htest` object, not a `geweke.diag` object.

Usage

```
geweke.diag.mv(x, frac1 = 0.1, frac2 = 0.5, split.mcmc.list = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	an <code>mcmc</code> , <code>mcmc.list</code> , or just a matrix with observations in rows and variables in columns.
<code>frac1</code> , <code>frac2</code>	the fraction at the start and, respectively, at the end of the sample to compare.
<code>split.mcmc.list</code>	when given an <code>mcmc.list</code> , whether to test each chain individually.
<code>...</code>	additional arguments, passed on to approx.hotelling.diff.test() , which passes them to spectrum0.mvar() , etc.; in particular, <code>order.max=</code> can be used to limit the order of the AR model used to estimate the effective sample size.

Value

An object of class `htest`, inheriting from that returned by [approx.hotelling.diff.test\(\)](#), but with p-value considered to be 0 on insufficient sample size.

Note

If [approx.hotelling.diff.test\(\)](#) returns an error, then assume that burn-in is insufficient.

See Also

[coda::geweke.diag\(\)](#), [approx.hotelling.diff.test\(\)](#)

gof	<i>Conduct Goodness-of-Fit Diagnostics on a Exponential Family Random Graph Model</i>
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Description

[gof](#) calculates p -values for geodesic distance, degree, and reachability summaries to diagnose the goodness-of-fit of exponential family random graph models. See [ergm](#) for more information on these models.

Usage

```
gof(object, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'ergm'
gof(
  object,
  ...,
  coef = coefficients(object),
  GOF = NULL,
  constraints = object$constraints,
  control = control.gof.ergm(),
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'formula'
gof(
  object,
  ...,
  coef = NULL,
  GOF = NULL,
  constraints = ~.,
  basis = eval_lhs.formula(object),
  control = NULL,
  unconditional = TRUE,
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'gof'
print(x, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'gof'
plot(
  x,
  ...,
  cex.axis = 0.7,
  plotlogodds = FALSE,
```

```

main = "Goodness-of-fit diagnostics",
normalize.reachability = FALSE,
verbose = FALSE
)

```

Arguments

<code>object</code>	Either a formula or an ergm object. See documentation for ergm .
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments, to be passed to lower-level functions.
<code>coef</code>	When given either a formula or an object of class <code>ergm</code> , <code>coef</code> are the parameters from which the sample is drawn. By default set to a vector of 0.
<code>GOF</code>	formula; an formula object, of the form <code>~ <model terms></code> specifying the statistics to use to diagnosis the goodness-of-fit of the model. They do not need to be in the model formula specified in <code>formula</code> , and typically are not. Currently supported terms are the degree distribution (“degree” for undirected graphs, “idegree” and/or “odegree” for directed graphs, and “b1degree” and “b2degree” for bipartite undirected graphs), geodesic distances (“distance”), shared partner distributions (“espartners” and “dpartners”), the triad census (“triadcensus”), and the terms of the original model (“model”). The default formula for undirected networks is <code>~ degree + espartners + distance + model</code> , and the default formula for directed networks is <code>~ idegree + odegree + espartners + distance + model</code> . By default a “model” term is added to the formula. It is a very useful overall validity check and a reminder of the statistical variation in the estimates of the mean value parameters. To omit the “model” term, add “- model” to the formula.
<code>constraints</code>	A one-sided formula specifying one or more constraints on the support of the distribution of the networks being modeled. See the help for similarly-named argument in ergm for more information. For <code>gof.formula</code> , defaults to unconstrained. For <code>gof.ergm</code> , defaults to the constraints with which object was fitted.
<code>control</code>	A list of control parameters for algorithm tuning, typically constructed with control.gof.formula() or control.gof.ergm() , which have different defaults. Their documentation gives the the list of recognized control parameters and their meaning. The more generic utility snctrl() (StatNet ConTRoL) also provides argument completion for the available control functions and limited argument name checking.
<code>verbose</code>	A logical or an integer to control the amount of progress and diagnostic information to be printed. <code>FALSE/0</code> produces minimal output, wit higher values producing more detail. Note that very high values (5+) may significantly slow down processing.
<code>basis</code>	a value (usually a network) to override the LHS of the formula.
<code>unconditional</code>	logical; if <code>TRUE</code> , the simulation is unconditional on the observed dyads. if not <code>TRUE</code> , the simulation is conditional on the observed dyads. This is primarily used internally when the network has missing data and a conditional GoF is produced.
<code>x</code>	an object of class <code>gof</code> for printing or plotting.
<code>cex.axis</code>	Character expansion of the axis labels relative to that for the plot.

<code>plotlogodds</code>	Plot the odds of a dyad having given characteristics (e.g., reachability, minimum geodesic distance, shared partners). This is an alternative to the probability of a dyad having the same property.
<code>main</code>	Title for the goodness-of-fit plots.
<code>normalize.reachability</code>	Should the reachability proportion be normalized to make it more comparable with the other geodesic distance proportions.

Details

A sample of graphs is randomly drawn from the specified model. The first argument is typically the output of a call to `ergm` and the model used for that call is the one fit.

For `GOF = ~model`, the model's observed sufficient statistics are plotted as quantiles of the simulated sample. In a good fit, the observed statistics should be near the sample median (0.5).

By default, the sample consists of 100 simulated networks, but this sample size (and many other settings) can be changed using the `control` argument described above.

Value

`gof`, `gof.ergm`, and `gof.formula` return an object of class `gof.ergm`, which inherits from class `gof`. This is a list of the tables of statistics and *p*-values. This is typically plotted using `plot.gof`.

Methods (by class)

- `ergm`: Perform simulation to evaluate goodness-of-fit for a specific `ergm()` fit.
- `formula`: Perform simulation to evaluate goodness-of-fit for a model configuration specified by a `formula`, coefficient, constraints, and other settings.
- `gof`: `print.gof` summarizes the diagnostics such as the degree distribution, geodesic distances, shared partner distributions, and reachability for the goodness-of-fit of exponential family random graph models. See `ergm` for more information on these models. (`summary.gof` is a deprecated alias that may be repurposed in the future.)
- `gof`: `plot.gof` plots diagnostics such as the degree distribution, geodesic distances, shared partner distributions, and reachability for the goodness-of-fit of exponential family random graph models. See `ergm` for more information on these models.

Note

For `gof.ergm` and `gof.formula`, default behavior depends on the directedness of the network involved; if undirected then degree, `espartners`, and distance are used as default properties to examine. If the network in question is directed, “degree” in the above is replaced by `idegree` and `odegree`.

See Also

`ergm()`, `network()`, `simulate.ergm()`, `summary.ergm()`

Examples

```
data(florentine)
gest <- ergm(flomarriage ~ edges + kstar(2))
gest
summary(gest)

# test the gof.ergm function
gofflo <- gof(gest)
gofflo

# Plot all three on the same page
# with nice margins
par(mfrow=c(1,3))
par(oma=c(0.5,2,1,0.5))
plot(gofflo)

# And now the log-odds
plot(gofflo, plotlogodds=TRUE)

# Use the formula version of gof
gofflo2 <- gof(flomarriage ~ edges + kstar(2), coef=c(-1.6339, 0.0049))
plot(gofflo2)
```

hamming	hamming (<i>disambiguation</i>)
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Description

hamming may refer to:

- [An ERGM statistic](#) (`help("hamming-term")`)
- [A ERGM sample space constraint](#) (`help("hamming-constraint")`)

is.curved	<i>Testing for curved exponential family</i>
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Description

These functions test whether an ERGM fit, formula, or some other object represents a curved exponential family.

The method for NULL always returns FALSE by convention.

Usage

```
is.curved(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'NULL'
is.curved(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'formula'
is.curved(object, response = NULL, basis = NULL, ...)

## S3 method for class 'ergm'
is.curved(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object	An ergm object or an ERGM formula.
...	Arguments passed on to lower-level functions.
response	<p>Either a character string, a formula, or NULL (the default), to specify the response attributes and whether the ERGM is binary or valued. Interpreted as follows:</p> <p>NULL Model simple presence or absence, via a binary ERGM.</p> <p>character string The name of the edge attribute whose value is to be modeled. Type of ERGM will be determined by whether the attribute is logical (TRUE/FALSE) for binary or numeric for valued.</p> <p>a formula must be of the form NAME~EXPR TYPE (with being literal). EXPR is evaluated in the formula's environment with the network's edge attributes accessible as variables. The optional NAME specifies the name of the edge attribute into which the results should be stored, with the default being a concise version of EXPR. Normally, the type of ERGM is determined by whether the result of evaluating EXPR is logical or numeric, but the optional TYPE can be used to override by specifying a scalar of the type involved (e.g., TRUE for binary and 1 for valued).</p>
basis	See ergm() .

Details

Curvature is checked by testing if all model parameters are canonical.

Value

TRUE if the object represents a curved exponential family; FALSE otherwise.

is.dyad.independent *Testing for dyad-independence*

Description

These functions test whether an ERGM fit, a formula, or some other object represents a dyad-independent model.

The method for NULL always returns TRUE by convention.

Usage

```
is.dyad.independent(object, ...)

## S3 method for class '`NULL`'
is.dyad.independent(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'formula'
is.dyad.independent(object, response = NULL, basis = NULL, ...)

## S3 method for class 'ergm_conlist'
is.dyad.independent(object, object.obs = NULL, ...)

## S3 method for class 'ergm'
is.dyad.independent(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object	The object to be tested for dyadic independence.
...	Unused at this time.
response	<p>Either a character string, a formula, or NULL (the default), to specify the response attributes and whether the ERGM is binary or valued. Interpreted as follows:</p> <p>NULL Model simple presence or absence, via a binary ERGM.</p> <p>character string The name of the edge attribute whose value is to be modeled. Type of ERGM will be determined by whether the attribute is logical (TRUE/FALSE) for binary or numeric for valued.</p> <p>a formula must be of the form NAME~EXPR TYPE (with being literal). EXPR is evaluated in the formula's environment with the network's edge attributes accessible as variables. The optional NAME specifies the name of the edge attribute into which the results should be stored, with the default being a concise version of EXPR. Normally, the type of ERGM is determined by whether the result of evaluating EXPR is logical or numeric, but the optional TYPE can be used to override by specifying a scalar of the type involved (e.g., TRUE for binary and 1 for valued).</p>
basis	See ergm .
object.obs	For the ergm_conlist method, the observed data constraint.

Details

Dyad independence is determined by checking if all of the constituent parts of the object (formula, ergm terms, constraints, etc.) are flagged as dyad-independent.

Value

TRUE if the model implied by the object is dyad-independent; FALSE otherwise.

is.valued	<i>Function to check whether an ERGM fit or some aspect of it is valued</i>
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Description

Function to check whether an ERGM fit or some aspect of it is valued

Usage

```
is.valued(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'ergm_state'
is.valued(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'edgelist'
is.valued(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'ergm'
is.valued(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'network'
is.valued(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object	the object to be tested.
...	additional arguments for methods, currently unused.

Methods (by class)

- `ergm_state`: a method for `ergm_state` objects.
- `edgelist`: a method for `edgelist` objects.
- `ergm`: a method for `ergm` objects.
- `network`: a method for `network` objects.

kapferer

Kapferer's tailor shop data

Description

This well-known social network dataset, collected by Bruce Kapferer in Zambia from June 1965 to August 1965, involves interactions among workers in a tailor shop as observed by Kapferer himself.

Usage

```
data(kapferer)
```

Format

Two network objects, `kapferer` and `kapferer2`. The `kapferer` dataset contains only the 39 individuals who were present at both data-collection time periods. However, these data only reflect data collected during the first period. The individuals' names are included as a nodal covariate called `names`.

Details

An interaction is defined by Kapferer as "continuous uninterrupted social activity involving the participation of at least two persons"; only transactions that were relatively frequent are recorded. All of the interactions in this particular dataset are "sociational", as opposed to "instrumental". Kapferer explains the difference (p. 164) as follows:

"I have classed as transactions which were sociational in content those where the activity was markedly convivial such as general conversation, the sharing of gossip and the enjoyment of a drink together. Examples of instrumental transactions are the lending or giving of money, assistance at times of personal crisis and help at work."

Kapferer also observed and recorded instrumental transactions, many of which are unilateral (directed) rather than reciprocal (undirected), though those transactions are not recorded here. In addition, there was a second period of data collection, from September 1965 to January 1966, but these data are also not recorded here. All data are given in Kapferer's 1972 book on pp. 176-179.

During the first time period, there were 43 individuals working in this particular tailor shop; however, the better-known dataset includes only those 39 individuals who were present during both time collection periods. (Missing are the workers named Lenard, Peter, Lazarus, and Laurent.) Thus, we give two separate network datasets here: `kapferer` is the well-known 39-individual dataset, whereas `kapferer2` is the full 43-individual dataset.

Source

Original source: Kapferer, Bruce (1972), *Strategy and Transaction in an African Factory*, Manchester University Press.

logLik.ergm	A logLik method for ergm fits.
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Description

A function to return the log-likelihood associated with an [ergm](#) fit, evaluating it if necessary. If the log-likelihood was not computed for object, produces an error unless eval.loglik=TRUE.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'ergm'
logLik(
  object,
  add = FALSE,
  force.reeval = FALSE,
  eval.loglik = add || force.reeval,
  control = control.logLik.ergm(),
  ...
)

## S3 method for class 'ergm'
deviance(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'ergm'
AIC(object, ..., k = 2)

## S3 method for class 'ergm'
BIC(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object	An ergm fit, returned by ergm .
add	Logical: If TRUE, instead of returning the log-likelihood, return object with log-likelihood value (and the null likelihood value) set.
force.reeval	Logical: If TRUE, reestimate the log-likelihood even if object already has an estimate.
eval.loglik	Logical: If TRUE, evaluate the log-likelihood if not set on object.
control	A list of control parameters for algorithm tuning, typically constructed with control.logLik.ergm() . Its documentation gives the the list of recognized control parameters and their meaning. The more generic utility snctrl() (Stat-Net ConTRoL) also provides argument completion for the available control functions and limited argument name checking.
...	Other arguments to the likelihood functions.
k	see help for AIC() .

Value

The form of the output of `logLik.ergm` depends on `add`: `add=FALSE` (the default), a `logLik` object. If `add=TRUE` (the default), an `ergm` object with the log-likelihood set.

As of version 3.1, all likelihoods for which `logLikNull` is not implemented are computed relative to the reference measure. (I.e., a null model, with no terms, is defined to have likelihood of 0, and all other models are defined relative to that.)

Functions

- `deviance.ergm`: A `deviance()` method.
- `AIC.ergm`: An `AIC()` method.
- `BIC.ergm`: A `BIC()` method.

References

Hunter, D. R. and Handcock, M. S. (2006) *Inference in curved exponential family models for networks*, Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics.

See Also

`logLik`, `logLikNull`, `ergm.bridge.llr`, `ergm.bridge.dindstart.llk`

Examples

```
# See help(ergm) for a description of this model. The likelihood will
# not be evaluated.
data(florentine)
## Not run:
# The default maximum number of iterations is currently 20. We'll only
# use 2 here for speed's sake.
gest <- ergm(floamarriage ~ kstar(1:2) + absdiff("wealth") + triangle, eval.loglik=FALSE)

gest <- ergm(floamarriage ~ kstar(1:2) + absdiff("wealth") + triangle, eval.loglik=FALSE,
             control=control.ergm(MCMLE.maxit=2))
# Log-likelihood is not evaluated, so no deviance, AIC, or BIC:
summary(gest)
# Evaluate the log-likelihood and attach it to the object.

# The default number of bridges is currently 20. We'll only use 3 here
# for speed's sake.
gest.logLik <- logLik(gest, add=TRUE)

gest.logLik <- logLik(gest, add=TRUE, control=control.logLik.ergm(bridge.nsteps=3))
# Deviances, AIC, and BIC are now shown:
summary(gest.logLik)
# Null model likelihood can also be evaluated, but not for all constraints:
logLikNull(gest) # == network.dyadcount(floamarriage)*log(1/2)

## End(Not run)
```

logLikNull	<i>Calculate the null model likelihood</i>
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Description

Calculate the null model likelihood

Usage

```
logLikNull(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'ergm'
logLikNull(object, control = control.logLik.ergm(), ...)
```

Arguments

object	a fitted model.
...	further arguments to lower-level functions. logLikNull computes, when possible the log-probability of the data under the null model (reference distribution).
control	A list of control parameters for algorithm tuning, typically constructed with control.logLik.ergm() . Its documentation gives the the list of recognized control parameters and their meaning. The more generic utility snctrl() (Stat-Net ConTRoL) also provides argument completion for the available control functions and limited argument name checking.

Value

logLikNull returns an object of type [logLik](#) if it is able to compute the null model probability, and NA otherwise.

Methods (by class)

- [ergm](#): A method for [ergm](#) fits; currently only implemented for binary ERGMs with dyad-independent sample-space constraints.

mcmc.diagnostics	<i>Conduct MCMC diagnostics on a model fit</i>
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Description

This function prints diagnostic information and creates simple diagnostic plots for MCMC sampled statistics produced from a fit.

Usage

```
mcmc.diagnostics(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'ergm'
mcmc.diagnostics(
  object,
  center = TRUE,
  esteq = TRUE,
  vars.per.page = 3,
  which = c("plots", "texts", "summary", "autocorrelation", "crosscorrelation",
    "burnin"),
  ...
)
```

Arguments

<code>object</code>	A model fit object to be diagnosed.
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments, to be passed to plotting functions.
<code>center</code>	Logical: If TRUE, center the samples on the observed statistics.
<code>esteq</code>	Logical: If TRUE, for statistics corresponding to curved ERGM terms, summarize the curved statistics by their negated estimating function values (evaluated at the MLE of any curved parameters) (i.e., $\eta'_I(\hat{\theta}) \cdot (g_I(Y) - g_I(y))$ for I being indices of the canonical parameters in question), rather than the canonical (sufficient) vectors of the curved statistics relative to the observed ($g_I(Y) - g_I(y)$).
<code>vars.per.page</code>	Number of rows (one variable per row) per plotting page. Ignored if <code>latticeExtra</code> package is not installed.
<code>which</code>	A character vector specifying which diagnostics to plot and/or print. Defaults to all of the below if meaningful: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "plots" Traceplots and density plots of sample values for all statistic or estimating function elements. "texts" Shorthand for the following text diagnostics. "summary" Summary of network statistic or estimating function elements as produced by <code>coda::summary.mcmc.list()</code>. "autocorrelation" Autocorrelation of each of the network statistic or estimating function elements. "crosscorrelation" Cross-correlations between each pair of the network statistic or estimating function elements. "burnin" Burn-in diagnostics, in particular, the Geweke test. Partial matching is supported. (E.g., <code>which=c("auto", "cross")</code> will print autocorrelation and cross-correlations.)

Details

A pair of plots are produced for each statistic: a trace of the sampled output statistic values on the left and density estimate for each variable in the MCMC chain on the right. Diagnostics printed to the console include correlations and convergence diagnostics.

For `ergm()` specifically, recent changes in the estimation algorithm mean that these plots can no longer be used to ensure that the mean statistics from the model match the observed network statistics. For that functionality, please use the GOF command: `gof(object, GOF=~model)`.

In fact, an `ergm` output object contains the matrix of statistics from the MCMC run as component `$sample`. This matrix is actually an object of class `mcmc` and can be used directly in the `coda` package to assess MCMC convergence. *Hence all MCMC diagnostic methods available in coda are available directly.* See the examples and <https://www.mrc-bsu.cam.ac.uk/software/bugs/the-bugs-project-winbugs/coda-readme/>.

More information can be found by looking at the documentation of [ergm](#).

Methods (by class)

- `ergm`:

References

Raftery, A.E. and Lewis, S.M. (1995). The number of iterations, convergence diagnostics and generic Metropolis algorithms. In Practical Markov Chain Monte Carlo (W.R. Gilks, D.J. Spiegelhalter and S. Richardson, eds.). London, U.K.: Chapman and Hall.

This function is based on the `coda` package. It is based on the the R function `raftery.diag` in `coda`. `raftery.diag`, in turn, is based on the FORTRAN program `gibbsit` written by Steven Lewis which is available from the Statlib archive.

See Also

[ergm](#), `network` package, `coda` package, [summary.ergm](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
#
data(florentine)
#
# test the mcmc.diagnostics function
#
gest <- ergm(flomarriage ~ edges + kstar(2))
summary(gest)

#
# Plot the probabilities first
#
mcmc.diagnostics(gest)
#
# Use coda directly
#
library(coda)
#
plot(gest$sample, ask=FALSE)
#
# A full range of diagnostics is available
```

```
# using codamenu()
#
## End(Not run)
```

molecule

Synthetic network with 20 nodes and 28 edges

Description

This is a synthetic network of 20 nodes that is used as an example within the [ergm](#) documentation. It has an interesting elongated shape

- reminiscent of a chemical molecule. It is stored as a [network](#) object.

Usage

```
data(molecule)
```

See Also

florentine, sampson, network, plot.network, ergm

network.list

A convenience container for a list of [network](#) objects, output by [simulate.ergm](#) among others.

Description

A convenience container for a list of [network](#) objects, output by [simulate.ergm](#) among others.

Usage

```
network.list(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'network.list'
print(x, stats.print = FALSE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'network.list'
summary(
  object,
  stats.print = TRUE,
  net.print = FALSE,
  net.summary = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

object, x	a list of networks or a <code>network.list</code> object.
...	for <code>network.list</code> , additional attributes to be set on the network list; for others, arguments passed down to lower-level functions.
stats.print	Logical: If TRUE, print network statistics.
net.print	Logical: If TRUE, print network overviews.
net.summary	Logical: If TRUE, print network summaries.

Methods (by generic)

- print: A `print()` method for network lists.
- summary: A `summary()` method for network lists.

See Also

[simulate.ergm](#)

Examples

```
# Draw from a Bernoulli model with 16 nodes
# and tie probability 0.1
#
g.use <- network(16, density=0.1, directed=FALSE)
#
# Starting from this network let's draw 3 realizations
# of a model with edges and 2-star terms
#
g.sim <- simulate(~edges+kstar(2), nsim=3, coef=c(-1.8, 0.03),
                 basis=g.use, control=control.simulate(
                   MCMC.burnin=100000,
                   MCMC.interval=1000))
print(g.sim)
summary(g.sim)
```

nodal_attributes

Specifying nodal attributes and their levels

Description

This document describes the ways to specify nodal attributes or functions of nodal attributes and which levels for categorical factors to include. For the helper functions to facilitate this, see [nodal_attributes-API](#).

Usage

```
LARGEST(l, a)

SMALLEST(l, a)

COLLAPSE_SMALLEST(object, n, into)
```

Arguments

`object`, `l`, `a`, `n`, `into`

`COLLAPSE_SMALLEST`, `LARGEST`, and `SMALLEST` are technically functions but they are generally not called in a standard fashion but rather as a part of an vertex attribute specification or a level specification as described below. The above usage examples are needed to pass R's package checking without warnings; please disregard them, and refer to the sections and examples below instead.

Specifying nodal attributes

Term nodal attribute arguments, typically called `attr`, `attrs`, `by`, or `on` are interpreted as follows:

a character string Extract the vertex attribute with this name.

a character vector of length > 1 Extract the vertex attributes and paste them together, separated by dots if the term expects categorical attributes and (typically) combine into a covariate matrix if it expects quantitative attributes.

a function The function is called on the LHS network and additional arguments to `ergm_get_vattr()`, expected to return a vector or matrix of appropriate dimension. (Shorter vectors and matrix columns will be recycled as needed.)

a formula The expression on the RHS of the formula is evaluated in an environment of the vertex attributes of the network, expected to return a vector or matrix of appropriate dimension. (Shorter vectors and matrix columns will be recycled as needed.) Within this expression, the network itself accessible as either `.` or `.nw`. For example, `nodecov(~abs(Grade-mean(Grade))/network.size(.))` would return the absolute difference of each actor's "Grade" attribute from its network-wide mean, divided by the network size.

an AsIs object created by I() Use as is, checking only for correct length and type.

Any of these arguments may also be wrapped in or piped through `COLLAPSE_SMALLEST(attr,n,into)` or, `attr %>% COLLAPSE_SMALLEST(n,into)`, a convenience function that will transform the attribute by collapsing the smallest `n` categories into one, naming it `into`. Note that `into` must be of the same type (numeric, character, etc.) as the vertex attribute in question.

The name the nodal attribute receives in the statistic can be overridden by setting an `attr()`-style attribute "name".

Specifying categorical attribute levels and their ordering

For categorical attributes, to select which levels are of interest and their ordering, use the argument `levels`. Selection of nodes (from the appropriate vector of nodal indices) is likewise handled as the selection of levels, using the argument `nodes`. These arguments are interpreted as follows:

an expression wrapped in `I()` Use the given list of levels as is.

a numeric or logical vector Used for indexing of a list of all possible levels (typically, unique values of the attribute) in default order (typically lexicographic), i.e., `sort(unique(attr))[levels]`. In particular, `levels=TRUE` will retain all levels. Negative values exclude. Another special value is `LARGEST`, which will refer to the most frequent category, so, say, to set such a category as the baseline, pass `levels=-LARGEST`. In addition, `LARGEST(n)` will refer to the `n` largest categories. `SMALLEST` works analogously. Note that if there are ties in frequencies, they will be broken arbitrarily. To specify numeric or logical levels literally, wrap in `I()`.

NULL Retain all possible levels; usually equivalent to passing `TRUE`.

a character vector Use as is.

a function The function is called on the list of unique values of the attribute, the values of the attribute themselves, and the network itself, depending on its arity. Its return value is interpreted as above.

a formula The expression on the RHS of the formula is evaluated in an environment in which the network itself is accessible as `.nw`, the list of unique values of the attribute as `.` or as `.levels`, and the attribute vector itself as `.attr`. Its return value is interpreted as above.

a matrix For mixing effects (i.e., `level2=` arguments), a matrix can be used to select elements of the mixing matrix, either by specifying a logical (`TRUE` and `FALSE`) matrix of the same dimension as the mixing matrix to select the corresponding cells or a two-column numeric matrix indicating giving the coordinates of cells to be used.

Note that `levels`, `nodes`, and others often have a default that is sensible for the term in question.

Examples

```
library(magrittr) # for %>%

data(faux.mesa.high)

# Activity by grade with a baseline grade excluded:
summary(faux.mesa.high~nodefactor(~Grade))
# Name overrides:
summary(faux.mesa.high~nodefactor("Form"~Grade)) # Only for terms that don't use the LHS.
summary(faux.mesa.high~nodefactor(~structure(Grade,name="Form")))
# Retain all levels:
summary(faux.mesa.high~nodefactor(~Grade, levels=TRUE)) # or levels=NULL
# Use the largest grade as baseline (also Grade 7):
summary(faux.mesa.high~nodefactor(~Grade, levels=-LARGEST))
# Activity by grade with no baseline smallest two grades (11 and
# 12) collapsed into a new category, labelled 0:
table(faux.mesa.high %v% "Grade")
summary(faux.mesa.high~nodefactor((~Grade) %>% COLLAPSE_SMALLEST(2, 0),
                                levels=TRUE))

# Mixing between lower and upper grades:
summary(faux.mesa.high~mm(~Grade>=10))
# Mixing between grades 7 and 8 only:
summary(faux.mesa.high~mm("Grade", levels=I(c(7,8))))
# or
```

```

summary(faux.mesa.high~mm("Grade", levels=1:2))
# or using levels2 (see ? mm) to filter the combinations of levels,
summary(faux.mesa.high~mm("Grade",
  levels2=~sapply(.levels,
    function(l)
      1[[1]]%in%c(7,8) && 1[[2]]%in%c(7,8))))

# Here are some less complex ways to specify levels2. This is the
# full list of combinations of sexes in an undirected network:
summary(faux.mesa.high~mm("Sex", levels2=TRUE))
# Select only the second combination:
summary(faux.mesa.high~mm("Sex", levels2=2))
# Equivalently,
summary(faux.mesa.high~mm("Sex", levels2=-c(1,3)))
# or
summary(faux.mesa.high~mm("Sex", levels2=c(FALSE,TRUE,FALSE)))
# Select all *but* the second one:
summary(faux.mesa.high~mm("Sex", levels2=-2))
# Select via a mixing matrix: (Network is undirected and
# attributes are the same on both sides, so we can use either M or
# its transpose.)
(M <- matrix(c(FALSE,TRUE,FALSE,FALSE),2,2))
summary(faux.mesa.high~mm("Sex", levels2=M)+mm("Sex", levels2=t(M)))
# Select via an index of a cell:
idx <- cbind(1,2)
summary(faux.mesa.high~mm("Sex", levels2=idx))

# mm() term allows two-sided attribute formulas with different attributes:
summary(faux.mesa.high~mm(Grade~Race, levels2=TRUE))
# It is possible to have collapsing functions in the formula; note
# the parentheses around "~Race": this is because a formula
# operator (~) has lower precedence than pipe (|>):
summary(faux.mesa.high~mm(Grade~(~Race) %>% COLLAPSE_SMALLEST(3,"BWO"), levels2=TRUE))

# Some terms, such as nodecov(), accept matrices of nodal
# covariates. An certain R quirk means that columns whose
# expressions are not typical variable names have their names
# dropped and need to be adjusted. Consider, for example, the
# linear and quadratic effects of grade:
Grade <- faux.mesa.high %v% "Grade"
colnames(cbind(Grade, Grade^2)) # Second column name missing.
colnames(cbind(Grade, Grade2=Grade^2)) # Can be set manually,
colnames(cbind(Grade, `Grade^2`=Grade^2)) # even to non-variable-names.
colnames(cbind(Grade, Grade^2, deparse.level=2)) # Alternatively, deparse.level=2 forces naming.
rm(Grade)

# Therefore, the nodal attribute names are set as follows:
summary(faux.mesa.high~nodecov(~cbind(Grade, Grade^2))) # column names dropped with a warning
summary(faux.mesa.high~nodecov(~cbind(Grade, Grade2=Grade^2))) # column names set manually
summary(faux.mesa.high~nodecov(~cbind(Grade, Grade^2, deparse.level=2))) # using deparse.level=2

# Activity by grade with a random covariate. Note that setting an attribute "name" gives it a name:
randomcov <- structure(I(rbinom(network.size(faux.mesa.high),1,0.5)), name="random")

```

```
summary(faux.mesa.high~nodefactor(I(randomcov)))
```

nparam	<i>Length of the parameter vector associated with an object or with its terms.</i>
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Description

This is a generic that returns the number of parameters associated with a model or a model fit.

Usage

```
nparam(object, ...)

## Default S3 method:
nparam(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'ergm'
nparam(object, offset = NA, ...)
```

Arguments

object	An object for which number of parameters is defined.
...	Additional arguments to methods.
offset	If NA (the default), all model terms are counted; if TRUE, only offset terms are counted; and if FALSE, offset terms are skipped.

Methods (by class)

- default: By default, the length of the `coef()` vector is returned.
- ergm: A method to return the number of parameters of an `ergm` fit.

param_names	<i>Names of the parameters associated with an object.</i>
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Description

This is a generic that returns a vector giving the names of the parameters associated with a model or a model fit.

Usage

```
param_names(object, ...)

## Default S3 method:
param_names(object, ...)
```

Arguments

- object An object for which parameter names are defined.
- ... Additional arguments to methods.

Methods (by class)

- default: By default, the names of the `coef()` vector is returned.

<code>predict.formula</code>	<i>ERGM-based tie probabilities</i>
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Description

Calculate model-predicted **conditional** and **unconditional** tie probabilities for dyads in the given network. Conditional probabilities of a dyad given the state of all the remaining dyads in the graph are computed exactly. Unconditional probabilities are computed through simulating networks using the given model. Currently there are two methods implemented:

- Method for formula objects requires (1) an ERGM model formula with an existing network object on the left hand side and model terms on the right hand side, and (2) a vector of corresponding parameter values.
- Method for ergm objects, as returned by `ergm()`, takes both the formula and parameter values from the fitted model object.

Both methods can limit calculations to specific set of dyads of interest.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'formula'
predict(
  object,
  theta,
  conditional = TRUE,
  type = c("response", "link"),
  nsim = 100,
  output = c("data.frame", "matrix"),
  ...
)

## S3 method for class 'ergm'
predict(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object	a formula or a fitted ERGM model object
theta	numeric vector of ERGM model parameter values
conditional	logical whether to compute conditional or unconditional predicted probabilities
type	character element, one of "response" (default) or "link" - whether the returned predictions are on the probability scale or on the scale of linear predictor. This is similar to type argument of predict.glm() .
nsim	integer, number of simulated networks used for computing unconditional probabilities. Defaults to 100.
output	character, type of object returned. Defaults to "data.frame". See section Value below.
...	other arguments passed to/from other methods. For the predict.formula method, if conditional=TRUE arguments are passed to ergmMPL() . If conditional=FALSE arguments are passed to simulate_formula() .

Value

Type of object returned depends on the argument output. If output="data.frame" the function will return a data frame with columns:

- tail, head – indices of nodes identifying a dyad
- p – predicted conditional tie probability

If output="matrix" the function will return an "adjacency matrix" with the predicted probabilities. Diagonal values are 0s.

Examples

```
# A three-node empty directed network
net <- network.initialize(3, directed=TRUE)

# In homogeneous Bernoulli model with odds of a tie of 1/5 all ties are
# equally likely
predict(net ~ edges, log(1/5))

# Let's add a tie so that `net` has 1 tie out of possible 6 (so odds of 1/5)
net[1,2] <- 1

# Fit the model
fit <- ergm(net ~ edges)

# The p's should be identical
predict(fit)
```

rank_test.ergm	<i>A lack-of-fit test for ERGMs</i>
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Description

A simple test reporting the sample quantile of the observed network's probability in the distribution under the MLE. This is a conservative p-value for the null hypothesis of the observed network being a draw from the distribution of interest.

Usage

```
rank_test.ergm(x, plot = FALSE)
```

Arguments

x	an <code>ergm()</code> object.
plot	if TRUE, plot the empirical distribution.

Value

The sample quantile of the observed network's probability among the predicted.

samplk	<i>Longitudinal networks of positive affection within a monastery as a "network" object</i>
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Description

Three `network` objects containing the "liking" nominations of Sampson's (1969) monks at the three time points.

Usage

```
data(samplk)
```

Details

Sampson (1969) recorded the social interactions among a group of monks while he was a resident as an experimenter at the cloister. During his stay, a political "crisis in the cloister" resulted in the expulsion of four monks—namely, the three "outcasts," Brothers Elias, Simplicius, Basil, and the leader of the "young Turks," Brother Gregory. Not long after Brother Gregory departed, all but one of the "young Turks" left voluntarily: Brothers John Bosco, Albert, Boniface, Hugh, and Mark. Then, all three of the "waverers" also left: First, Brothers Amand and Victor, then later Brother Romuald. Eventually, Brother Peter and Brother Winfrid also left, leaving only four of the original group.

Of particular interest are the data on positive affect relations ("liking," using the terminology later adopted by White et al. (1976)), in which each monk was asked if he had positive relations to each of the other monks. Each monk ranked only his top three choices (or four, in the case of ties) on "liking". Here, we consider a directed edge from monk A to monk B to exist if A nominated B among these top choices.

The data were gathered at three times to capture changes in group sentiment over time. They represent three time points in the period during which a new cohort had entered the monastery near the end of the study but before the major conflict began. These three time points are labeled T2, T3, and T4 in Tables D5 through D16 in the appendices of Sampson's 1969 dissertation. and the corresponding network data sets are named `samplk1`, `samplk2`, and `samplk3`, respectively.

See also the data set `sampson` containing the time-aggregated graph `samplike`.

`samplk3` is a data set of Hoff, Raftery and Handcock (2002).

The data sets are stored as `network` objects with three vertex attributes:

group Groups of novices as classified by Sampson, that is, "Loyal", "Outcasts", and "Turks", but with a fourth group called the "Waverers" by White et al. (1975) that comprises two of the original Loyal opposition and one of the original Outcasts. See the `samplike` data set for the original classifications of these three waverers.

cloisterville An indicator of attendance in the minor seminary of "Cloisterville" before coming to the monastery.

vertex.names The given names of the novices. NB: These names have been corrected as of `ergm` version 3.6.1.

This data set is standard in the social network analysis literature, having been modeled by Holland and Leinhardt (1981), Reitz (1982), Holland, Laskey and Leinhardt (1983), Fienberg, Meyer, and Wasserman (1981), and Hoff, Raftery, and Handcock (2002), among others. This is only a small piece of the data collected by Sampson.

This data set was updated for version 2.5 (March 2012) to add the `cloisterville` variable and refine the names. This information is from de Nooy, Mrvar, and Batagelj (2005). The original vertex names were: Romul_10, Bonaven_5, Ambrose_9, Berth_6, Peter_4, Louis_11, Victor_8, Winf_12, John_1, Greg_2, Hugh_14, Boni_15, Mark_7, Albert_16, Amand_13, Basil_3, Elias_17, Simp_18. The numbers indicate the ordering used in the original dissertation of Sampson (1969).

Mislabeling in Versions Prior to 3.6.1

In `ergm` versions 3.6.0 and earlier, The adjacency matrices of the `samplike`, `samplk1`, `samplk2`, and `samplk3` networks reflected the original Sampson (1969) ordering of the names even though the vertex labels used the name order of de Nooy, Mrvar, and Batagelj (2005). That is, in `ergm` version 3.6.0 and earlier, the vertices were mislabeled. The correct order is the same one given in Tables D5, D9, and D13 of Sampson (1969): John Bosco, Gregory, Basil, Peter, Bonaventure, Berthold, Mark, Victor, Ambrose, Romauld (Sampson uses both spellings "Romauld" and "Ramauld" in the dissertation), Louis, Winfrid, Amand, Hugh, Boniface, Albert, Elias, Simplicius. By contrast, the order given in `ergm` version 3.6.0 and earlier is: Ramuald, Bonaventure, Ambrose, Berthold, Peter, Louis, Victor, Winfrid, John Bosco, Gregory, Hugh, Boniface, Mark, Albert, Amand, Basil, Elias, Simplicius.

Source

Sampson, S.-F. (1968), *A novitiate in a period of change: An experimental and case study of relationships*, Unpublished Ph.D. dissertation, Department of Sociology, Cornell University.

<http://vlado.fmf.uni-lj.si/pub/networks/data/esna/sampson.htm>

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See Also

sampson, florentine, network, plot.network, ergm

sampson	<i>Cumulative network of positive affection within a monastery as a "network" object</i>
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Description

A [network](#) object containing the cumulative "liking" nominations of Sampson's (1969) monks over the three time points.

Usage

```
data(sampson)
```

Details

Sampson (1969) recorded the social interactions among a group of monks while he was a resident as an experimenter at the cloister. During his stay, a political "crisis in the cloister" resulted in the expulsion of four monks—namely, the three "outcasts," Brothers Elias, Simplicius, Basil, and the leader of the "young Turks," Brother Gregory. Not long after Brother Gregory departed, all but one of the "young Turks" left voluntarily: Brothers John Bosco, Albert, Boniface, Hugh, and Mark. Then, all three of the "waverers" also left: First, Brothers Amand and Victor, then later Brother Romuald. Eventually, Brother Peter and Brother Winfrid also left, leaving only four of the original group.

Of particular interest are the data on positive affect relations ("liking," using the terminology later adopted by White et al. (1976)), in which each monk was asked if he had positive relations to each of the other monks. Each monk ranked only his top three choices (or four, in the case of ties) on "liking". Here, we consider a directed edge from monk A to monk B to exist if A nominated B among these top choices.

The data were gathered at three times to capture changes in group sentiment over time. They represent three time points in the period during which a new cohort had entered the monastery near

the end of the study but before the major conflict began. These three time points are labeled T2, T3, and T4 in Tables D5 through D16 in the appendices of Sampson's 1969 dissertation. The `samplike` data set is the time-aggregated network. Thus, a tie from monk A to monk B exists if A nominated B as one of his three (or four, in case of ties) best friends at any of the three time points.

See also the data sets `samplk1`, `samplk2`, and `samplk3`, containing the networks at each of the three individual time points.

The data set is stored as a `network` object with three vertex attributes:

group Groups of novices as classified by Sampson: "Loyal", "Outcasts", and "Turks".

cloisterville An indicator of attendance in the minor seminary of "Cloisterville" before coming to the monastery.

vertex.names The given names of the novices. NB: These names have been corrected as of `ergm` version 3.6.1; see details below.

In addition, the data set has an edge attribute, `nominations`, giving the number of times (out of 3) that monk A nominated monk B.

This data set is standard in the social network analysis literature, having been modeled by Holland and Leinhardt (1981), Reitz (1982), Holland, Laskey and Leinhardt (1983), Fienberg, Meyer, and Wasserman (1981), and Hoff, Raftery, and Handcock (2002), among others. This is only a small piece of the data collected by Sampson.

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See Also

florentine, network, plot.network, ergm

san	<i>Use Simulated Annealing to attempt to match a network to a vector of mean statistics</i>
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Description

This function attempts to find a network or networks whose statistics match those passed in via the `target.stats` vector.

Usage

```
san(object, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'formula'
```

```
san(
  object,
  response = NULL,
  reference = ~Bernoulli,
  constraints = ~.,
  target.stats = NULL,
  nsim = NULL,
  basis = NULL,
  output = c("network", "edgelist", "ergm_state"),
  only.last = TRUE,
  control = control.san(),
  verbose = FALSE,
  offset.coef = NULL,
  ...
)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'ergm_model'
```

```
san(
  object,
  reference = ~Bernoulli,
  constraints = ~.,
  target.stats = NULL,
```

```

    nsim = NULL,
    basis = NULL,
    output = c("network", "edgelist", "ergm_state"),
    only.last = TRUE,
    control = control.san(),
    verbose = FALSE,
    offset.coef = NULL,
    ...
)

```

Arguments

object	Either a formula or an ergm object. The formula should be of the form $y \sim \langle \text{model terms} \rangle$, where y is a network object or a matrix that can be coerced to a network object. For the details on the possible $\langle \text{model terms} \rangle$, see ergm-terms . To create a network object in <code>R</code> , use the <code>network()</code> function, then add nodal attributes to it using the <code>%v%</code> operator if necessary.
...	Further arguments passed to other functions.
response	<p>Either a character string, a formula, or NULL (the default), to specify the response attributes and whether the ERGM is binary or valued. Interpreted as follows:</p> <p>NULL Model simple presence or absence, via a binary ERGM.</p> <p>character string The name of the edge attribute whose value is to be modeled. Type of ERGM will be determined by whether the attribute is logical (TRUE/FALSE) for binary or numeric for valued.</p> <p>a formula must be of the form $\text{NAME} \sim \text{EXPR} \text{TYPE}$ (with <code> </code> being literal). <code>EXPR</code> is evaluated in the formula's environment with the network's edge attributes accessible as variables. The optional <code>NAME</code> specifies the name of the edge attribute into which the results should be stored, with the default being a concise version of <code>EXPR</code>. Normally, the type of ERGM is determined by whether the result of evaluating <code>EXPR</code> is logical or numeric, but the optional <code>TYPE</code> can be used to override by specifying a scalar of the type involved (e.g., TRUE for binary and 1 for valued).</p>
reference	A one-sided formula specifying the reference measure ($h(y)$) to be used. See help for ERGM reference measures implemented in the ergm package.
constraints	A one-sided formula specifying one or more constraints on the support of the distribution of the networks being simulated. See the documentation for a similar argument for ergm and see list of implemented constraints for more information. For <code>simulate.formula</code> , defaults to no constraints. For <code>simulate.ergm</code> , defaults to using the same constraints as those with which <code>object</code> was fitted.
target.stats	A vector of the same length as the number of non-offset statistics implied by the formula, which is either <code>object</code> itself in the case of <code>san.formula</code> or <code>object\$formula</code> in the case of <code>san.ergm</code> .
nsim	Number of networks to generate. Deprecated: just use replicate() .
basis	If not NULL, a network object used to start the Markov chain. If NULL, this is taken to be the network named in the formula.

output	Character, one of "network" (default), "edgelist", or "ergm_state": determines the output format. Partial matching is performed.
only.last	if TRUE, only return the last network generated; otherwise, return a <code>network.list</code> with <code>nsim</code> networks.
control	A list of control parameters for algorithm tuning, typically constructed with <code>control.san()</code> . Its documentation gives the the list of recognized control parameters and their meaning. The more generic utility <code>snctrl()</code> (StatNet ConTROL) also provides argument completion for the available control functions and limited argument name checking.
verbose	A logical or an integer to control the amount of progress and diagnostic information to be printed. FALSE/0 produces minimal output, wit higher values producing more detail. Note that very high values (5+) may significantly slow down processing.
offset.coef	A vector of offset coefficients; these must be passed in by the user. Note that these should be the same set of coefficients one would pass to <code>ergm</code> via its <code>offset.coef</code> argument.
formula	(By default, the formula is taken from the <code>ergm</code> object. If a different formula object is wanted, specify it here.

Details

Acceptance probabilities for proposed toggles are computed as we now describe. There are two contributions: one from targeted statistics and one from offsets.

For the targeted statistics, a matrix of weights W is determined on each `san` iteration as follows. On the first iteration, the matrix W is the n by n identity matrix (n = number of target statistics), divided by n . On subsequent iterations: if `control$SAN.invcov.diag` = FALSE (the default), then the matrix W is the inverse of the covariance matrix of the targeted statistics, divided by the sum of its (the inverse's) diagonal; if `control$SAN.invcov.diag` = TRUE, then W is the inverse of the diagonal (regarded as a matrix) of the covariance matrix of the targeted statistics, divided by the sum of its (the inverse's) diagonal. In either of these two cases, the covariance matrix is computed based on proposals (not acceptances) made on the previous iteration, and the normalization for W is such that $\text{sum}(\text{diag}(W)) = 1$. The component of the acceptance probability coming from the targeted statistics is then computed for a given W as $\exp([y.Wy - x.Wx]/T)$ where T is the temperature, y the column vector of differences network statistics -target statistics computed before the current proposal is made, x the column vector of differences network statistics -target statistics computed assuming the current proposal is accepted, and $.$ the dot product. If `control$SAN.maxit` > 1, then on the i th iteration, the temperature T takes the value `control$SAN.tau * (1/i - 1/control$SAN.maxit)/(1 - 1/control$SAN.maxit)`; if `control$SAN.maxit` = 1, then the temperature T takes the value 0. Thus, T steps down from `control$SAN.tau` to 0 and is always 0 on the final iteration.

Offsets also contribute to the acceptance probability, as follows. If η are the canonical offsets and Δ the corresponding change statistics for a given proposal, then the offset contribution to the acceptance probability is simply $\exp(\eta.\Delta)$ where $.$ denotes the dot product. By default, finite offsets are ignored, but this behavior can be changed by setting `control$SAN.ignore.finite.offsets` = FALSE.

The overall acceptance probability is the product of the targeted statistics contribution and the offset contribution (with the product capped at one).

Value

A network or list of networks that hopefully have network statistics close to the `target.stats` vector. Additionally, `attr()`-style attributes `formula` and `stats` are included.

Methods (by class)

- `formula`: Sufficient statistics are specified by a `formula`.
- `ergm_model`: A lower-level function that expects a pre-initialized `ergm_model`.

Examples

```
# initialize x to a random undirected network with 50 nodes and a density of 0.1
x <- network(50, density = 0.05, directed = FALSE)

# try to find a network on 50 nodes with 300 edges, 150 triangles,
# and 1250 4-cycles, starting from the network x
y <- san(x ~ edges + triangles + cycle(4), target.stats = c(300, 150, 1250))

# check results
summary(y ~ edges + triangles + cycle(4))

# initialize x to a random directed network with 50 nodes
x <- network(50)

# add vertex attributes
x %v% 'give' <- runif(50, 0, 1)
x %v% 'take' <- runif(50, 0, 1)

# try to find a set of 100 directed edges making the outward sum of
# 'give' and the inward sum of 'take' both equal to 62.5, so in
# edges (i,j) the node i tends to have above average 'give' and j
# tends to have above average 'take'
y <- san(x ~ edges + nodecov('give') + nodeicov('take'), target.stats = c(100, 62.5, 62.5))

# check results
summary(y ~ edges + nodecov('give') + nodeicov('take'))

# initialize x to a random undirected network with 50 nodes
x <- network(50, directed = FALSE)

# add a vertex attribute
x %v% 'popularity' <- runif(50, 0, 1)

# try to find a set of 100 edges making the total sum of
# popularity(i) and popularity(j) over all edges (i,j) equal to
# 125, so nodes with higher popularity are more likely to be
# connected to other nodes
y <- san(x ~ edges + nodecov('popularity'), target.stats = c(100, 125))

# check results
```

```
summary(y ~ edges + nodecov('popularity'))

# creates a network with denser "core" spreading out to sparser
# "periphery"
plot(y)
```

search.ergmTerms

Search the ergm-terms documentation for appropriate terms

Description

Searches through the [ergm.terms](#) help page and prints out a list of terms appropriate for the specified network's structural constraints, optionally restricting by additional categories and keyword matches.

Usage

```
search.ergmTerms(keyword, net, categories, name)
```

Arguments

keyword	optional character keyword to search for in the text of the term descriptions. Only matching terms will be returned. Matching is case insensitive.
net	a network object that the term would be applied to, used as template to determine directedness, bipartite, etc
categories	optional character vector of category tags to use to restrict the results (i.e. 'curved', 'triad-related')
name	optional character name of a specific term to return

Details

Uses [grep](#) internally to match keywords against the term description, so keywords is currently matched as a single phrase. Category tags will only return a match if all of the specified tags are included in the term.

Value

prints out the name and short description of matching terms, and invisibly returns them as a list. If name is specified, prints out the full definition for the named term.

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See Also

See also [ergm.terms](#) for the complete documentation

Examples

```
# find all of the terms that mention triangles
search.ergmTerms('triangle')

# two ways to search for bipartite terms:

# search using a bipartite net as a template
myNet<-network.initialize(5,bipartite=3)
search.ergmTerms(net=myNet)

# or request the bipartite category
search.ergmTerms(categories='bipartite')

# search on multiple categories
search.ergmTerms(categories=c('bipartite','dyad-independent'))

# print out the content for a specific term
search.ergmTerms(name='b2factor')
```

simulate.ergm	<i>Draw from the distribution of an Exponential Family Random Graph Model</i>
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Description

`simulate` is used to draw from exponential family random network models. See `ergm` for more information on these models.

The method for `ergm` objects inherits the model, the coefficients, the response attribute, the reference, the constraints, and most simulation parameters from the model fit, unless overridden by passing them explicitly. Unless overridden, the simulation is initialized with a random draw from the fitted model, saved by `ergm()`.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'formula_lhs_network'
simulate(object, nsim = 1, seed = NULL, ...)

simulate_formula(object, ..., basis = eval_lhs.formula(object))

## S3 method for class 'network'
simulate_formula(
  object,
  nsim = 1,
  seed = NULL,
  coef,
  response = NULL,
  reference = ~Bernoulli,
```

```

constraints = ~.,
observational = FALSE,
monitor = NULL,
statsonly = FALSE,
esteq = FALSE,
output = c("network", "stats", "edgelist", "ergm_state"),
simplify = TRUE,
sequential = TRUE,
control = control.simulate.formula(),
verbose = FALSE,
...,
basis = ergm.getnetwork(object),
do.sim = TRUE,
return.args = NULL
)

## S3 method for class 'ergm_state'
simulate_formula(
  object,
  nsim = 1,
  seed = NULL,
  coef,
  response = NULL,
  reference = ~Bernoulli,
  constraints = ~.,
  observational = FALSE,
  monitor = NULL,
  statsonly = FALSE,
  esteq = FALSE,
  output = c("network", "stats", "edgelist", "ergm_state"),
  simplify = TRUE,
  sequential = TRUE,
  control = control.simulate.formula(),
  verbose = FALSE,
  ...,
  basis = ergm.getnetwork(object),
  do.sim = TRUE,
  return.args = NULL
)

## S3 method for class 'ergm_model'
simulate(
  object,
  nsim = 1,
  seed = NULL,
  coef,
  reference = if (is(constraints, "ergm_proposal")) NULL else trim_env(~Bernoulli),
  constraints = trim_env(~.),

```

```

    observational = FALSE,
    monitor = NULL,
    basis = NULL,
    esteq = FALSE,
    output = c("network", "stats", "edgelist", "ergm_state"),
    simplify = TRUE,
    sequential = TRUE,
    control = control.simulate.formula(),
    verbose = FALSE,
    ...,
    do.sim = TRUE,
    return.args = NULL
)

## S3 method for class 'ergm_state_full'
simulate(
  object,
  nsim = 1,
  seed = NULL,
  coef,
  esteq = FALSE,
  output = c("network", "stats", "edgelist", "ergm_state"),
  simplify = TRUE,
  sequential = TRUE,
  control = control.simulate.formula(),
  verbose = FALSE,
  ...,
  return.args = NULL
)

## S3 method for class 'ergm'
simulate(
  object,
  nsim = 1,
  seed = NULL,
  coef = coefficients(object),
  response = object$network %ergmlhs% "response",
  reference = object$reference,
  constraints = list(object$constraints, object$obs.constraints),
  observational = FALSE,
  monitor = NULL,
  basis = object$newnetwork,
  statsonly = FALSE,
  esteq = FALSE,
  output = c("network", "stats", "edgelist", "ergm_state"),
  simplify = TRUE,
  sequential = TRUE,
  control = control.simulate.ergm(),

```

```

    verbose = FALSE,
    ...
)

```

Arguments

object	Either a formula or an ergm object. The formula should be of the form $y \sim \langle \text{model terms} \rangle$, where y is a network object or a matrix that can be coerced to a network object. For the details on the possible $\langle \text{model terms} \rangle$, see ergm-terms . To create a network object in <code>R</code> , use the <code>network()</code> function, then add nodal attributes to it using the <code>%v%</code> operator if necessary.
nsim	Number of networks to be randomly drawn from the given distribution on the set of all networks, returned by the Metropolis-Hastings algorithm.
seed	Seed value (integer) for the random number generator. See set.seed .
...	Further arguments passed to or used by methods.
basis	a value (usually a network) to override the LHS of the formula.
coef	Vector of parameter values for the model from which the sample is to be drawn. If object is of class <code>ergm</code> , the default value is the vector of estimated coefficients. Can be set to <code>NULL</code> to bypass, but only if <code>return.args</code> below is used.
response	<p>Either a character string, a formula, or <code>NULL</code> (the default), to specify the response attributes and whether the ERGM is binary or valued. Interpreted as follows:</p> <p><code>NULL</code> Model simple presence or absence, via a binary ERGM.</p> <p>character string The name of the edge attribute whose value is to be modeled. Type of ERGM will be determined by whether the attribute is logical (<code>TRUE/FALSE</code>) for binary or numeric for valued.</p> <p>a formula must be of the form <code>NAME~EXPR TYPE</code> (with <code> </code> being literal). <code>EXPR</code> is evaluated in the formula's environment with the network's edge attributes accessible as variables. The optional <code>NAME</code> specifies the name of the edge attribute into which the results should be stored, with the default being a concise version of <code>EXPR</code>. Normally, the type of ERGM is determined by whether the result of evaluating <code>EXPR</code> is logical or numeric, but the optional <code>TYPE</code> can be used to override by specifying a scalar of the type involved (e.g., <code>TRUE</code> for binary and <code>1</code> for valued).</p>
reference	A one-sided formula specifying the reference measure ($h(y)$) to be used. See help for ERGM reference measures implemented in the ergm package.
constraints	A one-sided formula specifying one or more constraints on the support of the distribution of the networks being simulated. See the documentation for a similar argument for ergm and see list of implemented constraints for more information. For <code>simulate.formula</code> , defaults to no constraints. For <code>simulate.ergm</code> , defaults to using the same constraints as those with which object was fitted.
observational	Inherit observational constraints rather than model constraints.
monitor	A one-sided formula specifying one or more terms whose value is to be monitored. These terms are appended to the model, along with a coefficient of 0, so their statistics are returned. An ergm_model object can be passed as well.

statsonly	Logical: If TRUE, return only the network statistics, not the network(s) themselves. Deprecated in favor of output=.
esteq	Logical: If TRUE, compute the sample estimating equations of an ERGM: if the model is non-curved, all non-offset statistics are returned either way, but if the model is curved, the score estimating function values (3.1) by Hunter and Handcock (2006) are returned instead.
output	Normally character, one of "network" (default), "stats", "edgelist", or "ergm_state": determines the output format. Partial matching is performed. Alternatively, a function with prototype function(ergm_state, chain, iter, ...) that is called for each returned network, and its return value, rather than the network itself, is stored. This can be used to, for example, store the simulated networks to disk without storing them in memory or compute network statistics not implemented using the ERGM API, without having to store the networks themselves.
simplify	Logical: If TRUE the output is "simplified": sampled networks are returned in a single list, statistics from multiple parallel chains are stacked, etc.. This makes it consistent with behavior prior to ergm 3.10.
sequential	Logical: If FALSE, each of the nsim simulated Markov chains begins at the initial network. If TRUE, the end of one simulation is used as the start of the next. Irrelevant when nsim=1.
control	A list of control parameters for algorithm tuning, typically constructed with <code>control.simulate.ergm()</code> or <code>control.simulate.formula()</code> , which have different defaults. Their documentation gives the the list of recognized control parameters and their meaning. The more generic utility <code>snctrl()</code> (StatNet ConTROL) also provides argument completion for the available control functions and limited argument name checking.
verbose	A logical or an integer to control the amount of progress and diagnostic information to be printed. FALSE/0 produces minimal output, wit higher values producing more detail. Note that very high values (5+) may significantly slow down processing.
do.sim	Logical; a deprecated interface superseded by <code>return.args</code> , that saves the inputs to the next level of the function.
return.args	Character; if not NULL, the simulate method for that particular class will, instead of proceeding for simulation, instead return its arguments as a list that can be passed as a second argument to <code>do.call()</code> or a lower-level function such as <code>ergm_MCMC_sample()</code> . This can be useful if, for example, one wants to run several simulations with varying coefficients and does not want to reinitialize the model and the proposal every time. Valid inputs at this time are "formula", "ergm_model", and one of the "ergm_state" classes, for the three respective stopping points.

Details

A sample of networks is randomly drawn from the specified model. The model is specified by the first argument of the function. If the first argument is a `formula` then this defines the model. If the first argument is the output of a call to `ergm` then the model used for that call is the one fit – and unless `coef` is specified, the sample is from the MLE of the parameters. If neither of those are given

as the first argument then a Bernoulli network is generated with the probability of ties defined by prob or coef.

Note that the first network is sampled after burnin steps, and any subsequent networks are sampled each interval steps after the first.

More information can be found by looking at the documentation of [ergm](#).

Value

If `output=="stats"` an [mcmc](#) object containing the simulated network statistics. If `control$parallel>0`, an [mcmc.list](#) object. If `simplify=TRUE` (the default), these would then be "stacked" and converted to a standard [matrix](#). A logical vector indicating whether or not the term had come from the monitor= formula is stored in [attr\(\)](#)-style attribute "monitored".

Otherwise, a representation of the simulated network is returned, in the form specified by output. In addition to a network representation or a list thereof, they have the following [attr](#)-style attributes:

`formula` The [formula](#) used to generate the sample.

`stats` An [mcmc](#) or [mcmc.list](#) object as above.

`control` Control parameters used to generate the sample.

`constraints` Constraints used to generate the sample.

`reference` The reference measure for the sample.

`monitor` The monitoring formula.

`response` The edge attribute used as a response.

The following are the permitted network formats:

"network" If `nsim==1`, an object of class `network`. If `nsim>1`, it returns an object of class [network.list](#) (a list of networks) with the above-listed additional attributes.

"edgelist" An [edgelist](#) representation of the network, or a list thereof, depending on `nsim`.

"ergm_state" A semi-internal representation of a network consisting of a [network](#) object emptied of edges, with an attached edgelist matrix, or a list thereof, depending on `nsim`.

If `simplify==FALSE`, the networks are returned as a nested list, with outer list being the parallel chain (including 1 for no parallelism) and inner list being the samples within that chains (including 1, if one network per chain). If `TRUE`, they are concatenated, and if a total of one network had been simulated, the network itself will be returned.

Functions

- `simulate.ergm_state_full`: a low-level function to simulate from an [ergm_state](#) object.

Note

[simulate.ergm_model\(\)](#) is a lower-level interface, providing a [simulate\(\)](#) method for [ergm_model](#) class. The basis argument is required; monitor, if passed, must be an [ergm_model](#) as well; and constraints can be an [ergm_proposal](#) object instead.

See Also

[ergm](#), [network](#), [ergm_MCMC_sample\(\)](#) for a demonstration of return.args=.

Examples

```
#
# Let's draw from a Bernoulli model with 16 nodes
# and density 0.5 (i.e., coef = c(0,0))
#
g.sim <- simulate(network(16) ~ edges + mutual, coef=c(0, 0))
#
# What are the statistics like?
#
summary(g.sim ~ edges + mutual)
#
# Now simulate a network with higher mutuality
#
g.sim <- simulate(network(16) ~ edges + mutual, coef=c(0,2))
#
# How do the statistics look?
#
summary(g.sim ~ edges + mutual)
#
# Let's draw from a Bernoulli model with 16 nodes
# and tie probability 0.1
#
g.use <- network(16,density=0.1,directed=FALSE)
#
# Starting from this network let's draw 3 realizations
# of a edges and 2-star network
#
g.sim <- simulate(~edges+kstar(2), nsim=3, coef=c(-1.8,0.03),
                  basis=g.use, control=control.simulate(
                    MCMC.burnin=1000,
                    MCMC.interval=100))

g.sim
summary(g.sim)
#
# attach the Florentine Marriage data
#
data(florentine)
#
# fit an edges and 2-star model using the ergm function
#
gest <- ergm(flomarriage ~ edges + kstar(2))
summary(gest)
#
# Draw from the fitted model (statistics only), and observe the number
# of triangles as well.
#
g.sim <- simulate(gest, nsim=10,
                  monitor=~triangles, output="stats",
```

```

      control=control.simulate.ergm(MCMC.burnin=1000, MCMC.interval=100))
g.sim

# Custom output: store the edgcount (computed in R), iteration index, and chain index.
output.f <- function(x, iter, chain, ...){
  list(nedges = network.edgcount(as.network(x)),
       chain = chain, iter = iter)
}
g.sim <- simulate(gest, nsim=3,
                 output=output.f, simplify=FALSE,
                 control=control.simulate.ergm(MCMC.burnin=1000, MCMC.interval=100))
unclass(g.sim)

```

simulate.formula	<i>A simulate Method for formula objects that dispatches based on the Left-Hand Side</i>
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Description

This method evaluates the left-hand side (LHS) of the given formula and dispatches it to an appropriate method based on the result by setting a nonce class name on the formula.

Usage

```

## S3 method for class 'formula'
simulate(object, nsim = 1, seed = NULL, ..., basis, newdata, data)

## S3 method for class 'formula_lhs'
simulate(object, nsim = 1, seed = NULL, ...)

```

Arguments

object	a one- or two-sided formula .
nsim, seed	number of realisations to simulate and the random seed to use; see simulate() .
...	additional arguments to methods.
basis	if given, overrides the LHS of the formula for the purposes of dispatching.
newdata, data	if passed, the object's LHS is evaluated in this environment; at most one of the two may be passed.

The dispatching works as follows:

1. If basis is not passed, and the formula has an LHS the expression on the LHS of the formula in the object is evaluated in the environment newdata or data (if given), in any case enclosed by the environment of object. Otherwise, basis is used.
2. The result is set as an attribute ".Basis" on object. If there is no basis or LHS, it is not set.

3. The class vector of object has `c("formula_lhs_CLASS", "formula_lhs")` prepended to it, where *CLASS* is the class of the LHS value or basis. If LHS or basis has multiple classes, they are all prepended; if there is no LHS or basis, `c("formula_lhs_", "formula_lhs")` is.
4. `simulate()` generic is evaluated on the new object, with all arguments passed on, excluding basis; if newdata or data are missing, they too are not passed on. The evaluation takes place in the parent's environment.

A "method" to receive a formula whose LHS evaluates to *CLASS* can therefore be implemented by a function `simulate.formula_lhs_var{CLASS}()`. This function can expect a `formula` object, with additional attribute `.Basis` giving the evaluated LHS (so that it does not need to be evaluated again).

Functions

- `simulate.formula_lhs`: A function to catch the situation when there is no method implemented for the class to which the LHS evaluates.

See Also

`simulate.ergm()` family of functions, which uses this interface.

snctrl

Statnet Control

Description

A utility to facilitate argument completion of control lists, reexported from `statnet.common`.

Currently recognised control parameters

This list is updated as packages are loaded and unloaded.

See Also

`statnet.common::snctrl()`

spectrum0.mvar	<i>Multivariate version of coda's spectrum0.ar().</i>
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Description

Its return value, divided by `nrow(cbind(x))`, is the estimated variance-covariance matrix of the sampling distribution of the mean of `x` if `x` is a multivariate time series with $AR(p)$ structure, with p determined by AIC.

Usage

```
spectrum0.mvar(
  x,
  order.max = NULL,
  aic = is.null(order.max),
  tol = .Machine$double.eps^0.5,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	a matrix with observations in rows and variables in columns.
<code>order.max</code>	maximum (or fixed) order for the AR model.
<code>aic</code>	use AIC to select the order (up to <code>order.max</code>).
<code>tol</code>	drop components until the reciprocal condition number of the transformed variance-covariance matrix is greater than this.
<code>...</code>	additional arguments to ar() .

Value

A square matrix with dimension equalling to the number of columns of `x`, with an additional attribute `"infl"` giving the factor by which the effective sample size is reduced due to autocorrelation, according to the Vats, Flegal, and Jones (2015) estimate for ESS.

Note

[ar\(\)](#) fails if `crossprod(x)` is singular, which is remedied by mapping the variables onto the principal components of `x`, dropping redundant dimensions.

summary.ergm

*Summarizing ERGM Model Fits***Description**

`base::summary()` method for `ergm()` fits.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'ergm'
summary(
  object,
  ...,
  correlation = FALSE,
  covariance = FALSE,
  total.variation = TRUE
)

## S3 method for class 'summary.ergm'
print(
  x,
  digits = max(3, getOption("digits") - 3),
  correlation = x$correlation,
  covariance = x$covariance,
  signif.stars = getOption("show.signif.stars"),
  eps.Pvalue = 1e-04,
  print.formula = FALSE,
  print.fitinfo = TRUE,
  print.coefmat = TRUE,
  print.message = TRUE,
  print.deviances = TRUE,
  print.drop = TRUE,
  print.offset = TRUE,
  print.call = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

<code>object</code>	an object of class "ergm", usually, a result of a call to <code>ergm()</code> .
<code>...</code>	For <code>summary.ergm()</code> additional arguments are passed to <code>logLik.ergm()</code> . For <code>print.summary.ergm()</code> , to <code>stats::printCoefmat()</code> .
<code>correlation</code>	logical; if TRUE, the correlation matrix of the estimated parameters is returned and printed.
<code>covariance</code>	logical; if TRUE, the covariance matrix of the estimated parameters is returned and printed.

total.variation	logical; if TRUE, the standard errors reported in the Std. Error column are based on the sum of the likelihood variation and the MCMC variation. If FALSE only the likelihood variation is used. The p -values are based on this source of variation.
x	object of class <code>summary.ergm</code> returned by <code>summary.ergm()</code> .
digits	significant digits for coefficients
signif.stars	whether to print dots and stars to signify statistical significance. See <code>print.summary.lm()</code> .
eps.Pvalue	p -values below this level will be printed as "<eps.Pvalue".
print.formula, print.fitinfo, print.coefmat, print.message, print.deviances, print.drop, print.offset,	which components of the fit summary to print.

Details

`summary.ergm()` tries to be smart about formatting the coefficients, standard errors, etc.

The default printout of the summary object contains the call, number of iterations used, null and residual deviances, and the values of AIC and BIC (and their MCMC standard errors, if applicable). The coefficient table contains the following columns:

- Estimate, Std. Error - parameter estimates and their standard errors
- MCMC % - if `total.variation=TRUE` (default) the percentage of standard error attributable to MCMC estimation process rounded to an integer. See also `vcov.ergm()` and its `sources` argument.
- z value, $\Pr(>|z|)$ - z-test and p-values

Value

The function `summary.ergm()` computes and returns a list of summary statistics of the fitted `ergm()` model given in `object`. Note that for backwards compatibility, it returns two coefficient tables: `$coefs` which does not contain the z-statistics and `$coefficients` which does (and is therefore more similar to those returned by `stats::summary.lm()`).

The returned object is a list of class "ergm.summary" with the following elements:

formula	ERGM model formula
call	R call used to fit the model
correlation, covariance	whether to print correlation/covariance matrices of the estimated parameters
pseudolikelihood	was the model estimated with MPLE
independence	is the model dyad-independent
control	the <code>control.ergm()</code> object used
samplesize	MCMC sample size
message	optional message on the validity of the standard error estimates
null.lik.0	It is TRUE if the null model likelihood has not been calculated. See <code>logLikNull()</code>

devtext, devtable	Deviance type and table
aic, bic	values of AIC and BIC
coefs, coefficients	data frames with model parameters and associated statistics
asycov	asymptotic covariance matrix
asyse	asymptotic standard error matrix
offset, drop, estimate, iterations, mle.lik, null.lik	see documentation of the object returned by ergm()

See Also

The model fitting function [ergm\(\)](#), [print.ergm\(\)](#), and [base::summary\(\)](#). Function [stats::coef\(\)](#) will extract the data frame of coefficients with standard errors, t-statistics and p-values.

Examples

```
data(florentine)

x <- ergm(floamarriage ~ density)
summary(x)
```

summary.formula	<i>Calculation of network or graph statistics or other attributes specified on a formula</i>
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Description

Most generally, this function computes those summaries of the object on the LHS of the formula that are specified by its RHS. In particular, if given a network as its LHS and [ergm-terms](#) on its RHS, it computes the sufficient statistics associated with those terms.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'formula'
summary(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object	A formula having as its LHS a network object or a matrix that can be coerced to a network object, a network.list , or other types to be summarized using a formula. (See ‘ <code>methods(‘summary_formula’)</code> ’ for the possible LHS types.
...	further arguments passed to or used by methods.

Details

In practice, `summary.formula()` is a thin wrapper around the `summary_formula()` generic, which dispatches methods based on the class of the LHS of the formula.

Value

A vector of statistics specified in RHS of the formula.

See Also

[ergm\(\)](#), [network\(\)](#), [ergm-terms](#)

Examples

```
#
# Lets look at the Florentine marriage data
#
data(florentine)
#
# test the summary_formula function
#
summary(flomarriage ~ edges + kstar(2))
m <- as.matrix(flomarriage)
summary(m ~ edges) # twice as large as it should be
summary(m ~ edges, directed=FALSE) # Now it's correct
```

symmetrize

Return a symmetrized version of a binary network

Description

Return a symmetrized version of a binary network

Usage

```
symmetrize(x, rule = c("weak", "strong", "upper", "lower"), ...)

## Default S3 method:
symmetrize(x, rule = c("weak", "strong", "upper", "lower"), ...)

## S3 method for class 'network'
symmetrize(x, rule = c("weak", "strong", "upper", "lower"), ...)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	an object representing a network.
<code>rule</code>	a string specifying how the network is to be symmetrized; see <code>sna::symmetrize()</code> for details; for the <code>network</code> method, it can also be a function or a list; see Details.
<code>...</code>	additional arguments to <code>sna::symmetrize()</code> .

Details

The `network` method requires more flexibility, in order to specify how the edge attributes are handled. Therefore, `rule` can be one of the following types:

a character vector The string is interpreted as in `sna::symmetrize()`. For edge attributes, "weak" takes the maximum value and "strong" takes the minimum value" for ordered attributes, and drops the unordered.

a function The function is evaluated on a `data.frame` constructed by joining (via `merge()`) the edge `tibble` with all attributes and NA indicators with itself reversing tail and head columns, and appending original columns with ".th" and the reversed columns with ".ht". It is then evaluated for each attribute in turn, given two arguments: the data frame and the name of the attribute.

a list The list must have exactly one unnamed element, and the remaining elements must be named with the names of edge attributes. The elements of the list are interpreted as above, allowing each edge attribute to be handled differently. Unnamed arguments are dropped.

Methods (by class)

- **default:** The default method, passing the input on to `sna::symmetrize()`.
- **network:** A method for `network` objects, which preserves network and vertex attributes, and handles edge attributes.

Examples

```
data(sampson)
samplike[1,2] <- NA
samplike[4,1] <- NA
sm <- as.matrix(samplike)

tst <- function(x,y){
  mapapply(identical, x, y)
}

stopifnot(all(tst(as.logical(as.matrix(symmetrize(samplike, "weak"))), sm | t(sm))),
           all(tst(as.logical(as.matrix(symmetrize(samplike, "strong"))), sm & t(sm))),
           all(tst(c(as.matrix(symmetrize(samplike, "upper"))),
                    sm[cbind(c(pmin(row(sm), col(sm))), c(pmax(row(sm), col(sm)))]))),
           all(tst(c(as.matrix(symmetrize(samplike, "lower"))),
                    sm[cbind(c(pmax(row(sm), col(sm))), c(pmin(row(sm), col(sm)))])))))
```

update.network

*Update the edges in a network based on a matrix***Description**

Replaces the edges in a [network](#) object with the edges corresponding to the sociomatrix or edge list specified by new.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'network'
update(object, ...)

update_network(object, new, ...)

## S3 method for class 'matrix_edgelist'
update_network(object, new, attrname = if (ncol(new) > 2) names(new)[3], ...)

## S3 method for class 'data.frame'
update_network(object, new, attrname = if (ncol(new) > 2) names(new)[3], ...)

## S3 method for class 'matrix'
update_network(object, new, matrix.type = NULL, attrname = NULL, ...)

## S3 method for class 'ergm_state'
update_network(object, new, ...)
```

Arguments

object	a network object.
...	Additional arguments; currently unused.
new	Either an adjacency matrix (a matrix of values indicating the presence and/or the value of a tie from i to j) or an edge list (a two-column matrix listing origin and destination node numbers for each edge, with an optional third column for the value of the edge).
attrname	For a network with edge weights gives the name of the edge attribute whose names to set.
matrix.type	One of "adjacency" or "edgelist" telling which type of matrix new is. Default is to use the which.matrix.type function.

Value

A new [network](#) object with the edges specified by new and network and vertex attributes copied from the input network object. Input network is not modified.

Functions

- `update_network`: dispatcher for network update based on the type of updating information.
- `update_network.matrix.edgelist`: a method for updating a network based on a matrix-form edgelist
- `update_network.data.frame`: a method for updating a network based on an edgelist
- `update_network.matrix`: a method for updating a network based on a matrix
- `update_network.ergm_state`: a method for updating a network based on an [ergm_state](#) object.

See Also

[ergm\(\)](#), [network](#)

Examples

```
#
data(florentine)
#
# test the network.update function
#
# Create a Bernoulli network
rand.net <- network(network.size(flomarriage))
# store the sociomatrix
rand.mat <- rand.net[,]
# Update the network
update(flomarriage, rand.mat, matrix.type="adjacency")
# Try this with an edgelist
rand.mat <- as.matrix.network.edgelist(flomarriage)[1:5,]
update(flomarriage, rand.mat, matrix.type="edgelist")
```

wtd.median

Weighted Median

Description

Compute weighted median.

Usage

```
wtd.median(x, na.rm = FALSE, weight = FALSE)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	Vector of data, same length as <code>weight</code>
<code>na.rm</code>	Logical: Should NAs be stripped before computation proceeds?
<code>weight</code>	Vector of weights

Details

Uses a simple algorithm based on sorting.

Value

Returns an empirical .5 quantile from a weighted sample.

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