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| canodist | <i>Canonical Empirical Distribution</i> |
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### Description

This function calculates the empirical distribution of the pivotal random variable that can be used to perform inferential procedures for the regression of one subset of variables on the other based on the released Single Synthetic data generated under Plug-in Sampling, assuming that the original dataset is normally distributed.

### Usage

```
canodist(part, nsample, pvariates, iterations)
```

### Arguments

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| part       | Number of variables in the first subset.  |
| nsample    | Sample size.  |
| pvariates  | Number of variables.  |
| iterations | Number of iterations for simulating values from the distribution and finding the quantiles. Default is 10000. |

### Details

We define

$$T_4^*|\Delta = \frac{(|\mathbf{S}_{12}^*(\mathbf{S}_{22}^*)^{-1} - \Delta|\mathbf{S}_{22}^*(\mathbf{S}_{12}^*)(\mathbf{S}_{22}^*)^{-1} - \Delta)^\top|}{|\mathbf{S}_{11.2}^*|}$$

where  $\mathbf{S}^* = \sum_{i=1}^n (v_i - \bar{v})(v_i - \bar{v})^\top$ ,  $v_i$  is the  $i$ th observation of the synthetic dataset, considering  $\mathbf{S}^*$  partitioned as

$$\mathbf{S}^* = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{S}_{11}^* & \mathbf{S}_{12}^* \\ \mathbf{S}_{21}^* & \mathbf{S}_{22}^* \end{bmatrix}.$$

For  $\Delta = \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}$ , where  $\Sigma$  is partitioned the same way as  $\mathbf{S}^*$  its distribution is stochastic equivalent to

$$\frac{|\Omega_{12}\Omega_{22}^{-1}\Omega_{21}|}{|\Omega_{11} - \Omega_{12}\Omega_{22}^{-1}\Omega_{21}|}$$

where  $\Omega \sim \mathcal{W}_p(n-1, \frac{\mathbf{W}}{n-1})$ ,  $\mathbf{W} \sim \mathcal{W}_p(n-1, \mathbf{I}_p)$  and  $\Omega$  partitioned in the same way as  $\mathbf{S}^*$ . To test  $\mathcal{H}_0 : \Delta = \Delta_0$ , compute the value of  $T_4^*$ ,  $\widetilde{T}_4^*$ , with the observed values and reject the null hypothesis if  $\widetilde{T}_4^* > t_{4,1-\alpha}^*$  for  $\alpha$ -significance level, where  $t_{4,\gamma}^*$  is the  $\gamma$ th percentile of  $T_4^*$ .

**Value**

a vector of length iterations that recorded the empirical distribution's values.

**References**

Klein, M., Moura, R. and Sinha, B. (2021). Multivariate Normal Inference based on Singly Imputed Synthetic Data under Plug-in Sampling. *Sankhya B* 83, 273–287.

**Examples**

```
# generate original data
library(MASS)
n_sample = 100
p = 4
mu <- c(1,2,3,4)
Sigma = matrix(c(1, 0.5, 0.1, 0.7,
                0.5, 2, 0.4, 0.9,
                0.1, 0.4, 3, 0.2,
                0.7, 0.9, 0.2, 4), nr = 4, nc = 4, byrow = TRUE)

df = mvrnorm(n_sample, mu = mu, Sigma = Sigma)
# generate synthetic data
df_s = simSynthData(df)
#Decompose Sigma and Sstar
part = 2
Sigma_12 = partition(Sigma,nrows = part, ncol = part)[[2]]
Sigma_22 = partition(Sigma,nrows = part, ncol = part)[[4]]
Delta0 = Sigma_12 %*% solve(Sigma_22)

Sstar = cov(df_s)
Sstar_11 = partition(Sstar,nrows = part, ncol = part)[[1]]
Sstar_12 = partition(Sstar,nrows = part, ncol = part)[[2]]
Sstar_21 = partition(Sstar,nrows = part, ncol = part)[[3]]
Sstar_22 = partition(Sstar,nrows = part, ncol = part)[[4]]

DeltaEst = Sstar_12 %*% solve(Sstar_22)
Sstar11_2 = Sstar_11 - Sstar_12 %*% solve(Sstar_22) %*% Sstar_21

T4_obs = det((DeltaEst-Delta0)%*%Sstar_22%*t(DeltaEst-Delta0))/det(Sstar11_2)

T4 <- canodist(part = part, nsample = n_sample, pvariates = p, iterations = 10000)
q95 <- quantile(T4, 0.95)

T4_obs > q95 #False means that we don't have statistical evidences to reject Delta0
print(T4_obs)
print(q95)
# When the observed value is smaller than the 95% quantile,
# we don't have statistical evidences to reject the Sphericity property.
#
# Note that the value is very close to zero
```

GVdist

*Generalized Variance Empirical Distribution***Description**

This function calculates the empirical distribution of the pivotal random variable that can be used to perform inferential procedures for the Generalized Variance of the released Single Synthetic dataset generated under Plug-in Sampling, assuming that the original distribution is normally distributed.

**Usage**

```
GVdist(nsamples, pvariables, iterations = 10000)
```

**Arguments**

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| nsamples   | Sample size.  |
| pvariables | Number of variables.  |
| iterations | Number of iterations for simulating values from the distribution and finding the quantiles. Default is 10000. |

**Details**

We define

$$T_1^* = (n - 1) \frac{|\mathbf{S}^*|}{|\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|},$$

where  $\mathbf{S}^* = \sum_{i=1}^n (v_i - \bar{v})(v_i - \bar{v})^\top$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$  is the population covariance matrix and  $v_i$  is the  $i$ th observation of the synthetic dataset. Its distribution is stochastic equivalent to

$$\prod_{i=1}^n \chi_{n-i}^2 \prod_{i=1}^p \chi_{n-i}^2$$

where  $\chi_{n-i}^2$  are all independent chi-square random variables. The  $(1 - \alpha)$  level confidence interval for  $|\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|$  is given by

$$\left( \frac{(n-1)^p |\tilde{\mathbf{S}}^*|}{t_{1,1-\alpha/2}^*}, \frac{(n-1)^p |\tilde{\mathbf{S}}^*|}{t_{1,\alpha/2}^*} \right)$$

where  $\tilde{\mathbf{S}}^*$  is the observed value of  $\mathbf{S}^*$  and  $t_{1,\gamma}^*$  is the  $\gamma$ th percentile of  $T_1$ .

**Value**

a vector of length `iterations` that recorded the empirical distribution's values.

**References**

Klein, M., Moura, R. and Sinha, B. (2021). Multivariate Normal Inference based on Singly Imputed Synthetic Data under Plug-in Sampling. *Sankhya B* 83, 273–287.

**Examples**

```

# Original data creation
library(MASS)
mu <- c(1,2,3,4)
Sigma <- matrix(c(1, 0.5, 0.5, 0.5,
                 0.5, 1, 0.5, 0.5,
                 0.5, 0.5, 1, 0.5,
                 0.5, 0.5, 0.5, 1), nrow = 4, ncol = 4, byrow = TRUE)

seed = 1
n_sample = 100
# Create original simulated dataset
df = mvrnorm(n_sample, mu = mu, Sigma = Sigma)

# Synthetic data created

df_s = simSynthData(df)

# Gather the 0.025 and 0.975 quantiles and construct confident interval for sigma^2
# Check that sigma^2 is inside in both cases
p = dim(df_s)[2]

T <- GVdist(100, p, 10000)
q975 <- quantile(T, 0.975)
q025 <- quantile(T, 0.025)

left <- (n_sample-1)^p * det(cov(df_s)*(n_sample-1))/q975
right <- (n_sample-1)^p * det(cov(df_s)*(n_sample-1))/q025

cat(left,right,'\n')
print(det(Sigma))
# The synthetic value is inside the confidence interval of GV

```

**Description**

This function calculates the empirical distribution of the pivotal random variable that can be used to perform inferential procedures and test the independence of two subsets of variables based on the released Single Synthetic data generated under Plug-in Sampling, assuming that the original dataset is normally distributed.

**Usage**

```
Inddist(part, nsample, pvariates, iterations)
```

**Arguments**

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| part       | Number of variables in the first subset.  |
| nsample    | Sample size.  |
| pvariables | Number of variables.  |
| iterations | Number of iterations for simulating values from the distribution and finding the quantiles. Default is 10000. |

**Details**

We define

$$T_3^* = \frac{|\mathbf{S}^*|}{|\mathbf{S}_{11}^*||\mathbf{S}_{22}^*|}$$

where  $\mathbf{S}^* = \sum_{i=1}^n (v_i - \bar{v})(v_i - \bar{v})^\top$ ,  $v_i$  is the  $i$ th observation of the synthetic dataset, considering  $\mathbf{S}^*$  partitioned as

$$\mathbf{S}^* = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{S}_{11}^* & \mathbf{S}_{12}^* \\ \mathbf{S}_{21}^* & \mathbf{S}_{22}^* \end{bmatrix}.$$

Under the assumption that  $\Sigma_{12} = \mathbf{0}$ , its distribution is stochastic equivalent to

$$\frac{|\Omega|}{|\Omega_{11}||\Omega_{22}|}$$

where  $\Omega \sim \mathcal{W}_p(n-1, \frac{\mathbf{W}}{n-1})$ ,  $\mathbf{W} \sim \mathcal{W}_p(n-1, \mathbf{I}_p)$  and  $\Omega$  partitioned in the same way as  $\mathbf{S}^*$ . To test  $\mathcal{H}_0 : \Sigma_{12} = \mathbf{0}$ , compute the value of  $T_3^*$ ,  $\widetilde{T}_3^*$ , with the observed values and reject the null hypothesis if  $\widetilde{T}_3^* < t_{3,\alpha}^*$  for  $\alpha$ -significance level, where  $t_{3,\gamma}^*$  is the  $\gamma$ th percentile of  $T_3^*$ .

**Value**

a vector of length iterations that recorded the empirical distribution's values.

**References**

Klein, M., Moura, R. and Sinha, B. (2021). Multivariate Normal Inference based on Singly Imputed Synthetic Data under Plug-in Sampling. *Sankhya B* 83, 273–287.

**Examples**

```
#generate original data with two independent subsets of variables
library(MASS)
n_sample = 100
p = 4
mu <- c(1,2,3,4)
Sigma = matrix(c(1, 0.5, 0, 0,
                0.5, 2, 0, 0,
                0, 0, 3, 0.2,
                0, 0, 0.2, 4), nr = 4, nc = 4, byrow = TRUE)
df = mvrnorm(n_sample, mu = mu, Sigma = Sigma)
# generate synthetic data
df_s = simSynthData(df)
```

```
#Decompose Sstar in 4 parts
part = 2

Sstar = cov(df_s)
Sstar_11 = partition(Sstar,nrows = part, ncol = part)[[1]]
Sstar_12 = partition(Sstar,nrows = part, ncol = part)[[2]]
Sstar_21 = partition(Sstar,nrows = part, ncol = part)[[3]]
Sstar_22 = partition(Sstar,nrows = part, ncol = part)[[4]]

#Compute observed T3_star
T3_obs = det(Sstar)/(det(Sstar_11)*det(Sstar_22))

alpha = 0.05

# collect the quantile from the distribution assuming independence between the two subsets
T3 <- Inddist(part = part, nsample = n_sample, pvariates = p, iterations = 10000)
q5 <- quantile(T3, alpha)

T3_obs < q5 #False means that we don't have statistical evidences to reject independence
print(T3_obs)
print(q5)
# Note that the value of the observed T3_obs is close to one as expected
```

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partition

*Split a matrix into blocks*

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## Description

This function split a matrix into a list of blocks (either by rows and columns).

## Usage

```
partition(Matrix, nrows, ncols)
```

## Arguments

**Matrix** a matrix to split .  
**nrows** positive integer indicating the number of rows blocks.  
**ncols** positive integer indicating the number of columns blocks.

## Value

a list of partitioned submatrices

**Examples**

```
Mat = matrix(c(1,0.5,0,0,
              0.5,2,0,0,
              0,0,3,0.2,
              0, 0, 0.2,4), nrow = 4, ncol = 4, byrow = TRUE)
partition(Matrix = Mat, nrows = 2, ncols = 2)
```

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simSynthData

*Plug-in Sampling Single Synthetic Dataset Generation*


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**Description**

This function is used to generate a single synthetic version of the original data via Plug-in Sampling.

**Usage**

```
simSynthData(X, n_imp = dim(X)[1])
```

**Arguments**

|       |                     |
|-------|---------------------|
| X     | matrix or dataframe |
| n_imp | sample size         |

**Details**

Assume that  $\mathbf{X} = (\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n)$  is the original data, assumed to be normally distributed, we compute  $\bar{\mathbf{x}}$  as the sample mean and  $\hat{\Sigma} = \mathbf{S}/(n-1)$  as the sample covariance matrix, where  $\mathbf{S}$  is the sample Wishart matrix. We generate  $\mathbf{V} = (\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n)$ , by drawing

$$\mathbf{v}_i \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} N_p(\bar{\mathbf{x}}, \hat{\Sigma}).$$

**Value**

a matrix of generated dataset

**References**

Klein, M., Moura, R. and Sinha, B. (2021). Multivariate Normal Inference based on Singly Imputed Synthetic Data under Plug-in Sampling. *Sankhya B* 83, 273–287.



**Examples**

```

library(MASS)
n_sample = 1000
mu=c(0,0,0,0)
Sigma=diag(1,4,4)
# Create original simulated dataset
df_o = mvrnorm(n_sample, mu, Sigma)
# Create singly imputed synthetic dataset
df_s = simSynthData(df_o)
#Estimators synthetic
mean_s <- colMeans(df_s)
S_s <- (t(df_s)- mean_s) %*% t(t(df_s)- mean_s)
# careful about this computation
# mean_o is a column vector and if you are thinking as n X p matrices and
# row vectors you should be aware of this.
print(mean_s)
print(S_s/(dim(df_s)[1]-1))

```

Sphdist

*Spherical Empirical Distribution***Description**

This function calculates the empirical distribution of the pivotal random variable that can be used to perform the Sphericity test of the population covariance matrix  $\Sigma$  that is  $\Sigma = \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_p$ , based on the released Single Synthetic data generated under Plug-in Sampling, assuming that the original dataset is normally distributed.

**Usage**

```
Sphdist(nsample, pvariates, iterations)
```

**Arguments**

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| nsample    | Sample size.  |
| pvariates  | Number of variables.  |
| iterations | Number of iterations for simulating values from the distribution and finding the quantiles. Default is 10000. |

**Details**

We define

$$T_2^* = \frac{|\mathbf{S}^*|^{\frac{1}{p}}}{tr(\mathbf{S}^*)/p}$$

where  $\mathbf{S}^* = \sum_{i=1}^n (v_i - \bar{v})(v_i - \bar{v})^\top$ ,  $v_i$  is the  $i$ th observation of the synthetic dataset. For  $\Sigma = \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_p$ , its distribution is stochastic equivalent to

$$\frac{|\Omega_1 \Omega_2|^{\frac{1}{p}}}{tr(\Omega_1 \Omega_2)/p}$$

where  $\Omega_1$  and  $\Omega_2$  are Wishart random variables,  $\Omega_1 \sim \mathcal{W}_p(n-1, \frac{\mathbf{I}_p}{n-1})$  is independent of  $\Omega_2 \sim \mathcal{W}_p(n-1, \mathbf{I}_p)$ . To test  $\mathcal{H}_0 : \Sigma = \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_p$ , compute the observed value of  $T_2^*$ ,  $\widetilde{T}_2^*$ , with the observed values and reject the null hypothesis if  $\widetilde{T}_2^* > t_{2,\alpha}^*$  for  $\alpha$ -significance level, where  $t_{2,\gamma}^*$  is the  $\gamma$ th percentile of  $T_2^*$ .

### Value

a vector of length `iterations` that recorded the empirical distribution's values.

### References

Klein, M., Moura, R. and Sinha, B. (2021). Multivariate Normal Inference based on Singly Imputed Synthetic Data under Plug-in Sampling. *Sankhya B* 83, 273–287.

### Examples

```
# Original data created
library(MASS)
mu <- c(1,2,3,4)
Sigma <- matrix(c(1, 0, 0, 0,
                  0, 1, 0, 0,
                  0, 0, 1, 0,
                  0, 0, 0, 1), nrow = 4, ncol = 4, byrow = TRUE)

seed = 1
n_sample = 100
# Create original simulated dataset
df = mvrnorm(n_sample, mu = mu, Sigma = Sigma)

# Synthetic data created

df_s = simSynthData(df)

# Gather the 0.95 quantile

p = dim(df_s)[2]

T_sph <- Sphdist(nsample = n_sample, pvariables = p, iterations = 10000)
q95 <- quantile(T_sph, 0.95)

# Compute the observed value of T from the synthetic dataset
S_star = cov(df_s*(n_sample-1))

T_obs = (det(S_star)^(1/p))/(sum(diag(S_star))/p)

print(q95)
print(T_obs)

#Since the observed value is bigger than the 95% quantile,
#we don't have statistical evidences to reject the Sphericity property.
#
#Note that the value is very close to one
```

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