Package ‘localgauss’

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Description

Routine for estimating local Gaussian parameters based on a sample from the bivariate distribution under consideration. The routine can either estimate local parameters on a grid covering the data controlled by the gsize and hthresh parameters. Otherwise, local Gaussian parameters can be estimated at coordinates specified by the user in xy.mat.

Usage

localgauss(x,y,b1=1,b2=1,gsize=15,hthresh=0.001,xy.mat=NULL)

Arguments

- **x, y**: The two data vectors
- **b1, b2**: The bandwidth in the x-direction and y-direction, respectively
- **gsize**: The gridsize (only used if xy.mat is not specified).
- **hthresh**: Gridpoints where a non-parametric density estimate is lower than hthresh are omitted (only used if xy.mat is not specified).
- **xy.mat**: A M times 2 matrix of points where the local parameters are to be estimated.

Details

The objective function is maximized using a modified Newton method. The user should check whether the field eflag in the returned object is zero for all estimates. If not, the optimizer has not converged and the estimates should not be trusted. For more details, see [Reference to article].

Value

S3 object of type localgauss containing the fields:

- **par.est**: M times 5 matrix of parameter estimates, with columns mu1, mu2, sigma1, sigma2, rho.
- **eflag**: M-vector of exitflags from the optimizer. Estimations with exit flags other than 0 should not be trusted.
- **hessian**: The negative Hessian of the objective function.

References

localgauss.indtest

See Also

localgauss.indtest.

Examples

```r
x=rnorm(n=1000)
y=x^2 + rnorm(n=1000)
lgobj = localgauss(x,y)
```

localgauss.indtest  
Pointwise Independence test based on local Gaussian correlation

Description

Routine for testing for local independence based on local Gaussian parameters. It accepts an S3 object produced by `localgauss()`, and performs a bootstrap-based test with null-hypothesis being that `x` and `y` are independent.

Usage

```r
localgauss.indtest(locobj,R=10,alpha=0.10,seed=1)
```

Arguments

- `locobj` localgauss-object
- `R` Number of bootstrap replica
- `alpha` significance level (note: two sided test)
- `seed` Random seed in used for bootstrap

Details

The test is based on producing a null-distribution of local Gaussian correlations were the original data are resampled from their empirical marginal distributions. The bootstrap-based null-distribution is produced for each point specified in `xy.mat` in `locobj`. An estimated local correlation for the original data significantly larger than the null-distribution is indicated with +1 (returned in the vector `test.results`). An estimated local correlation for the original data insignificant with respect to the null-distribution is indicated with 0. An estimated local correlation for the original data significantly smaller than the null-distribution is indicated with -1.

Value

S3 object of type `localgauss.indtest` containing the fields:

- `localgauss` simply returns `locobj`.
- `upper` Vector containing the 1-alpha/2 quantiles of the null-distributions.
- `lower` Vector containing the alpha/2 quantiles of the null-distributions.
- `test.results` Vector containing the test results.
References


See Also

localgauss.

Examples

```r
x=rnorm(n=100)
y=x^2 + rnorm(n=100)
lgobj = localgauss(x,y,gsize=8)
lgind = localgauss.indtest(lgobj)
```

**plot.localgauss**

Local Gaussian correlation plot

Description

Plots estimates of local Gaussian correlation.

Usage

```r
## S3 method for class 'localgauss'
plot(x,...,plot.text=TRUE,plot.points=FALSE,tsize=3,
     lowcol="cyan",highcol="magenta",point.col="black",
     point.size=NULL,xlab="",ylab="",divergent.col.grad=T)
```

Arguments

- `x` S3 object of class "localgauss" produced by the localgauss-function
- `...` Not used.
- `plot.text` If TRUE, the numerical values of the estimated local correlation are added to each tile.
- `plot.points` If TRUE, the original observations are overlain.
- `tsize` The font size used if plot.text is TRUE
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**References**


**See Also**

localgauss.

**Examples**

```r
x=rnorm(n=1000)
y=x^2 + rnorm(n=1000)
lgobj = localgauss(x,y)
plot(lgobj)
```
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