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# Description

Finds the active model's parameters

# Usage

```
findActiveParam(M, n, k, na.rm = TRUE)
```

# Arguments

М	matrix
n	number of units (equal to number of M's rows)
k	parameters to retrieve
na.rm	logical, whether to ignore NA data

# Value

An array containing the parameters

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Function that computes integrated classification likelihood based on stochastic one-mode and linked block modeling. If clu is a list, the method for linked/multilevel networks is applied. The support for multirelational networks is not tested.

#### **Description**

Function that computes integrated classification likelihood based on stochastic one-mode and linked block modeling. If clu is a list, the method for linked/multilevel networks is applied. The support for multirelational networks is not tested.

# Usage

```
ICLStochBlock(
   M,
   clu,
   weights = NULL,
   uWeights = NULL,
   diagonal = c("ignore", "seperate", "same"),
   limitType = c("none", "inside", "outside"),
   limits = NULL,
   weightClusterSize = 1,
   addOne = TRUE,
   eps = 0.001
)
```

either outer or inner.

#### **Arguments**

limitType

A matrix representing the (usually valued) network. For multi-relational net-
works, this should be an array with the third dimension representing the relation.
A partition. Each unique value represents one cluster. If the nework is one-mode, than this should be a vector, else a list of vectors, one for each mode. Similarly, if units are comprised of several sets, clu should be the list containing one vector for each set.
The weights for each cell in the matrix/array. A matrix or an array with the same dimmensions as M.
The weights for each unin. A vector with the length equal to the number of units (in all sets).
How should the diagonal values be treated. Possible values are:
ignore - diagonal values are ignored
<ul> <li>seperate - diagonal values are treated seperately</li> </ul>
• same - diagonal values are treated the same as all other values

Type of limit to use. Forced to 'none' if limits is NULL. Otherwise, one of

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limits

If diagonal is "ignore" or "same", an array with dimensions equal to:

- number of clusters (of all types)
- number of clusters (of all types)
- number of relations
- 2 the first is lower limit and the second is upper limit

If diagonal is "seperate", a list of two array. The first should be as described above, representing limits for off diagonal values. The second should be similar with only 3 dimensions, as one of the first two must be omitted.

weightClusterSize

The weight given to cluster sizes (logprobabilites) compared to ties in loglikelihood. Defaults to 1, which is "classical" stochastic blockmodeling.

add0ne

Should one tie with the value of the tie equal to the density of the superBlock be added to each block to prevent block means equal to 0 or 1 and also "shrink" the block means toward the superBlock mean. Defaults to TRUE.

eps

If addOne = FALSE, the minimal deviation from 0 or 1 that the block mean/density can take.

#### Value

The value of ICL

#### See Also

llStochBlock; weightsMlLoglik

#### **Examples**

```
# Create a synthetic network matrix
set.seed(2022)
library(blockmodeling)
k<-2 # number of blocks to generate
blockSizes<-rep(20,k)
IM < -matrix(c(0.8, .4, 0.2, 0.8), nrow=2)
clu<-rep(1:k, times=blockSizes)</pre>
n<-length(clu)</pre>
M<-matrix(rbinom(n*n,1,IM[clu,clu]),ncol=n, nrow=n)</pre>
clu<-sample(1:2,nrow(M),replace=TRUE)</pre>
plotMat(M,clu) # Have a look at this random partition
ICL_pre<-ICLStochBlock(M,clu) # Calculate its ICL</pre>
res<-stochBlock(M,clu=clu) # Optimizing the partition</pre>
plot(res) # Have a look at the optimized partition
ICL_post<-res$ICL # Calculate its ICL</pre>
ICL_post
# We expect the ICL pre-optimisation to be smaller:
ICL_pre<ICL_post
```

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llStochBlock	Function that computes criterion function used in stochastic one-
	mode and linked blockmodeling. If clu is a list, the method for linked/multilevel networks is applied

# Description

Function that computes criterion function used in stochastic one-mode and linked blockmodeling. If clu is a list, the method for linked/multilevel networks is applied

# Usage

```
1lStochBlock(
   M,
   clu,
   weights = NULL,
   uWeights = NULL,
   diagonal = c("ignore", "seperate", "same"),
   limitType = c("none", "inside", "outside"),
   limits = NULL,
   weightClusterSize = 1,
   addOne = TRUE,
   eps = 0.001
)
```

# Arguments

М	A matrix representing the (usually valued) network. For multi-relational networks, this should be an array with the third dimension representing the relation.
clu	A partition. Each unique value represents one cluster. If the network is one-mode, than this should be a vector, else a list of vectors, one for each mode. Similarly, if units are comprised of several sets, clu should be the list containing one vector for each set.
weights	The weights for each cell in the matrix/array. A matrix or an array with the same dimensions as M.
uWeights	The weights for each unit. A vector with the length equal to the number of units (in all sets).
diagonal	How should the diagonal values be treated. Possible values are:
	• ignore - diagonal values are ignored
	<ul> <li>seperate - diagonal values are treated separately</li> </ul>
	• same - diagonal values are treated the same as all other values
limitType	Type of limit to use. Forced to 'none' if limits is NULL. Otherwise, one of either outer or inner.
limits	If diagonal is "ignore" or "same", an array with dimensions equal to:

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- number of clusters (of all types)
- number of clusters (of all types)
- · number of relations
- 2 the first is lower limit and the second is upper limit

If diagonal is "seperate", a list of two array. The first should be as described above, representing limits for off diagonal values. The second should be similar with only 3 dimensions, as one of the first two must be omitted.

#### weightClusterSize

The weight given to cluster sizes (log-probabilities) compared to ties in loglikelihood. Defaults to 1, which is "classical" stochastic blockmodeling.

add0ne

Should one tie with the value of the tie equal to the density of the superBlock be added to each block to prevent block means equal to 0 or 1 and also "shrink" the block means toward the superBlock mean. Defaults to TRUE.

eps

If addOne = FALSE, the minimal deviation from 0 or 1 that the block mean/density can take.

#### Value

- the value of the log-likelihood criterion for the partition clu on the network represented by M for binary stochastic blockmodel.

#### **Examples**

```
# Create a synthetic network matrix
set.seed(2022)
library(blockmodeling)
k<-2 # number of blocks to generate
blockSizes<-rep(20,k)
IM < -matrix(c(0.8, .4, 0.2, 0.8), nrow=2)
clu<-rep(1:k, times=blockSizes)</pre>
n<-length(clu)</pre>
M<-matrix(rbinom(n*n,1,IM[clu,clu]),ncol=n, nrow=n)</pre>
clu<-sample(1:2,nrow(M),replace=TRUE)</pre>
plotMat(M,clu) # Have a look at this random partition
11_pre<-1lStochBlock(M,clu) # Calculate its loglikelihood</pre>
res<-stochBlockORP(M,k=2,rep=10) # Optimizing the partition
plot(res) # Have a look at the optimized partition
11_post<-llStochBlock(M,clu(res)) # Calculate its loglikelihood</pre>
# We expect the loglikelihood pre-optimization to be smaller:
(-ll_pre)<(-ll_post)</pre>
```

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stochBlock	Function that performs stochastic one-mode and linked blockmodel-
	ing by optimizing a single partition. If clu is a list, the method for
	linked/multilevel networks is applied

# Description

Function that performs stochastic one-mode and linked blockmodeling by optimizing a single partition. If clu is a list, the method for linked/multilevel networks is applied

# Usage

```
stochBlock(
   M,
   clu,
   weights = NULL,
   uWeights = NULL,
   diagonal = c("ignore", "seperate", "same"),
   limitType = c("none", "inside", "outside"),
   limits = NULL,
   weightClusterSize = 1,
   addOne = TRUE,
   eps = 0.001
)
```

# Arguments

М	A matrix representing the (usually valued) network. For multi-relational networks, this should be an array with the third dimension representing the relation.
clu	A partition. Each unique value represents one cluster. If the network is one-mode, than this should be a vector, else a list of vectors, one for each mode. Similarly, if units are comprised of several sets, clu should be the list containing one vector for each set.
weights	The weights for each cell in the matrix/array. A matrix or an array with the same dimensions as M.
uWeights	The weights for each unin. A vector with the length equal to the number of units (in all sets).
diagonal	How should the diagonal values be treated. Possible values are:
	<ul> <li>ignore - diagonal values are ignored</li> <li>seperate - diagonal values are treated seperately</li> <li>same - diagonal values are treated the same as all other values</li> </ul>
limitType	Type of limit to use. Forced to 'none' if limits is NULL. Otherwise, one of either outer or inner.
limits	If diagonal is "ignore" or "same", an array with dimensions equal to:

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- number of clusters (of all types)
- number of clusters (of all types)
- · number of relations
- 2 the first is lower limit and the second is upper limit

If diagonal is "seperate", a list of two array. The first should be as described above, representing limits for off diagonal values. The second should be similar with only 3 dimensions, as one of the first two must be omitted.

#### weightClusterSize

The weight given to cluster sizes (logprobabilites) compared to ties in loglikelihood. Defaults to 1, which is "classical" stochastic blockmodeling.

addOne Should one tie with the value of the tie equal to the density of the superBlock be

added to each block to prevent block means equal to 0 or 1 and also "shrink" the

block means toward the superBlock mean. Defaults to TRUE.

eps If addOne = FALSE, the minimal deviation from 0 or 1 that the block mean/density

can take.

#### Value

A list of class opt.par normally passed other commands with StockBlockORP and containing:

clu A vector (a list for multi-mode networks) indicating the cluster to which each

unit belongs;

IM Image matrix of this partition;

weights The weights for each cell in the matrix/array. A matrix or an array with the same

dimensions as M.

uWeights The weights for each unit. A vector with the length equal to the number of units

(in all sets).

err The error as the sum of the inconsistencies between this network and the ideal

partitions.

ICL Integrated Criterion Likelihood for this partition

#### Author(s)

Aleš, Žiberna

## References

Škulj, D., & Žiberna, A. (2022). Stochastic blockmodeling of linked networks. Social Networks, 70, 240-252.

#### See Also

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#### **Examples**

```
# Create a synthetic network matrix
set.seed(2022)
library(blockmodeling)
k<-2 # number of blocks to generate
blockSizes<-rep(20,k)
IM < -matrix(c(0.8, .4, 0.2, 0.8), nrow=2)
clu<-rep(1:k, times=blockSizes)</pre>
n<-length(clu)</pre>
M<-matrix(rbinom(n*n,1,IM[clu,clu]),ncol=n, nrow=n)</pre>
clu<-sample(1:2,nrow(M),replace=TRUE)</pre>
plotMat(M,clu) # Have a look at this random partition
res<-stochBlock(M,clu) # Optimising the partition
plot(res) # Have a look at the optimised parition
# Create a synthetic linked-network matrix
set.seed(2022)
library(blockmodeling)
IM<-matrix(c(0.8,.4,0.2,0.8), nrow=2)</pre>
clu<-rep(1:2, each=20) # Partition to generate</pre>
n<-length(clu)</pre>
nClu<-length(unique(clu)) # Number of clusters to generate</pre>
M1<-matrix(rbinom(n^2,1,IM[clu,clu]),ncol=n, nrow=n) # First network
M2<-matrix(rbinom(n^2,1,IM[clu,clu]),ncol=n, nrow=n) # Second network
M12<-diag(n) # Linking network
nn < -c(n,n)
k < -c(2,2)
Ml<-matrix(0, nrow=sum(nn),ncol=sum(nn))</pre>
M1[1:n,1:n]<-M1
Ml[n+1:n,n+1:n] < -M2
M1[n+1:n, 1:n] < -M12
plotMat(Ml) # Linked network
clu1<-sample(1:2,nrow(M1),replace=TRUE)</pre>
clu2<-sample(3:4,nrow(M1),replace=TRUE)</pre>
plotMat(Ml,list(clu1,clu2)) # Have a look at this random partition
res<-stochBlock(Ml,list(clu1,clu2)) # Optimising the partition
plot(res) # Have a look at the optimised parition
```

stochBlockKMint

A function for using k-means to initialized the stochastic one-mode and linked blockmodeling.

# Description

A function for using k-means to initialized the stochastic one-mode and linked blockmodeling.

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#### Usage

```
stochBlockKMint(
 Μ,
 k,
 nstart = 100,
 perm = 0,
  sharePerm = 0.2,
 save.initial.param = TRUE,
 deleteMs = TRUE,
 max.iden = 10,
  return.all = FALSE,
  return.err = TRUE,
  seed = NULL,
 maxTriesToFindNewPar = perm * 10,
  skip.par = NULL,
  printRep = ifelse(perm <= 10, 1, round(perm/10)),</pre>
  n = NULL,
  nCores = 1,
  useParLapply = FALSE,
  cl = NULL,
  stopcl = is.null(cl),
)
```

# **Arguments**

М	A square matrix giving the adjaciency relationg between the network's nodes
---	---

(aka vertexes)

k The number of clusters used in the generation of partitions.

nstart number of random starting points for the classical k-means algorithm (for each

set of units). Defaults to 100.

perm Number or partitions obtained by randomly permuting the k-means partition - if

0, no permutations are made, only the original partition is analyzed.

sharePerm The probability that a unit will have their randomly assigned. Defaults to 0.20.

save.initial.param

Should the inital parameters(approaches, ...) of using stochBlock be saved.

The default value is TRUE.

deleteMs Delete networks/matrices from the results of to save space. Defaults to TRUE.

max.iden Maximum number of results that should be saved (in case there are more than

max.iden results with minimal error, only the first max.iden will be saved).

return.all If FALSE, solution for only the best (one or more) partition/s is/are returned.

return.err Should the error for each optimized partition be returned. Defaults to TRUE.

seed Optional. The seed for random generation of partitions.

maxTriesToFindNewPar

The maximum number of partition try when trying to find a new partition to optimize that was not yet checked before - the default value is rep \* 1000.

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skip.par The partitions that are not allowed or were already checked and should therefore

be skipped.

printRep Should some information about each optimization be printed.

The number of units by "modes". It is used only for generating random parti-

tions. It has to be set only if there are more than two modes or if there are two modes, but the matrix representing the network is one mode (both modes are in

rows and columns).

nCores Number of cores to be used. Value 0 means all available cores. It can also be a

cluster object.

useParLapply Should parLapplyLB be used (otherwise foreach is used). Defaults to true as it

needs less dependencies. It might be removed in future releases and only allow

the use of parLapplyLB.

cl The cluster to use (if formed beforehand). Defaults to NULL.

stopcl Should the cluster be stopped after the function finishes. Defaults to is.null(cl).

... Arguments passed to other functions, see stochBlock.

#### Value

A list containing:

M The one- or multi-mode matrix of the network analyzed

res If return.all = TRUE - A list of results the same as best - one best for each

partition optimized.

best A list of results from stochblock, only without M.

err If return.err = TRUE - The vector of errors or inconsistencies of the empirical

network with the ideal partitions.

nIter The vector of the iterations on each starting partition. If many of the values

equalmaxiter, then maxiter may be too small.

checked.par If selected - A list of checked partitions. If merge.save.skip.par is TRUE, this

list also includes the partitions in skip.par.

call The call to this function.

initial.param If selected - The initial parameters are used.

# Author(s)

Aleš, Žiberna

#### References

Škulj, D., & Žiberna, A. (2022). Stochastic blockmodeling of linked networks. Social Networks, 70, 240-252.

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stochBlockORP

A function for optimizing multiple random partitions using stochastic one-mode and linked blockmodeling. Similar to optRandomParC, but calling stochBlock for optimizing individual partitions.

# **Description**

A function for optimizing multiple random partitions using stochastic one-mode and linked block-modeling. Similar to optRandomParC, but calling stochBlock for optimizing individual partitions.

#### Usage

```
stochBlockORP(
 Μ,
  k,
  rep,
  save.initial.param = TRUE,
  deleteMs = TRUE,
 max.iden = 10,
  return.all = FALSE,
  return.err = TRUE,
  seed = NULL,
  parGenFun = blockmodeling::genRandomPar,
 mingr = NULL,
 maxgr = NULL,
  addParam = list(genPajekPar = TRUE, probGenMech = NULL),
 maxTriesToFindNewPar = rep * 10,
  skip.par = NULL,
  printRep = ifelse(rep <= 10, 1, round(rep/10)),</pre>
  n = NULL,
  nCores = 1,
  useParLapply = FALSE,
  cl = NULL,
  stopcl = is.null(cl),
)
```

#### **Arguments**

M A square matrix giving the adjaciency relationg between the network's nodes (aka vertexes)

k The number of clusters used in the generation of partitions.

rep The number of repetitions/different starting partitions to check.

save.initial.param

Should the inital parameters (approaches, ...) of using stochBlock be saved. The default value is TRUE. stochBlockORP 13

deleteMs Delete networks/matrices from the results of to save space. Defaults to TRUE. Maximum number of results that should be saved (in case there are more than max.iden max.iden results with minimal error, only the first max.iden will be saved). return.all If FALSE, solution for only the best (one or more) partition/s is/are returned. return.err Should the error for each optimized partition be returned. Defaults to TRUE. seed Optional. The seed for random generation of partitions. The function (object) that will generate random partitions. The default function parGenFun is genRandomPar. The function has to accept the following parameters: k (number o of partitions by modes, n (number of units by modes), seed (seed value for random generation of partition), addParam (a list of additional parameters). mingr Minimal allowed group size. Maximal allowed group size. maxgr addParam A list of additional parameters for function specified above. In the usage section they are specified for the default function genRandomPar. maxTriesToFindNewPar The maximum number of partition try when trying to find a new partition to optimize that was not yet checked before - the default value is rep \* 1000. skip.par The partitions that are not allowed or were already checked and should therefore be skipped. printRep Should some information about each optimization be printed. The number of units by "modes". It is used only for generating random partitions. It has to be set only if there are more than two modes or if there are two modes, but the matrix representing the network is one mode (both modes are in rows and columns). Number of cores to be used. Value 0 means all available cores. It can also be a nCores cluster object. Should parLapplyLB be used (otherwise foreach is used). Defaults to true as it useParLapply needs less dependencies. It might be removed in future releases and only allow the use of parLapplyLB. cl The cluster to use (if formed beforehand). Defaults to NULL. Should the cluster be stopped after the function finishes. Defaults to is.null(cl). stopcl Arguments passed to other functions, see stochBlock.

#### Value

A list of class "opt.more.par" containing:

М	The one- or multi-mode matrix of the network analyzed
res	If $return.all = TRUE - A$ list of results the same as best - one best for each partition optimized.
best	A list of results from stochblock, only without M.
err	$If \verb return.err  = \verb TRUE  - The vector of errors or inconsistencies  = -log-likelihoods.$
ICL	Integrated classification likelihood for the best partition.

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checked.par If selected - A list of checked partitions. If merge.save.skip.par is TRUE, this

list also includes the partitions in skip.par.

call The call to this function.

initial.param If selected - The initial parameters are used.

Random.seed .Random.seed at the end of the function.

cl Cluster used for parallel computations if supplied as an input parameter.

#### Warning

It should be noted that the time needed to optimise the partition depends on the number of units (aka nodes) in the networks as well as the number of clusters due to the underlying algorithm. Hence, partitioning networks with 100 units and large number of blocks (e.g., >5) can take a long time (from 20 minutes to a few hours or even days).

# Author(s)

Aleš, Žiberna

#### References

Škulj, D., & Žiberna, A. (2022). Stochastic blockmodeling of linked networks. Social Networks, 70, 240-252.

#### **Examples**

```
# Simple one-mode network
library(blockmodeling)
k<-2
blockSizes<-rep(20,k)
IM < -matrix(c(0.8, .4, 0.2, 0.8), nrow=2)
if(any(dim(IM)!=c(k,k))) stop("invalid dimensions")
set.seed(2021)
clu<-rep(1:k, times=blockSizes)</pre>
n<-length(clu)</pre>
M<-matrix(rbinom(n*n,1,IM[clu,clu]),ncol=n, nrow=n)</pre>
diag(M) < -0
plotMat(M)
resORP<-stochBlockORP(M,k=2, rep=10, return.all = TRUE)
resORP$ICL
plot(resORP)
clu(resORP)
# Linked network
library(blockmodeling)
set.seed(2021)
IM < -matrix(c(0.8, .4, 0.2, 0.8), nrow=2)
clu<-rep(1:2, each=20)
```

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```
n<-length(clu)</pre>
nClu<-length(unique(clu))</pre>
M1<-matrix(rbinom(n^2,1,IM[clu,clu]),ncol=n, nrow=n)
M2<-matrix(rbinom(n^2,1,IM[clu,clu]),ncol=n, nrow=n)
M12 < -diag(n)
nn<-c(n,n)
k < -c(2,2)
Ml<-matrix(0, nrow=sum(nn),ncol=sum(nn))</pre>
Ml[1:n,1:n] < -M1
M1[n+1:n,n+1:n] < -M2
M1[n+1:n, 1:n] < -M12
plotMat(Ml)
resMl<-stochBlockORP(M=Ml, k=k, n=nn, rep=10)</pre>
resMl$ICL
plot(resMl)
clu(resMl)
```

weightsMlLoglik

Computes weights for parts of the multilevel network based on random errors using the SS approach with complete blocks only (compatible with k-means)

# **Description**

Computes weights for parts of the multilevel network based on random errors using the SS approach with complete blocks only (compatible with k-means)

#### Usage

```
weightsMlLoglik(
  mlNet,
  cluParts,
  k,
  mWeights = 1000,
  sumFun = sd,
  nCores = 0,
  weightClusterSize = 0,
  paramGenPar = list(genPajekPar = FALSE),
  ...
)
```

# Arguments

mlNet A multilevel/linked network - The code assumes only one relation -> a matrix.

cluParts A partition spliting the units into different sets

k A vecotor of number of clusters for each set of units in the network.

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mWeights The number of repetitions for computing random errors. Defaults to 1000

sumFun The function to compute the summary of errors, which is then used to compute

the weights by computing 1/summary. Defaults to sd.

nCores The number of to use for parallel computing. 0 means all available - 1, 1 means

only once core - no parallel computing.

weightClusterSize

The weight given to cluster sizes. Defalults to 0, as only this is weighted my the

tie-based weights.

paramGenPar The parameter addParam from genRandomPar (see documentation there). De-

fault here is paramGenPar=list(genPajekPar = FALSE), which is different from the default in genRandomPar. The same value is used for generating partitions

for all partitions.

... Paramters passed to 11StochBlock

#### Value

Weights and "intermediate results":

errArr A 3d array of errors (mWeights for each part of the network)

errMatSum errArr summed over all repetitions.

weightsMat A matrix of weights, one for each part. An inverse of errMatSum with NaNs

replaced by zeros.

#### Author(s)

Aleš, Žiberna

### References

Škulj, D., & Žiberna, A. (2022). Stochastic blockmodeling of linked networks. Social Networks, 70, 240-252.

#### See Also

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