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# Description

SEMID provides a number of methods for testing the global/generic identifiability of mixed graphs.

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## **Details**

The only function you're likely to need from **SEMID** is semID. A complete description of all package features, along with examples, can be found at https://github.com/Lucaweihs/SEMID.

## **Examples**

```
###
# Checking the generic identifiability of parameters in a mixed graph.
# Mixed graphs are specified by their directed adjacency matrix L and
# bidirected adjacency matrix 0.
L = t(matrix(
 c(0, 1, 1, 0, 0,
   0, 0, 1, 1, 1,
   0, 0, 0, 1, 0,
   0, 0, 0, 0, 1,
   0, 0, 0, 0, 0), 5, 5))
0 = t(matrix(
 c(0, 0, 0, 1, 0,
   0, 0, 1, 0, 1,
  0, 0, 0, 0, 0,
   0, 0, 0, 0, 0,
   0, 0, 0, 0, 0), 5, 5)); 0=0+t(0)
# Create a mixed graph object
graph = MixedGraph(L, 0)
# We can plot what this mixed graph looks like, blue edges are directed
# red edges are bidirected.
plot(graph)
# Without using decomposition techniques we can't identify all nodes
# just using the half-trek criterion
htcID(graph, tianDecompose = FALSE)
# The edgewiseTSID function can show that all edges are generically
# identifiable without proprocessing with decomposition techniques
edgewiseTSID(graph, tianDecompose = FALSE)
# The above shows that all edges in the graph are generically identifiable.
# See the help of edgewiseTSID to find out more information about what
# else is returned by edgewiseTSID.
# Checking generic parameter identifiability using the generalGenericID
# function
L = t(matrix(
c(0, 1, 0, 0, 0,
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```
0, 0, 0, 1, 1,
  0, 0, 0, 1, 0,
  0, 1, 0, 0, 1,
  0, 0, 0, 1, 0), 5, 5))
0 = t(matrix(
c(0, 0, 0, 0, 0,
  0, 0, 1, 0, 1,
  0, 0, 0, 1, 0,
  0, 0, 0, 0, 0,
  0, 0, 0, 0, 0), 5, 5)); 0=0+t(0)
# Create a mixed graph object
graph = MixedGraph(L, 0)
# Now lets define an "identification step" function corresponding to
# using the edgewise identification algorithm but with subsets
# controlled by 1.
restrictedEdgewiseIdentifyStep <- function(mixedGraph,</pre>
                                             unsolvedParents,
                                             solvedParents,
                                             identifier) {
     return(edgewise Identify Step(\texttt{mixedGraph}, \ unsolved Parents,
                                  solvedParents, identifier,
                                  subsetSizeControl = 1))
}
# Now we run an identification algorithm that iterates between the
# htc and the "restricted" edgewise identification algorithm
generalGenericID(graph, list(htcIdentifyStep,
                               restrictedEdgewiseIdentifyStep),
                 tianDecompose = FALSE)
# We can do better (fewer unsolved parents) if we don't restrict the edgewise
# identifier algorithm as much
generalGenericID(graph, list(htcIdentifyStep, edgewiseIdentifyStep),
                  tianDecompose = FALSE)
```

ancestors

All ancestors of a collection of nodes

## **Description**

Finds all the ancestors of a collection of nodes. These ancestors DO include the nodes themselves (every node is considered an ancestor of itself).

```
ancestors(this, nodes, ...)
```

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```
## S3 method for class 'LatentDigraphFixedOrder'
ancestors(this, nodes, includeObserved = T, includeLatents = T, ...)
## S3 method for class 'LatentDigraph'
ancestors(this, nodes, includeObserved = T, includeLatents = T, ...)
## S3 method for class 'MixedGraph'
ancestors(this, nodes, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

this the graph object

nodes the nodes from which to find all ancestors

... ignored.

includeObserved

if TRUE includes observed nodes in the returned set.

includeLatents if TRUE includes latent nodes in the returned set.

#### Value

the ancestors of the nodes in the observed part of the graph.

ancestralID

Determines which edges in a mixed graph are ancestralID-identifiable

## **Description**

Uses the an identification criterion of Drton and Weihs (2015); this version of the algorithm is somewhat different from Drton and Weihs (2015) in that it also works on cyclic graphs. The original version of the algorithm can be found in the function graphID.ancestralID.

## Usage

```
ancestralID(mixedGraph, tianDecompose = T)
```

#### **Arguments**

mixedGraph a MixedGraph object representing the L-SEM.

tianDecompose TRUE or FALSE determining whether or not the Tian decomposition should

be used before running the current generic identification algorithm. In general

letting this be TRUE will make the algorithm faster and more powerful.

#### Value

see the return of generalGenericID.

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ancestralIdentifyStep Perform one iteration of ancestral identification.

#### **Description**

A function that does one step through all the nodes in a mixed graph and tries to determine if directed edge coefficients are generically identifiable by leveraging decomposition by ancestral subsets. See algorithm 1 of Drton and Weihs (2015); this version of the algorithm is somewhat different from Drton and Weihs (2015) in that it also works on cyclic graphs.

## Usage

ancestralIdentifyStep(mixedGraph, unsolvedParents, solvedParents, identifier)

## **Arguments**

mixedGraph a MixedGraph object representing the mixed graph. unsolvedParents

a list whose ith index is a vector of all the parents j of i in G which for which the

edge j->i is not yet known to be generically identifiable.

solvedParents the complement of unsolvedParents, a list whose ith index is a vector of all

parents j of i for which the edge i->j is known to be generically identifiable

(perhaps by other algorithms). identifier an identification function that

an identification function that must produce the identifications corresponding to those in solved parents. That is identifier should be a function taking a single argument Sigma (any generically generated covariance matrix corresponding to the mixed graph) and returns a list with two named arguments

**Lambda** denote the number of nodes in mixedGraph as n. Then Lambda is an nxn matrix whose i,jth entry

- 1. equals 0 if i is not a parent of j,
- equals NA if i is a parent of j but identifier cannot identify it generically.
- 3. equals the (generically) unique value corresponding to the weight along the edge i->j that was used to produce Sigma.

**Omega** just as Lambda but for the bidirected edges in the mixed graph such that if j is in solvedParents[[i]] we must have that Lambda[j,i] is not NA.

#### Value

a list

## References

Drton, M. and Weihs, L. (2015) Generic Identifiability of Linear Structural Equation Models by Ancestor Decomposition. arXiv 1504.02992

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children

All children of a collection of observed nodes.

# Description

Returns all children of the collection (does not necessarily include the input nodes themselves unless they are parents of one another).

## Usage

```
children(this, nodes, ...)
## S3 method for class 'LatentDigraphFixedOrder'
children(this, nodes, includeObserved = T, includeLatents = T, ...)
## S3 method for class 'LatentDigraph'
children(this, nodes, includeObserved = T, includeLatents = T, ...)
## S3 method for class 'MixedGraph'
children(this, nodes, ...)
```

## Arguments

```
this the graph object.

nodes nodes the nodes of which to find the children

... ignored.

includeObserved

if TRUE includes observed nodes in the returned set.

includeLatents if TRUE includes latent nodes in the returned set.
```

#### Value

the observed children

createAncestralIdentifier

Create an ancestral identification function.

## **Description**

A helper function for ancestralIdentifyStep, creates an identifier function based on its given parameters. This created identifier function will identify the directed edges from 'targets' to 'node.'

## Usage

```
createAncestralIdentifier(
  idFunc,
  sources,
  targets,
  node,
  htrSources,
  ancestralSubset,
  cComponent
)
```

#### **Arguments**

idFunc identification of edge coefficients often requires that other edge coefficients al-

ready be identified. This argument should be a function that produces all such identifications. The newly created identifier function will return these identifi-

cations along with its own.

sources the sources of the half-trek system.

targets the targets of the half-trek system (these should be the parents of node).

node the node for which all incoming edges are to be identified (the tails of which are

targets).

htrSources the nodes in sources which are half-trek reachable from node. All incoming

edges to these sources should be identified by idFunc for the newly created iden-

tification function to work.

ancestralSubset

an ancestral subset of the graph containing node.

cComponent a list corresponding to the c-component containing node in the subgraph induced

by ancestralSubset. See tianDecompose for how such c-component lists are

formed.

## Value

an identification function

createEdgewiseIdentifier

Create an edgewise identification function

# Description

A helper function for edgewiseIdentifyStep, creates an identifier function based on its given parameters. This created identifier function will identify the directed edges from 'targets' to 'node.'

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## Usage

```
createEdgewiseIdentifier(
  idFunc,
  sources,
  targets,
  node,
  solvedNodeParents,
  sourceParentsToRemove
)
```

## Arguments

idFunc identification of edge coefficients often requires that other edge coefficients al-

ready be identified. This argument should be a function that produces all such identifications. The newly created identifier function will return these identifi-

cations along with its own.

sources the sources of the half-trek system.

targets the targets of the half-trek system (these should be the parents of node).

node the node for which all incoming edges are to be identified (the tails of which are

targets).

solvedNodeParents

the parents of node that have been solved

sourceParentsToRemove

a list of the parents of the sources that should have their edge to their respect

source removed.

## Value

an identification function

createHtcIdentifier

Create an htc identification function.

# Description

A helper function for htcIdentifyStep, creates an identifier function based on its given parameters. This created identifier function will identify the directed edges from 'targets' to 'node.'

```
createHtcIdentifier(idFunc, sources, targets, node, htrSources)
```

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#### **Arguments**

idFunc identification of edge coefficients often requires that other edge coefficients al-

ready be identified. This argument should be a function that produces all such identifications. The newly created identifier function will return these identifi-

cations along with its own.

sources the sources of the half-trek system.

targets the targets of the half-trek system (these should be the parents of node).

node the node for which all incoming edges are to be identified (the tails of which are

targets).

htrSources the nodes in sources which are half-trek reachable from node. All incoming

edges to these sources should be identified by idFunc for the newly created iden-

tification function to work.

#### Value

an identification function

#### References

Foygel, R., Draisma, J., and Drton, M. (2012) Half-trek criterion for generic identifiability of linear structural equation models. *Ann. Statist.* 40(3): 1682-1713.

createIdentifierBaseCase

Create an identifier base case

#### **Description**

Identifiers are functions that take as input a covariance matrix Sigma corresponding to some mixed graph G and, from that covariance matrix, identify some subset of the coefficients in the mixed graph G. This function takes as input the matrices, L and O, defining G and creates an identifier that does not identify any of the coefficients of G. This is useful as a base case when building more complex identification functions.

## Usage

createIdentifierBaseCase(L, 0)

## **Arguments**

L	Adjacency matrix for the directed part of the path diagram/mixed graph; an edg	
	pointing from i to j is encoded as $L[i,j]=1$ and the lack of an edge between i and	
	j is encoded as L[i,j]=0. There should be no directed self loops, i.e. no i such	
	that $L[i,i]=1$ .	

O Adjacency matrix for the bidirected part of the path diagram/mixed graph. Edges

are encoded as for the L parameter. Again there should be no self loops. Also this matrix will be coerced to be symmetric so it is only necessary to specify an edge once, i.e. if O[i,j]=1 you may, but are not required to, also have O[j,i]=1.

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## Value

a function that takes as input a covariance matrix compatible with the mixed graph defined by L/O and returns a list with two named components: Lambda - a matrix equal to L but with NA values instead of 1s, Omega - a matrix equal to O but with NA values instead of 1s. When building more complex identifiers these NAs will be replaced by the value that can be identified from Sigma.

createLFHtcIdentifier Create a latent-factor half-trek critierion identification function.

## **Description**

A helper function for lfhtcIdentifyStep, creates an identifier function based on its given parameters. This created identifier function will identify the directed edges from 'targets' to 'node.'

## Usage

```
createLFHtcIdentifier(idFunc, v, Y, Z, parents, reachableY)
```

## **Arguments**

idFunc	identification of edge coefficients often requires that other edge coefficients already be identified. This argument should be a function that produces all such identifications. The newly created identifier function will return these identifications along with its own.
V	the node for which all incoming edges are to be identified (the tails of which are targets).
Υ	the sources of the latent-factor half-trek system.
Z	the nodes that a reached from Y via an latent-factor half-trek of the form $y < -h -> z$ where h is an element of L.
parents	the parents of node v.
reachableY	the nodes in Y which are latent-factor half-trek reachable from Z or v by avoiding the nodes in L. All incoming edges to these nodes should be identified by idFunc the newly created identification function to work.

## Value

an identification function

#### References

Barber, R. F., Drton, M., Sturma, N., and Weihs L. (2022). Half-Trek Criterion for Identifiability of Latent Variable Models. *arXiv preprint* arXiv:2201.04457

createLFIdentifierBaseCase

Create an latent identifier base case

## **Description**

Identifiers are functions that take as input a covariance matrix Sigma corresponding to some latent digraph G and, from that covariance matrix, identify some subset of the coefficients in the latent digraph G. This function takes as input the matrix L defining G and creates an identifier that does not identify any of the coefficients of G. This is useful as a base case when building more complex identification functions.

## Usage

createLFIdentifierBaseCase(graph)

# **Arguments**

graph

a LatentDigraph object representing the latent-factor graph. All latent nodes in this graph should be source nodes (i.e. have no parents).

#### Value

a function that takes as input a covariance matrix compatible with the latent digraph defined by L and returns a list with two named components:

Lambda a matrix equal to the observed part of L but with NA values instead of 1s

Omega a matrix equal to O but with NA values for coefficients not equal to zero.

When building more complex identifiers these NAs will be replaced by the value that can be identified from Sigma.

createSimpleBiDirIdentifier

Identify bidirected edges if all directed edges are identified

# **Description**

Creates an identifier function that assumes that all directed edges have already been identified and then is able to identify all bidirected edges simultaneously.

## Usage

createSimpleBiDirIdentifier(idFunc)

## **Arguments**

idFunc

an identifier function that identifies all directed edges

#### Value

a new identifier function that identifies everything.

createTrekFlowGraph

Helper function to create a flow graph.

## **Description**

Helper function to create a flow graph.

# Usage

```
createTrekFlowGraph(this, ...)
## S3 method for class 'LatentDigraphFixedOrder'
createTrekFlowGraph(this, ...)
```

# Arguments

this the graph object
... ignored

createTrekSeparationIdentifier

Create an trek separation identification function

# Description

A helper function for trekSeparationIdentifyStep, creates an identifier function based on its given parameters. This created identifier function will identify the directed edge from 'parent' to 'node.'

```
createTrekSeparationIdentifier(
  idFunc,
  sources,
  targets,
  node,
  parent,
  solvedParents
)
```

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## **Arguments**

identification of edge coefficients often requires that other edge coefficients al-

ready be identified. This argument should be a function that produces all such identifications. The newly created identifier function will return these identifi-

cations along with its own.

sources the sources of the half-trek system.

targets the targets of the half-trek system (these should be the parents of node).

node the node for which all incoming edges are to be identified (the tails of which are

targets).

parent the parent of node for which the edge node -> parent should be generically

identified.

solvedParents the parents of node that have been solved

#### Value

an identification function

createTrGraph Helper function to create a graph encoding trek reachable relation-

ships.

## Description

Helper function to create a graph encoding trek reachable relationships.

## Usage

```
createTrGraph(this, ...)
## S3 method for class 'LatentDigraphFixedOrder'
createTrGraph(this, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

this the graph object

... ignored

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descendants

Get descendants of a collection of observed nodes

## Description

Finds all descendants of a collection of nodes, this DOES include the nodes themselves (every node is considered a descendant of itself).

## Usage

```
descendants(this, nodes, ...)
## S3 method for class 'LatentDigraphFixedOrder'
descendants(this, nodes, includeObserved = T, includeLatents = T, ...)
## S3 method for class 'LatentDigraph'
descendants(this, nodes, includeObserved = T, includeLatents = T, ...)
## S3 method for class 'MixedGraph'
descendants(this, nodes, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

this the graph object

nodes the nodes from which to get the descendants.

... ignored.

includeObserved

if TRUE includes observed nodes in the returned set.

includeLatents if TRUE includes latent nodes in the returned set.

edgewiseID

Determines which edges in a mixed graph are edgewiseID-identifiable

## **Description**

Uses the edgewise identification criterion of Weihs, Robeva, Robinson, et al. (2017) to determine which edges in a mixed graph are generically identifiable.

```
edgewiseID(mixedGraph, tianDecompose = T, subsetSizeControl = 3)
```

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## **Arguments**

mixedGraph a MixedGraph object representing the L-SEM.

tianDecompose TRUE or FALSE determining whether or not the Tian decomposition should

> be used before running the current generic identification algorithm. In general letting this be TRUE will make the algorithm faster and more powerful.

subsetSizeControl

a positive integer (Inf allowed) which controls the size of edgesets searched in the edgewiseID algorithm. Suppose, for example, this has value 3. Then if a node i has n parents, this will restrict the algorithm to only look at subsets of the parents of size 1,2,3 and n-2, n-1, n. Making this parameter smaller means the algorithm will be faster but less exhaustive (and hence less powerful).

#### Value

see the return of generalGenericID.

edgewiseIdentifyStep Perform one iteration of edgewise identification.

# Description

A function that does one step through all the nodes in a mixed graph and tries to identify new edge coefficients using the existence of half-trek systems as described in Weihs, Robeva, Robinson, et al. (2017).

#### **Usage**

```
edgewiseIdentifyStep(
 mixedGraph,
  unsolvedParents,
  solvedParents,
  identifier,
  subsetSizeControl = Inf
)
```

## **Arguments**

mixedGraph a MixedGraph object representing the mixed graph.

unsolvedParents

a list whose ith index is a vector of all the parents j of i in G which for which the

edge j->i is not yet known to be generically identifiable.

solvedParents the complement of unsolvedParents, a list whose ith index is a vector of all

parents j of i for which the edge i->j is known to be generically identifiable

(perhaps by other algorithms).

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identifier

an identification function that must produce the identifications corresponding to those in solved parents. That is identifier should be a function taking a single argument Sigma (any generically generated covariance matrix corresponding to the mixed graph) and returns a list with two named arguments

**Lambda** denote the number of nodes in mixedGraph as n. Then Lambda is an nxn matrix whose i,jth entry

- 1. equals 0 if i is not a parent of j,
- equals NA if i is a parent of j but identifier cannot identify it generically.
- 3. equals the (generically) unique value corresponding to the weight along the edge i->j that was used to produce Sigma.

Omega just as Lambda but for the bidirected edges in the mixed graph

such that if j is in solvedParents[[i]] we must have that Lambda[j,i] is not NA.

subsetSizeControl

a positive integer (Inf allowed) which controls the size of edgesets searched in the edgewiseID algorithm. Suppose, for example, this has value 3. Then if a node i has n parents, this will restrict the algorithm to only look at subsets of the parents of size 1,2,3 and n-2, n-1, n. Making this parameter smaller means the algorithm will be faster but less exhaustive (and hence less powerful).

#### Value

see the return of htcIdentifyStep.

edgewiseTSID

Determines which edges in a mixed graph are edgewiseID+TS identifiable

## Description

Uses the edgewise+TS identification criterion of Weihs, Robeva, Robinson, et al. (2017) to determine which edges in a mixed graph are generically identifiable. In particular this algorithm iterates between the half-trek, edgewise, and trek-separation identification algorithms in an attempt to identify as many edges as possible, this may be very slow.

```
edgewiseTSID(
  mixedGraph,
  tianDecompose = T,
  subsetSizeControl = 3,
  maxSubsetSize = 3
)
```

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## **Arguments**

mixedGraph object representing the L-SEM.

tianDecompose TRUE or FALSE determining whether or not the Tian decomposition should

be used before running the current generic identification algorithm. In general

letting this be TRUE will make the algorithm faster and more powerful.

subsetSizeControl

a positive integer (Inf allowed) which controls the size of edgesets searched in the edgewiseID algorithm. Suppose, for example, this has value 3. Then if a node i has n parents, this will restrict the algorithm to only look at subsets of the parents of size 1,2,3 and n-2, n-1, n. Making this parameter smaller means the

algorithm will be faster but less exhaustive (and hence less powerful).

maxSubsetSize a positive integer which controls the maximum subset size considered in the

trek-separation identification algorithm. Making this parameter smaller means the algorithm will be faster but less exhaustive (and hence less powerful).

#### Value

see the return of generalGenericID.

flowBetween

Flow from one set of nodes to another.

# Description

Flow from one set of nodes to another.

# Usage

```
flowBetween(this, sources, sinks)
## S3 method for class 'FlowGraph'
flowBetween(this, sources, sinks)
```

## Arguments

this the flow graph object

sources the nodes from which flow should start.
sinks the nodes at which the flow should end.

#### Value

a list with two named components, value (the size of the computed flow) and activeSources (a vector representing the subset of sources which have non-zero flow out of them for the found max-flow).

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FlowGraph	Construct FlowGraph object	

# Description

Creates an object representing a flow graph.

## Usage

```
FlowGraph(L = matrix(0,1,1), vertexCaps = 1, edgeCaps = <math>matrix(1,1,1))
```

## **Arguments**

L	the adjacency matrix for the flow graph. The (i,j)th of L should be a 1 if there is
	an edge from i to j and 0 otherwise.
vertexCaps	the capacity of the vertices in the flow graph, should either be a single number

or a vector whose ith entry is the capacity of vertex i.

edgeCaps the capacities of the edges in the flow graph, should be a matrix of the same

dimensions as L with (i,j)th entry the capacity of the i->j edge.

## Value

An object representing the FlowGraph

generalGenericID A general generic identification algorithm template.	generalGenericID	A general generic identification algorithm template.	
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## **Description**

A function that encapsulates the general structure of our algorithms for testing generic identifiability. Allows for various identification algorithms to be used in concert, in particular it will use the identifier functions in the list idStepFunctions sequentially until it can find no more identifications. The step functions that are currently available for use are in idStepFunctions

- 1. htcIdentifyStep
- 2. ancestralIdentifyStep
- 3. edgewiseIdentifyStep
- 4. trekSeparationIdentifyStep

```
generalGenericID(mixedGraph, idStepFunctions, tianDecompose = T)
```

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## Arguments

mixedGraph a MixedGraph object representing the L-SEM.

idStepFunctions

a list of identification step functions

tianDecompose TRUE or FALSE determining whether or not the Tian decomposition should

be used before running the current generic identification algorithm. In general letting this be TRUE will make the algorithm faster and more powerful.

#### Value

returns an object of class 'GenericIDResult,' this object is just a list with 9 components:

solvedParents a list whose ith element contains a vector containing the subsets of parents of node i for which the edge j->i could be shown to be generically identifiable.

unsolvedParents as for solvedParents but for the unsolved parents.

solvedSiblings as for solvedParents but for the siblings of node i (i.e. the bidirected neighbors of i).

unsolvedSiblings as for solvedSilbings but for the unsolved siblings of node i (i.e. the bidirected neighbors of i).

identifier a function that takes a (generic) covariance matrix corresponding to the graph and identifies the edges parameters from solvedParents and solvedSiblings. See htcIdentifyStep for a more in-depth discussion of identifier functions.

mixedGraph a mixed graph object of the graph.

idStepFunctions a list of functions used to generically identify parameters. For instance, htcID uses the function htcIdentifyStep to identify edges.

tianDecompose the argument tianDecompose.

call the call made to this function.

getAncestors

Get getAncestors of nodes in a graph.

## **Description**

Get the getAncestors of a collection of nodes in a graph g, the getAncestors DO include the the nodes themselves.

#### Usage

```
getAncestors(g, nodes)
```

# **Arguments**

g the graph (as an igraph).

nodes the nodes in the graph of which to get the getAncestors.

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## Value

a sorted vector of all ancestor nodes.

getDescendants

Get descendants of nodes in a graph.

# Description

Gets the descendants of a collection of nodes in a graph (all nodes that can be reached by following directed edges from those nodes). Descendants DO include the nodes themselves.

## Usage

```
getDescendants(g, nodes)
```

## **Arguments**

g the graph (as an igraph).

nodes the nodes in the graph of which to get the descendants.

#### Value

a sorted vector of all descendants of nodes.

getHalfTrekSystem

Determines if a half-trek system exists in the mixed graph.

# Description

Determines if a half-trek system exists in the mixed graph.

```
getHalfTrekSystem(this, fromNodes, toNodes, ...)
## S3 method for class 'MixedGraph'
getHalfTrekSystem(
   this,
   fromNodes,
   toNodes,
   avoidLeftNodes = integer(0),
   avoidRightNodes = integer(0),
   avoidRightEdges = integer(0),
   ...
)
```

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```
## S3 method for class 'MixedGraph'
getTrekSystem(
   this,
   fromNodes,
   toNodes,
   avoidLeftNodes = integer(0),
   avoidRightNodes = integer(0),
   avoidLeftEdges = integer(0),
   avoidRightEdges = integer(0),
   ...
)
```

## **Arguments**

this the mixed graph object

 $from Nodes \hspace{1cm} the \hspace{0.1cm} nodes \hspace{0.1cm} from \hspace{0.1cm} Nodes) > \hspace{1cm}$ 

length(toNodes) will find if there exists any half-trek system from any subset of

fromNodes of size length(toNodes) to toNodes.

toNodes the nodes where the half-trek system should end.

... ignored.

avoidLeftNodes a collection of nodes to avoid on the left

avoidRightNodes

a collection of nodes to avoid on the right

avoidRightEdges

a collection of edges between observed noes in the graph that should not be used

on any right hand side of any trek in the trek system.

avoidLeftEdges a collection of edges between observed nodes in the graph that should not be

used on any right hand side of any trek in the trek system.

#### Value

a list with two named components, systemExists (TRUE if a system exists, FALSE otherwise) and activeFrom (the subset of fromNodes from which the maximal half-trek system was started).

getMaxFlow Size of largest HT system Y satisfying the HTC for a node v except perhaps having |getParents(v)| < |Y|.

## **Description**

For an input mixed graph H, constructs the Gflow graph as described in Foygel et al. (2012) for a subgraph G of H. A max flow algorithm is then run on Gflow to determine the largest half-trek system in G to a particular node's getParents given a set of allowed nodes. Here G should consist of a bidirected part and nodes which are not in the bidirected part but are a parent of some node in the bidirected part. G should contain the node for which to compute the max flow.

#### Usage

```
getMaxFlow(L, 0, allowedNodes, biNodes, inNodes, node)
```

#### **Arguments**

Adjacency matrix for the directed part of the path diagram/mixed graph; an edge pointing from i to j is encoded as L[i,j]=1 and the lack of an edge between i and j is encoded as L[i,j]=0. There should be no directed self loops, i.e. no i such

that L[i,i]=1.

O Adjacency matrix for the bidirected part of the path diagram/mixed graph. Edges

are encoded as for the L parameter. Again there should be no self loops. Also this matrix will be coerced to be symmetric so it is only necessary to specify an edge once, i.e. if O[i,j]=1 you may, but are not required to, also have O[j,i]=1.

allowedNodes the set of allowed nodes.

biNodes the set of nodes in the subgraph G which are part of the bidirected part.

inNodes the nodes of the subgraph G which are not in the bidirected part but are a parent

of some node in the bidirected component.

node the node (as an integer) for which the maxflow the largest half trek system

#### Value

See title.

#### References

Foygel, R., Draisma, J., and Drton, M. (2012) Half-trek criterion for generic identifiability of linear structural equation models. *Ann. Statist.* 40(3): 1682-1713.

getMixedCompForNode Get the mixed component of a node in a mixed subgraph.

#### **Description**

For an input mixed graph H and set of nodes A, let GA be the subgraph of H on the nodes A. This function returns the mixed component of GA containing a specified node.

#### Usage

```
getMixedCompForNode(dG, bG, subNodes, node)
```

## **Arguments**

dG a directed graph representing the directed part of the mixed graph.

bG an undirected graph representing the undirected part of the mixed graph.

subNodes an ancestral set of nodes in the mixed graph, this set should include the node for

which the mixed component sould be found.

node the node for which the mixed component is found.

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## Value

a list with two named elements: biNodes - the nodes of the mixed graph in the biDirected component containing nodeName w.r.t the ancestral set of nodes inNodes - the nodes in the graph which are not part of biNodes but which are a parent of some node in biNodes.

getMixedGraph

Get the corresponding mixed graph

## **Description**

Only works for graphs where the latent nodes are source nodes

# Usage

```
getMixedGraph(this, ...)
## S3 method for class 'LatentDigraph'
getMixedGraph(this, ...)
```

# Arguments

this the graph object
... ignored

getParents

Get getParents of nodes in a graph.

## **Description**

Get the getParents of a collection of nodes in a graph g, the getParents DO include the input nodes themselves.

## Usage

```
getParents(g, nodes)
```

# Arguments

g the graph (as an igraph).

nodes the nodes in the graph of which to get the getParents.

## Value

a sorted vector of all parent nodes.

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 ${\tt getSiblings}$ 

Get getSiblings of nodes in a graph.

## **Description**

Get the getSiblings of a collection of nodes in a graph g, the getSiblings DO include the input nodes themselves.

## Usage

```
getSiblings(g, nodes)
```

# Arguments

g the graph (as an igraph).

nodes the nodes in the graph of which to get the getSiblings.

## Value

a sorted vector of all getSiblings of nodes.

 ${\tt getTrekSystem}$ 

Determines if a trek system exists in the mixed graph.

## **Description**

Determines if a trek system exists in the mixed graph.

```
getTrekSystem(
   this,
   fromNodes,
   toNodes,
   avoidLeftNodes = integer(0),
   avoidRightNodes = integer(0),
   avoidLeftEdges = integer(0),
   avoidRightEdges = integer(0),
   ...
)

## S3 method for class 'LatentDigraphFixedOrder'
getTrekSystem(
   this,
   fromNodes,
```

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```
toNodes,
  avoidLeftNodes = integer(0),
  avoidRightNodes = integer(0),
  avoidLeftEdges = integer(0),
  avoidRightEdges = integer(0),
)
## S3 method for class 'LatentDigraph'
getTrekSystem(
  this,
  fromNodes,
  toNodes,
  avoidLeftNodes = integer(0),
  avoidRightNodes = integer(0),
  avoidLeftEdges = integer(0),
  avoidRightEdges = integer(0),
)
```

#### **Arguments**

this the graph object

fromNodes the start nodes

toNodes the end nodes

avoidLeftNodes a collection of nodes to avoid on the left

avoidRightNodes

a collection of nodes to avoid on the right

avoidLeftEdges a collection of edges between observed nodes in the graph that should not be used on any right hand side of any trek in the trek system.

avoidRightEdges

a collection of edges between observed noes in the graph that should not be used on any right hand side of any trek in the trek system.

... ignored

graphID

*Identifiability of linear structural equation models.* 

## Description

NOTE: graphID has been deprecated, use semID instead.

This function checks global and generic identifiability of linear structural equation models. For generic identifiability the function checks a sufficient criterion as well as a necessary criterion but this check may be inconclusive.

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## Usage

```
graphID(
   L,
   0,
   output.type = "matrix",
   file.name = NULL,
   decomp.if.acyclic = TRUE,
   test.globalID = TRUE,
   test.genericID = TRUE,
   test.nonID = TRUE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

0

Adjacency matrix for the directed part of the path diagram/mixed graph; an edge pointing from i to j is encoded as L[i,j]=1 and the lack of an edge between i and j is encoded as L[i,j]=0. There should be no directed self loops, i.e. no i such that L[i,i]=1.

Adjacency matrix for the bidirected part of the path diagram/mixed graph. Edges are encoded as for the L parameter. Again there should be no self loops. Also this matrix will be coerced to be symmetric so it is only necessary to specify an edge once, i.e. if O[i,i]=1 you may, but are not required to, also have O[j,i]=1.

output.type A character string indicating whether output is printed ('matrix'), saved to a file ('file'), or returned as a list ('list') for further processing in R.

file.name A character string naming the output file.

decomp.if.acyclic

A logical value indicating whether an input graph that is acyclic is to be decomposed before applying identifiability criteria.

test.globalID A logical value indicating whether or not global identifiability is checked.

test.genericID A logical value indicating whether or not a sufficient condition for generic identifiability is checked.

tillability is checked.

test.nonID A logical value indicating whether or not a condition implying generic non-identifiability is checked.

## Value

A list or printed matrix indicating the identifiability status of the linear SEM given by the input graph. Optionally the graph's components are listed.

With output.type = 'list', the function returns a list of components for the graph. Each list entry is again a list that indicates first which nodes form the component and second whether the component forms a mixed graph that is acyclic. The next entries in the list show HTC-identifiable nodes, meaning nodes v for which the coefficients for all the directed edges pointing to v can be identified using the methods from Foygel et al. (2012). The HTC-identifiable nodes are listed in the order in which they are found by the recursive identification algorithm. The last three list entries are logical values that indicate whether or not the graph component is generically identifiable, globally

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identifiable or not identifiable; compare Drton et al. (2011) and Foygel et al. (2012). In the latter case the Jacobian of the parametrization does not have full rank.

With output.type = 'matrix', a summary of the above information is printed.

## References

Drton, M., Foygel, R., and Sullivant, S. (2011) Global identifiability of linear structural equation models. *Ann. Statist.* 39(2): 865-886.

Foygel, R., Draisma, J., and Drton, M. (2012) Half-trek criterion for generic identifiability of linear structural equation models. *Ann. Statist.* 40(3): 1682-1713.

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
L = t(matrix(
 c(0, 1, 0, 0, 0,
    0, 0, 1, 0, 0,
    0, 0, 0, 1, 0,
    0, 0, 0, 0, 1,
    0, 0, 0, 0, 0), 5, 5))
0 = t(matrix(
 c(0, 0, 1, 1, 0,
    0, 0, 0, 1, 1,
    0, 0, 0, 0, 0,
    0, 0, 0, 0, 0,
    0, 0, 0, 0, 0), 5, 5))
0=0+t(0)
graphID(L,0)
## Examples from Foygel, Draisma & Drton (2012)
demo(SEMID)
## End(Not run)
```

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Determine generic identifiability of an acyclic mixed graph using ancestral decomposition.

## **Description**

For an input, acyclic, mixed graph attempts to determine if the graph is generically identifiable using decomposition by ancestral subsets. See algorithm 1 of Drton and Weihs (2015).

```
graphID.ancestralID(L, 0)
```

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## **Arguments**

L

Adjacency matrix for the directed part of the path diagram/mixed graph; an edge pointing from i to j is encoded as L[i,j]=1 and the lack of an edge between i and j is encoded as L[i,j]=0. There should be no directed self loops, i.e. no i such that L[i,i]=1.

0

Adjacency matrix for the bidirected part of the path diagram/mixed graph. Edges are encoded as for the L parameter. Again there should be no self loops. Also this matrix will be coerced to be symmetric so it is only necessary to specify an edge once, i.e. if O[i,j]=1 you may, but are not required to, also have O[j,i]=1.

#### Value

The vector of nodes that could be determined to be generically identifiable using the above algorithm.

#### References

Drton, M. and Weihs, L. (2015) Generic Identifiability of Linear Structural Equation Models by Ancestor Decomposition. arXiv 1504.02992

graphID.decompose

Determine generic identifiability by Tian Decomposition and HTC

## **Description**

Split a graph into mixed Tian components and solve each separately using the HTC.

## Usage

```
graphID.decompose(
   L,
   O,
   decomp.if.acyclic = TRUE,
   test.globalID = TRUE,
   test.genericID = TRUE,
   test.nonID = TRUE
)
```

## **Arguments**

L

Adjacency matrix for the directed part of the path diagram/mixed graph; an edge pointing from i to j is encoded as L[i,j]=1 and the lack of an edge between i and j is encoded as L[i,j]=0. There should be no directed self loops, i.e. no i such that L[i,i]=1.

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0

Adjacency matrix for the bidirected part of the path diagram/mixed graph. Edges are encoded as for the L parameter. Again there should be no self loops. Also this matrix will be coerced to be symmetric so it is only necessary to specify an edge once, i.e. if O[i,j]=1 you may, but are not required to, also have O[j,i]=1.

decomp.if.acyclic

A logical value indicating whether an input graph that is acyclic is to be decomposed before applying identifiability criteria.

test.globalID A logical value indicating whether or not global identifiability is checked.

test.genericID A logical value indicating whether or not a sufficient condition for generic identifiability is checked.

test.nonID A logical value indicating whether or not a condition implying generic nonidentifiability is checked.

# Value

A list with two named components:

- 1. Components a list of lists. Each list represents one mixed Tian component of the graph. Each list contains named components corresponding to which nodes are in the component and results of various tests of identifiability on the component (see the parameter descriptions).
- 2. Decomp true if a decomposition occured, false if not.

graphID.genericID

Determine generic identifiability of a mixed graph.

#### **Description**

If directed part of input graph is cyclic then will check for generic identifiability using the half-trek criterion. Otherwise will use the a slightly stronger version of the half-trek criterion using ancestor decompositions.

# Usage

```
graphID.genericID(L, 0)
```

#### **Arguments**

Adjacency matrix for the directed part of the path diagram/mixed graph; an edge pointing from i to j is encoded as L[i,j]=1 and the lack of an edge between i and j is encoded as L[i,j]=0. There should be no directed self loops, i.e. no i such that L[i,i]=1.

Adjacency matrix for the bidirected part of the path diagram/mixed graph. Edges are encoded as for the L parameter. Again there should be no self loops. Also this matrix will be coerced to be symmetric so it is only necessary to specify an edge once, i.e. if O[i,i]=1 you may, but are not required to, also have O[j,i]=1.

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#### Value

The vector of nodes that could be determined to be generically identifiable.

#### References

Foygel, R., Draisma, J., and Drton, M. (2012) Half-trek criterion for generic identifiability of linear structural equation models. *Ann. Statist.* 40(3): 1682-1713.

Drton, M. and Weihs, L. (2015) Generic Identifiability of Linear Structural Equation Models by Ancestor Decomposition. arXiv 1504.02992

graphID.globalID

Check for global identifiability of a mixed graph.

## Description

Checks for the global identifiability of a mixed graph using techniques presented in Drton, Foygel, Sullivant (2011).

#### Usage

```
graphID.globalID(L, 0)
```

## Arguments

Adjacency matrix for the directed part of the path diagram/mixed graph; an edge pointing from i to j is encoded as L[i,j]=1 and the lack of an edge between i and j is encoded as L[i,j]=0. There should be no directed self loops, i.e. no i such that L[i,i]=1.

Adjacency matrix for the bidirected part of the path diagram/mixed graph. Edges are encoded as for the L parameter. Again there should be no self loops. Also this matrix will be coerced to be symmetric so it is only necessary to specify an edge once, i.e. if O[i,j]=1 you may, but are not required to, also have O[j,i]=1.

#### Value

TRUE if the graph was globally identifiable, FALSE otherwise.

#### References

Drton, Mathias; Foygel, Rina; Sullivant, Seth. Global identifiability of linear structural equation models. *Ann. Statist.* 39 (2011), no. 2, 865–886.

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Determines if a mixed graph is HTC-identifiable.

## Description

Uses the half-trek criterion of Foygel, Draisma, and Drton (2013) to check if an input mixed graph is generically identifiable.

## Usage

```
graphID.htcID(L, 0)
```

## **Arguments**

L

Adjacency matrix for the directed part of the path diagram/mixed graph; an edge pointing from i to j is encoded as L[i,j]=1 and the lack of an edge between i and j is encoded as L[i,j]=0. There should be no directed self loops, i.e. no i such that L[i,i]=1.

0

Adjacency matrix for the bidirected part of the path diagram/mixed graph. Edges are encoded as for the L parameter. Again there should be no self loops. Also this matrix will be coerced to be symmetric so it is only necessary to specify an edge once, i.e. if O[i,j]=1 you may, but are not required to, also have O[j,i]=1.

## Value

The vector of HTC-identifiable nodes.

## References

Foygel, R., Draisma, J., and Drton, M. (2012) Half-trek criterion for generic identifiability of linear structural equation models. *Ann. Statist.* 40(3): 1682-1713.

graphID.main

Helper function to handle a graph component.

## **Description**

Calls the other functions that determine identifiability status.

```
graphID.main(
   L,
   0,
   test.globalID = TRUE,
   test.genericID = TRUE,
   test.nonID = TRUE
```

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## **Arguments**

L	Adjacency matrix for the directed part of the path diagram/mixed graph; an edge pointing from i to j is encoded as $L[i,j]=1$ and the lack of an edge between i and j is encoded as $L[i,j]=0$ . There should be no directed self loops, i.e. no i such that $L[i,i]=1$ .
0	Adjacency matrix for the bidirected part of the path diagram/mixed graph. Edges are encoded as for the L parameter. Again there should be no self loops. Also this matrix will be coerced to be symmetric so it is only necessary to specify an edge once, i.e. if $O[i,j]=1$ you may, but are not required to, also have $O[j,i]=1$ .
test.globalID	A logical value indicating whether or not global identifiability is checked.
test.genericID	A logical value indicating whether or not a sufficient condition for generic identifiability is checked.
test.nonID	A logical value indicating whether or not a condition implying generic non-identifiability is checked.

## Value

A list containing named components of the results of various tests desired based on the input parameters.

graphID.nonHtcID	Check for generic infinite-to-one via the half-trek criterion.

# Description

Checks if a mixed graph is infinite-to-one using the half-trek criterion presented by Foygel, Draisma, and Drton (2012).

# Usage

```
graphID.nonHtcID(L, 0)
```

# Arguments

L	Adjacency matrix for the directed part of the path diagram/mixed graph; an edge pointing from i to j is encoded as $L[i,j]=1$ and the lack of an edge between i and j is encoded as $L[i,j]=0$ . There should be no directed self loops, i.e. no i such that $L[i,i]=1$ .
0	Adjacency matrix for the bidirected part of the path diagram/mixed graph. Edges are encoded as for the L parameter. Again there should be no self loops. Also this matrix will be coerced to be symmetric so it is only necessary to specify an edge once, i.e. if O[i,j]=1 you may, but are not required to, also have O[j,i]=1.

# Value

TRUE if the graph could be determined to be generically non-identifiable, FALSE if this test was inconclusive.

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## References

Foygel, R., Draisma, J., and Drton, M. (2012) Half-trek criterion for generic identifiability of linear structural equation models. *Ann. Statist.* 40(3): 1682-1713.

htcID

Determines which edges in a mixed graph are HTC-identifiable.

## **Description**

Uses the half-trek criterion of Foygel, Draisma, and Drton (2012) determine which edges in a mixed graph are generically identifiable. Depending on your application it faster to use the graphID.htcID function instead of this one, this function has the advantage of returning additional information.

## Usage

```
htcID(mixedGraph, tianDecompose = T)
```

## **Arguments**

mixedGraph object representing the L-SEM.

tianDecompose TRUE or FALSE determining whether or not the Tian decomposition should

be used before running the current generic identification algorithm. In general letting this be TRUE will make the algorithm faster and more powerful.

## Value

see the return value of generalGenericID.

#### References

Foygel, R., Draisma, J., and Drton, M. (2012) Half-trek criterion for generic identifiability of linear structural equation models. *Ann. Statist.* 40(3): 1682-1713.

Jin Tian. 2005. Identifying direct causal effects in linear models. In *Proceedings of the 20th national conference on Artificial intelligence - Volume 1* (AAAI'05), Anthony Cohn (Ed.), Vol. 1. AAAI Press 346-352.

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htcIdentifyStep

Perform one iteration of HTC identification.

## **Description**

A function that does one step through all the nodes in a mixed graph and tries to identify new edge coefficients using the existence of half-trek systems as described in Foygel, Draisma, Drton (2012).

## Usage

htcIdentifyStep(mixedGraph, unsolvedParents, solvedParents, identifier)

## Arguments

mixedGraph a MixedGraph object representing the mixed graph. unsolvedParents

a list whose ith index is a vector of all the parents j of i in G which for which the edge j->i is not yet known to be generically identifiable.

solvedParents the complement of unsolvedParents, a list whose ith index is a vector of all parents j of i for which the edge i->j is known to be generically identifiable

the mixed graph) and returns a list with two named arguments

(perhaps by other algorithms).

identifier an identification function that must produce the identifications corresponding to those in solved parents. That is identifier should be a function taking a single argument Sigma (any generically generated covariance matrix corresponding to

**Lambda** denote the number of nodes in mixedGraph as n. Then Lambda is an nxn matrix whose i,jth entry

- 1. equals 0 if i is not a parent of j,
- 2. equals NA if i is a parent of j but identifier cannot identify it generically,
- 3. equals the (generically) unique value corresponding to the weight along the edge i->j that was used to produce Sigma.

**Omega** just as Lambda but for the bidirected edges in the mixed graph such that if j is in solvedParents[[i]] we must have that Lambda[j,i] is not NA.

#### Value

a list with four components:

identifiedEdges a matrix rx2 matrix where r is the number of edges that where identified by this function call and identifiedEdges[i,1] -> identifiedEdges[i,2] was the ith edge identified

unsolvedParents as the input argument but updated with any newly identified edges solvedParents as the input argument but updated with any newly identified edges identifier as the input argument but updated with any newly identified edges

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#### References

Foygel, R., Draisma, J., and Drton, M. (2012) Half-trek criterion for generic identifiability of linear structural equation models. *Ann. Statist.* 40(3): 1682-1713

htr

Get all HTR nodes from a set of nodes in a graph.

## **Description**

Gets all vertices in a graph that are half-trek reachable from a set of nodes. WARNING: Often the half-trek reachable nodes from a vertex v are defined to not include the vertex v or its getSiblings. We DO NOT follow this convention, the returned set will include input nodes and their getSiblings.

# Usage

```
htr(dG, bG, nodes)
```

# Arguments

dG a directed graph representing the directed part of the mixed graph.

bG an undirected graph representing the undirected part of the mixed graph.

nodes the nodes in the graph of which to get the HTR nodes.

#### Value

a sorted list of all half-trek reachable nodes.

htrFrom

Half trek reachable nodes.

# Description

Half trek reachable nodes.

```
htrFrom(this, nodes, ...)
## S3 method for class 'MixedGraph'
htrFrom(
   this,
   nodes,
   avoidLeftNodes = integer(0),
   avoidRightNodes = integer(0),
   ...
)
```

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## **Arguments**

```
this the mixed graph object

nodes the nodes from which to get all half-trek reachable nodes.

... ignored.

avoidLeftNodes a collection of nodes to avoid on the left avoidRightNodes

a collection of nodes to avoid on the right
```

#### Value

a vector of all nodes half-trek reachable from node.

inducedSubgraph

Get the induced subgraph on a collection of nodes

# Description

Get the induced subgraph on a collection of nodes

# Usage

```
inducedSubgraph(this, nodes, ...)
## S3 method for class 'LatentDigraph'
inducedSubgraph(this, nodes, ...)
## S3 method for class 'MixedGraph'
inducedSubgraph(this, nodes, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

this the graph object

nodes the nodes on which to create the induced subgraph.

... ignored.

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isSibling

Are two nodes siblings?

## **Description**

Are two nodes siblings?

## Usage

```
isSibling(this, node1, node2, ...)
## S3 method for class 'MixedGraph'
isSibling(this, node1, node2, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

```
this the mixed graph object node1 a node node2 a second node ignored.
```

## Value

TRUE if the nodes are siblings in the graph, FALSE otherwise

L

Get directed adjacency matrix.

## **Description**

Get directed adjacency matrix.

```
L(this, ...)
## S3 method for class 'LatentDigraphFixedOrder'
L(this, ...)
## S3 method for class 'LatentDigraph'
L(this, ...)
## S3 method for class 'MixedGraph'
L(this, ...)
```

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#### **Arguments**

this the graph object ... ignored.

LatentDigraph

Construct a LatentDigraph object

# Description

Creates an object representing a latent factor graph. The methods that are currently available to be used on the latent factor graph include

- 1. numObserved
- 2. numLatents
- 3. numNodes
- 4. toIn
- 5. toEx
- 6. L
- 7. observedNodes
- 8. latentNodes
- 9. parents
- 10. children
- 11. ancestors
- 12. descendants
- 13. trFrom
- 14. getTrekSystem
- 15. inducedSubgraph
- 16. stronglyConnectedComponent
- 17. plot
- 18. observedParents
- 19. getMixedGraph

see the individual function documentation for more information.

#### **Arguments**

L see graphID for the appropriate form of L.

observedNodes a vector of positive integers representing the vertex numbers of the observed

nodes. These will correspond, in order, to the first length(observedNodes) rows

of L.

latentNodes a vector of positive integers representing the vertex numbers of the latent nodes.

These will correspond, in order, to the last length(latentNodes) rows of L.

#### Value

An object representing the LatentDigraph

LatentDigraphFixedOrder

Construct LatentDigraphFixedOrder object

# Description

Creates an object representing a directed graph with some number of nodes which are latent (unobserved).

#### Usage

```
LatentDigraphFixedOrder(L = matrix(0,1,1), numObserved = nrow(L))
```

## **Arguments**

L see graphID for the appropriate form of L. The first numObserved rows of L

correspond to the observed nodes in the graph, all other nodes are considered

unobserved.

numObserved a non-negative integer representing the number of observed nodes in the graph.

#### Value

An object representing the LatentDigraphFixedOrder

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latentDigraphHasSimpleNumbering

Checks that a LatentDigraph has appropriate node numbering

# Description

Checks that the input latent digraph has nodes numbered from 1 to latentDigraph\$numObserved()+latentDigraph\$numLatents. The first latentDigraph\$numObserved() nodes correspond to the observed nodes in the graph, all other nodes are considered unobserved. Throws an error if this is not true.

#### Usage

```
latentDigraphHasSimpleNumbering(graph)
```

## **Arguments**

graph

a LatentDigraph object representing the latent-factor graph. All latent nodes in this graph should be source nodes (i.e. have no parents).

latentNodes

Get all latent nodes in the graph.

# Description

Get all latent nodes in the graph.

## Usage

```
latentNodes(this, ...)
## S3 method for class 'LatentDigraph'
latentNodes(this, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

this the graph object

... ignored

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Determines which edges in a latent digraph are LF-HTC-identifiable.

#### **Description**

Uses the latent-factor half-trek criterion to determine which edges in a latent digraph are generically identifiable.

#### Usage

lfhtcID(graph)

#### **Arguments**

graph

a LatentDigraph object representing the latent-factor graph. All latent nodes in this graph should be source nodes (i.e. have no parents).

#### Value

returns a list with 5 components:

solvedParents a list whose ith element contains a vector containing the subsets of parents of node i for which the edge j->i could be shown to be generically identifiable.

unsolvedParents as for solvedParents but for the unsolved parents.

identifier a function that takes a (generic) covariance matrix corresponding to the graph and identifies the edges parameters from solvedParents and solvedSiblings. See htcIdentifyStep for a more in-depth discussion of identifier functions.

graph a latent digraph object of the graph.

call the call made to this function.

activeFroms list. If node i is solved then the ith index is a vector containing the nodes Y otherwise it is empty.

Zs list. If node i is solved then the ith index is a vector containing the nodes Z otherwise it is empty.

Ls list. If node i is solved then the ith index is a vector containing the nodes L otherwise it is empty.

## References

Barber, R. F., Drton, M., Sturma, N., and Weihs L. (2022). Half-Trek Criterion for Identifiability of Latent Variable Models. *arXiv preprint* arXiv:2201.04457

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lfhtcIdentifyStep

Perform one iteration of latent-factor HTC identification.

#### **Description**

A function that does one step through all the nodes in a latent-factor graph and tries to identify new edge coefficients using the existence of latent-factor half-trek systems.

# Usage

```
lfhtcIdentifyStep(
  graph,
  unsolvedParents,
  solvedParents,
  activeFroms,
  Zs,
  Ls,
  identifier,
  subsetSizeControl = Inf
)
```

#### **Arguments**

graph a LatentDigraph

a LatentDigraph object representing the latent-factor graph. All latent nodes

in this graph should be source nodes (i.e. have no parents).

unsolvedParents

a list whose ith index is a vector of all the parents j of i in the graph which for

which the edge j->i is not yet known to be generically identifiable.

solvedParents the complement of unsolvedParents, a list whose ith index is a vector of all

parents j of i for which the edge i->j is known to be generically identifiable

(perhaps by other algorithms).

activeFroms list. If node i is solved then the ith index is a vector containing the nodes Y

otherwise it is empty.

Zs list. If node i is solved then the ith index is a vector containing the nodes Z

otherwise it is empty.

Ls list. If node i is solved then the ith index is a vector containing the nodes Z

otherwise it is empty.

identifier an identification function that must produce the identifications corresponding to

those in solved parents. That is identifier should be a function taking a single argument Sigma (any generically generated covariance matrix corresponding to

the latent-factor graph) and returns a list with two named arguments

subsetSizeControl

the largest subset of latent nodes to consider.

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#### Value

a list with four components:

identifiedEdges a matrix rx2 matrix where r is the number of edges that where identified by this function call and identifiedEdges[i,1] -> identifiedEdges[i,2] was the ith edge identified

unsolvedParents as the input argument but updated with any newly identified edges solvedParents as the input argument but updated with any newly identified edges identifier as the input argument but updated with any newly identified edges activeFroms as the input argument but updated with any newly solved node

Zs as the input argument but updated with any newly solved node

Ls as the input argument but updated with any newly solved node

#### References

Barber, R. F., Drton, M., Sturma, N., and Weihs L. (2022). Half-Trek Criterion for Identifiability of Latent Variable Models. *arXiv preprint* arXiv:2201.04457

MixedGraph

Construct MixedGraph object

#### **Description**

Creates an object representing a mixed graph. The methods that are currently available to be used on the mixed graph include

- 1. ancestors
- 2. descendants
- 3. parents
- 4. siblings
- 5. isSibling
- 6. htrFrom
- 7. trFrom
- 8. getHalfTrekSystem
- 9. getTrekSystem
- 10. inducedSubgraph
- 11. L
- 12. O
- 13. nodes
- 14. numNodes
- 15. stronglyConnectedComponent
- 16. tianComponent
- 17. tianDecompose

see the individual function documentation for more information.

## Usage

```
MixedGraph(
   L = matrix(0, 1, 1),
   0 = matrix(0, 1, 1),
   vertexNums = seq(1, length = nrow(L))
)
```

## **Arguments**

L see graphID for the appropriate form of L.

0 as for L.

vertexNums the labeling of the vertices in the graph in the order of the rows of L and O.

Labels must be positive integers.

#### Value

An object representing the MixedGraph

mixedGraphHasSimpleNumbering

Checks that a MixedGraph has appropriate node numbering

# Description

Checks that the input mixed graph has vertices are numbered from 1 to mixedGraph\$numNodes(). Throws an error if they are not.

## Usage

```
mixedGraphHasSimpleNumbering(mixedGraph)
```

# Arguments

mixedGraph the mixed graph object

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nodes

Get all nodes in the graph.

# Description

Get all nodes in the graph.

# Usage

```
nodes(this, ...)
## S3 method for class 'MixedGraph'
nodes(this, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

this the mixed graph object ... ignored.

numLatents

Number of latent nodes in the graph.

# Description

Number of latent nodes in the graph.

# Usage

```
numLatents(this, ...)
## S3 method for class 'LatentDigraphFixedOrder'
numLatents(this, ...)
## S3 method for class 'LatentDigraph'
numLatents(this, ...)
```

## Arguments

```
this the graph object
... ignored
```

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numNodes

Number of nodes in the graph.

## **Description**

Number of nodes in the graph.

## Usage

```
numNodes(this, ...)
## S3 method for class 'LatentDigraphFixedOrder'
numNodes(this, ...)
## S3 method for class 'LatentDigraph'
numNodes(this, ...)
## S3 method for class 'MixedGraph'
numNodes(this, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

this the graph object ... ignored.

numObserved

Number of observed nodes in the graph.

## **Description**

Number of observed nodes in the graph.

# Usage

```
numObserved(this, ...)
## S3 method for class 'LatentDigraphFixedOrder'
numObserved(this, ...)
## S3 method for class 'LatentDigraph'
numObserved(this, ...)
```

# Arguments

```
this the graph object
... ignored
```

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Get adjacency matrix for bidirected part.

# Description

Get adjacency matrix for bidirected part.

# Usage

```
0(this, ...)
## S3 method for class 'MixedGraph'
0(this, ...)
```

# Arguments

this the mixed graph object ... ignored.

observedNodes

Get all observed nodes in the graph.

# Description

Get all observed nodes in the graph.

## Usage

```
observedNodes(this, ...)
## S3 method for class 'LatentDigraph'
observedNodes(this, ...)
```

# Arguments

```
this the graph object
... ignored
```

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observedParents

Get the observed parents on a collection of nodes

# Description

Get the observed parents on a collection of nodes

## Usage

```
observedParents(this, nodes, ...)
## S3 method for class 'LatentDigraph'
observedParents(this, nodes, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

this the graph object

nodes the nodes on which to get the observed parents

... ignored

parents

All parents of a collection of nodes.

#### **Description**

Returns all parents of the collection (does not necessarily include the input nodes themselves unless they are parents of one another).

```
parents(this, nodes, ...)
## S3 method for class 'LatentDigraphFixedOrder'
parents(this, nodes, includeObserved = T, includeLatents = T, ...)
## S3 method for class 'LatentDigraph'
parents(this, nodes, includeObserved = T, includeLatents = T, ...)
## S3 method for class 'MixedGraph'
parents(this, nodes, ...)
```

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## **Arguments**

```
this the graph object.

nodes nodes the nodes of which to find the parents.

... ignored.

includeObserved

if TRUE includes observed nodes in the returned set.
```

includeLatents if TRUE includes latent nodes in the returned set.

## Value

the observed parents.

plot.LatentDigraph

Plots the latent digraph

# Description

Plots the latent digraph

Plots the mixed graph

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'LatentDigraph'
plot(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'MixedGraph'
plot(x, ...)
```

# **Arguments**

```
x the mixed graph object
```

... additional plotting arguments. Currently ignored.

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## **Description**

Given an adjacency matrix representing the directed edges in a latent factor graph, plots a representation of the graph. The latent nodes should come last in L and the vertex labels should only be given for the observed nodes.

## Usage

```
plotLatentDigraph(L, observedNodes, latentNodes, main = "")
```

## **Arguments**

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that L[i,i]=1.

observedNodes a vector of positive integers representing the vertex numbers of the observed

nodes. These will correspond, in order, to the first length(observedNodes) rows

of L.

latentNodes a vector of positive integers representing the vertex numbers of the latent nodes.

These will correspond, in order, to the last length(latentNodes) rows of L.

main the plot title.

#### Value

An object representing the LatentDigraph

ixedGraph Plot a mixed graph
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# Description

Given adjacency matrices representing the directed and bidirected portions of a mixed graph, plots a representation of the graph.

```
plotMixedGraph(L, 0, main = "", vertexLabels = 1:nrow(L))
```

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#### **Arguments**

0

L	Adjacency matrix for the directed part of the path diagram/mixed graph; an edge		
	pointing from i to j is encoded as L[i,j]=1 and the lack of an edge between i and		
	j is encoded as L[i,j]=0. There should be no directed self loops, i.e. no i such		
	that $L[i,i]=1$ .		

Adjacency matrix for the bidirected part of the path diagram/mixed graph. Edges are encoded as for the L parameter. Again there should be no self loops. Also this matrix will be coerced to be symmetric so it is only necessary to specify an

edge once, i.e. if O[i,j]=1 you may, but are not required to, also have O[j,i]=1.

main the plot title.

vertexLabels labels to use for the vertices.

print.GenericIDResult Prints a GenericIDResult object

## Description

Prints a GenericIDResult object as returned by generalGenericID. Invisibly returns its argument via invisible(x) as most print functions do.

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'GenericIDResult'
print(x, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

x the GenericIDResult object... optional parameters, currently unused.

## Description

Prints a LfhtcIDResult object as returned by lfhtcID. Invisibly returns its argument via invisible(x) as most print functions do.

#### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'LfhtcIDResult'
print(x, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

```
x the LfhtcIDResult object
```

... optional parameters, currently unused.

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print.SEMIDResult

Prints a SEMIDResult object

## **Description**

Prints a SEMIDResult object as returned by semID. Invisibly returns its argument via invisible(x) as most print functions do.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'SEMIDResult'
print(x, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

x the SEMIDResult object

... optional parameters, currently unused.

semID

Identifiability of linear structural equation models.

#### **Description**

This function can be used to check global and generic identifiability of linear structural equation models (L-SEMs). In particular, this function takes a MixedGraph object corresponding to the L-SEM and checks different conditions known for global and generic identifiability.

#### Usage

```
semID(
  mixedGraph,
  testGlobalID = TRUE,
  testGenericNonID = TRUE,
  genericIdStepFunctions = list(htcIdentifyStep),
  tianDecompose = TRUE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

mixedGraph object representing the L-SEM.

 ${\tt testGlobalID} \qquad {\tt TRUE} \ {\tt or} \ {\tt FALSE} \ {\tt if} \ {\tt the} \ {\tt graph} \ {\tt should} \ {\tt be} \ {\tt tested} \ {\tt for} \ {\tt global} \ {\tt identifiability}. \ {\tt This}$ 

uses the graphID.globalID function.

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testGenericNonID

TRUE of FALSE if the graph should be tested for generic non-identifiability, that is, if for every generic choice of parameters for the L-SEM there are infinitely many other choices that lead to the same covariance matrix. This currently uses the graphID.nonHtcID function.

genericIdStepFunctions

a list of the generic identifier step functions that should be used for testing generic identifiability. See generalGenericID for a discussion of such functions. If this list is empty then generic identifiability is not tested. By default this will (only) run the half-trek criterion (see htcIdentifyStep) for generic identifiability.

tianDecompose

TRUE or FALSE if the mixed graph should be Tian decomposed before running the identification algorithms (when appropriate). In general letting this be TRUE will make the algorithm faster and more powerful. Note that this is a version of the Tian decomposition that works also with cyclic graphs.

#### Value

returns an object of class 'SEMIDResult,' this object is just a list with 6 components:

isGlobalID If testGlobalID == TRUE, then TRUE or FALSE if the graph is globally identifiable. If testGlobalID == FALSE then NA.

isGenericNonID If testGenericNonID == TRUE, then TRUE if the graph is generically non-identifiable or FALSE the test is inconclusive. If testGenericNonID == FALSE then NA.

genericIDResult If length(genericIdStepFunctions) != 0 then a GenericIDResult object as returned by generalGenericID. Otherwise a list of length 0.

mixedGraph the inputted mixed graph object.

tianDecompose the argument tianDecompose.

call the call made to this function.

#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
L = t(matrix(
  c(0, 1, 0, 0, 0,
    0, 0, 1, 0, 0,
    0, 0, 0, 1, 0,
    0, 0, 0, 0, 1,
    0, 0, 0, 0, 0), 5, 5))
0 = t(matrix(
  c(0, 0, 1, 1, 0,
    0, 0, 0, 1, 1,
    0, 0, 0, 0, 0,
    0, 0, 0, 0, 0,
    0, 0, 0, 0, 0), 5, 5))
0 = 0 + t(0)
graph = MixedGraph(L,0)
semID(graph)
```

```
## Examples from Foygel, Draisma & Drton (2012)
demo(SEMID)
## End(Not run)
```

siblings

All siblings of a collection of nodes

# Description

All siblings of a collection of nodes

# Usage

```
siblings(this, nodes, ...)
## S3 method for class 'MixedGraph'
siblings(this, nodes, ...)
```

# Arguments

this the mixed graph object

nodes a vector of nodes of which to find the siblings.

... ignored.

#### Value

a vector of all of the siblings.

stronglyConnectedComponent

Strongly connected component

# Description

Get the strongly connected component for a node i in the graph the graph.

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## Usage

```
stronglyConnectedComponent(this, node, ...)
## S3 method for class 'LatentDigraphFixedOrder'
stronglyConnectedComponent(this, node, ...)
## S3 method for class 'LatentDigraph'
stronglyConnectedComponent(this, node, ...)
## S3 method for class 'MixedGraph'
stronglyConnectedComponent(this, node, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

this the graph object

node the node for which to get the strongly connected component.

... ignored.

subsetsOfSize

Returns all subsets of a certain size

## **Description**

For an input vector x, returns in a list, the collection of all subsets of x of size k.

## Usage

```
subsetsOfSize(x, k)
```

## **Arguments**

x a vector from which to get subsetsk the size of the subsets returned

# Value

a list of all subsets of x of a given size k

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Returns the Tian c-component of a node

## **Description**

Returns the Tian c-component of a node

## Usage

```
tianComponent(this, node)
## S3 method for class 'MixedGraph'
tianComponent(this, node)
```

#### **Arguments**

this the mixed graph object

node the node for which to return its c-component

tianDecompose

Performs the tian decomposition on the mixed graph

## **Description**

Uses the Tian decomposition to break the mixed graph into c-components. These c-components are slightly different than those from Tian (2005) in that if they graph is not acyclic the bidirected components are combined whenever they are connected by a directed loop.

#### Usage

```
tianDecompose(this)
## S3 method for class 'MixedGraph'
tianDecompose(this)
```

# **Arguments**

this the mixed graph object

#### References

Jin Tian. 2005. Identifying direct causal effects in linear models. In *Proceedings of the 20th national conference on Artificial intelligence - Volume 1* (AAAI'05), Anthony Cohn (Ed.), Vol. 1. AAAI Press 346-352.

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tianIdentifier	Identifies components in a tian decomposition
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# Description

Creates an identification function which combines the identification functions created on a collection of c-components into a identification for the full mixed graph.

#### Usage

```
tianIdentifier(idFuncs, cComponents)
```

#### **Arguments**

idFuncs a list of identifier functions for the c-components

cComponents the c-components of the mixed graph as returned by tianDecompose.

#### Value

a new identifier function

tianSigmaForComponent Globally identify the covariance matrix of a C-component

## Description

The Tian decomposition of a mixed graph G allows one to globally identify the covariance matrices Sigma' of special subgraphs of G called c-components. This function takes the covariance matrix Sigma corresponding to G and a collection of node sets which specify the c-component, and returns the Sigma' corresponding to the c-component.

#### Usage

tianSigmaForComponent(Sigma, internal, incoming, topOrder)

# Arguments

Sigma	the covariance matrix for the mixed graph G
internal	an integer vector corresponding to the vertices of the C-component that are in the bidirected equivalence classes (if the graph is not-acyclic then these equivalence classes must be enlarged by combining two bidirected components if there are two vertices, one in each component, that are simultaneously on the same directed cycle).
incoming	the parents of vertices in internal that are not in the set internal themselves
topOrder	a topological ordering of c(internal, incoming) with respect to the graph G. For

vertices in a strongly connected component the ordering is allowed to be arbitrary.

trary.

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#### Value

the new Sigma corresponding to the c-component

toEx

Transforms a vector of node indices in the internal rep. into external numbering

# Description

Transforms a vector of node indices in the internal rep. into external numbering

#### Usage

```
toEx(this, nodes, ...)
## S3 method for class 'LatentDigraph'
toEx(this, nodes, ...)
## S3 method for class 'MixedGraph'
toEx(this, nodes, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

this the graph object
nodes the nodes to transform
... ignored

toIn

Transforms a vector of given node indices into their internal numbering

#### **Description**

Transforms a vector of given node indices into their internal numbering

```
toIn(this, nodes, ...)
## S3 method for class 'LatentDigraph'
toIn(this, nodes, ...)
## S3 method for class 'MixedGraph'
toIn(this, nodes, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

this the graph object
nodes the nodes to transform
... ignored

trekSeparationIdentifyStep

Perform one iteration of trek separation identification.

## **Description**

A function that does one step through all the nodes in a mixed graph and tries to identify new edge coefficients using trek-separation as described in Weihs, Robeva, Robinson, et al. (2017).

## Usage

```
trekSeparationIdentifyStep(
  mixedGraph,
  unsolvedParents,
  solvedParents,
  identifier,
  maxSubsetSize = 3
)
```

## **Arguments**

mixedGraph a MixedGraph object representing the mixed graph. unsolvedParents

a list whose ith index is a vector of all the parents j of i in G which for which the edge j->i is not yet known to be generically identifiable.

solvedParents

the complement of unsolvedParents, a list whose ith index is a vector of all parents j of i for which the edge i->j is known to be generically identifiable (perhaps by other algorithms).

identifier

an identification function that must produce the identifications corresponding to those in solved parents. That is identifier should be a function taking a single argument Sigma (any generically generated covariance matrix corresponding to the mixed graph) and returns a list with two named arguments

**Lambda** denote the number of nodes in mixedGraph as n. Then Lambda is an nxn matrix whose i,jth entry

- 1. equals 0 if i is not a parent of j,
- 2. equals NA if i is a parent of j but identifier cannot identify it generically,
- 3. equals the (generically) unique value corresponding to the weight along the edge i->j that was used to produce Sigma.

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**Omega** just as Lambda but for the bidirected edges in the mixed graph such that if j is in solvedParents[[i]] we must have that Lambda[j,i] is not NA.

maxSubsetSize

a positive integer which controls the maximum subset size considered in the trek-separation identification algorithm. Making this parameter smaller means the algorithm will be faster but less exhaustive (and hence less powerful).

#### Value

see the return of htcIdentifyStep.

trFrom

Trek reachable nodes.

# Description

Gets all nodes that are trek reachable from a collection of nodes.

```
trFrom(this, nodes, ...)
## S3 method for class 'LatentDigraphFixedOrder'
trFrom(
  this,
  nodes,
  avoidLeftNodes = integer(0),
  avoidRightNodes = integer(0),
  includeObserved = T,
  includeLatents = T,
)
## S3 method for class 'LatentDigraph'
trFrom(
  this,
 nodes,
 avoidLeftNodes = integer(0),
  avoidRightNodes = integer(0),
  includeObserved = T,
  includeLatents = T,
)
## S3 method for class 'MixedGraph'
trFrom(
  this,
```

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```
nodes,
avoidLeftNodes = integer(0),
avoidRightNodes = integer(0),
...
)
```

#### **Arguments**

this the graph object

nodes the nodes from which to find trek-reachable nodes.

... ignored.

avoidLeftNodes a collection of nodes to avoid on the left avoidRightNodes

a collection of nodes to avoid on the right includeObserved

if TRUE includes observed nodes in the returned set.

includeLatents if TRUE includes latent nodes in the returned set.

updateEdgeCapacities Update edge capacities.

# Description

Update edge capacities.

#### Usage

```
updateEdgeCapacities(this, edges, newCaps)
## S3 method for class 'FlowGraph'
updateEdgeCapacities(this, edges, newCaps)
```

#### **Arguments**

this the flow graph object

edges the vertices to update (as a 2xr matrix with ith row corresponding to the edge

edges[1,i]->edges[2,i].

newCaps the new capacities for the edges

updateVertexCapacities

Update vertex capacities.

# Description

Update vertex capacities.

# Usage

```
updateVertexCapacities(this, vertices, newCaps)
## S3 method for class 'FlowGraph'
updateVertexCapacities(this, vertices, newCaps)
```

## Arguments

this the flow graph object vertices the vertices to update.

newCaps the new capacities for the vertices.

validateLatentNodesAreSources

A helper function to validate that latent nodes in a LatentDigraph are sources.

# Description

Produces an error if not all latent nodes are sources.

# Usage

validateLatentNodesAreSources(graph)

## **Arguments**

graph the LatentDigraph

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validateMatrices

A helper function to validate input matrices.

# Description

This helper function validates that the two input matrices, L and O, are of the appropriate form to be interpreted by the other functions. In particular they should be square matrices of 1's and 0's with all 0's along their diagonals. We do not require O to be symmetric here.

## Usage

```
validateMatrices(L, 0)
```

#### **Arguments**

L See above description.

O See above description.

## Value

This function has no return value.

validateMatrix

A helper function to validate an input matrix.

# Description

This helper function validates that an input matrix, L, is of the the appropriate form to be interpreted by the other functions. In particular it should be square matrix of 1's and 0's with all 0's along its diagonal. If any of the above conditions is not met, this function will throw an error.

## Usage

```
validateMatrix(L)
```

#### **Arguments**

L See above description.

## Value

No return value

validateNodes

A helper function to validate if input nodes are valid.

# Description

Produces an error if outside bounds.

# Usage

```
validateNodes(nodes, numNodes)
```

# Arguments

nodes the input nodes, expected to be from the collection 1:(number of nodes in the

graph)

numNodes the number of observed nodes in the graph.

validateVarArgsEmpty A helper function to validate that there are no variable arguments

# Description

Produces an error if there are variable arguments.

#### Usage

```
validateVarArgsEmpty(...)
```

## **Arguments**

... the variable arguments

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