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`Binary.matrix.by.thresh-methods`*Transforming a real-valued network matrix into a binary matrix*

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## Description

Methods to transform a a real-valued network matrix into a binary matrix. The binary matrix is obtained by thresholding: values above the given threshold are set to 1, otherwise to 0

## Usage

```
Binary.matrix.by.thresh(W, thresh=0.5)
```

## Arguments

|        |                                                   |
|--------|---------------------------------------------------|
| W      | an object representing the graph to be normalized |
| thresh | the threshold (def.=0.5)                          |

## Value

The normalized binary adjacency matrix of the network

## Methods

signature(W = "graph") an object of the virtual class graph (hence including objects of class [graphAM](#) and [graphNEL](#) from the package **graph**)

signature(W = "matrix") a matrix representing the adjacency matrix of the graph

## Examples

```
library(bionetdata);
data(DD.chem.data);
W <- Binary.matrix.by.thresh(DD.chem.data);

# Using both methods with both signatures "matrix" and "graph"
# reducing dimension of the graph
library(graph);
DD.chem.data.red <- DD.chem.data[1:100,1:100];
W.red <- Binary.matrix.by.thresh(DD.chem.data.red);
g <- new("graphAM", adjMat=DD.chem.data.red, values=list(weight=DD.chem.data.red));
Wg <- Binary.matrix.by.thresh(g);
any(W.red!=Wg);
```

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**check.network-methods** *Graph checking*

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**Description**

Method to check the characteristics of a graph. Check if its adjacency matrix is symmetric, if it has NA, NaN or Inf values, and some minimal statistics about nodes and edges.

**Usage**

```
check.network(W, name="Network matrix")
```

**Arguments**

|      |                                                    |
|------|----------------------------------------------------|
| W    | an object representing the graph to be checked     |
| name | a character vector that will be printed as heading |

**Value**

It returns a list of strings about the characteristics of the graph

**Methods**

signature(W = "graph") an object of the virtual class graph (hence including objects of class [graphAM](#) and [graphNEL](#) from the package **graph**)

signature(W = "matrix") a matrix representing the adjacency matrix of the graph

**Examples**

```
library(bionetdata);
data(DD.chem.data);
check.network(DD.chem.data);
W <- Prob.norm(DD.chem.data);
check.network(W, "prob. transition matrix");
WL <- Laplacian.norm(DD.chem.data);
check.network(WL, "Laplacian norm. matrix");

library(graph)
g1 = randomEGraph(LETTERS[1:15], edges = 40);
check.network(g1, "random graph");
```

## Description

Normalization of graphs according to Chua et al., 2007. The normalized weights between nodes are computed by taking into account their neighborhoods. This normalization is meaningful in particular with interaction data. More precisely, the normalized weight  $W_{ij}$  between nodes  $i$  and  $j$  is computed by taking into account their neighborhoods  $N_i$  and  $N_j$  :

$$W_{ij} = \frac{2|N_i \cap N_j|}{|N_i \setminus N_j| + 2|N_i \cap N_j| + 1} \times \frac{2|N_i \cap N_j|}{|N_j \setminus N_i| + 2|N_i \cap N_j| + 1}$$

where  $N_k$  is the set of the neighbors of gene  $k$  ( $k$  is included).

## Usage

```
Chua.norm(W)
```

## Arguments

**W** an object representing the graph to be normalized

## Value

The normalized adjacency matrix of the network

## Methods

signature(W = "graph") an object of the virtual class graph (hence including objects of class [graphAM](#) and [graphNEL](#) from the package **graph**)

signature(W = "matrix") a matrix representing the adjacency matrix of the graph

## References

Chua, H., Sung, W., & Wong, L. An efficient strategy for extensive integration of diverse biological data for protein function prediction. *Bioinformatics*, 23 , 3364–3373, 2007.

## Examples

```
library(bionetdata);
data(Yeast.Biogrid.data);
W <- Chua.norm(Yeast.Biogrid.data);
```

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Do.sim.matrix.Pearson    *Construction of the Pearson correlation matrix*

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## Description

Function to obtain the Pearson correlation matrix between rows of a given matrix.

## Usage

```
Do.sim.matrix.Pearson(M, cut = TRUE, remove.negatives = TRUE, min.thresh = 0)
```

## Arguments

|                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| M                | input matrix                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| cut              | if TRUE (def.) at least one edge is maintained for each node, all the other edges are set to 0. If false no edges are set to 0.                                                                                 |
| remove.negatives | if TRUE (def) negative values are replaced with 0 in the correlation matrix                                                                                                                                     |
| min.thresh       | minimum allowed threshold (def. 0). If a threshold lower than min.thresh is selected, than it is substituted by min.thresh. Warning: setting min.thresh to large values may lead to highly disconnected network |

## Details

You can also "sparsify" the matrix, by putting to 0 all the weights, by setting a threshold such that at least one edge is maintained for each node. The diagonal values are set to 0.

## Value

a square symmetric matrix of the Pearson correlation coefficients computed between the rows of M

## Examples

```
# a gaussian random matrix
D <- matrix(rnorm(20000),nrow=200);
W <- Do.sim.matrix.Pearson (D);
# the same without default parameters
W2 <- Do.sim.matrix.Pearson (D, cut=FALSE, remove.negatives=FALSE, min.thresh=-20);
```

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Laplacian.norm-methods*Laplacian graph normalization*

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## Description

Methods to normalize weights of square symmetric adjacency matrices. A network matrix is normalized by dividing each entry  $W_{ij}$  by the square root of the product of the sum of elements of row  $i$  and the sum of the elements in column  $j$ . In other words if  $D$  is a diagonal matrix such that  $D_{ii} = \sum_j W_{ij}$ , then the normalized matrix is:

$$W_{norm} = D^{-1/2} W D^{-1/2}$$

## Usage

```
Laplacian.norm(W)
```

## Arguments

**W** an object representing the graph to be normalized

## Value

The normalized adjacency matrix of the network

## Methods

signature(W = "graph") an object of the virtual class graph (hence including objects of class [graphAM](#) and [graphNEL](#) from the package **graph**)

signature(W = "matrix") a matrix representing the adjacency matrix of the graph

## Examples

```
library(bionetdata);  
# normalization of drug-drug similarity networks  
data(DD.chem.data);  
W <- Laplacian.norm(DD.chem.data);  
# the same using an object of class graphAM  
g <- new("graphAM", adjMat=DD.chem.data, values=list(weight=DD.chem.data));  
Wg <- Laplacian.norm(g);
```

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`Magnify.binary.features.norm-methods`*Normalization of binary matrices*

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**Description**

Normalization of binary matrices according to the procedure described in Mostafavi et al. 2008. Having a binary matrix  $M$ , for each feature, if  $b$  is the proportion of 1, then ones are replaced with  $-\log(b)$  and zeros with  $\log(1-b)$ .

**Usage**

```
Magnify.binary.features.norm(M)
```

**Arguments**

$M$  an object representing the matrix to be normalized

**Value**

The normalized matrix

**Methods**

`signature(M = "matrix")` Input binary matrix. Rows are examples, columns features

**References**

Mostafavi, S., Ray, D., Warde-Farley, D., Grouios, C., & Morris, Q. GeneMANIA: a real-time multiple association network integration algorithm for predicting gene function. *Genome Biology*, 9, 2008.

**Examples**

```
D <- matrix(ifelse(runif(40000)>0.9,1,0),nrow=100);  
M <- Magnify.binary.features.norm(D);
```

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| Max.Min.norm-methods | <i>Max-min graph normalization</i> |
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## Description

Graph normalization with respect to the minimum and maximum value of its weights. Each entry of the normalized matrix is in the range  $[0..1]$ :

$$W_{norm} = \frac{(W - \min(W))}{(\max(W) - \min(W))}$$

## Usage

```
Max.Min.norm(W)
```

## Arguments

W                      an object representing the graph to be normalized

## Value

The normalized adjacency matrix of the network

## Methods

signature(W = "graph") an object of the virtual class graph (hence including objects of class [graphAM](#) and [graphNEL](#) from the package **graph**)

signature(W = "matrix") a matrix representing the adjacency matrix of the graph

## Examples

```
library(bionetdata);
# max-min normalization for a drug-drug similarity network
data(DD.chem.data);
W <- Max.Min.norm(DD.chem.data);
# the same using an object of class graphAM

g <- new("graphAM", adjMat=DD.chem.data, values=list(weight=DD.chem.data));
Wg <- Max.Min.norm(g);
```

**Description**

Method to compute the transition probability matrix of network. A network matrix is normalized by dividing each entry  $W_{ij}$  by the the sum of elements of row  $i$  In other words if  $D$  is a diagonal matrix such that  $D_{ii} = \sum_j W_{ij}$  then the normalize matrix is:

$$W_{norm} = D^{-1}W$$

**Usage**

```
Prob.norm(W)
```

**Arguments**

**W** an object representing the graph to be normalized

**Value**

The normalized transition probability matrix of network

**Methods**

signature(W = "graph") an object of the virtual class graph (hence including objects of class [graphAM](#) and [graphNEL](#) from the package **graph**)

signature(W = "matrix") a matrix representing the adjacency matrix of the graph

**Examples**

```
library(bionetdata);
# making transition prob matrix for a drug-drug similarity network
data(DD.chem.data);
W <- Prob.norm(DD.chem.data);
# the same using an object of class graphAM and of class graphNEL

g <- new("graphAM", adjMat=DD.chem.data, values=list(weight=DD.chem.data));
Wg <- Prob.norm(g);
g2 <- as(g, "graphNEL");
Wg2 <- Prob.norm(g2);
```

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Sparsify.matrix-methods

*Sparsifying the graph*

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## Description

Methods to sparsify a network matrix. By this method a general threshold is set such that you a minimum of k edges is guaranteed for each node

## Usage

```
Sparsify.matrix(W, k=1)
```

## Arguments

|   |                                                       |
|---|-------------------------------------------------------|
| W | an object representing the graph to be sparsified     |
| k | the number of guaranteed edges for each node (def.=1) |

## Value

The sparsified adjacency matrix of the network

## Methods

signature(W = "graph") an object of the virtual class graph (hence including objects of class [graphAM](#) and [graphNEL](#) from the package **graph**)

signature(W = "matrix") a matrix representing the adjacency matrix of the graph

## Examples

```
library(bionetdata);
data(FIN.data);
W <- Laplacian.norm(as.matrix(FIN.data));
# sparsification by maintaining at least one neighbour per node
W1 <- Sparsify.matrix(W);
# sparsification by maintaining at least 20 neighbours per node (if any)
W20 <- Sparsify.matrix(W, k=20);
```

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`Sparsify.matrix.fixed.neighbours-methods`*Sparsifying the graph by a fixed number of edges per node*

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### Description

Methods to sparsify a network matrix by fixing the number of edges for each node. It selects the first  $k$  neighbours for each node (by row) according to the weight of the edge. By this function you select exactly  $k$  edges for each node (if there are at least  $k$  edges in the adjacency matrix). The resulting matrix is not symmetric.

### Usage

```
Sparsify.matrix.fixed.neighbours(W, k=10)
```

### Arguments

|                |                                                   |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| <code>W</code> | an object representing the graph to be normalized |
| <code>k</code> | the number of edges for each node (def.=10)       |

### Value

a sparsified matrix (Warning: the matrix is not symmetric)

### Methods

`signature(W = "graph")` an object of the virtual class `graph` (hence including objects of class `graphAM` and `graphNEL` from the package **graph**)

`signature(W = "matrix")` a matrix representing the adjacency matrix of the graph

### Examples

```
library(bionetdata);
data(FIN.data);
W <- Laplacian.norm(as.matrix(FIN.data));
# sparsification with 10 neighbours per node
W10 <- Sparsify.matrix.fixed.neighbours(W);
# sparsification with 20 neighbours per node
W20 <- Sparsify.matrix.fixed.neighbours(W, k=20);
```

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