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Title Estimation and Inference for High Dimensional Mediation and Surrogate Analysis

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Description Estimates and provides inference for quantities that assess high dimensional mediation and potential surrogate markers including the direct effect of treatment, indirect effect of treatment, and the proportion of treatment effect explained by a surrogate/mediator; details are described in Zhou et al (2022) <[doi:10.1002/sim.9352](https://doi.org/10.1002/sim.9352)> and Zhou et al (2020) <[doi:10.1093/biomet/asaa016](https://doi.org/10.1093/biomet/asaa016)>. This package relies on the optimization software 'MOSEK', <<https://www.mosek.com>>.

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Description

This function implements the estimation and inference for the indirect effect in high dimensional linear mediation analysis models. It provides estimates and p-values under both incomplete mediation, where a direct effect may exist, as well as complete mediation, where the direct effect is known to be absent.

Usage

```
hilma(
  Y,
  G,
  S,
  mediation_setting = "incomplete",
  tuning_method = "uniform",
  lam_list = NA,
  min.ratio = 0.1,
  n.lambda = 5,
  center = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

Y	The n-dimensional outcome vector.
G	The n by p mediator matrix. p can be larger than n.
S	The n by q exposure matrix. q can be 1, and $q < n$ is required.
mediation_setting	Either 'incomplete' or 'complete'
tuning_method	'uniform' or 'aic', the default is 'uniform'
lam_list	tuning parameter for uniform tuning or list of tuning parameter for aic tuning
min.ratio	the ratio of the minimum lambda to the maximum
n.lambda	number of tuning parameters to choose from
center	center the data or not, the default is TRUE

Value

A list with components:

beta_hat	estimated indirect effect
alpha1_hat	estimated direct effect
pvalue_beta_hat	the p value for testing the significance of the indirect effect
lambda_used	lambda used during optimization

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Examples

```

n = 30
p = 50
q = 2
G = MASS::mvrnorm(n, rep(0,p), diag(p))
S = as.matrix(MASS::mvrnorm(n, rep(0,q), diag(q)))
Y = as.matrix(rnorm(n))
out = hilma(Y,G,S, mediation_setting = 'complete', tuning_method = 'uniform', lam_list = 0.2)
out

```

ptehd

Proportion of treatment effect explained by high-dimensional surrogates

Description

Estimates the proportion of the treatment effect explained by the indirect effect via high-dimensional surrogates.

Usage

```
ptehd(Yt, Yc, St, Sc, lambda_range = c(0, 1))
```

Arguments

Yt	The n-dimensional outcome vector in the treatment group.
Yc	The n-dimensional outcome vector in the control group.
St	The n x p matrix of surrogates in the treatment group.
Sc	The n x p matrix of surrogates in the control group.
lambda_range	Min and max of range of tuning parameter to use during the constrained l1 optimization step.

Value

A list with components:

est_id	Estimate of indirect effect, defined as $\int E(Y S = s, Z = 1)dF(s Z = 1) - \int E(Y S = s, Z = 0)dF(s Z = 0)$
sd_id	Standard deviation of indirect effect estimate
est_total	Estimate of total effect
sd_total	Standard deviation of total effect estimate
V	Covariance matrix of (est_id, est_total)

<code>est_R</code>	Estimate of proportion of treatment effect explained by surrogates
<code>sd_R</code>	Standard deviation of proportion estimate
<code>lambda_used</code>	lambda used during optimization

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Examples

```
n = 10
St = replicate(n, rnorm(20, mean = 1))
Sc = replicate(n, rnorm(20))
Yt = 1 + rowSums(St) / 2 + rnorm(n)
Yc = rowSums(Sc) / 3 + rnorm(n)
# Requires installation of mosek to run
## Not run:
out = ptehd(Yt, Yc, St, Sc)

## End(Not run)
```

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