

# Package ‘DNetFinder’

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**See Also**

lassoGGM(), lassoNPN(), DNetGGM(), DNetNPN()

**Examples**

```
library(flare)
library(DNetFinder)
Data1=read.table(system.file("extdata","Data1.txt",package="DNetFinder"),header=FALSE)
Data2=read.table(system.file("extdata","Data2.txt",package="DNetFinder"),header=FALSE)
BetaGGM1=read.table(system.file("extdata","BetaGGM1.txt",package="DNetFinder"),header=FALSE)
BetaGGM2=read.table(system.file("extdata","BetaGGM2.txt",package="DNetFinder"),header=FALSE)
BetaNPN1=read.table(system.file("extdata","BetaNPN1.txt",package="DNetFinder"),header=FALSE)
BetaNPN2=read.table(system.file("extdata","BetaNPN2.txt",package="DNetFinder"),header=FALSE)
est_coefGGM=lassoGGM(Data1)
est_coefNPN=lassoNPN(Data1)
est_DNGGM=DNetGGM(Data1,Data2,BetaGGM1,BetaGGM2,alpha=0.1)
est_DNNPN=DNetNPN(Data1,Data2,BetaNPN1,BetaNPN2,alpha=0.1)
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DNetGGM

*Testing for the structural difference between two GGMs*


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**Description**

The function "DNetGGM" tests for the structural difference between two Gaussian graphical models with false discovery rate control.

**Usage**

```
DNetGGM(Data_mat1,Data_mat2,Beta_mat1,Beta_mat2,alpha)
```

**Arguments**

Data_mat1	An $n_1$ by $p$ data matrix for the first GGM, where each row represents one observation
Data_mat2	An $n_2$ by $p$ data matrix for the second GGM, where each row represents one observation
Beta_mat1	A $p-1$ by $p$ coefficient matrix for the first GGM, where each column contains the regression coefficients of one variable on the other $p-1$ variables.
Beta_mat2	A $p-1$ by $p$ coefficient matrix for the second GGM. See Beta_mat1 for details.
alpha	User-specified FDR level

**Details**

The multiple testing procedure asymptotically controls the false discovery rate. See Liu (2017) for details.

**Value**

Estimated differential network, where "1" represents a differential edge and "0" represents a common edge (or no edge) between two GGMs.

**Note**

Besides lasso, other estimators such as Dantzig selector or square-root lasso can also be used. See detailed discussion in Liu (2017) and Zhang (2017).

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**See Also**

DNetNPN()

**Examples**

```
Data1=read.table(system.file("extdata","Data1.txt",package="DNetFinder"),header=FALSE)
Data2=read.table(system.file("extdata","Data2.txt",package="DNetFinder"),header=FALSE)
BetaGGM1=read.table(system.file("extdata","BetaGGM1.txt",package="DNetFinder"),header=FALSE)
BetaGGM2=read.table(system.file("extdata","BetaGGM2.txt",package="DNetFinder"),header=FALSE)
est_DNGGM=DNetGGM(Data1,Data2,BetaGGM1,BetaGGM2,alpha=0.1)
```

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DNetNPN

*Testing for the structural difference between two NPNGMs*

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**Description**

The function "DNetNPN" tests for the structural difference between two nonparanormal graphical models with false discovery rate control.

**Usage**

```
DNetNPN(Data_mat1,Data_mat2,Beta_mat1,Beta_mat2,alpha)
```

**Arguments**

Data_mat1	An $n_1$ by $p$ data matrix for the first NPNGM, where each row represents one observation
Data_mat2	An $n_2$ by $p$ data matrix for the second NPNGM, where each row represents one observation
Beta_mat1	A $p-1$ by $p$ coefficient matrix for the first NPNGM, where each column contains the regression coefficients of one variable on the other $p-1$ variables.
Beta_mat2	A $p-1$ by $p$ coefficient matrix for the second NPNGM. See Beta_mat1 for details.
alpha	User-specified FDR level

**Details**

The multiple testing procedure asymptotically controls the false discovery rate. See Zhang (2017) for details.

**Value**

Estimated differential network, where "1" represents a differential edge and "0" represents a common edge (or no edge) between two NPNGMs.

**Note**

Besides lasso, other estimators such as Dantzig selector or square-root lasso can also be used. See detailed discussion in Liu (2017) and Zhang (2017).

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**See Also**

DNetGGM()

**Examples**

```
Data1=read.table(system.file("extdata","Data1.txt",package="DNetFinder"),header=FALSE)
Data2=read.table(system.file("extdata","Data2.txt",package="DNetFinder"),header=FALSE)
BetaNPN1=read.table(system.file("extdata","BetaNPN1.txt",package="DNetFinder"),header=FALSE)
BetaNPN2=read.table(system.file("extdata","BetaNPN2.txt",package="DNetFinder"),header=FALSE)
est_DNNPN=DNetNPN(Data1,Data2,BetaNPN1,BetaNPN2,alpha=0.1)
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lassoGGM

*Estimating the regression coefficients in GGMs with lasso*

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**Description**

The function "lassoGGM" computes the lasso estimates of the regression coefficients in GGMs for constructing the test statistic.

**Usage**

```
lassoGGM(Data_mat)
```

**Arguments**

Data\_mat      A n by p data matrix, where each row represents one observation

**Details**

The tuning parameter in the lasso regression is chosen as in Liu (2017).

**Value**

The estimated coefficient matrix by lasso

**Note**

Other estimators such as Dantzig selector or square-root lasso can also be used. See detailed discussion in Liu (2017) and Zhang (2017).

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## See Also

lassoNPN()

## Examples

```
Data1=read.table(system.file("extdata","Data1.txt",package="DNetFinder"),header=FALSE)
est_coefGGM=lassoGGM(Data1)
```

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lassoNPN

*Estimating the regression coefficients in NPNGMs with lasso*

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## Description

The function "lassoNPN" computes the lasso estimates of the regression coefficients in NPNGMs for constructing the test statistic. The regression is based on a truncated (Winsorized) estimator for the transformation functions in NPNGMs.

## Usage

```
lassoNPN(Data_mat)
```

## Arguments

Data\_mat      A n by p data matrix, where each row represents one observation

## Details

The tuning parameter in the lasso regression is chosen as in Liu (2017). The truncation parameter in the Winsorized estimator is chosen as in Liu et al. (2009) to well balance the variance and bias.

## Value

Estimated coefficients matrix by lasso

**Note**

Other estimators such as Dantzig selector or square-root lasso can also be used. See detailed discussion in Liu (2017) and Zhang (2017).

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**See Also**

lassoGGM()

**Examples**

```
Data1=read.table(system.file("extdata","Data1.txt",package="DNetFinder"),header=FALSE)
est_coefNPN=lassoNPN(Data1)
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