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Robust Ordinal Regression UTADIS

Description

Implementation of Robust Ordinal Regression for value-based sorting with some extensions and additional tools. It is a novel Multiple-Criteria Decision Aiding (MCDA) framework.

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`addAssignmentPairwiseAtLeastComparisons`*Add assignment pairwise at least comparisons*

Description

The comparison of a pair of alternatives may indicate that a_i should be assigned to a class at least as good as class of a_j or at least better by k classes. The function `addAssignmentPairwiseAtLeastComparisons` allows to define such pairwise comparisons.

Usage

```
addAssignmentPairwiseAtLeastComparisons(problem, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>problem</code>	Problem to which preference information will be added.
<code>...</code>	Comparisons as three-element vectors. Each vector $c(i, j, k)$ represents a single assignment comparison: alternative a_i has to be assigned to class at least better by k classes then class of a_j .

Value

Problem with added comparisons.

See Also

[buildProblem](#) [removeAssignmentPairwiseAtLeastComparisons](#)

Examples

```
# 4 alternatives, 2 gain criteria, 3 classes, monotonously increasing
# and general marginal value functions
perf <- matrix(c(5, 2, 1, 7, 0.5, 0.9, 0.4, 0.4), ncol = 2)
problem <- buildProblem(perf, 3, FALSE, c('g', 'g'), c(0, 0))

# add comparisons:
# alternative 2 to class at least as good as class of alternative 1
# alternative 4 to class at least better by 1 class then class
# of alternative 3
problem <- addAssignmentPairwiseAtLeastComparisons(problem,
  c(4, 3, 1), c(2, 1, 0))
```

```
addAssignmentPairwiseAtMostComparisons
```

Add assignment pairwise at most comparisons

Description

The comparison of a pair of alternatives may indicate that alternative a_i should be assigned to a class at most better by k classes than class of a_j . The function `addAssignmentPairwiseAtMostComparisons` allows to define such pairwise comparisons.

Usage

```
addAssignmentPairwiseAtMostComparisons(problem, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>problem</code>	Problem to which preference information will be added.
<code>...</code>	Comparisons as three-element vectors. Each vector $c(i, j, k)$ represents a single assignment comparison: alternative a_i has to be assigned to class at most better by k classes than class of a_j .

Value

Problem with added comparisons.

See Also

[buildProblem](#) [removeAssignmentPairwiseAtMostComparisons](#)

Examples

```
# 4 alternatives, 2 gain criteria, 3 classes, monotonously increasing
# and general marginal value functions
perf <- matrix(c(5, 2, 1, 7, 0.5, 0.9, 0.4, 0.4), ncol = 2)
problem <- buildProblem(perf, 3, FALSE, c('g', 'g'), c(0, 0))

# add comparison:
# alternative 4 to class at most better by 1 class then class
# of alternative 3
problem <- addAssignmentPairwiseAtMostComparisons(problem, c(4, 3, 1))
```

addAssignmentsLB *Add lower bound of alternative possible assignments*

Description

This function adds lower bounds of possible assignments to a problem.

Usage

```
addAssignmentsLB(problem, ...)
```

Arguments

problem	Problem to which preference information will be added.
...	Assignments as two-element vectors. Each vector $c(i, j)$ represents assignment of an alternative a_i to class at least as good as class C_j .

Value

Problem with added assignment examples.

See Also

[buildProblem](#) [removeAssignmentsLB](#)

Examples

```
# 4 alternatives, 2 gain criteria, 3 classes, monotonously increasing
# and general marginal value functions
perf <- matrix(c(5, 2, 1, 7, 0.5, 0.9, 0.4, 0.4), ncol = 2)
problem <- buildProblem(perf, 3, FALSE, c('g', 'g'), c(0, 0))

# add assignment examples: alternative 1 to class at least as good as class 2
# and alternative 2 to class at least as good as class 3
problem <- addAssignmentsLB(problem, c(1, 2), c(2, 3))
```

addAssignmentsUB *Add upper bound of alternative possible assignments*

Description

This function adds upper bounds of possible assignments to a problem.

Usage

```
addAssignmentsUB(problem, ...)
```

Arguments

problem Problem to which preference information will be added.
 ... Assignments as two-element vectors. Each vector $c(i, j)$ represents assignment of an alternative a_i to at most class as good as C_j .

Value

Problem with added assignment examples.

See Also

[buildProblem](#) [removeAssignmentsUB](#)

Examples

```
# 4 alternatives, 2 gain criteria, 3 classes, monotonously increasing
# and general marginal value functions
perf <- matrix(c(5, 2, 1, 7, 0.5, 0.9, 0.4, 0.4), ncol = 2)
problem <- buildProblem(perf, 3, FALSE, c('g', 'g'), c(0, 0))

# add assignment examples: alternative 3 at most to class as good as class 1
# and alternative 4 to class at most as good as class 2
problem <- addAssignmentsUB(problem, c(3, 1), c(4, 2))
```

addMaximalClassCardinalities

Add maximal class cardinality restrictions

Description

This function allows to define maximal cardinality of particular classes.

Usage

```
addMaximalClassCardinalities(problem, ...)
```

Arguments

problem Problem to which preference information will be added.
 ... Minimal cardinalities as two-element vectors $c(i, j)$, where j is a maximal cardinality of class C_i .

Value

Problem with added preference information.

See Also

[buildProblem removeMaximalClassCardinalities](#)

Examples

```
# 4 alternatives, 2 gain criteria, 3 classes, monotonously increasing
# and general marginal value functions
perf <- matrix(c(5, 2, 1, 7, 0.5, 0.9, 0.4, 0.4), ncol = 2)
problem <- buildProblem(perf, 3, FALSE, c('g', 'g'), c(0, 0))

# set maximal class cardinalities:
# at most two alternatives could be assigned to class 2
# and at most one alternative could be assigned to class 3
problem <- addMaximalClassCardinalities(problem, c(2, 2), c(3, 1))
```

addMinimalClassCardinalities

Add minimal class cardinality restrictions

Description

This function allows to define minimal cardinality of particular classes.

Usage

```
addMinimalClassCardinalities(problem, ...)
```

Arguments

problem	Problem to which preference information will be added.
...	Minimal cardinalities as two-element vectors $c(i, j)$, where j is a minimal cardinality of class C_i .

Value

Problem with added preference information.

See Also

[buildProblem removeMinimalClassCardinalities](#)

Examples

```
# 4 alternatives, 2 gain criteria, 3 classes, monotonously increasing
# and general marginal value functions
perf <- matrix(c(5, 2, 1, 7, 0.5, 0.9, 0.4, 0.4), ncol = 2)
problem <- buildProblem(perf, 3, FALSE, c('g', 'g'), c(0, 0))

# set minimal class cardinalities:
# at least one alternative has to be assigned to class 2
# and at least one alternative has to be assigned to class 3
problem <- addMinimalClassCardinalities(problem, c(2, 1), c(3, 1))
```

 buildProblem

Build a representation of a problem

Description

This function creates representation of a given problem for usage in farther computations.

Usage

```
buildProblem(perf, nrClasses, strictVF, criteria, characteristicPoints)
```

Arguments

perf	A $n \times m$ performance matrix of n alternatives evaluated on m criteria.
nrClasses	Number of classes.
strictVF	TRUE for strictly monotonic marginal value functions, FALSE for weakly monotonic.
criteria	A vector containing type of each criterion ('g' - gain, 'c' - cost).
characteristicPoints	A vector of integers that for each criterion contains number of characteristic points or 0 for general marginal value function.

Value

Representation of a problem as a list with named members.

See Also

[addAssignmentsLB](#) [removeAssignmentsLB](#) [addAssignmentsUB](#) [removeAssignmentsUB](#) [addAssignmentPairwiseAtLeast](#) [removeAssignmentPairwiseAtLeastComparisons](#) [addAssignmentPairwiseAtMostComparisons](#) [removeAssignmentPairwiseAtMostComparisons](#) [addMinimalClassCardinalities](#) [removeMinimalClassCardinalities](#) [addMaximalClassCardinalities](#) [removeMaximalClassCardinalities](#)

Examples

```
# 4 alternatives, 2 gain criteria, 3 classes, monotonously increasing
# and general marginal value functions
perf <- matrix(c(5, 2, 1, 7, 0.5, 0.9, 0.4, 0.4), ncol = 2)
problem <- buildProblem(perf, 3, FALSE, c('g', 'g'), c(0, 0))
```

calculateAssignments *Calculate assignments*

Description

This function calculates possible and necessary assignments.

Usage

```
calculateAssignments(problem, necessary)
```

Arguments

problem	Problem for which assignments will be calculated.
necessary	Whether necessary or possible assignments.

Value

$n \times p$ logical matrix, where each row represents one of n alternatives and each column represents one of p classes. Element $[i, h]$ is TRUE if:

- for necessary assignments: alternative a_i is always assigned to class C_h ,
- for possible assignments: alternative a_i can be assigned to class C_h .

Examples

```
perf <- matrix(c(5, 2, 1, 7, 0.5, 0.9, 0.4, 0.4), ncol = 2)
problem <- buildProblem(perf, 3, FALSE, c('g', 'g'), c(0, 0))
problem <- addAssignmentsLB(problem, c(1, 2), c(2, 3))

possibleAssignments <- calculateAssignments(problem, FALSE)
necessaryAssignments <- calculateAssignments(problem, TRUE)
```

calculateExtremeClassCardinalities

Calculate extreme class cardinalities

Description

This function calculates minimal and maximal possible cardinality of each class.

Usage

```
calculateExtremeClassCardinalities(problem)
```

Arguments

problem Problem for which extreme class cardinalities will be calculated.

Value

$p \times 2$ matrix, where p is the number of classes. Value at $[h, 1]$ is a minimal possible cardinality of class C_h , and value at $[h, 2]$ is a maximal possible cardinality of class C_h .

See Also

[addMinimalClassCardinalities](#) [addMaximalClassCardinalities](#)

Examples

```
perf <- matrix(c(5, 2, 1, 7, 0.5, 0.9, 0.4, 0.4), ncol = 2)
problem <- buildProblem(perf, 3, FALSE, c('g', 'g'), c(0, 0))
problem <- addAssignmentsLB(problem, c(1, 2), c(2, 3))

extremeClassCardinalities <- calculateExtremeClassCardinalities(problem)
```

checkConsistency

Check problem consistency

Description

This function allows to check consistency of a problem.

Usage

```
checkConsistency(problem)
```

Arguments

problem Problem to check.

Value

TRUE if a model of a problem is feasible and FALSE if infeasible.

Examples

```
perf <- matrix(c(5, 2, 1, 7, 0.5, 0.9, 0.4, 0.4), ncol = 2)
problem <- buildProblem(perf, 3, FALSE, c('g', 'g'), c(0, 0))
problem <- addAssignmentsLB(problem, c(1, 2), c(2, 3))

isConsistent <- checkConsistency(problem)
```

compareAssignments	<i>Compare assignments</i>
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Description

This function compares assignments. In this version of the package only necessary assignments are supported.

Usage

```
compareAssignments(problem, necessary = TRUE)
```

Arguments

problem	Problem for which assignments will be compared.
necessary	Whether necessary or possible assignments.

Value

$n \times n$ logical matrix, where n is a number of alternatives. Cell $[i, j]$ is TRUE if a_i is assigned to class at least as good as class of a_j for all compatible value functions for necessary assignments or for at least one compatible value function for possible assignments.

Examples

```
perf <- matrix(c(5, 2, 1, 7, 0.5, 0.9, 0.4, 0.4), ncol = 2)
problem <- buildProblem(perf, 3, FALSE, c('g', 'g'), c(0, 0))
problem <- addAssignmentsLB(problem, c(1, 2), c(2, 3))

resultOfComparison <- compareAssignments(problem)
```

deteriorateAssignment *Post factum analysis: deteriorate assignment*

Description

This function checks how much an alternative evaluations can be deteriorated so that that alternative would stay possibly (or necessarily) in at least some specific class. Deterioration is based on minimization value of rho in multiplication of an alternative evaluations on selected criteria by value rho (where $0 < \rho \leq 1$). **Note!** This function works for problems with only non-negative alternative evaluations.

Usage

```
deteriorateAssignment(alternative, atLeastToClass, criteriaManipulability,  
                      necessary, problem)
```

Arguments

alternative	An alternative for assignment deterioration.
atLeastToClass	An assignment to investigate.
criteriaManipulability	Vector containing a logical value for each criterion. Each value denotes whether multiplying by rho on corresponding criterion is allowed or not. At least one criterion has to be available for that manipulation.
necessary	Whether necessary or possible assignment is considered.
problem	Problem for which deterioration will be performed.

Value

Value of rho or NULL if given assignment is not possible in any scenario.

See Also

[improveAssignment](#)

Examples

```
perf <- matrix(c(5, 2, 1, 7, 0.5, 0.9, 0.4, 0.5), ncol = 2)  
problem <- buildProblem(perf, 3, FALSE, c('g', 'g'), c(0, 0))  
problem <- addAssignmentsLB(problem, c(1, 2), c(2, 3))  
  
rho <- deteriorateAssignment(4, 1, c(TRUE, TRUE), FALSE, problem)
```

drawUtilityPlots	<i>Draw marginal value functions and chart of alternative utilities</i>
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Description

This function draws marginal value functions and alternative utilities chart.

Usage

```
drawUtilityPlots(problem, solution, printLabels = TRUE, criteria = NULL,
  plotsPerRow = 2, descending = NULL)
```

Arguments

problem	Problem whose model was solved.
solution	Result of model solving (e.g. result of findRepresentativeFunction or investigateUtility).
printLabels	Whether print alternatives identifiers on marginal value function plots and utility values on alternative utility chart or not (default TRUE).
criteria	Vector containing 0 for utility chart and/or indices of criteria for which marginal value functions should be plotted. If this parameter was NULL functions for all criteria and utility chart will be plotted (default NULL).
plotsPerRow	Number of plots per row (default 2).
descending	Mode of sorting alternatives on utility chart: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NULL - unsorted, preserved problem\$perf order, • TRUE - sorted descending by value of utility, • FALSE - sorted ascending by value of utility.

Value

Plot.

See Also

[findRepresentativeFunction](#) [investigateUtility](#)

Examples

```
perf <- matrix(c(5, 2, 1, 7, 0.5, 0.9, 0.4, 0.4), ncol = 2)
problem <- buildProblem(perf, 3, FALSE, c('c', 'g'), c(3, 3))
problem <- addAssignmentsLB(problem, c(1, 2), c(2, 3))

representativeFunction <- findRepresentativeFunction(problem, 0)
drawUtilityPlots(problem, representativeFunction)
```

explainAssignment *Explain assignment*

Description

This function allows to obtain explanation of an alternative assignment to a specific class interval or one class in case if assignment is necessary. The function returns all preferential reducts for an assignment relation.

Usage

```
explainAssignment(alternative, classInterval, problem)
```

Arguments

alternative	Index of an alternative.
classInterval	Two-element vector $c(1, u)$ that represents an assignment of alternative to class interval $[C_1, C_u]$ ($1 \leq u$).
problem	Problem for which computations will be performed.

Value

List of all preferential reducts for an assignment relation or NULL if an assignment is not influenced by restrictions. Each element of that list is a preferential reduct represented as a vector of restriction indices. To identify preferential core use [getPreferentialCore](#). To find out about restrictions by their indices use [getRestrictions](#). If there was not possible to find explanations the function will return NULL.

See Also

[getPreferentialCore](#) [getRestrictions](#) [calculateAssignments](#)

Examples

```
perf <- matrix(c(5, 2, 1, 7, 0.5, 0.9, 0.4, 0.5), ncol = 2)
problem <- buildProblem(perf, 3, FALSE, c('g', 'g'), c(0, 0))
problem <- addAssignmentsLB(problem, c(1, 2), c(2, 3))

possibleAssignments <- calculateAssignments(problem, FALSE)
alternative <- 4
assignment <- c(min(which(possibleAssignments[alternative, ])),
               max(which(possibleAssignments[alternative, ])))

preferentialReducts <- explainAssignment(alternative,
                                       assignment, problem)
preferentialCore <- getPreferentialCore(preferentialReducts)
coreRestrictions <- getRestrictions(problem, preferentialCore)
```

`findRepresentativeFunction`*Find representative utility function*

Description

This function finds a representative utility function for a problem.

Usage

```
findRepresentativeFunction(problem, mode, relation = NULL)
```

Arguments

<code>problem</code>	Problem to investigate.
<code>mode</code>	An integer that represents a method of a computing representative utility function: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 0 - iterative mode,• 1 - compromise mode.
<code>relation</code>	A matrix of assignment pairwise comparisons. Can be provided if it has been calculated earlier (with compareAssignments). If the parameter is NULL, it will be computed.

Value

This function returns a result of solving model of a problem. It can be used for further computations (e.g. [getThresholds](#), [getMarginalUtilities](#), [getCharacteristicPoints](#)). If representative utility function was not found, the function returns NULL.

See Also

[getCharacteristicPoints](#) [getMarginalUtilities](#) [getThresholds](#)

Examples

```
perf <- matrix(c(5, 2, 1, 7, 0.5, 0.9, 0.4, 0.4), ncol = 2)
problem <- buildProblem(perf, 3, FALSE, c('g', 'g'), c(0, 0))
problem <- addAssignmentsLB(problem, c(1, 2), c(2, 3))

representativeFunction <- findRepresentativeFunction(problem, 0)
thresholds <- getThresholds(problem, representativeFunction)
```

<code>getAssignments</code>	<i>Get assignments</i>
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Description

This function returns assignments for given model solution.

Usage

```
getAssignments(problem, solution)
```

Arguments

<code>problem</code>	Problem whose model was solved.
<code>solution</code>	Result of model solving (e.g. result of findRepresentativeFunction or investigateUtility).

Value

Vector of alternative assignments. Each element contains an index of a class that corresponding alternative was assigned to.

See Also

[findRepresentativeFunction](#) [getCharacteristicPoints](#) [getMarginalUtilities](#) [getThresholds](#)
[investigateUtility](#)

Examples

```
perf <- matrix(c(5, 2, 1, 7, 0.5, 0.9, 0.4, 0.4), ncol = 2)
problem <- buildProblem(perf, 3, FALSE, c('g', 'g'), c(0, 0))
problem <- addAssignmentsLB(problem, c(1, 2), c(2, 3))

representativeFunction <- findRepresentativeFunction(problem, 0)
assignments <- getAssignments(problem, representativeFunction)
```

<code>getCharacteristicPoints</code>	<i>Get characteristic points</i>
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Description

This function extracts values of characteristic points from model solution.

Usage

```
getCharacteristicPoints(problem, solution)
```

Arguments

problem	Problem whose model was solved.
solution	Result of model solving (e.g. result of findRepresentativeFunction or investigateUtility).

Value

List of m matrices for each of m criteria. Each row $c(g, u)$ of each matrix contains coordinates of a single characteristic point, where g - evaluation on corresponding criterion, u - marginal utility.

See Also

[findRepresentativeFunction](#) [getAssignments](#) [getMarginalUtilities](#) [getThresholds](#) [investigateUtility](#)

Examples

```
perf <- matrix(c(5, 2, 1, 7, 0.5, 0.9, 0.4, 0.4), ncol = 2)
problem <- buildProblem(perf, 3, FALSE, c('g', 'g'), c(0, 0))
problem <- addAssignmentsLB(problem, c(1, 2), c(2, 3))

representativeFunction <- findRepresentativeFunction(problem, 0)
characteristicPoints <- getCharacteristicPoints(problem, representativeFunction)
```

getMarginalUtilities *Get marginal utilities*

Description

This function extracts alternatives marginal values from model solution.

Usage

```
getMarginalUtilities(problem, solution)
```

Arguments

problem	Problem whose model was solved.
solution	Result of model solving (e.g. result of findRepresentativeFunction or investigateUtility).

Value

A $n \times m$ matrix containing marginal values of n alternatives on m criteria.

See Also

[findRepresentativeFunction](#) [getAssignments](#) [getCharacteristicPoints](#) [getThresholds](#) [investigateUtility](#)

Examples

```
perf <- matrix(c(5, 2, 1, 7, 0.5, 0.9, 0.4, 0.4), ncol = 2)
problem <- buildProblem(perf, 3, FALSE, c('g', 'g'), c(0, 0))
problem <- addAssignmentsLB(problem, c(1, 2), c(2, 3))

representativeFunction <- findRepresentativeFunction(problem, 0)
marginalUtilities <- getMarginalUtilities(problem, representativeFunction)
```

getPreferentialCore *Identify preferential core*

Description

This function identifies preferential core.

Usage

```
getPreferentialCore(preferentialReducts)
```

Arguments

preferentialReducts
List of all preferential reducts (a result of [explainAssignment](#)).

Value

Preferential core as a vector of restriction indices. To find out about restrictions by their indices use [getRestrictions](#).

See Also

[explainAssignment](#) [getRestrictions](#)

Examples

```
perf <- matrix(c(5, 2, 1, 7, 0.5, 0.9, 0.4, 0.5), ncol = 2)
problem <- buildProblem(perf, 3, FALSE, c('g', 'g'), c(0, 0))
problem <- addAssignmentsLB(problem, c(1, 2), c(2, 3))

possibleAssignments <- calculateAssignments(problem, FALSE)
alternative <- 4
assignment <- c(min(which(possibleAssignments[alternative, ])),
               max(which(possibleAssignments[alternative, ])))

preferentialReducts <- explainAssignment(alternative,
                                       assignment, problem)
preferentialCore <- getPreferentialCore(preferentialReducts)
coreRestrictions <- getRestrictions(problem, preferentialCore)
```

getRestrictions	<i>Get restrictions by indices for problem</i>
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Description

This function gets restrictions by indices.

Usage

```
getRestrictions(problem, indices)
```

Arguments

problem	Problem whose restrictions will be searched.
indices	A vector of restriction indices (eg. a result of calling getPreferentialCore .) Incorrect indices are skipped.

Value

List with named elements. Each element is a matrix which contains set of restrictions of same type.

See Also

[getPreferentialCore](#) [explainAssignment](#)

Examples

```
perf <- matrix(c(5, 2, 1, 7, 0.5, 0.9, 0.4, 0.5), ncol = 2)
problem <- buildProblem(perf, 3, FALSE, c('g', 'g'), c(0, 0))
problem <- addAssignmentsLB(problem, c(1, 2), c(2, 3))

possibleAssignments <- calculateAssignments(problem, FALSE)
alternative <- 4
assignment <- c(min(which(possibleAssignments[alternative, ])),
               max(which(possibleAssignments[alternative, ])))

preferentialReducts <- explainAssignment(alternative,
                                       assignment, problem)
preferentialCore <- getPreferentialCore(preferentialReducts)
coreRestrictions <- getRestrictions(problem, preferentialCore)
```

getThresholds	<i>Get thresholds</i>
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Description

This function extracts values of thresholds from model solution.

Usage

```
getThresholds(problem, solution)
```

Arguments

problem	Problem whose model was solved.
solution	Result of model solving (e.g. result of findRepresentativeFunction or investigateUtility).

Value

Vector containing h-1 thresholds from t₁ to t_{h-1} where t_{p-1} is lower threshold of class C_p and h is number of classes.

See Also

[findRepresentativeFunction](#) [getAssignments](#) [getCharacteristicPoints](#) [getMarginalUtilities](#)
[investigateUtility](#)

Examples

```
perf <- matrix(c(5, 2, 1, 7, 0.5, 0.9, 0.4, 0.4), ncol = 2)
problem <- buildProblem(perf, 3, FALSE, c('g', 'g'), c(0, 0))
problem <- addAssignmentsLB(problem, c(1, 2), c(2, 3))

representativeFunction <- findRepresentativeFunction(problem, 0)
thresholds <- getThresholds(problem, representativeFunction)
```

improveAssignment	<i>Post factum analysis: improve assignment</i>
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Description

This function calculates minimal rho by which alternative evaluations on selected criteria have to be multiplied for that alternative to be possibly (or necessarily) assigned to at least some specific class (rho >= 1). **Note!** This function works for problems with only non-negative alternative evaluations.

Usage

```
improveAssignment(alternative, atLeastToClass, criteriaManipulability,
  necessary, problem)
```

Arguments

`alternative` An alternative for assignment improvement.

`atLeastToClass` Desired assignment.

`criteriaManipulability` Vector containing a logical value for each criterion. Each value denotes whether multiplying by rho on corresponding criterion is allowed or not. At least one criterion has to be available for that manipulation.

`necessary` Whether necessary or possible assignment is considered.

`problem` Problem for which improvement will be performed.

Value

Value of rho or NULL if given assignment is not possible in any scenario.

See Also

[deteriorateAssignment](#)

Examples

```
perf <- matrix(c(8, 2, 1, 7, 0.5, 0.9, 0.4, 0.5), ncol = 2)
problem <- buildProblem(perf, 3, FALSE, c('g', 'g'), c(0, 0))
problem <- addAssignmentsUB(problem, c(1, 2), c(2, 3))

# a_1 dominates a_4 and a_1 is assigned at most to class C_2
# How many times evaluations of a_4 should be improved
# that a_4 will be assigned possibly to class C_3?
rho <- improveAssignment(4, 3, c(TRUE, TRUE), FALSE, problem)
```

`investigateUtility` *Post factum analysis: check how much utility is missing*

Description

This function calculates missing value of an alternative utility for that alternative to be possibly (or necessarily) assigned to at least some specific class.

Usage

```
investigateUtility(alternative, atLeastToClass, necessary, problem)
```

Arguments

alternative	An alternative index.
atLeastToClass	An assignment to investigate.
necessary	Whether necessary or possible assignment is considered.
problem	Problem for investigation.

Value

List with named elements:

- `ux` - value of missing utility,
- `solution` - result of solving model. It can be used for further computations (e.g. [getThresholds](#), [getMarginalUtilities](#), [getCharacteristicPoints](#)).

NULL is returned if given assignment is not possible.

See Also

[getMarginalUtilities](#) [getCharacteristicPoints](#) [getThresholds](#) [improveAssignment](#)

Examples

```
perf <- matrix(c(8, 2, 1, 7, 0.5, 0.9, 0.4, 0.5), ncol = 2)
problem <- buildProblem(perf, 3, FALSE, c('g', 'g'), c(0, 0))
problem <- addAssignmentsUB(problem, c(1, 2), c(2, 3))

result <- investigateUtility(4, 3, FALSE, problem)
```

mergeAssignments	<i>Merge different assignments</i>
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Description

This function allows to merge different assignments, e.g. from various decision makers (group result, group assignment). There are four types of group assignments:

- **Possible Possible** - alternative a_i is **possibly** in class C_h **for at least one** decision maker,
- **Possible Necessary** - alternative a_i is **possibly** in class C_h **for all** decision makers,
- **Necessary Possible** - alternative a_i is **necessarily** in class C_h **for at least one** decision maker,
- **Necessary Necessary** - alternative a_i is **necessarily** in class C_h **for all** decision makers.

The first possible-necessary parameter depends on decision makers assignments computed earlier, and the second is define as function parameter.

Usage

```
mergeAssignments(assignmentList, necessary)
```

Arguments

`assignmentList` List of assignment matrices (results of calling `calculateAssignments` function).

`necessary` Whether necessary or possible merging.

Value

$n \times p$ logical matrix, where each row represents one of n alternatives and each column represents one of p classes. Element $[i, h]$ is TRUE if alternative a_i can be assigned to class C_h .

See Also

[calculateAssignments](#)

Examples

```
perf <- matrix(c(5, 2, 1, 7, 0.5, 0.9, 0.4, 0.4), ncol = 2)
problem <- buildProblem(perf, 3, FALSE, c('g', 'g'), c(0, 0))
DM1Problem <- addAssignmentsLB(problem, c(1, 2), c(2, 3))
DM2Problem <- addAssignmentsLB(problem, c(2, 2), c(4, 2))

necessary <- FALSE
assignmentList <- list()
assignmentList[[1]] <- calculateAssignments(DM1Problem, necessary)
assignmentList[[2]] <- calculateAssignments(DM2Problem, necessary)

# generate possible - necessary assignments
PNAssignments <- mergeAssignments(assignmentList, TRUE)
```

removeAssignmentPairwiseAtLeastComparisons

Remove assignment pairwise at least comparisons

Description

This function removes pairwise *at least* comparisons. For more information see `addPairwiseAtLeastComparisons`.

Usage

```
removeAssignmentPairwiseAtLeastComparisons(problem, ...)
```

Arguments

problem Problem from which preference information will be removed

... Comparisons as three-element vectors and/or two-element vectors. Each argument represents comparison to remove. If $c(i, j, k)$ vector was provided a corresponding comparison will be removed. In case where two-element vector $c(i, j)$ was given a comparison of an alternative a_i with a_j will be removed regardless of value of k . If a specific comparison was not found nothing will happen.

Value

Problem with removed comparisons.

Examples

```
# 4 alternatives, 2 gain criteria, 3 classes, monotonously increasing
# and general marginal value functions
perf <- matrix(c(5, 2, 1, 7, 0.5, 0.9, 0.4, 0.4), ncol = 2)
problem <- buildProblem(perf, 3, FALSE, c('g', 'g'), c(0, 0))

# add comparisons:
# alternative 2 to class at least as good as class of alternative 1
# alternative 4 to class at least better by 1 class then class
# of alternative 3
problem <- addAssignmentPairwiseAtLeastComparisons(problem,
  c(4, 3, 1), c(2, 1, 0))
# remove comparison between alternative 4 and 3
problem <- removeAssignmentPairwiseAtLeastComparisons(problem, c(4, 3))
```

```
removeAssignmentPairwiseAtMostComparisons
```

Remove assignment pairwise at most comparisons

Description

This function removes pairwise *at most* comparisons. For more information see `addPairwiseAtMostComparisons`.

Usage

```
removeAssignmentPairwiseAtMostComparisons(problem, ...)
```

Arguments

problem Problem from which preference information will be removed

... Comparisons as three-element vectors and/or two-element vectors. Each argument represents comparison to remove. If $c(i, j, k)$ vector was provided a corresponding comparison will be removed. In case where two-element vector $c(i, j)$ was given a comparison of an alternative a_i with a_j will be removed regardless of value of k . If a specific comparison was not found nothing will happen.

Value

Problem with removed comparisons.

Examples

```
# 4 alternatives, 2 gain criteria, 3 classes, monotonously increasing
# and general marginal value functions
perf <- matrix(c(5, 2, 1, 7, 0.5, 0.9, 0.4, 0.4), ncol = 2)
problem <- buildProblem(perf, 3, FALSE, c('g', 'g'), c(0, 0))

# add comparison:
# alternative 4 to class at most better by 1 class then class
# of alternative 3
problem <- addAssignmentPairwiseAtMostComparisons(problem, c(4, 3, 1))
# remove comparison between alternative 4 and 3
problem <- removeAssignmentPairwiseAtMostComparisons(problem, c(4, 3))
```

removeAssignmentsLB *Remove lower bound of alternative possible assignments*

Description

This function removes lower bounds of possible assignments from a problem.

Usage

```
removeAssignmentsLB(problem, ...)
```

Arguments

problem Problem from which preference information will be removed.

... Assignments as two-element vectors and/or integers. Each argument represents assignment to remove. If $c(i, j)$ vector was provided an assignment of an alternative a_i to at least class C_j will be removed. In case where single value i was given an assignment of an alternative a_i will be removed regardless of class. If a specific assignment was not found nothing will happen.

Value

Problem with removed assignment examples.

Examples

```
# 4 alternatives, 2 gain criteria, 3 classes, monotonously increasing
# and general marginal value functions
perf <- matrix(c(5, 2, 1, 7, 0.5, 0.9, 0.4, 0.4), ncol = 2)
problem <- buildProblem(perf, 3, FALSE, c('g', 'g'), c(0, 0))

# add assignment examples: alternative 1 at least to class 2
# alternative 2 at least to class 3
problem <- addAssignmentsLB(problem, c(1, 2), c(2, 3))

# and remove the assignments
problem <- removeAssignmentsLB(problem, c(1, 2), 2)
```

removeAssignmentsUB *Remove upper bound of alternative possible assignments*

Description

This function removes upper bounds of possible assignments from a problem.

Usage

```
removeAssignmentsUB(problem, ...)
```

Arguments

problem	Problem from which preference information will be removed.
...	Assignments as two-element vectors and/or integers. Each argument represents assignment to remove. If $c(i, j)$ vector was provided an assignment of an alternative a_i to at most class C_j will be removed. In case where single value i was given an assignment of an alternative a_i will be removed regardless of class. If a specific assignment was not found nothing will happen.

Value

Problem with removed assignment examples.

Examples

```
# 4 alternatives, 2 gain criteria, 3 classes, monotonously increasing
# and general marginal value functions
perf <- matrix(c(5, 2, 1, 7, 0.5, 0.9, 0.4, 0.4), ncol = 2)
problem <- buildProblem(perf, 3, FALSE, c('g', 'g'), c(0, 0))

# add assignment examples: alternative 1 at least to class 2
# alternative 2 at least to class 3
problem <- addAssignmentsLB(problem, c(1, 2), c(2, 3))

# and remove the assignments
problem <- removeAssignmentsLB(problem, c(1, 2), 2)
```

 removeConstraintsByRestrictions

Remove constraints indices by restriction indices

Description

This function allows to remove constraints indices from indices interval by restriction indices.

Usage

```
removeConstraintsByRestrictions(constraintIntervalIndices,
    restrictionToRemoveIndices)
```

Arguments

constraintIntervalIndices

Vector of interval indices of each restriction constraints. $c(a_1, b_1, \dots, a_n, b_n)$, where i -th of n restrictions is represented as model constraints at indices between a_i and b_i including a_i, b_i .

restrictionToRemoveIndices

Vector of indices of restrictions to remove.

Value

Vector of model constraints of restrictions which are NOT in restrictionToRemoveIndices.

 removeMaximalClassCardinalities

Remove maximal class cardinality restrictions

Description

This function allows to remove defined maximal cardinality of particular classes.

Usage

```
removeMaximalClassCardinalities(problem, ...)
```

Arguments

problem

Problem from which preference information will be removed.

...

Two-element vectors and/or integers. Each argument represents restriction to remove. If $c(i, j)$ vector was provided then defined maximal cardinality j for class C_i will be removed. In case where single value i was given, a restriction for class a_i will be removed regardless of maximal cardinality value. If a specific restriction was not found nothing will happen.

Value

Problem with removed preference information.

Examples

```
# 4 alternatives, 2 gain criteria, 3 classes, monotonously increasing
# and general marginal value functions
perf <- matrix(c(5, 2, 1, 7, 0.5, 0.9, 0.4, 0.4), ncol = 2)
problem <- buildProblem(perf, 3, FALSE, c('g', 'g'), c(0, 0))

# set maximal class cardinalities:
# at most two alternatives could be assigned to class 2
# and at most one alternative could be assigned to class 3
problem <- addMaximalClassCardinalities(problem, c(2, 2), c(3, 1))
# remove defined restriction for class 2
problem <- removeMaximalClassCardinalities(problem, 2)
```

```
removeMinimalClassCardinalities
```

Remove minimal class cardinality restrictions

Description

This function allows to remove defined minimal cardinality of particular classes.

Usage

```
removeMinimalClassCardinalities(problem, ...)
```

Arguments

problem	Problem from which preference information will be removed.
...	Two-element vectors and/or integers. Each argument represents restriction to remove. If $c(i, j)$ vector was provided then defined minimal cardinality j for class C_i will be removed. In case where single value i was given a restriction for class a_i will be removed regardless of minimal cardinality value. If a specific restriction was not found nothing will happen.

Value

Problem with removed preference information.

Examples

```
# 4 alternatives, 2 gain criteria, 3 classes, monotonously increasing
# and general marginal value functions
perf <- matrix(c(5, 2, 1, 7, 0.5, 0.9, 0.4, 0.4), ncol = 2)
problem <- buildProblem(perf, 3, FALSE, c('g', 'g'), c(0, 0))

# set minimal class cardinalities:
# at least one alternative has to be assigned to class 2
# and at least one alternative has to be assigned to class 3
problem <- addMinimalClassCardinalities(problem, c(2, 1), c(3, 1))
# remove defined restriction for class 2
problem <- removeMinimalClassCardinalities(problem, 2)
```

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