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Title Network-Guided Penalized Regression (NetGreg)

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Description A network-guided penalized regression framework that integrates network characteristics from Gaussian graphical models with partial penalization, accounting for both network structure (hubs and non-hubs) and clinical covariates in high-dimensional omics data, including transcriptomics and proteomics. The full methodological details can be found in our publication by Ahn S and Oh EJ (2026) <doi:10.1093/bioadv/vbag038>.

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Description

A function to identify hub nodes (i.e., genes or proteins) from high-dimensional data using network-based criteria.

Usage

```
identifyHubs(X, delta, tau, ebic.gamma = 0.1)
```

Arguments

X	A data matrix of dimension n x p representing samples (rows) by features (columns).
delta	A numeric value indicating the proportion of nodes to considered as hubs in a network.
tau	A user-specified cutoff for the number of hubs.
ebic.gamma	A numeric value specifying the tuning parameter for the extended Bayesian information criterion (eBIC) used in network estimation.

Value

A list containing (1) the selected sparse graph structure and model selection results; (2) a data frame of feature names with their associated network characteristics (e.g., degree centrality); and (3) a character vector of top-ranked hub features (e.g., hub genes or proteins).

Examples

```
library(plsgenomics)
data(Colon) ## Data from plsgenomics R package
X = data.frame(Colon$X[,1:100]) ## The first 100 genes
Z = data.frame(Colon$X[,101:102]) ## Two clinical covariates
colnames(Z) = c("Z1", "Z2")
Y = as.vector(Colon$X[,1000])  ## Continuous outcome variable

## Apply identifyHubs():
preNG = identifyHubs(X=X, delta=0.05, tau=5, ebic.gamma = 0.1)

## Explore preNG results:
## To display the degree centrality for each node,
## sorted from strongest to weakest.
preNG$assoResults
preNG$hubs ## Returns the names of the identified hub nodes.
```

NetworkGuided   *NetworkGuided*

Description

A main function to obtain network-guided penalized regression coefficient estimates.

Usage

```
NetworkGuided(Y, X, hubs, Z, nfolds = 5)
```

Arguments

Y	A continuous outcome variable.
X	A data matrix of dimension n x p representing samples (rows) by features (columns).
hubs	A vector of hubs idenfitied through identifyHubs function from our package.
Z	A matrix of clinical or demographic covariates.
nfolds	A user-specified numeric value for k-fold cross-validation.

Value

A vector of network-guided penalized regression coefficients.

Examples

```
library(plsgenomics)
data(Colon) ## Data from plsgenomics R package
X = data.frame(Colon$X[,1:100]) ## The first 100 genes
Z = data.frame(Colon$X[,101:102]) ## Two clinical covariates
colnames(Z) = c("Z1", "Z2")
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## Apply identifyHubs():
preNG = identifyHubs(X=X, delta=0.05, tau=5, ebic.gamma = 0.1)

## Explore preNG results:
hubs = preNG$hubs ## Returns the names of the identified hub nodes.

## Use our main NetworkGuided function, to obtain network-guided
## penalized regression coefficient estimates.
NG = NetworkGuided(Y=Y, X=X, hubs=preNG$hubs, Z=Z, nfolds=5)
NG$coef
```

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