

# Package ‘netUtils’

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| as_adj_list1 | <i>Adjacency list</i> |
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## Description

Create adjacency lists from a graph, either for adjacent edges or for neighboring vertices. This version is faster than the version of `igraph` but less general.

## Usage

```
as_adj_list1(g)
```

## Arguments

|                |                               |
|----------------|-------------------------------|
| <code>g</code> | An <code>igraph</code> object |
|----------------|-------------------------------|

## Details

The function does not have a mode parameter and only returns the adjacency list comparable to `as_adj_list(g,mode="all")`

## Value

A list of numeric vectors.

## Author(s)

David Schoch

**Examples**

```
library(igraph)
g <- make_ring(10)
as_adj_list1(g)
```

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| as_adj_weighted | <i>weighted dense adjacency matrix</i> |
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**Description**

returns the weighted adjacency matrix in dense format

**Usage**

```
as_adj_weighted(g, attr = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| <code>g</code>    | An igraph object   |
| <code>attr</code> | Either NULL or a character string giving an edge attribute name. If NULL a traditional adjacency matrix is returned. If not NULL then the values of the given edge attribute are included in the adjacency matrix. |

**Details**

This method is faster than `as_adj` from `igraph` if you need the weighted adjacency matrix in dense format

**Value**

Numeric matrix

**Author(s)**

David Schoch

**Examples**

```
library(igraph)
g <- sample_gnp(10, 0.2)
E(g)$weight <- runif(ecount(g))
as_adj_weighted(g, attr="weight")
```

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as\_multi\_adj                      *Convert a list of graphs to an adjacency matrices*

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### Description

Convenience function that turns a list of igraph objects into adjacency matrices.

### Usage

```
as_multi_adj(g_lst, attr = NULL, sparse = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| g_lst  | A list of igraph object   |
| attr   | Either NULL or a character string giving an edge attribute name. If NULL a binary adjacency matrix is returned.         |
| sparse | Logical scalar, whether to create a sparse matrix. The 'Matrix' package must be installed for creating sparse matrices. |

### Value

List of numeric matrices

### Author(s)

David Schoch

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bipartite\_from\_data\_frame  
*two-mode network from a data.frame*

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### Description

Create a two-mode network from a data.frame

### Usage

```
bipartite_from_data_frame(d, type1, type2, attr = NULL)
```

### Arguments

|       |                               |
|-------|-------------------------------|
| d     | data.frame                    |
| type1 | column name of mode 1         |
| type2 | column name of mode 2         |
| attr  | named list of edge attributes |

**Value**

two mode network as igraph object

**Author(s)**

David Schoch

**Examples**

```
library(igraph)
edges <- data.frame(mode1=1:5,mode2=letters[1:5])
bipartite_from_data_frame(edges,"mode1","mode2")
```

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clique\_vertex\_mat      *Clique Vertex Matrix*

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**Description**

Creates the clique vertex matrix with entries (i,j) equal to one if node j is in clique i

**Usage**

```
clique_vertex_mat(g)
```

**Arguments**

*g*                      An igraph object

**Value**

Numeric matrix

**Author(s)**

David Schoch

**Examples**

```
library(igraph)
g <- sample_gnp(10,0.2)
clique_vertex_mat(g)
```

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| core_periphery | <i>Discrete core-periphery model</i> |
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**Description**

Fits a discrete core-periphery model to a given network

**Usage**

```
core_periphery(graph, method = "rk1_dc", iter = 5000)
```

**Arguments**

|        |                                   |
|--------|-----------------------------------|
| graph  | igraph object                     |
| method | algorithm to use (see details)    |
| iter   | number of iterations if method=SA |

**Details**

The function fits the data to an optimal pattern matrix with simulated annealing (method="SA") or a rank 1 approximation, either with degree centrality (method="rk1\_dc") or eigenvector centrality (method="rk1\_ec") . The rank 1 approximation is computationally far cheaper but also more experimental. Best is to compare the results from both models.

**Value**

list with numeric vector with entries (k1,k2,...ki...) where ki assigns vertex i to either the core (ki=1) or periphery (ki=0), and the maximal correlation with an optimal pattern matrix

**Author(s)**

David Schoch

**References**

Borgatti, Stephen P., and Martin G. Everett. "Models of core/periphery structures." *Social networks* 21.4 (2000): 375-395.

**Examples**

```
set.seed(121)
#split graphs have a perfect core-periphery structure
sg <- split_graph(n = 20, p = 0.3, core = 0.5)
core_periphery(sg)
```

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| dyad_census_attr | <i>dyad census with node attributes</i> |
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**Description**

dyad census with node attributes

**Usage**

```
dyad_census_attr(g, vattr)
```

**Arguments**

|       |  |
|-------|--|
| g     | igraph object. should be a directed graph. |
| vattr | name of vertex attribute to be used.       |

**Details**

The node attribute should be integers from 1 to max(attr). Currently only works for 2

**Value**

dyad census with node attributes.

**Author(s)**

David Schoch

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| fast_cliques | <i>Find Cliques, maximal or not, fast</i> |
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**Description**

Enumerates all (maximal) cliques using MACE. Can be faster than igraph in some circumstances

**Usage**

```
fast_cliques(g, what = "M", min = NULL, max = NULL, outfile = NA)
```

**Arguments**

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| g       | An igraph object   |
| what    | either "M" for maximal cliques or "C" for all cliques  |
| min     | Numeric constant, lower limit on the size of the cliques to find. NULL means no limit, ie. it is the same as 0 |
| max     | Numeric constant, upper limit on the size of the cliques to find. NULL means no limit                          |
| outfile | character. If not NA, cliques are written to file  |

**Details**

C Code downloaded from <http://research.nii.ac.jp/~uno/codes.htm>. Download the code and run make and then point an environment variable called MACE\_PATH to the binary. See <http://research.nii.ac.jp/~uno/code/mace> for more details. MACE is faster than igraph for dense graphs.

**Value**

a list containing numeric vectors of vertex ids. Each list element is a clique. If outfile!=NA, the output is written to the specified file

**Author(s)**

David Schoch

**References**

Kazuhisa Makino, Takeaki Uno, "New Algorithms for Enumerating All Maximal Cliques", Lecture Notes in Computer Science 3111 (Proceedings of SWAT 2004), Springer, pp.260-272, 2004

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| graph_cartesian | <i>Cartesian product of two graphs</i> |
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**Description**

Compute the Cartesian product of two graphs

**Usage**

```
graph_cartesian(g, h)
```

**Arguments**

|   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| g | An igraph object |
| h | An igraph object |

**Details**

See [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cartesian\\_product\\_of\\_graphs](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cartesian_product_of_graphs)

**Value**

Cartesian product as igraph object

**Author(s)**

David Schoch



**Examples**

```
library(igraph)
g <- make_ring(4)
h <- make_full_graph(2)
graph_cartesian(g,h)
```

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graph\_cor

*Graph correlation*

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**Description**

This function computes the correlation between networks. Implemented methods expect the graph to be an adjacency matrix, an igraph, or a network object.

**Usage**

```
graph_cor(object1, object2)

## Default S3 method:
graph_cor(object1, object2)

## S3 method for class 'igraph'
graph_cor(object1, object2, ...)

## S3 method for class 'matrix'
graph_cor(object1, object2)

## S3 method for class 'array'
graph_cor(object1, object2)
```

**Arguments**

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| object1 | igraph object or adjacency matrix                                     |
| object2 | igraph object or adjacency matrix over the same vertex set as object1 |
| ...     | additional arguments  |

**Value**

correlation between graphs

graph\_direct

*Direct product of two graphs*

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**Description**

Compute the direct product of two graphs

**Usage**

```
graph_direct(g, h)
```

**Arguments**

|   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| g | An igraph object |
| h | An igraph object |

**Details**

See [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tensor\\_product\\_of\\_graphs](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tensor_product_of_graphs)

**Value**

Direct product as igraph object

**Author(s)**

David Schoch

**Examples**

```
library(igraph)
g <- make_ring(4)
h <- make_full_graph(2)
graph_direct(g,h)
```

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graph\_from\_multi\_edgelist*Multiple networks from a single edgelist with a typed attribute*

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**Description**

Create a list of igraph objects from an edgelist according to a type attribute

**Usage**

```
graph_from_multi_edgelist(
  d,
  from = NULL,
  to = NULL,
  type = NULL,
  weight = NULL,
  directed = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| d        | data frame.  |
| from     | column name of sender. If NULL, defaults to first column.                |
| to       | column of receiver. If NULL, defaults to second column.                  |
| type     | type attribute to split the edgelist. If NULL, defaults to third column. |
| weight   | optional column name of edge weights. Ignored if NULL.                   |
| directed | logical scalar, whether or not to create a directed graph.               |

**Value**

list of igraph objects.

**Author(s)**

David Schoch

**Examples**

```
library(igraph)
d <- data.frame(from=rep(c(1,2,3),3),to=rep(c(2,3,1),3),
                type=rep(c("a","b","c"),each=3),weight=1:9)
graph_from_multi_edgelist(d,"from","to","type","weight")
```

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| graph_kpartite | <i>k partite graphs</i> |
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**Description**

Create a random k-partite graph.

**Usage**

```
graph_kpartite(n = 10, grp = c(5, 5))
```

**Arguments**

|     |                           |
|-----|---------------------------|
| n   | number of nodes           |
| grp | vector of partition sizes |

**Value**

igraph object

**Author(s)**

David Schoch

**Examples**

```
#3-partite graph with equal sized groups
graph_kpartite(n = 15, grp = c(5,5,5))
```

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|----------------------------|---|
| <code>graph_to_sage</code> | <i>convert igraph object to sage format</i> |
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**Description**

convert igraph object to sage format to be read in SAGE

**Usage**

```
graph_to_sage(g)
```

**Arguments**

|   |               |
|---|---------------|
| g | igraph object |
|---|---------------|

**Value**

sage string

**Author(s)**

David Schoch

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| helpers | <i>helper function</i> |
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**Description**

small functions to deal with typical network problems

**Usage**

```
biggest_component(g)
```

```
delete_isolates(g)
```

**Arguments**

g                   igraph object

**Value**

igraph object

**Author(s)**

David Schoch

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|----------------|--|
| sample_coreseq | <i>Generate random graphs with a given coreness sequence</i> |
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**Description**

Similar to [sample\\_degseq](#) just with [coreness](#)

**Usage**

```
sample_coreseq(cores)
```

**Arguments**

cores               coreness sequence

**Details**

The code is an adaption of the python code from <https://github.com/ktvank/Random-Graphs-with-Prescribed-K-Core-Sequences/>

**Value**

igraph object of graph with the same coreness sequence as the input

**Author(s)**

David Schoch

**References**

Van Koevering, Katherine, Austin R. Benson, and Jon Kleinberg. 2021. 'Random Graphs with Prescribed K-Core Sequences: A New Null Model for Network Analysis'. ArXiv:2102.12604. <https://doi.org/10.1145/3442381.3450001>.

**Examples**

```
library(igraph)
g1 <- make_graph("Zachary")
kcores1 <- coreness(g1)
g2 <- sample_coreseq(kcores1)
kcores2 <- coreness(g2)

#the sorted arrays are the same
all(sort(kcores1)==sort(kcores2))
```

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sample\_pa\_homophilic *Homophilic random graph using BA preferential attachment model*

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**Description**

A graph of  $n$  nodes is grown by attaching new nodes each with  $m$  edges that are preferentially attached to existing nodes with high degree, depending on the homophily parameters.

**Usage**

```
sample_pa_homophilic(
  n,
  m,
  minority_fraction,
  h_ab,
  h_ba = NULL,
  directed = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| n                 | number of nodes   |
| m                 | number of edges a new node is connected to                                      |
| minority_fraction | fraction of nodes that belong to the minority group                             |
| h_ab              | probability to connect a node from group a with group b                         |
| h_ba              | probability to connect a node from group b with group a. If NULL, h_ab is used. |
| directed          | should a directed network be created  |

**Details**

The code is an adaption of the python code from <https://github.com/gesiscss/HomophilicNtwMinorities/>

**Value**

igraph object

**Author(s)**

David Schoch #maximally heterophilic network sample\_pa\_homophilic(n = 50, m = 2, minority\_fraction = 0.2, h\_ab = 1) #maximally homophilic network sample\_pa\_homophilic(n = 50, m = 2, minority\_fraction = 0.2, h\_ab = 0)

**References**

Karimi, F., Génois, M., Wagner, C., Singer, P., & Strohmaier, M. (2018). Homophily influences ranking of minorities in social networks. *Scientific reports*, 8(1), 1-12. (<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41598-018-29405-7>)

Espín-Noboa, L., Wagner, C., Strohmaier, M., & Karimi, F. (2022). Inequality and inequity in network-based ranking and recommendation algorithms. *Scientific reports*, 12(1), 1-14. (<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41022-022-05434-1>)

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split\_graph

*split graph*

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**Description**

Create a random split graph with a perfect core-periphery structure.

**Usage**

split\_graph(n, p, core)

**Arguments**

|      |  |
|------|--|
| n    | number of nodes  |
| p    | probability of peripheral nodes to connect to the core nodes |
| core | fraction of nodes in the core                                |

**Value**

igraph object

**Author(s)**

David Schoch

**Examples**

```
#split graph with 20 nodes and a core size of 10
split_graph(n = 20, p = 0.4, 0.5)
```

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str.igraph

*Print graphs to terminal*

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**Description**

Prints an igraph object to terminal (different than the standard igraph method)

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'igraph'
str(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| object | An igraph object                        |
| ...    | additional arguments to print (ignored) |

**Value**

str does not return anything. The obvious side effect is output to the terminal.

**Author(s)**

David Schoch



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`structural_equivalence`*Maximal Structural Equivalence*

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**Description**

Calculates structural equivalence for an undirected graph

**Usage**

```
structural_equivalence(g)
```

**Arguments**

`g`                    An igraph object

**Details**

Two nodes `u` and `v` are structurally equivalent if they have exactly the same neighbors. The equivalence classes produced with this function are either cliques or empty graphs.

**Value**

vector of equivalence classes

**Author(s)**

David Schoch

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`triad_census_attr`*triad census with node attributes*

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**Description**

triad census with node attributes

**Usage**

```
triad_census_attr(g, vattr)
```

**Arguments**

`g`                    igraph object. should be a directed graph  
`vattr`                name of vertex attribute to be used

**Details**

The node attribute should be integers from 1 to  $\max(\text{attr})$ . The output is a named vector where the names are of the form Txxx-abc, where xxx corresponds to the standard triad census notation and "abc" are the attributes of the involved nodes.

The implemented algorithm is comparable to the algorithm in Lienert et al.

**Value**

triad census with node attributes

**Author(s)**

David Schoch

**References**

Lienert, J., Koehly, L., Reed-Tsochas, F., & Marcum, C. S. (2019). An efficient counting method for the colored triad census. *Social Networks*, 58, 136-142.

**Examples**

```
library(igraph)
set.seed(112)
g <- sample_gnp(20,p = 0.3,directed = TRUE)
# add a vertex attribute
V(g)$type <- rep(1:2,each = 10)
triad_census_attr(g,"type")
```

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