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| bottomSet | <i>Compute the k-bottom set for a set of intervals</i> |
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Description

Suppose that we select one point from each of a set of n intervals and rank them. The k -bottom set is the set of intervals whose points can have a rank of $n + 1 - k$ or higher.

Usage

```
bottomSet(intervals, k)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-----------|--|
| intervals | data frame (see generateIntervals for the required format) |
| k | cutoff for inclusion |

Details

See section 4.2 of Rising (2021).

Value

Indices of intervals in the k -bottom set.

References

Rising, Justin (2021). *Uncertainty in Ranking*. arXiv:2107.03459.

Examples

```
intervals <- data.frame(left = 1:4, right = 1:4 + 0.5)
bottomSet(intervals, 2)
```

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| canonicalize | <i>Compute a canonical representation of an interval order</i> |
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Description

This functions generates a set of intervals with distinct endpoints such that running any of the functions in this package on the return value gives the same answer as running those functions on the input.

Usage

```
canonicalize(intervals)
```

Arguments

intervals data frame (see [generateIntervals](#) for the required format)

Details

See section 3.1 of Rising (2021).

Value

a data frame in the same format as the input

References

Rising, Justin (2021). *Uncertainty in Ranking*. arXiv:2107.03459.

Examples

```
left <- c(0, 0, 0, 1, 2)
right <- c(0, 1, 2, 2, 2)
intervals <- data.frame(left = left, right = right)
toMatrix(intervals)
toMatrix(canonicalize(intervals))
```

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| coverGraph | <i>Compute the cover graph of order generated by intervals</i> |
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Description

The cover graph of the order generated by a set of intervals is the minimal graph whose reachability relation is that order.

Usage

```
coverGraph(intervals, names = NULL)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-----------|--|
| intervals | data frame (see generateIntervals for the required format) |
| names | names of intervals (1:nrow(intervals) by default) |

Details

See section 6 of Rising (2021).

Value

A list of edges of the cover graph.

References

Rising, Justin (2021). *Uncertainty in Ranking*. arXiv:2107.03459.

Examples

```
left <- sort(c(1:3, 1:3 + 0.1))
right <- left + 0.7
intervals <- data.frame(left = left, right = right)
coverGraph(intervals)
```

generateIntervals *Generate random intervals*

Description

Generate a set of intervals with endpoints uniformly distributed between 0 and 1.

Usage

```
generateIntervals(n, sort = FALSE, f = NULL)
```

Arguments

| | |
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| n | number of intervals to generate |
| sort | if TRUE, sort the output intervals by their left endpoints |
| f | transformation to apply to each endpoint |

Value

Data frame with columns 'left' and 'right'. It is guaranteed that every value in 'left' is no greater than the corresponding value in 'right'.

Examples

```
generateIntervals(10)
generateIntervals(20, f = qnorm)
generateIntervals(5, TRUE, f = function(x) { x + 1 })
```

indexIntervals *Generate index intervals for a set of intervals*

Description

If we pick one point from each of a set of intervals, the index intervals describe the possible ranks of points in each interval. If this function is given simultaneous $100(1 - \alpha)\%$ confidence intervals for a distinct set of parameters, the index intervals are simultaneous $100(1 - \alpha)\%$ confidence intervals for the true ranks.

Usage

```
indexIntervals(intervals)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-----------|--|
| intervals | data frame (see generateIntervals for the required format) |
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Details

See section 5.2 of Rising (2021).

Value

data frame (see [generateIntervals](#) for the format)

References

Rising, Justin (2021). *Uncertainty in Ranking*. arXiv:2107.03459.

Examples

```
left <- 0:2 * 0.5 + 1
right <- left + 0.75
intervals <- data.frame(left = left, right = right)
indexIntervals(intervals)
```

isCompatible

Test whether a ranking is compatible with a set of intervals

Description

A ranking is compatible with a set of intervals if we can pick a point from each interval such that the ranking of those points is the ranking in question.

Usage

```
isCompatible(intervals, ranking)
```

Arguments

intervals data frame (see [generateIntervals](#) for the required format)
ranking permutation of 1:nrow(intervals)

Details

See section 4.1 of Rising (2021).

Value

TRUE if the ranking is compatible and FALSE otherwise

References

Rising, Justin (2021). *Uncertainty in Ranking*. arXiv:2107.03459.

Examples

```
left <- 0:2 * 0.5 + 1
right <- left + 0.75
intervals <- data.frame(left = left, right = right)
isCompatible(intervals, 1:3)
isCompatible(intervals, c(3, 2, 1))
```

lessThan

Compare intervals

Description

Given a data frame representing a set of intervals, return true if row *i* is less than row *j* under the order generated by the intervals and false otherwise.

Usage

```
lessThan(intervals, i, j)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-----------|--|
| intervals | data frame (see generateIntervals for the required format) |
| i | row index of left-hand side of inequality |
| j | row index of right-hand side of inequality |

Value

Boolean value

Examples

```
left <- 0:2 * 0.5 + 1
right <- left + 0.75
intervals <- data.frame(left = left, right = right)
lessThan(intervals, 1, 2)
lessThan(intervals, 1, 3)
```

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| partition | <i>Partition the order generated by a set of intervals</i> |
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Description

A partition of the order generated by a set of intervals is a partition of their indices with the property the sets can be ordered so that the right endpoint of every interval in a set is less than the left endpoint of any interval in any subsequent set.

Usage

```
partition(intervals)
```

Arguments

intervals data frame (see [generateIntervals](#) for the required format)

Details

See section 3.2 of Rising (2021).

Value

A list whose entries correspond to sets in the partition

References

Rising, Justin (2021). *Uncertainty in Ranking*. arXiv:2107.03459.

Examples

```
left <- sort(c(1:3, 1:3 + 0.1))
right <- left + 0.7
intervals <- data.frame(left = left, right = right)
partition(intervals)
```

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| plotIntervals | <i>Plot intervals</i> |
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Description

Generates a plot of a set of intervals. This is intended for simple visualizations and does not offer any degree of customization.

Usage

```
plotIntervals(intervals)
```

Arguments

intervals data frame (see [generateIntervals](#) for the required format)

Value

ggplot object

Examples

```
intervals <- generateIntervals(10)
p <- plotIntervals(intervals)
p
```

toMatrix

Matrix representation of the order generated by a set of intervals

Description

Represent the order generated by a set of intervals as a boolean matrix. This is a common input format for programs that operate on partial orders.

Usage

```
toMatrix(intervals, strict = FALSE, binary = FALSE)
```

Arguments

intervals data frame (see [generateIntervals](#) for the required format)
strict is this <= or <?
binary output is coded as 0/1 if TRUE and FALSE/TRUE otherwise

Value

A boolean matrix. If strict is set to TRUE, the (i, j)th entry is `intervals[i, 'right'] < intervals[j, 'left']`. If strict is set to false, <= is used in place of <.

Examples

```
intervals <- generateIntervals(10)
toMatrix(intervals)
```

`topSet`*Compute the k-top set for a set of intervals*

Description

Suppose that we select one point from each of a set of n intervals and rank them. The k -top set is the set of intervals whose points can have a rank of k or lower.

Usage

```
topSet(intervals, k)
```

Arguments

| | |
|------------------------|--|
| <code>intervals</code> | data frame (see generateIntervals for the required format) |
| <code>k</code> | cutoff for inclusion |

Details

See section 4.2 of Rising (2021).

Value

Indices of intervals in the k -top set.

References

Rising, Justin (2021). *Uncertainty in Ranking*. arXiv:2107.03459.

Examples

```
intervals <- data.frame(left = 1:4, right = 1:4 + 0.5)
topSet(intervals, 2)
```

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