

# Package ‘causalMGM’

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## Description

Allows users to learn undirected and directed (causal) graphs over mixed data types (i.e., continuous and discrete variables). To learn a directed graph over mixed data, it first calculates the undirected graph (Sedgewick et al, 2016) and then it uses local search strategies to prune-and-orient this graph (Sedgewick et al, 2017). AJ Sedgewick, I Shi, RM Donovan, PV Benos (2016) <doi:10.1186/s12859-016-1039-0>. AJ Sedgewick, JD Ramsey, P Spirtes, C Glymour, PV Benos (2017) <arXiv:1704.02621>.

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get_directed_graph	<i>Get Directed Graph</i>
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**Description**

Gets the directed graph from a dataset based on the undirected graph

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loadData	<i>Loads dataset into a DataSet object</i>
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**Description**

Prompts user for file containing dataset and creates a DataSet object

**Usage**

```
loadData(data_table, file=FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

data_table	One-way R table
file	Boolean value, set to true to use dataset from file, false to use data_table

**Value**

ds	DataSet object
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**Note**

Should be called after `mgm_init()` File containing dataset must be a .txt tab-delimited file. The first row must contain the names of the variables and the remaining rows must contain the values of the variables.

**Author(s)**

Neha Abraham, Panagiotis Benos

**Examples**

```
library(rJava)
mgm_init()
ds <- loadData(file=TRUE) # to load dataset from file
ds <- loadData(data_table) # to load dataset from table
```

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loadSampleData	<i>Load Sample Dataset</i>
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**Description**

This function loads a sample dataset for users to experiment with.

**Usage**

```
loadSampleData()
```

**Value**

ds                      Dataset Java Object Reference

**Author(s)**

Neha Abraham

**Examples**

```
library(rJava)
mgm_init()
ds <- loadSampleData()
```

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mgm	<i>Mixed Graphical Model</i>
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**Description**

Returns the undirected graph of a mixed data set of continuous and discrete variables. This is an improved version of the Lee & Hastie algorithm (JMLR, 2012). The improvements include the use of three sparsity parameters, depending on the edge type (continuous-continuous, continuous-discrete, discrete-discrete) and a subsampling method to find the optimal sparsities. It also outputs the graph to a .txt file

**Usage**

```
mgm(ds)
```

**Arguments**

ds                      DataSet object returned from loadData()

**Value**

mgm\_graph              Graph object, undirected graph resulting from MGM

**Author(s)**

AJ Sedgewick, Neha Abraham, Panagiotis Benos

**References**

AJ Sedgewick, I Shi, RM Donovan, PV Benos, "Learning mixed graphical models with separate sparsity parameters and stability-based model selection", 2016, *BM Bioinformatics* 17(Suppl 5):S175 DOI: 10.1186/s12859-016-1039-0 <https://bmcbioinformatics.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12859-016-1039-0>

**Examples**

```
library(rJava)
mgm_init()
ds <- loadSampleData()
mgm_graph <- mgm(ds)
```

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mgm.cpc

*Conservative PC*

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**Description**

Returns the directed graph using the conservative Peter-Clark algorithm.

**Usage**

```
mgm.cpc(ds, graph)
```

**Arguments**

ds	Dataset Object
graph	Undirected graph received by calling the function mgm()

**Value**

Returns the directed graph

**Author(s)**

Neha Abraham, Vineet Raghu, Panagiotis Benos

**Examples**

```
library(causalMGM)
mgm_init()
ds <- loadSampleData()
graph <- mgm(ds)
mgm.cpc(ds, graph)
```

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mgm.pc_stable	<i>MGM PC Stable</i>
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### Description

Implements the PC-stable search algorithm () algorithm and returns the directed graph. Also outputs the graph to a .txt file

### Usage

```
mgm.pc_stable(ds, graph)
```

### Arguments

ds	DataSet object
graph	Graph object of DataSet

### Value

pcs_graph	Directed graph
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### Author(s)

AJ Sedgewick, Neha Abraham, Panagiotis Benos

### References

Andrew J Sedgewick, Joseph D. Ramsey, Peter Spirtes, Clark Glymour, Panayiotis V. Benos, "Mixed Graphical Models for Causal Analysis of Multi-modal Variables", 2017, arXiv:1704.02621 <https://arxiv.org/abs/1704.02621>

### Examples

```
library(rJava)
mgm_init()
ds <- loadSampleData()
graph <- mgm(ds)
mgm.pc_stable(ds, graph)
```

mgm\_init

*Initialize causalMGM*

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**Description**

Loads the rJava library, downloads tetradLite.jar, and initializes the JVM

**Usage**

```
mgm_init()
```

**Note**

Must be the first function called after loading the causalMGM library

**Author(s)**

Neha Abraham

**References**

<https://arxiv.org/abs/1704.02621> <https://bmcbioinformatics.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12859-016-1039-0>

**Examples**

```
library(rJava)
mgm_init()
```

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randnum

*Random Number*

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**Description**

Generates a random integer

**Author(s)**

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