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HYENNA provides estimators for information theoretic quantities as well as a series of algorithms and analysis tools implemented in pure python.

CHAPTER 1

Installation

For now, HYEENNA is only available to install from source. To do so, clone HYEENNA with:

```
git clone https://github.com/arbennett/HYEENNA.git
```

Then navigate to the HYEENNA directory and install with:

```
python setup.py install
```


HYEENNA provides nearest neighbor based estimators for

- Shannon Entropy (Single and multivariate cases)
- Mutual Information
- Conditional Mutual Information
- KL Divergence
- Transfer Entropy
- Conditional Transfer Entropy

CHAPTER 3

Examples

We provide several example notebooks in the [notebooks](#) directory.

CHAPTER 4

Documentation

See the full documentation at <https://hyeenna.readthedocs.io>

CHAPTER 5

References

6.1 API Reference

This page provides an auto-generated summary of HYENNA's API. For more details and examples, refer to the rest of the documentation.

6.1.1 Estimators

`hyeenna.estimators.conditional_entropy` (*X*: `numpy.array`, *Y*: `numpy.array`, *k*: `int = 5`) → float

Computes the conditional Shannon entropy of a sample of a random variable *X* given another sample of a random variable *Y* using an adaptation of the KL and KSG estimators

Parameters

- **X** (`np.array`) – Sample from a random variable
- **Y** (`np.array`) – Sample from a random variable
- **k** (`int`, *optional*) – Number of neighbors to use in estimation

Returns `cent` – estimated conditional entropy

Return type float

References

`hyeenna.estimators.conditional_mutual_info` (*X*: `numpy.array`, *Y*: `numpy.array`, *Z*: `numpy.array`, *k*: `int = 5`) → float

Compute the conditional mutual information

Parameters

- **X** (`np.array`) – Sample from random variable *X*
- **Y** (`np.array`) – Sample from random variable *Y*

- **Z** (*np.array*) – Sample from random variable Z
- **k** (*int, optional*) – Number of neighbors to use in estimation

Returns

Return type estimated conditional mutual information

References

`hyeenna.estimators.conditional_transfer_entropy` (*X: numpy.array, Y: numpy.array, Z: numpy.array, tau: int = 1, omega: int = 1, nu: int = 1, k: int = 1, l: int = 1, m: int = 1, neighbors: int = 5, **kwargs*)
→ float

Compute the transfer entropy from a source variable, X, to a target variable, Y, conditioned on other variables contained in Z.

Parameters

- **X** (*np.array*) – Source sample from a random variable X
- **Y** (*np.array*) – Target sample from a random variable Y
- **Z** (*np.array*) – Conditioning variable(s).
- **tau** (*int (default: 1)*) – Number of timestep lags for the source variable
- **omega** (*int (default: 1)*) – Number of timestep lags for the target variable conditioning
- **nu** (*int (default: 1)*) – Number of timestep lags for the source variable conditioning
- **k** (*int (default: 1)*) – Width of window for the source variable.
- **l** (*int (default: 1)*) – Width of window for the target variable conditioning.
- **m** (*int (default: 1)*) – Width of window for the source variable conditioning.
- **neighbors** (*int (default: K)*) – Parameter controlling the number of neighbors to use in estimation.
- ****kwargs** – Other arguments (undocumented, for internal usage)

Returns `conditional_transfer_entropy` – Computed via `conditional_mutual_info`

Return type float

References

`hyeenna.estimators.entropy` (*X: numpy.array, k: int = 5*) → float

Computes the Shannon entropy of a random variable X using the KL nearest neighbor estimator.

The formula is given by: $\hat{H}(X) = \psi(N) - \psi(k) + \log(C_d) + d \log(\epsilon)$

angle

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where

- N is the number of samples
- k is the number of neighbors

- ψ is the digamma function
- \bar{x}

\bar{x} is the mean

- ϵ_i is the 2 times the distance to the k^{th} nearest neighbor.

X: np.array Sample from a random variable

k: int, optional Number of neighbors to use in estimation

ent: float estimated entropy

`hyeenna.estimators.kl_divergence` (*P: numpy.array, Q: numpy.array, k: int = 5*)

Compute the KL divergence

Parameters

- **P** (*np.array*) – Sample from random variable P
- **Q** (*np.array*) – Sample from random variable Q
- **k** (*int, optional*) – Number of neighbors to use in estimation

Returns

Return type estimated KL divergence $D(P||Q)$

References

`hyeenna.estimators.marginal_neighbors` (*X: numpy.array, R: numpy.array, metric='chebyshev'*) \rightarrow list

Number of neighbors within a certain radius

`hyeenna.estimators.mi_local_nonuniformity_correction` (*X, *args, k: int = 5, alpha=1.05, **kwargs*)

Compute the local nonuniformity correction factor for strongly dependent variables. This correction is calculated based on the structure of the space of k-nearest neighbors. The volume of the hyper-rectangle of the maximum-norm bounding box for the k-nearest neighbor estimation is compared to that of the hyper-rectangle bounding the principal components of the covariance matrix of the k-nearest neighbor locations.

Parameters

- **X** (*np.array*) – A sample from a random variable
- ***args** (*List[np.array]*) – Samples from random variables
- **k** (*int, optional*) – Number of neighbors to use in estimation.
- **alpha** (*float, optional*) – Sensitivity parameter for filtering non-dependent volumes
- ****kwargs** (*np.array*) – Samples from random variables

Returns **inc** – The correction factor to be subtracted from the mutual information

Return type float

References

Estimation of Mutual Information for Strongly Dependent Variables. Retrieved from <https://arxiv.org/abs/1411.2003v3>

`hyeenna.estimators.multi_mutual_info` (*X*: *numpy.array*, **args*, *k*: *int* = 5, ***kwargs*) → *float*

Computes the multivariate mutual information of several random variables using the KSG nearest neighbor estimator.

The formula is given by: $\hat{I}(X_1, \dots, X_m) = (m-1) \cdot \psi(N) + \psi(k) -$

$\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \psi(n_i)$

- $\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \psi(n_i)$

angle

where

where

- N is the number of samples
- m is the number of variables
- k is the number of neighbors
- ψ is the digamma function
- n_i is the number of samples in the i -th variable

\bar{n} is the mean

- \bar{n}

\bar{n}_i is the number of points within the distance of

the k^{th} nearest neighbor when projected into the subspace spanned by \mathbf{X}_i .

X: np.array A sample from a random variable

***args: List[np.array]** Samples from random variables

k: int, optional Number of neighbors to use in estimation.

****kwargs: np.array** Samples from random variables

mi: float The mutual information

`hyeenna.estimators.mutual_info` (*X*: *numpy.array*, *Y*: *numpy.array*, *k*: *int* = 5) → *float*

Computes the Mutual information of two random variables, X and Y, using the KSG nearest neighbor estimator.

The formula is given by: $\hat{I}(X, Y) = \psi(N) + \psi(k) -$

$\frac{1}{2} (\psi(n_X) + \psi(n_Y))$

- $\frac{1}{2} (\psi(n_X) + \psi(n_Y))$

angle

where

where

- N is the number of samples
- k is the number of neighbors
- ψ is the digamma function
- $\bar{\theta}$

$\bar{\theta}$ is the mean

- $\bar{\theta}$

i is the number of points within the distance of

the k^{th} nearest neighbor when projected into the subspace spanned by S_i .

X: np.array A sample from a random variable

Y: np.array A sample from a random variable

k: int, optional Number of neighbors to use in estimation.

mi: float The mutual information

`hyeenna.estimators.nearest_distances` (*X: numpy.array, Y: numpy.array = None, k: int = 5, metric='chebyshev'*) → list

Distance to the kth nearest neighbor

`hyeenna.estimators.nearest_distances_vec` (*X: numpy.array, Y: numpy.array = None, k: int = 5, metric='chebyshev'*) → numpy.array

Find vector distance to all k nearest neighbors

`hyeenna.estimators.transfer_entropy` (*X: numpy.array, Y: numpy.array, tau: int = 1, omega: int = 1, k: int = 1, l: int = 1, neighbors: int = 5, **kwargs*) → float

Compute the transfer entropy from a source variable, X , to a target variable, Y .

Parameters

- **X** (*np.array*) – Source sample from a random variable X
- **Y** (*np.array*) – Target sample from a random variable Y
- **tau** (*int (default: 1)*) – Number of timestep lags for the source variable
- **omega** (*int (default: 1)*) – Number of timestep lags for the target variable conditioning
- **k** (*int (default: 1)*) – Width of window for the source variable.
- **l** (*int (default: 1)*) – Width of window for the target variable conditioning.
- **neighbors** (*int (default: K)*) – Parameter controlling the number of neighbors to use in estimation.
- ****kwargs** – Other arguments (undocumented, for internal usage)

Returns `transfer_entropy` – Computed via `conditional_mutual_info`

Return type float

References

6.1.2 Analysis

`hyeenna.analysis.estimate_info_transfer_network` (*varlist: list, names: list, tau: int = 1, omega: int = 1, nu: int = 1, k: int = 1, l: int = 1, m: int = 1, condition: bool = True, nruns: int = 10, sample_size: int = 3000*) → `pandas.core.frame.DataFrame`

Compute the pairwise transfer entropy for a list of given variables, resulting in an information transfer network.

Parameters

- **varlist** (*list*) – List of given variable data
- **names** (*list*) – List of names corresponding to the data given in *varlist*
- **tau** (*int (default=1)*) – Lag value for source variables
- **omega** (*int (default=1)*) – Lag value for conditioning target variable history
- **nu** (*int (default=1)*) – Lag value for conditioning source variable histories
- **k** (*int (default=1)*) – Window length for source variables (applied to the same variable as the *tau* parameter)
- **l** (*int (default=1)*) – Window length for target variable histories (applied to the same variable as the *omega* parameter)
- **m** (*int (default=1)*) – Window length for source conditioning variables (applied to the same variable as the *nu* parameter)
- **condition** (*bool (default=False)*) – Whether to condition on all variables, or just the target variable history.
- **nruns** (*int (default=10)*) – Number of samples to compute for each connection. The median value is reported.
- **sample_size** (*int (default=3000)*) – Size of samples to take during estimation of transfer entropy.

Returns **df** – Dataframe representing the information transfer network. Both rows and columns are populated with the given *names*.

Return type `pd.DataFrame`

`hyeenna.analysis.estimate_timescales` (*X: numpy.ndarray, Y: numpy.ndarray, lag_list: list, window_list: list, sample_size: int = 5000*) → `pandas.core.frame.DataFrame`

Compute the transfer entropy (TE) over a range of lag counts and window sizes.

Parameters

- **X** (*np.array*) – Source data
- **Y** (*np.array*) – Target data
- **lag_list** (*list*) – A list enumerating the lag counts to compute TE with
- **window_list** (*list*) – A list enumerating the window widths to compute TE with
- **sample_size** (*int*) – Number of samples to use when computing TE

Returns out – A dataframe containing the computed transfer entropies for every combination of lag and window given in the input parameters

Return type `pd.DataFrame`

`hyeenna.analysis.estimator_stats` (*estimator: callable, data: dict, params: dict, nruns: int = 10, sample_size: int = 3000*) → dict

Compute some statistics about a given estimator.

Parameters

- **estimator** (*callable*) – The estimator to compute statistics on. Suggested to be from the HYEENNA library.
- **data** (*dict*) – Input data to feed into the estimator
- **params** (*dict*) – Parameters to feed into the estimator
- **nruns** (*int (default: 10)*) – Number of times to run the estimator.
- **sample_size** (*int (default 3000)*) – Size of sample to draw from *data* to feed into the estimator

Returns stats – A dictionary containing sample statistics along with the actual results from each run of the estimator.

Return type dict

`hyeenna.analysis.shuffle_test` (*estimator: callable, data: dict, params: dict, confidence: float = 0.99, nruns: int = 10, sample_size: int = 3000*) → dict

Compute a one tailed Z test against a sample of shuffled surrogates.

Parameters

- **estimator** (*callable*) – The estimator to compute statistics on. Suggested to be from the HYEENNA library.
- **data** (*dict*) – Input data to feed into the estimator
- **params** (*dict*) – Parameters to feed into the estimator
- **confidence** (*float (default: 0.99)*) – Confidence level to conduct the test at.
- **nruns** (*int (default: 10)*) – Number of times to run the estimator.
- **sample_size** (*int (default: 3000)*) – Size of sample to draw from *data* to feed into the estimator

Returns stats – A dictionary with statistics from the standard *estimator_stats* function along with statistics computed on the shuffled surrogates. Most importantly are the ‘test_value’ and ‘significant’ keys, which are the value to perform the test on, along with whether the test result was significantly significant at the given confidence level.

Return type dict

6.1.3 Plotting

`class hyeenna.plot.NumpyEncoder` (*, *skipkeys=False, ensure_ascii=True, check_circular=True, allow_nan=True, sort_keys=False, indent=None, separators=None, default=None*)

Credit: <https://stackoverflow.com/questions/26646362/numpy-array-is-not-json-serializable>

default (*obj*)

Implement this method in a subclass such that it returns a serializable object for *o*, or calls the base implementation (to raise a `TypeError`).

For example, to support arbitrary iterators, you could implement `default` like this:

```
def default(self, o):
    try:
        iterable = iter(o)
    except TypeError:
        pass
    else:
        return list(iterable)
    # Let the base class default method raise the TypeError
    return JSONEncoder.default(self, o)
```


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