

Package ‘banditpam’

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Title Almost Linear-Time k-Medoids Clustering

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Description Interface to a high-performance implementation of k-medoids clustering described in Tiwari, Zhang, Mayclin, Thrun, Piech and Shomorony (2020) ``BanditPAM: Almost Linear Time k-medoids Clustering via Multi-Armed Bandits" <<https://proceedings.neurips.cc/paper/2020/file/73b817090081cef1bca77232f4532c5d-Paper.pdf>>.

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SystemRequirements C++17

Depends R (>= 3.5.0)

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Suggests ggplot2, knitr, MASS, rmarkdown, tinytest

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banditpam-package	<i>banditpam is a package for fast clustering using medoids</i>
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Description

banditpam is a high-performance package for almost linear-time k-medoids clustering. The methods are described in Tiwari, et al. 2020 (Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems 33).

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See Also

Useful links:

- Report bugs at <https://github.com/motiware/BanditPAM/issues>

bpam_num_threads	<i>Return the number of threads banditpam is using</i>
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Description

Return the number of threads banditpam is using

Usage

```
bpam_num_threads()
```

Value

the number of threads banditpam is using

KMedoids

*KMedoids Class***Description**

This class wraps around the C++ KMedoids class and exposes methods and fields of the C++ object.

Active bindings

`k (integer(1))`
 The number of medoids/clusters to create

`max_iter (integer(1))`
 max_iter the maximum number of SWAP steps the algorithm runs

`build_conf (integer(1))`
 Parameter that affects the width of BUILD confidence intervals, default 1000

`swap_conf (integer(1))`
 Parameter that affects the width of SWAP confidence intervals, default 10000

`loss_fn (character(1))`
 The loss function, "lp" (for p integer > 0) or one of "manhattan", "cosine", "inf" or "euclidean"

Methods**Public methods:**

- `KMedoids$new()`
- `KMedoids$get_algorithm()`
- `KMedoids$fit()`
- `KMedoids$get_medoids_final()`
- `KMedoids$get_labels()`
- `KMedoids$get_statistic()`
- `KMedoids$print()`
- `KMedoids$clone()`

Method `new()`: Create a new KMedoids object

Usage:

```
KMedoids$new(
  k = 5L,
  algorithm = c("BanditPAM", "PAM", "FastPAM1"),
  max_iter = 1000L,
  build_conf = 1000,
  swap_conf = 10000L
)
```

Arguments:

`k` number of medoids/clusters to create, default 5

algorithm the algorithm to use, one of "BanditPAM", "PAM", "FastPAM1"
 max_iter the maximum number of SWAP steps the algorithm runs, default 1000
 build_conf parameter that affects the width of BUILD confidence intervals, default 1000
 swap_conf parameter that affects the width of SWAP confidence intervals, default 10000
Returns: a KMedoids object which can be used to fit the banditpam algorithm to data

Method get_algorithm(): Return the algorithm used

Usage:

KMedoids\$get_algorithm()

Returns: a string indicating the algorithm

Method fit(): Fit the KMedoids algorithm given the data and loss. It is advisable to set the seed before calling this method for reproducible results.

Usage:

KMedoids\$fit(data, loss, dist_mat = NULL)

Arguments:

data the data matrix

loss the loss function, either "lp" (p, integer indicating L_p loss) or one of "manhattan", "co-sine", "inf" or "euclidean"

dist_mat an optional distance matrix

Method get_medoids_final(): Return the final medoid indices after clustering

Usage:

KMedoids\$get_medoids_final()

Returns: a vector indices of the final medoids

Method get_labels(): Return the cluster labels after clustering

Usage:

KMedoids\$get_labels()

Returns: a vector of the cluster labels for the observations

Method get_statistic(): Get the specified statistic after clustering

Usage:

KMedoids\$get_statistic(what)

Arguments:

what a string which should one of "dist_computations", "dist_computations_and_misc", "misc_dist", "build_dist", "swap_dist", "cache_writes", "cache_hits", or "cache_misses"
 return the statistic

Method print(): Printer.

Usage:

KMedoids\$print(...)

Arguments:

... (ignored).

Method `clone()`: The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

Usage:

```
KMedoids$clone(deep = FALSE)
```

Arguments:

`deep` Whether to make a deep clone.

Examples

```
# Generate data from a Gaussian Mixture Model with the given means:
set.seed(10)
n_per_cluster <- 40
means <- list(c(0, 0), c(-5, 5), c(5, 5))
X <- do.call(rbind, lapply(means, MASS::mvrnorm, n = n_per_cluster, Sigma = diag(2)))
obj <- KMedoids$new(k = 3)
obj$fit(data = X, loss = "l2")
meds <- obj$get_medoids_final()
plot(X[, 1], X[, 2])
points(X[meds, 1], X[meds, 2], col = "red", pch = 19)
```

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