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Examples

```
## Not run: demo(dti_art)
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```

awssigm

Estimate noise variance for multicoil MR systems

Description

The distribution of image intensity values S_i divided by the noise standard deviation in K -space σ in dMRI experiments is assumed to follow a non-central chi-distribution with $2L$ degrees of freedom and noncentrality parameter η , where L refers to the number of receiver coils in the system and $\sigma\eta$ is the signal of interest. This is an idealization in the sense that each coil is assumed to have the same contribution at each location. For realistic modeling L should be a locally smooth function in voxel space that reflects the varying local influence of the receiver coils in the the reconstruction algorithm used.

The function assumes L to be known and estimates a global σ employing an assumption of local homogeneity for the noncentrality parameter η .

Function `afsigmc` implements estimates from Aja-Fernandez (2009).

Usage

```
awssigmc(y, steps, mask = NULL, ncoils = 1, vext = c(1, 1), lambda = 20,
         h0 = 2, verbose = FALSE, sequence = FALSE, hadj = 1, q = 0.25,
         qni = .8, method=c("VAR","MAD"))
afsigmc(y, level = NULL, mask = NULL, ncoils = 1, vext = c(1, 1),
        h = 2, verbose = FALSE, hadj = 1,
        method = c("modevn","modem1chi","bkm2chi","bkm1chi"))
```

Arguments

y	3D array, usually obtained from an object of class dwi as <code>obj@si[, , i]</code> for some <code>i</code> , i.e. one 3D image from an dMRI experiment.
steps	number of steps in adaptive weights smoothing, used to reveal the underlying mean structure.
mask	restrict computations to voxel in mask, if <code>is.null(mask)</code> all voxel are used. In function <code>afsigmc</code> mask should refer to background for method <code>%in% c("modem1chi","bkm2chi",</code> and to voxel within the head for <code>method=="modevn"</code> .
ncoils	number of coils, or equivalently number of effective degrees of freedom of non-central chi distribution divided by 2.
vext	voxel extensions
lambda	scale parameter in adaptive weights smoothing
h0	initial bandwidth
verbose	if <code>verbose==TRUE</code> density plots and quantiles of local estimates of sigma are provided.
sequence	if <code>sequence=TRUE</code> a vector of estimates for the noise standard deviation sigma for the individual steps is returned instead of the final value only.
hadj	adjustment factor for bandwidth (chosen by <code>bw.nrd</code>) in mode estimation
q	quantile to be used for interquantile-differences.
qni	quantile of distribution of actual sum of weights $N_i = \sum_j w_{ij}$ in adaptive smoothing. Only voxel <code>i</code> with $N_i > q_{qni}(N_i)$ are used for variance estimation. Should be larger than 0.5.
method	in case of function <code>awssigmc</code> the method for variance estimation, either "VAR" (variance) or "MAD" (mean absolute deviation). In function <code>afsigmc</code> see last column in Table 2 in Aja-Fernandez (2009).
level	threshold for background separation. Used if <code>!is.null(level)</code> to redefine mask
h	bandwidth for local averaging

Value

a list with components

sigma	either a scalar or a vector of estimated noise standard deviations.
theta	the estimated mean structure

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References

K. Tabelow and J. Polzehl (2013). Estimating the noise level in MRI using structural adaptive smoothing. Manuscript in preparation.

colqFA	<i>FA map color scheme</i>
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Description

Color map implementing the FA color scheme develop at Uniklinikum Muenster (M. Deppe)

Usage

```
colqFA
```

Format

A vector with 256 RGB color values.

combineDWIdata	<i>Combine two objects of class "dtiData")</i>
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Description

This function creates a dtiData-object from two compatible dtiData-objects. Compatible means that the spatial dimensions coincide, but gradients and b-values may be different.

Usage

```
combineDWIdata(x1, x2, s0strategy = "first")
```

Arguments

x1	Object of class "dtiData"
x2	Object of class "dtiData"
s0strategy	Character, determines how the unweighted S0 images are handled. Six strategies are implemented. s0strategy="first" copies the S0 images from object x1, s0strategy="second" copies the S0 images from object x2, s0strategy="both" used the S0 images from both objects. s0strategy="rfirst" creates one average S0 image from object x1, s0strategy="rsecond" creates one average S0 image from object x2, s0strategy="rboth" creates one average S0 image from the S0 images in both objects.

Details

The function can be used to merge two objects of class "dtiData" under the condition that the information in slot ddim in both objects is identical. Also slots voxelext, orientation and rotation should be identical.

Value

An object of class "dtiData".

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See Also

[dtiData](#), [readDWIdata](#), [dtiData](#), [subsetg](#)

 dkiTensor-methods

Diffusion Kurtosis Imaging (DKI)

Description

These methods estimate, in each voxel, the diffusion kurtosis tensor (and the diffusion tensor) and some scalar indices.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'dtiData'
dkiTensor(object, method=c("CLLS-QP", "CLLS-H", "ULLS") ,
          mc.cores=setCores(), reprt=FALSE), verbose=FALSE)
## S4 method for signature 'dkiTensor'
dkiIndices(object, mc.cores=setCores(), reprt=FALSE),
           verbose=FALSE)
```

Arguments

object	Object of class "dtiData"
method	Method for tensor estimation. May be "CLLS-QP" for a quadratic programm solution for the constrained optimization (requires package quadprog), "CLLS-H" for a heuristic approximation described in Tabesh et al. (2011), or "ULLS" for an unconstrained linear least squares estimation.
mc.cores	Number of cores to use. Defaults to number of threads specified for openMP, see documentation of package awsMethods . Not yet fully implemented for these methods.
verbose	Verbose mode.

Value

An object of class "dkiTensor" or "dkiIndices".

Methods

signature(object = "ANY") Returns a warning

signature(object = "dtiData") The method "dkiTensor" estimates the diffusion kurtosis model, i.e., the kurtosis tensor and the diffusion tensor.

signature(object = "dkiTensor") The method "dkiIndices" estimates some scalar indices from the kurtosis tensor. The method is still experimental, some quantities may be removed in future versions, other might be included.

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See Also

[dtiData](#), [readDWIdata](#), [dtiData](#), [dkiTensor](#) [dkiIndices](#)

dti.smooth-methods

Methods for Function 'dti.smooth' in Package 'dti'

Description

The function provides structural adaptive smoothing for diffusion weighted image data within the context of an diffusion tensor (DTI) model. It implements smoothing of DWI data using a structural assumption of a local (anisotropic) homogeneous diffusion tensor model (in case a "dtiData"-object is provided). It also implements structural adaptive smoothing of a diffusion tensor using a Riemannian metric (in case a "dkiTensor"-object is given), although we strictly recommend to use the first variant due to methodological reasons.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'dtiData'
dti.smooth(object, hmax=5, hinit=NULL, lambda=20, tau=10, rho=1,
           graph=FALSE, slice=NULL, quant=.8, minfa=NULL, hsig=2.5,
           lseq=NULL, method="nonlinear", rician=TRUE,
           niter=5, result="Tensor")
```


Arguments

object	Either an object of class "dtiData" or an object of class "dtiTensor"
hmax	Maximal bandwidth
hinit	Initial bandwidth (default 1)
lambda	Critical parameter (default 20)
tau	Critical parameter for orientation scores (default 10)
rho	Regularization parameter for anisotropic vicinities (default 1)
graph	"logical": Visualize intermediate results (default FALSE)
slice	slice number, determines the slice used in visualization
quant	determines minfa as corresponding quantile of FA if is.null(minfa)
minfa	minimal anisotropy index (FA) to use in visualization
hsig	bandwidth for presmoothing of variance estimates
lseq	sequence of correction factors for lambda
method	Method for tensor estimation. May be "linear", "nonlinear"
rician	"logical": apply a correction for Rician bias. This is still experimental and depends on spatial independence of errors.
niter	Maximum number of iterations for tensor estimates using the nonlinear model.
result	Determines the created object. Alternatives are "Tensor" for create a dtiTensor-object and "dtiData" for a dtiData-object containing a smoothed data cube.

Value

An object of class dtiTensor.

Methods

object = "ANY" Returns a warning.

object = "dtiData" We highly recommend to use the method `dti.smooth` on DWI data directly, i.e. on an object of class "dtiData", due to methodological reasons, see Tabelow et al. (2008). It is usually not necessary to use any other argument than `hmax`, which defines the maximum bandwidth of the iteration.

If `model=="linear"` estimates are obtained using a linearization of the tensor model. This was the estimate used in Tabelow et.al. (2008). `model=="nonlinear"` uses a nonlinear regression model with reparametrization that ensures the tensor to be positive semidefinite, see Koay et.al. (2006). If `varmethod=="replicates"` the error variance is estimated from replicated gradient directions if possible, otherwise (default) an estimate is obtained from the residual sum of squares. If `volseq==TRUE` the sum of location weights is fixed to 1.25^k within iteration k (does not depend on the actual tensor). Otherwise the ellipsoid of positive location weights is determined by a bandwidth $h_k = 1.25^{k/3}$.

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See Also

[dtiData](#), [readDWIdata](#), [dtiTensor-methods](#), [dtiIndices-methods](#), [medinria](#), [dtiData](#), [dtiTensor](#), [dtiIndices](#)

dtiIndices-methods *Methods for Function 'dtiIndices' in Package 'dti'*

Description

The method creates estimates of the fractional anisotropy (FA) and relative anisotropy (RA) indices, the main directions of anisotropy and several statistics used for visualization.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'dtiTensor'
dtiIndices(object, mc.cores = setCores(,reprt=FALSE))
```

Arguments

object	Object of class "dtiTensor"
mc.cores	Number of cores to use. Defaults to number of threads specified for openMP, see documentation of package awsMethods . Our experience suggests to use 4-6 cores if available.

Value

An object of class "dtiIndices".

Methods

obj = "ANY" Returns a warning.

obj = "dtiTensor" Estimate tensor indices like trace, fractional and geodesic anisotropy, main diffusion direction and shape parameters.

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See Also

[medinria](#), [dtiTensor-methods](#), [dtiTensor](#), [dtiIndices](#)

Examples

```
## Not run: demo(dti_art)
```

dtiTensor-methods *Methods for Function 'dtiTensor' in Package 'dti'*

Description

The method estimates, in each voxel, the diffusion tensor from the DWI data contained in an object of class "dtiData".

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'dtiData'
dtiTensor(object, method=c("nonlinear", "linear"),
          mc.cores = setCores( , reprt = FALSE))
```

Arguments

object	Object of class "dtiData"
method	Method for tensor estimation. May be "linear", or "nonlinear".
mc.cores	Number of cores to use. Defaults to number of threads specified for openMP, see documentation of package awsMethods . Our experience suggests to use 4-6 cores if available.

Value

An object of class "dtiTensor".

Methods

obj = "ANY" Returns a warning.

obj = "dtiData" Estimate diffusion tensor from data in each voxel with the different options for the regression type and model for variance estimation. If `method=="linear"` estimates are obtained using a linearization of the tensor model. This was the estimate used in Tabelow et.al. (2008). `method=="nonlinear"` uses a nonlinear regression model with reparametrization that ensures the tensor to be positive semidefinite, see Koay et.al. (2006). The implementation is based on R's internal C code for the BFGS optimization. If `varmethod=="replicates"` the error variance is estimated from replicated gradient directions if possible, otherwise an estimate is obtained from the residual sum of squares. If `varmodel=="global"` a homogeneous variance is assumed and estimated as the median of the local variance estimates.

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See Also

[dtiData](#), [readDWIdata](#), [dtiIndices-methods](#), [medinria](#), [dtiData](#), [dtiTensor](#) [dwiMixtensor](#)

Examples

```
## Not run: demo(dti_art)
```

dwi-class

Class "dwi"

Description

The family of "dwi" classes is used for Diffusion Weighted Imaging (DWI) data and, within the Diffusion Tensor Model (DTI), diffusion tensors and its indices.

Objects from the Class

"dwi" is only a superclass, no instances should be created. However, objects can be created by calls of the form `new("dwi", ...)`. "dtiData", "dtiTensor", and "dtiIndices" can be created from their correspondingly named functions and methods.

Slots

- `.Data`: Object of class "list", usually empty.
- `gradient`: Object of class "matrix", matrix of dimension $c(3, ngrad)$ containing gradient directions.
- `btb`: Object of class "matrix", matrix of dimension $c(6, ngrad)$ obtained from gradient directions.
- `bvalue`: Object of class "numeric", of length `ngrad` containing b-values if available.
- `ngrad`: Object of class "integer", number of gradients (including zero gradients).
- `s0ind`: Object of class "integer", index of zero gradients within the sequence `1:ngrad`.
- `replind`: Object of class "integer", index (identifier) of unique gradient directions. Used to characterize replications in the gradient design by identical indices. length is `ngrad`.
- `ddim`: Object of class "integer", dimension of subcube defined by `xind`, `yind` and `zind`.
- `ddim0`: Object of class "integer", dimension of original image cubes. Vector of length 3.
- `xind, yind, zind`: Objects of class "integer", index for subcube definition in x-, y- and z-direction.
- `voxelext`: Object of class "numeric", voxel extensions in x-, y- and z-direction. Vector of length 3.
- `orientation`: Object of class "integer", orientation of data according to AFNI convention. Vector of length 3.
- `rotation`: Object of class "matrix", optional rotation matrix for gradient directions.
- `level`: Object of class "numeric", minimal valid S0-level. No evaluation will be performed for voxels with S0-values less than `level`.
- `source`: Object of class "character", name of the source image file or source directory.
- `call`: Object of class "call", call that created the object.

For class "dtiData":

- `si`: Object of class "array", Diffusion Weighted Data.
- `sdcoef`: Object of class "numeric", Parameters of the model for error standard deviation as a function of the mean. First two entries refer to intercept and slope of a linear function, third and fourth value are the endpoints of the interval of linearity. Contains `rep(0, 4)` if not set. If the function

For class "dtiTensor":

- `D`: Object of class "array", estimated tensors, dimension $c(6, ddim)$. Tensors are stored as upper diagonal matrices.
- `th0`: Object of class "array", estimated intensities in S0 images, dimension `ddim`
- `sigma`: Object of class "array", estimated error variances if `method=="linear"`, zero otherwise.
- `scorr`: Object of class "numeric", estimated spatial correlations in coordinate directions
- `bw`: Object of class "numeric", bandwidth for a Gaussian kernel that approximately creates the estimated spatial correlations. Needed for adjustments of critical values in the adaptive smoothing algorithm used in function `dwi.smooth`

mask: Object of class "array", logical indicating the voxel where the tensor was estimated.

hmax: Object of class "numeric", maximal bandwidth in case of adaptive smoothing, 1 otherwise.

outlier: Object of class "numeric", index of voxel where physical constraints are not met, i.e. where the observed values in gradient images S_i were larger than the corresponding S_0 values. These are probably motion effects or registration errors. Values are replaced by the corresponding (mean) S_0 values.

scale: Numerical value corresponding to the 95% quantile of the maximal eigenvalues of estimated tensors within the mask. Used for scaling in function `show3d.dtiTensor`

method: Object of class "character", either "linear" or "nonlinear" or "unknown". Indicates the regression model used for estimating the tensors.

For class "dtiIndices":

fa: Object of class "array", Fractional anisotropy values (FA)

ga: Object of class "array", Geodetic anisotropy values (GA)

md: Object of class "array", Mean diffusivity values (MD)

andir: Object of class "array", Main directions of anisotropy

bary: Object of class "array", Shape parameters

method: Object of class "character" either "linear" or "nonlinear" or "unknown". Indicates the regression model used for estimating the tensors.

For class "dkiTensor":

D: Object of class "array", estimated tensors, dimension $c(6, \text{ddim})$. Tensors are stored as upper diagonal matrices.

W: Object of class "array", estimated kurtosis tensors, dimension $c(15, \text{ddim})$.

th0: Object of class "array", estimated intensities in S_0 images, dimension `ddim`

sigma: Object of class "array", estimated error variances if `method=="linear"`, zero otherwise.

scorr: Object of class "numeric", estimated spatial correlations in coordinate directions

bw: Object of class "numeric", bandwidth for a Gaussian kernel that approximately creates the estimated spatial correlations. Needed for adjustments of critical values in the adaptive smoothing algorithm used in function `dti.smooth`

mask: Object of class "array", logical indicating the voxel where the tensor was estimated.

hmax: Object of class "numeric", maximal bandwidth in case of adaptive smoothing, 1 otherwise.

outlier: Object of class "numeric", index of voxel where physical constraints are not met, i.e. where the observed values in gradient images S_i were larger than the corresponding S_0 values. These are probably motion effects or registration errors. Values are replaced by the corresponding (mean) S_0 values.

scale: Numerical value corresponding to the 95% quantile of the maximal eigenvalues of estimated tensors within the mask. Used for scaling in function `show3d.dtiTensor`

method: Object of class "character", either "linear" or "nonlinear" or "unknown". Indicates the regression model used for estimating the tensors.

For class "dkiIndices":

fa: Object of class "array", Fractional anisotropy values (FA)

ga: Object of class "array", Geodetic anisotropy values (GA)

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andir: Object of class "array", Main directions of anisotropy
bary: Object of class "array", Shape parameters
k1: Object of class "array", Kurtosis along DT (Hui et al. 2008)
k2: Object of class "array", Kurtosis along DT (Hui et al. 2008)
k3: Object of class "array", Kurtosis along DT (Hui et al. 2008)
mk: Object of class "array", Mean kurtosis (Hui et al. 2008)
mk2: Object of class "array", Mean Kurtosis (Tabesh et al. (2011))
kaxial: Object of class "array", Axial kurtosis (Hui et al. 2008)
kradial: Object of class "array", Radial kurtosis (Hui et al. 2008)
fak: Object of class "array", Kurtosis anisotropy (Hui et al. 2008)
method: Object of class "character" either "linear" or "nonlinear" or "unknown". Indicates the regression model used for estimating the tensors.

For class "dwiQball":

order: Object of class "integer", maximal order of Spherical Harmonics to use, needs to be even.
forder: Object of class "integer", maximal order Gaussian-Laguerre functions in SPF basis (for EAP estimation)
zeta: Object of class "numeric", Scale parameter used in Gaussian-Laguerre functions (for EAP estimation)
lambda: Object of class "numeric", nonnegative regularization parameter.
sphcoef: Object of class "array", estimated coefficients for spherical harmonics, dimension $c((order+1)*(order+2)/2, ddim)$.
sigma: Object of class "array", estimated error variances if method=="linear", zero otherwise.
scorr: Object of class "numeric", estimated spatial correlations in coordinate directions
bw: Object of class "numeric", bandwidth for a Gaussian kernel that approximately creates the estimated spatial correlations. Needed for adjustments of critical values in the adaptive smoothing algorithm used in function `dti.smooth`
mask: Object of class "array", logical indicating the voxel where the tensor was estimated.
hmax: Object of class "numeric", maximal bandwidth in case of adaptive smoothing, 1 otherwise.
outlier: Object of class "numeric", index of voxel where physical constraints are not met, i.e. where the observed values in gradient images S_i were larger than the corresponding S_0 values. These are probably motion effects or registration errors. Values are replaced by the corresponding (mean) S_0 values.
scale: Numerical value corresponding to the 95% quantile of the maximal eigenvalues of estimated tensors within the mask. Used for scaling in function `show3d.dwiQball`
what: Object of class "character", "ODF", "wODF", "aODF" or "ADC". Indicates if the object contains coefficients of the orientation density function (ODF (Descoteaux 2007), wODF (Sapiro(2009) or aODF) or the apparent diffusion coefficient (ADC). Coefficients are computed with respect to spherical harmonics of the specified order.

For class "dwiFiber":

fibers: Object of class "matrix", Matrix of fibers. The first three columns contain the coordinates of the track points, the last three columns the direction vectors for each of these points.

startind: Object of class "integer", indices for the first dimension of fibers where coordinates for a new fiber start.
roix: Object of class "integer", coordinate range of region of interest in x-direction
roiy: Object of class "integer", coordinate range of region of interest in y-direction
roiz: Object of class "integer", coordinate range of region of interest in z-direction
method: Object of class "character", fiber tracking method.
minfa: Object of class "numeric", minimal fractional anisotropy index
maxangle: Object of class "numeric", maximal angle between fibres.

For class "dwiMixtensor":

model: Object of class "character", characterizes the type of the mixed tensor model. Currently the only implemented model is model="homogeneous_prolate".
ev: Object of class "array", estimated eigenvalues, dimension $c(2, ddim)$
mix: Object of class "array", estimated mixture coefficients, dimension $c(nmix, ddim)$. nmix is the number of mixture components specified.
orient: Object of class "array", estimated tensor orientations, dimension $c(2, nmix, ddim)$
th0: Object of class "array", estimated intensities in S0 images, dimension ddim
sigma: Object of class "array", estimated error variances if method=="linear", zero otherwise.
scorr: Object of class "numeric", estimated spatial correlations in coordinate directions
bw: Object of class "numeric", bandwidth for a Gaussian kernel that approximately creates the estimated spatial correlations. Needed for adjustments of critical values in the adaptive smoothing algorithm used in function dti.smooth
mask: Object of class "array", logical indicating the voxel where the tensor was estimated.
hmax: Object of class "numeric", maximal bandwidth in case of adaptive smoothing, 1 otherwise.
outlier: Object of class "numeric", index of voxel where physical constraints are not met, i.e. where the observed values in gradient images S_i were larger than the corresponding S0 values. These are probably motion effects or registration errors. Values are replaced by the corresponding (mean) S0 values.
scale: Numerical value corresponding to the 95% quantile of the maximal eigenvalues of estimated tensors within the mask. Used for scaling in function show3d.dtiTensor
method: Object of class "character", either "mixtensor" or "Jian". Indicates the regression model used for estimating the tensors.

Methods

Methods only operate on subclasses "dtiData", "dtiTensor", "dtiIndices", "dwiQball" and "dwiFiber".

dti.smooth Create estimates of diffusion tensors in each voxel using structural adaptive spatial smoothing.

dtiTensor signature(object = "dtiData"): Create estimates of diffusion tensors in each voxel.

dtiIndices signature(object = "dtiTensor"): Create estimates of diffusion tensors indices in each voxel.

tracking signature(object = "dtiTensor") or signature(object = "dtiIndices"): Fiber tracking.

dtiQball signature(object = "dtiData"): Create estimates of ADC-parameters with respect to a spherical harmonics ortho-normal system.

show3d Method for Function 'show3d' in Package 'dti'.

plot Method for Function 'plot' in Package 'dti'.

print Method for Function 'print' in Package 'dti'.

summary Method for Function 'summary' in Package 'dti'.

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See Also

[dtiData](#), [readDWIdata](#), [sdpar-methods](#), [getsdfsb-methods](#), [dwiRiceBias-methods](#), [dtiTensor-methods](#), [dwiMixtensor-methods](#), [dti.smooth-methods](#), [dwi.smooth-methods](#), [dtiIndices-methods](#), [dwiQball-methods](#), [tracking-methods](#), [show3d-methods](#), [plot-methods](#), [print-methods](#), [summary-methods](#), [extract-methods](#)

dwi.smooth-methods *Smooth DWI data*

Description

Adaptive smoothing of DWI data. Smoothing is performed both in space and on the sphere (e.g. between images obtained for different gradient directions) employing a natural geometrical distance (in $SE(3)$). Structural adaptation is used in space only. Method `dwi.smooth` refers to the original POAS approach for single shell data. Method `dwi.smooth.ms` implements an improved method that is applicable for both single and multi-shell data.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'dtiData'
dwi.smooth(object, kstar, lambda=20, kappa0=NULL, ncoils=1,
           sigma=NULL, level=NULL, vred=4, xind=NULL,
           yind=NULL, zind=NULL, verbose=FALSE, dist=1,
           model=c("Gapprox", "Gapprox2", "Chi", "Chi2"))

## S4 method for signature 'dtiData'
dwi.smooth.ms(object, kstar, lambda=12, kappa0=.5, ncoils=1,
             sigma=NULL, ws0=1, level=NULL, xind=NULL,
             yind=NULL, zind=NULL, verbose=FALSE,
             usemaxni=TRUE, memrelease = TRUE)
```

Arguments

object	Object of class "dtiData"
kstar	Number of steps in structural adaptation
lambda	Scale parameter in adaptation
kappa0	determines amount of smoothing on the sphere. Larger values correspond to stronger smoothing on the sphere. If kappa0=NULL a value is that corresponds to a variance reduction with factor vred on the sphere.
ncoils	Number of coils in MR system
sigma	Error standard deviation. Assumed to be known and homogeneous in the current implementation. A reasonable estimate may be defined as the modal value of standard deviations obtained using method getsdofsb.
level	Threshold for image intensities when setting mask.
vred	Used if kappa0=NULL to specify the variance reduction on the sphere when suggesting a value of kappa0
xind	index for x-coordinate
yind	index for y-coordinate
zind	index for z-coordinate
verbose	If verbose=TRUE additional reports are given.
dist	Distance in SE3. Reasonable values are 1 (default, see Becker et.al. 2012), 2 (a slight modification of 1: with $k6^2$ instead of $abs(k6)$) and 3 (using a 'naive' distance on the sphere)
model	Determines which quantities are smoothed. Possible values are "Chi" for observed values (assumed to be distributed as noncentral Chi with $2*ncoils$ degrees of freedom), "Chi2" for squares of observed values (assumed to be distributed as noncentral Chi-squared with $2*ncoils$ degrees of freedom). "Gapprox" and "Gapprox2" use a Gaussian approximation for the noncentral Chi distribution to smooth observed and squared values, respectively.
ws0	Factor to downweight information from S0 images, defaults to 1/number of s0 images.
usemaxni	If "usemaxni==TRUE" a strikter penalization is used.
memrelease	If "memrelease==TRUE" try to release allocated memory whenever possible.

Value

An object of class "dtiData" with smoothed diffusion weighted images.

Methods

signature(object) = "ANY" Returns a warning.
signature(object) = "dtiData" Smoothing of DWI data

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See Also

[dtiData](#), [dtiData](#),

dwiMixture-methods *Methods for Function 'dwiMixture' in Package 'dti'*

Description

The method estimates, in each voxel, a mixture of radial symmetric tensors from the DWI data contained in an object of class "dtiData".

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'dtiData'
dwiMixture(object, maxcomp=3,
           model=c("MT", "MTiso", "MTisoFA", "MTisoEV"), fa=NULL,
           lambda=NULL, reltol=1e-10, maxit=5000, ngc=1000,
           nguess=100*maxcomp^2, msc=c("BIC", "AIC", "AICC", "none"),
           mc.cores = setCores(reprt=FALSE))
## S4 method for signature 'dwiMixture,dwiMixture'
dwiMtCombine(mtobj1, mtobj2, msc="BIC", where=NULL)
```

Arguments

object	Object of class "dtiData"
maxcomp	Maximal number of mixture components.
model	Specifies the mixture model used. "MT" corresponds to a mixture of prolate tensors, "MTiso" includes an isotropic compartment, "MTisoFA" additionally fixes FA to the value given in argument fa and "MTisoEV" uses eigenvalues specified by fa and lambda.
fa	Value for FA in case of model="MTisoFA" or model="MTisoEV"
lambda	Value for first eigenvalue in case of model="MTisoEV"
reltol	Relative tolerance for R's optim() function.
maxit	Maximal number of iterations in R's optim() function.
ngc	provide information on number of voxel processed, elapsed time and estimated remaining time after ngc voxel.
nguess	number of guesses in search for initial estimates
msc	Criterion used to select the order of the mixture model, either BIC (Bayes Information Criterion) AIC (Akaike Information Criterion) or AICC ((Bias-)Corrected Akaike Information Criterion). None may be specified to only correct for underestimation of variances.
mtobj1	For method "dwiMtCombine" an "dwiMixture"-object.
where	Mask of voxel for which "dwiMtImprove" or "dwiMtCombine" should be performed.
mtobj2	For method "dwiMtCombine" an "dwiMixture"-object obtained from the same "dtiData" object. The maximum number of components in mtobj2 should preferably be less or equal to the maximum number of components in mtobj1.
mc.cores	Number of cores to use. Defaults to number of threads specified for openMP, see documentation of package awsMethods . Our experience suggests to use 4-6 cores if available.

Details

For `model=="MT"` the function estimates, in each voxel, a mixture of radial symmetric (prolate) tensors from the DWI data contained in an object of class `"dtiData"`. The number of mixture components is selected depending on the data, with a maximum number of components specified by `maxcomp`. Optimization is performed using R's internal BFGS code with mixture weights (volumes of compartments corresponding to a tensor component) computed using the Lawson-Hannson NNLS code. In case of `model=="MTiso"` the model additionally contains an isotropic compartment. Optimization uses the internal L-BFGS-B code. `model=="MTisoFA"` and `model=="MTisoEV"` fix FA and eigenvalues of the prolate tensors, respectively, in the tensor mixture model with isotropic compartment.

The method `"dwiMtCombine"` enables to combine results obtained for the same dwi data set with different specifications, e.g. for maximum number of components `mcomp` and settings that influence initial estimates. The combined result contains in each voxel the best result from both reconstructions with respect to the specified model selection criterion `msc`.

Value

An object of class `"dwiMixtensor"`.

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References

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See Also

[dtiData](#), [readDWIdata](#), [medinria](#), [dtiData](#), [dwiMixtensor](#)

Examples

```
## Not run: demo(mixtens_art)
```

dwiQball-methods

Methods for Function 'dwiQball' in Package 'dti'

Description

The method estimates, in each voxel, the coefficients of an expansion of the apparent diffusion coefficient (ADC) with respect to a spherical harmonics orthonormal system from the DWI data contained in an object of class `"dtiData"`.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'dtiData'
dwiQball(object, what="wODF", order=4, lambda=0)
```

Arguments

object	Object of class "dtiData"
what	Determines quantity to estimate, coefficients of the orientation density function (ODF) (what="ODF", what="wODF", what="aODF") or the apparent diffusion coefficient (ADC) (what="ADC") with respect to spherical harmonics of the up to the specified order.
order	even integer: maximum order of the spherical harmonics expansion
lambda	nonnegative regularization parameter.

Value

An object of class "dwiQball".

Methods

obj = "ANY" Returns a warning.

obj = "dtiData" Estimate, in each voxel, the coefficients of an expansion of the orientation density function (ODF) or the apparent diffusion coefficient (ADC) with respect to a spherical harmonics orthonormal system. Note that the maxima of the ADC have no direct interpretation as fibre orientations.

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References

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See Also

[dtiData](#), [readDWIdata](#), [dtiIndices-methods](#), [medinria](#), [dtiData](#), [dtiTensor](#)

Examples

```
## Not run: demo(dti_art)
```

dwiRiceBias-methods *Correction for Rician Bias*

Description

Correction for Rician Bias assuming known variance parameter

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'dtiData'
dwiRiceBias(object, sigma=NULL, ncoils=1)
```

Arguments

object	Object of class "dtiData"
sigma	Scale parameter that relates the distribution of the signal to a χ_{2L} distribution
ncoils	number of effective coils in parallel imaging, the related χ distribution has $2*ncoils$ degrees of freedom.

Value

An object of class "dtiData".

Methods

object = "ANY" Returns a warning.

object = "dtiData" Returns a dtiData object with bias-corrected image intensities.

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See Also

[dtiData](#), [dtiTensor-methods](#), [dwiMixtensor-methods](#), [dtiData](#), [dtiTensor](#), [dwiMixtensor](#),

dwiSqrtODF-methods *Methods for positive definite EAP and ODF estimation in Package dti*

Description

Compute a positive definite estimate of the Ensemble Average Propagator (EAP) and Orientation Density Function (ODF) using the approach of Cjeng et. al (2012).

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'dtiData'
dwiSqrtODF(object, what="sqrtODF", order=4, forder=1, lambda=0, D0=1.4e-3)
```

Arguments

object	Object of class "dtiData"
what	Character, currently only "sqrtODF" is possible
order	Even integer, Order of spherical harmonics approximation.
forder	Integer, Order of radial approximation.
lambda	Non-negative, Regularization parameter.
D0	Numeric vector, grid of diffusivity parameters, typically about 1e-3.

Methods

signature(object = "ANY") Returns a warning.

signature(object = "dtiData") Compute a positive definite estimate of the Ensemble Average Propagator (EAP) and Orientation Density Function (ODF) using the approach of Cjeng et. al (2012).

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References

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See Also

[dtiData](#), [readDWIdata](#), [dtiData](#), [dwiQball](#)

extract-methods

Methods for Function 'extract' and 'l' in Package 'dti'

Description

The methods extract and/or compute specified statistics from object of class "dtiData", "dtiTensor", and "dtiIndices". This can be restricted to a subset of voxel.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'dtiData'
extract(x,
  what=c("data","gradient","btb","s0","sb","siq"),
  xind=TRUE, yind=TRUE, zind=TRUE)
## S4 method for signature 'dtiTensor'
extract(x, what=c("tensor", "fa", "ga", "md", "evalues",
  "andir", "s0", "mask", "bic", "aic", "outlier"),
  xind=TRUE, yind=TRUE, zind=TRUE, mc.cores = setCores(), reprt = FALSE))
## S4 method for signature 'dwiMixtensor'
extract(x, what=c("andir", "order", "ev", "mix", "s0",
  "mask", "fa", "eorder", "bic", "aic"), xind=TRUE, yind=TRUE, zind=TRUE)
## S4 method for signature 'dtiIndices'
extract(x, what=c("fa", "andir", "ga", "md", "bary"),
  xind=TRUE, yind=TRUE, zind=TRUE)
## S4 method for signature 'dwiQball'
extract(x, what=c("sphcoef", "s0", "mask", "bic", "aic",
  "outlier"), xind=TRUE, yind=TRUE, zind=TRUE)
## S4 method for signature 'dtiData'
x[i, j, k, drop=FALSE]
## S4 method for signature 'dtiTensor'
x[i, j, k, drop=FALSE]
```

```

    ## S4 method for signature 'dtiIndices'
x[i, j, k, drop=FALSE]
    ## S4 method for signature 'dkiTensor'
x[i, j, k, drop=FALSE]
    ## S4 method for signature 'dkiIndices'
x[i, j, k, drop=FALSE]
    ## S4 method for signature 'dwiQball'
x[i, j, k, drop=FALSE]

```

Arguments

x	Object of class <code>dti</code>
i	vector of x-coordinates, defaults to whole range.
j	vector of y-coordinates, defaults to whole range.
k	vector of z-coordinates, defaults to whole range.
xind	vector of x-coordinates, defaults to whole range.
yind	vector of y-coordinates, defaults to whole range.
zind	vector of z-coordinates, defaults to whole range.
what	Statistic to extract. See Methods Section for details.
drop	unused.
mc.cores	Number of cores to use. Defaults to number of threads specified for <code>openMP</code> , see documentation of package awsMethods . Our experience suggests to use 4-6 cores if available.

Value

For function `extract` a list with components carrying the names of the options specified in argument `what`. For `code["]` the cutted object.

Methods

The generic `extract` function `["` does what it is expected to do: it extracts parts of the object specified by `i`, `j`, and `k`.

Returns a warning for `extract`. Generic function for `["` returns an object of same class with data clipped to the indices specified in arguments `i`, `j` and `k`.

x = "ANY" "dtiData" Extraction of squared gradient matrix `"btb"` or of S0 `"s0"`, Sb `"sb"`, Si/mean(SO) `"siq"` or all images `"data"` restricted to the cube defined by arguments `i`, `j` and `k`.

x = "dtiIndices" Returns an array containing the specified statistics, i.e. fractional anisotropy `"fa"`, geodesic anisotropy `"ga"`, mean diffusivity `"md"`, main direction of anisotropy `"andir"` and/or shape parameters `"bary"`, as specified in argument `what`. Information is extracted for voxel within the cube defined by `xind`, `yind`, and `zind`.

x = "dtiTensor" Returns a list with component names corresponding to `what` containing the specified statistics, i.e. fractional anisotropy `"fa"`, geodesic anisotropy `"ga"`, mean diffusivity `"md"`, eigenvalues `"evalues"`, main direction of anisotropy `"andir"`, the tensor `"tensor"` the estimated S0 image `"s0"`, the values of the model selection criteria BIC `"bic"` or AIC `"aic"` and/or the mask used to restrict computations `"mask"`, as specified in argument `what`. Information is extracted for voxel within the cube defined by arguments `xind`, `yind` and `zind`.

x = "dwiMixtensor" Returns a list with component names corresponding to what containing the specified statistics. Possible values for what are "order" (estimated number of mixture components), "eorder" effective order), "ev" (eigenvalues), "mix" (mixture weights), "andir" (main directions of diffusion), "fa" (FA index), "s0" (the estimated S0 image), the values of the model selection criteria BIC "bic" or AIC "aic" and mask (the mask used to restrict computations). Information is extracted for voxel within the cube defined by arguments xind, yind and zind.

x = "dwiQball" Returns an array containing the specified statistics, the estimated coefficients with respect to the selected spherical harmonics basis "sphcoef", the estimated S0 image "s0", the values of the model selection criteria BIC "bic" or AIC "aic" and/or the mask used to restrict computations "mask", as specified in argument what. Information is extracted for voxel within the cube defined by arguments xind, yind and zind.

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See Also

[dtiData](#), [dtiTensor](#), [dtiIndices](#) [dwiMixtensor](#), [dwiQball](#)

getmask-methods

Methods for Function 'getmask' in Package 'dti'

Description

Create a mask containing voxel inside the head

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'dtiData'
getmask(object, level = NULL, prop = 0.4, size = 3)
```

Arguments

object	an object of class "dtiData"
level	S0 intensity value to be used to discriminate between voxel inside and outside the brain. A good value of level may be determined using method <code>sdpar</code> in advance.
prop	proportion of voxel in test area with s0 value larger than level needed to decide for a voxel inside the brain
size	size of a cube defining a test area

Value

The function returns an object of class `dtiData`.

Methods

obj = "ANY" Returns a warning
obj = "dtiData" Create a mask containing voxel inside the head
obj = "array" Create a mask containing voxel inside the head

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See Also

[dtiData](#), [readDWIdata](#), [dti.smooth](#), [sdpar](#)

getsdofsb-methods

Estimate the noise standard deviation

Description

Estimate the noise standard deviation. Uses an assumption that the standard deviation is a linear function of the expected mean for image intensities. qA0 and qA1 define quantiles of observed image intensities that define the range of values where this assumption is made.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'dtiData'
getsdofsb(object, qA0=.1, qA1=.98, nsb=NULL, level=NULL)
```

Arguments

object	Object of class "dtiData"
qA0	level for lower quantile of image intensities
qA1	level for upper quantile of image intensities
nsb	number of diffusion weighted image to use
level	level for mask

Value

An object of class "dtiData" with results in slot sdcoef in components 5: intercept parameter, 6: slope parameter for linear model, 7: lower bound (depending on qA0) and 8: upper bound (depending on qA1).

Methods

signature(object) = "ANY" Returns a warning.
 signature(object) = "dtiData" Returns a dtiData object with estimated standard deviation parameters in slot sdcoef.

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See Also

[dtiData](#), [dwi.smooth-methods](#), [dtiData](#),

medinria

Read/Write Diffusion Tensor Data from/to NIFTI File

Description

Read/Write diffusion tensor data from/to NIfTI file. Interface functions to MedINRIA.

Usage

```
medinria2tensor(filename)
tensor2medinria(obj, filename, xind = NULL, yind = NULL, zind = NULL)
```

Arguments

filename	file name for the tensor data.
obj	object of class "dtiTensor"
xind	index to define a subcube in x-direction. If is.null(xind) all voxel indices are used.
yind	index to define a subcube in y-direction. If is.null(yind) all voxel indices are used.
zind	index to define a subcube in z-direction. If is.null(zind) all voxel indices are used.

Value

For function medinria2tensor: object of class "dtiTensor".

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<http://www-sop.inria.fr/asclepios/software/MedINRIA/>

See Also

[dtiTensor](#), [dtiTensor-methods](#) [dtiIndices-methods](#)

Examples

```
## Not run: demo(dti_art)
```

optgrad	<i>Optimal gradient directions</i>
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Description

List containing gradient directions minimizing Coulomb forces on the sphere following a proposal by D. Jones (1999) for number of gradients between 6 and 162.

optgradients	<i>Optimal gradient directions for number of gradients between 6 and 162</i>
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Description

Optimal gradient directions minimizing symmetrized Coulomb forces on the sphere following a proposal by Jones et al. (1999). These directions define an optimal design in DWI for given number of gradients.

Usage

```
optgrad
```

Format

a list with name optgrad and component ngrad-5 containing a matrix with ngrad gradients as columns.

plot-methods	<i>Methods for Function 'plot' in Package 'dti'</i>
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Description

Visualization of objects of class "dtiData", "dtiIndices", "dtiTensor" and class "dwiMixtensor"

Usage

```

## S4 method for signature 'dtiData'
plot(x, y, slice=1, gradient=NULL, view= "axial", show=TRUE,
     density=FALSE, xind=NULL, yind=NULL, zind=NULL, mar=c(3,3,3,.3),
     mgp=c(2,1,0), ...)
## S4 method for signature 'dtiTensor'
plot(x, y, slice=1, view="axial", quant=0, minfa=NULL, contrast.enh=1,
     what="fa", qrangle=c(.01,.99), xind=NULL, yind=NULL, zind=NULL,
     mar=c(2,2,2,.2), mgp=c(2,1,0), ...)
## S4 method for signature 'dwiMixtensor'
plot(x, y, slice=1, view="axial", what="fa", minfa=NULL,
     identify=FALSE, xind=NULL, yind=NULL, zind=NULL, mar=c(2,2,2,.2),mgp=c(2,1,0), ...)
## S4 method for signature 'dtiIndices'
plot(x, y, slice=1, view= "axial", method=1, quant=0, minfa=NULL,
     show=TRUE, identify=FALSE, density=FALSE, contrast.enh=1, what="fa",
     xind=NULL, yind=NULL, zind=NULL, mar=c(3,3,3,.3), mgp=c(2,1,0), ...)
## S4 method for signature 'dwiFiber'
plot(x, y, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'dkiIndices'
plot(x, y, slice=1, what=c("md", "fa", "mk", "mk2"), ...)

```

Arguments

x	Object of class "dtiIndices", "dtiData" or "dtiTensor"
y	Not used
slice	Slice number
view	Choose "sagittal", "coronal", or "axial" view here
gradient	Index of data cube to plot. Defaults to the first S0 image.
method	Method for color coding tensor indices.
quant	If is.null(minfa) specify minfa as corresponding quantile of the fractal anisotropy (FA) index.
minfa	Display only information for voxel with (G)FA>minfa
show	Visualize information in a graphics device (for classes "dtiData" and "dtiIndices" only).
identify	Enable identification of coordinates by mouse actions, logical with default FALSE. Uses function identify. (for classes "dtiIndices" and "dwiMixtensor" only)
density	Show density of S0(Sb)-values (for class "dtiData") or densities of fractal anisotropy (FA) or geodesic anisotropy (GA) (for class "dtiIndices").
contrast.enh	Enhance image contrast using min(1, x\$anindex/contrast.enh instead of the anisotropy index itself. Effective values are within the interval (0,1).
what	In case of class "dtiIndices" what="ga" uses geodesic anisotropy (GA) in contrast to what="fa" for fractional anisotropy (FA). For class "dwiMixtensor" what="fa" for FA and what="order" for the number of mixture components may be chosen.
mar	Graphical parameter for par.
mgp	Graphical parameter for par.
qrangle	Cut image intensity to these quantiles to avoid that outliers determine the dynamic range of the image.

<code>xind</code>	If provided restrict display to indices specified in <code>xind</code> for x-direction.
<code>yind</code>	If provided restrict display to indices specified in <code>yind</code> for y-direction.
<code>zind</code>	If provided restrict display to indices specified in <code>zind</code> for z-direction.
<code>...</code>	currently not used

Methods

`x = "ANY"` Generic function: see [plot](#).

`x = "dwi"` Returns a warning.

`x = "dtiData"` gradient can be used to specify a specific data cube associated with the index of a gradient direction. For objects of class "dtiData" images are produced that are scaled by the maximal observed image value. This guarantees that subsequently produced images are on a comparable grey scale. The resulting image of class "adimpro" from package **adimpro** is returned.

`x = "dtiIndices"` Color coded anisotropy maps are produced depending on the specification in method. `method==1`, `method==2`, `method==4` and `method==5` specify three different color schemes for directional FA-maps. `method==6` uses colored FA maps based on scheme developed at Uni Muenster (M. Deppe, Germany). `method==3` specifies visualization of dti-Indices using color coded shape parameters. If `identify==FALSE` the resulting image of class "adimpro" from package **adimpro**, otherwise a matrix with coordinates of identified voxel is returned.

`x = "dtiTensor"` The tensor itself, fractional anisotropy (FA), mean diffusivity (MD) and a color coded anisotropy map are provided. NULL is returned.

`x = "dwiMixtensor"` Depending of what images of FA (`what="fa"`), number of mixture components (`what="order"`), effective order (`what="eorder"`) or maximum eigenvalues (`what="ev"`), is returned.

`x = "dwiFiber"` Creates a density plot of fiber lengths. NULL is returned.

`x = "dkiIndices"` Preliminary function to plot a slice of diffusion kurtosis indices: Mean Kurtosis `what="mk"` or `what="mk2"`, mean diffusivity `what="md"`, fractional anisotropy `what="fa"`.

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See Also

[dtiIndices](#), [dtiData](#), [dtiTensor](#) [dwiMixtensor](#)

Examples

```
## Not run: demo(dti_art)
```

pmatrix	<i>Parallelize columnwise computations on a matrix using forking (generalizes function 'pvec' from package 'parallel')</i>
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Description

parallelizes the execution of a function on matrix elements by splitting the matrix by columns and submitting each part to one core. The function must take a matrix argument, with computations depending on row entries. It creates a matrix with same number of columns as on input, but possibly different number of rows.

Usage

```
pmatrix(x, FUN, ..., mc.cores = setCores(,reprt=FALSE))  
plmatrix(x, FUN, ..., mc.cores = setCores(,reprt=FALSE))
```

Arguments

x	matrix to operate on.
FUN	function depending on a matrix argument, and providing a matrix valued result.
...	see documentation for function pvec
mc.cores	number of threads to use. Defaults to number of threads specified for openMP, see documentation of package awsMethods .

Details

this functions are wrappers to functions parCapply and parLapply from **parallel**.

Value

Returns a matrix containing the results for the individual columns of x as columns.

Note

These functions are wrappers to functions parCapply and parLapply from **parallel**.

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polyeder	<i>Polyeders derived from the Icosahedron (icosa0) by sequential triangulation of surface triangles</i>
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Description

icosa0 - icosa4 provide a description of regular polyeders derived from the Icosahedron (icosa0) by sequential triangulation of surface triangles

Usage

```
icosax
```

Format

a list with components

1. vertices - array of dimension $c(3, nv)$. containing cartesian coordinate of the nv vertices.
2. indices - Indices of vertices that define surface triangles of the polyeder.
3. edges - Indices of vertices that define edges of the polyeder.
4. nv - number of vertices
5. ne - number of edges
6. ni - number of triangles

print-methods	<i>Methods for Function 'print' in Package 'dti'</i>
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Description

The function provides information on data dimensions, data source and existing slot-names for objects of class "dti", "dtiData", "dtiTensor", "dtiIndices", "dkiIndices", "dkiTensor", "dwiMixtensor", "dwiQball" and "dwiFiber".

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'dwi'
print(x)
```

Arguments

x Object of class "dtiIndices", "dtiData", "dtiTensor", "dkiIndices", "dkiTensor", "dwiFiber", "dwiMixtensor" or "dwiQball"

Methods

x = "ANY" Generic function: see [print](#).

x = "dwi" The function provides information on data dimensions, data source and existing slot-names for objects of class "dwi".

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See Also

[dtiIndices](#), [dtiData](#), [dtiTensor](#) [dwiMixtensor](#) [dwiQball](#) [dwiFiber](#)

 readDWIdata

Read Diffusion Weighted Data

Description

The functions create a "dtiData" object from Diffusion Weighted Data from medical imaging files in a list of directories or from an imagefile, where the diffusion weighted data is given as 2-byte integer.

Usage

```
dtiData(gradient, imagefile, ddim, bvalue = NULL, xind = NULL, yind = NULL, zind = NULL,
        level = 0, mins0value = 1, maxvalue = 32000, voxelxt = c(1, 1, 1),
        orientation = c(0L, 2L, 5L), rotation = diag(3))
readDWIdata(gradient, dirlist, format = c("DICOM", "NIFTI", "ANALYZE", "AFNI"),
            nslice = NULL, order = NULL, bvalue = NULL,
            xind = NULL, yind = NULL, zind = NULL, level = 0, mins0value = 1,
            maxvalue = 32000, voxelxt = NULL, orientation = c(0L, 2L, 5L),
            rotation = NULL, pattern = NULL, SPM2=TRUE, verbose = FALSE)
```

Arguments

gradient	matrix of diffusion gradients (including zero gradients for S0 images)
imagefile	name of data image file (binary 2Byte integers)
ddim	dimension of image cube (3D)
dirlist	list of directories containing the data files or name of a single data file (e.g. 4D NIFTI)
format	string specifying the medical imaging format, one of "DICOM", "NIFTI", "ANALYZE", or "AFNI"
nslice	number of slices (usually z-direction)
order	vector, specifying a different order of the data files, i.e. other than alphabetic order in the directories given by dirlist. If not given, 1:n is used for n data files (no order change).
bvalue	vector of b-values (default 0 for S0 and 1 for Si)
xind	subindex for x-direction
yind	subindex for y-direction
zind	subindex for z-direction
level	determine mins0value as quantile of positive S0-values
mins0value	set voxel in S0-images with values less than level "inactive"

maxvalue	set voxel with values larger than maxvalue inactive
voxelxt	voxel extensions in coordinate directions
orientation	orientations of data as coded in AFNI
rotation	optional rotation matrix for the coordinate system.
pattern	pattern for file matching in the directories dirlist.
SPM2	Enable some non-standard NIFTI files produced by SPM to be readable.
verbose	some progress reports if TRUE

Details

The function `dtiData` creates an object of class "dtiData" from an image file, where the diffusion weighted data is given as 2-byte integer. This image file has to be prepared by the user. Use `writeBin` to write out first all S_0 images and than all S_i images. The gradient should be created according to this order. Run the demo in order to have an example, how to do this!

The function `readDWIdata` reads the data files given in the directories in `dirlist` in alphabetic order. The order can be changed using the `order` argument: If `filelist` is the vector of files in alphabetic order, they are read in the order `filelist[order]`. If `order` is not given `order <- 1:n` is used (no change!). The medical imaging format is given by `format` and can be one of "DICOM", "NIFTI", "ANALYZE", or "AFNI". The number of slices of the three dimensional data cube is given by `nslice`. The diffusion gradients are provided as matrix `gradient`.

`xind`, `yind`, and `zind` define a region of interest as indices. If not given `1:dim[i]` is used. `level` determine `mins0value` as quantile of positive S_0 -values. `mins0value` sets voxel in S_0 -images with values less than `level` "inactive". `maxvalue` sets voxel with values larger than `maxvalue` inactive.

`voxelxt` defines the voxel extension, overwrites the values found in the imaging files. `orientation` codes the data orientation in AFNI notation.

Value

An object of class "dtiData".

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References

<http://afni.nimh.nih.gov/pub/dist/src/README.attributes>

See Also

[dti.smooth](#), [dtiTensor-methods](#), [dtiData](#)

Examples

```
## Not run: demo(dti_art)
```

Description

This function estimates the parameters of a piecewise linear model for the dependence between error standard deviation and mean.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'dtiData'  
sdpar(object, level=NULL, sdmeth="sd", interactive=TRUE, threshfactor=1)
```

Arguments

object	An object of class dtiData
level	Suggested value for slot level. As a default the value in object@level is used. The value determines the lower endpoint of the linear section in the model for error standard deviation as a function of the mean.
sdmethod	Method for estimating voxelwise standard deviations if replicates of zero weighted images are available, either "sd" or "mad".
interactive	If TRUE a density of values in zero weighted images is plotted together with the specification of the lower endpoint of the interval of linearity. A good choice of this point should correspond, if present, to the minimum between the first two modes of the density estimate. The value can be changed or accepted. If changed a new value for slot lambda is set.
threshfactor	Factor for threshold-value selected if function is run in interactive mode. May be used to correct results if automatic threshold selection fails.

Value

The function returns an object of class dtiData.

Methods

obj = "ANY" Returns a warning

obj = "dtiData" Estimate parameters of a model for the dependence between error standard deviation and mean.

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See Also

[dtiData](#), [readDWIdata](#), [dti.smooth](#), [dtiTensor](#),

Examples

```
## Not run: demo(dti_art)
```

 show-methods

Methods for Function 'show' in Package 'dti'

Description

The function provides information on data dimensions, data source and existing slot-names for objects of class "dti", "dtiData", "dtiTensor", "dwiMixtensor", "dtiIndices", "dwiQball" or "dwiFiber"

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'dti'
show(object)
```

Arguments

object Object of class dtiIndices, dtiData, dtiTensor, dkiTensor, dkiIndices, dwiMixtensor, dwiQball or dwiFiber

Methods

x = "ANY" Generic function.

x = "dti" The function provides information on data dimensions, data source and existing slot-names for objects of class "dti" and classes that extent "dti".

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See Also

[dtiIndices](#), [dtiData](#), [dtiTensor](#) [dwiMixtensor](#) [dwiQball](#) [dwiFiber](#)

 show3d-methods

Methods for Function 'show3d' in Package 'dti'

Description

The function provides 3D visualization of "dtiData", "dtiTensor", "dwiQball" and "dtiIndices" objects using the "rgl"-package. Functionality of the rgl-package allows to rotate and zoom the displayed object.

Usage

```

## S4 method for signature 'dtiData'
show3d(obj, xind=NULL, yind=NULL, zind=NULL, quant=.8,
       scale=.4,
       bgcolor="black", add=FALSE, maxobjects=729, what=c("adc","data"),
       minalpha=1, nn=1, normalize=FALSE, box=FALSE, title=FALSE, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'dtiTensor'
show3d(obj, xind=NULL, yind=NULL, zind=NULL, method=1,
       minfa=.3, mask=NULL, fibers=FALSE,
       maxangle = 30,level=0, quant=.8, scale=.4, bgcolor="black", add=FALSE,
       subdivide=2, maxobjects=729, what=c("tensor","adc","odf"), odfscale = 1,
       minalpha=.25, normalize=NULL, box=FALSE, title=FALSE,...)
## S4 method for signature 'dkiTensor'
show3d(obj, xind=NULL, yind=NULL, zind=NULL, method=1,
       minfa=.3, mask=NULL, level=0, quant=.8, scale=.4, bgcolor="black",
       add=FALSE, subdivide=2, maxobjects=729, what=c("KT", "DT"),
       minalpha=.25, normalize=NULL, box=FALSE, title=FALSE,...)
## S4 method for signature 'dtiIndices'
show3d(obj, index=c("fa","ga"), xind=NULL, yind=NULL,
       zind=NULL, method=1,
       minfa=0, bgcolor="black", add=FALSE, lwd=1, box=FALSE,
       title=FALSE, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'dwiMixtensor'
show3d(obj, xind=NULL, yind=NULL, zind=NULL, minfa=.3,
       minorder = 1, mineo=1, fibers=FALSE, maxangle=30, level=0,
       quant=.8, scale=.4, bgcolor="black", add=FALSE,
       subdivide=3, maxobjects=729, what=c("odf","axis","both"), odfscale=1,
       minalpha=1, lwd=3, box=FALSE, title=FALSE, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'dwiQball'
show3d(obj, xind=NULL, yind=NULL, zind=NULL, level=0,
       quant=.8, scale=0.4, odfscale=1, bgcolor="black", add=FALSE,
       subdivide=3, maxobjects=729, minalpha=1, box=FALSE,
       title=FALSE, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'dwiFiber'
show3d(obj, add=FALSE, bgcolor="black", box=FALSE,
       title=FALSE, lwd=1, ...)

```

Arguments

obj	An object of class dtiData, dtiTensor, dtiIndices, dwiMixTensor or dwiQball
xind	vector of x-coordinates, defaults to whole range.
yind	vector of y-coordinates, defaults to whole range.
zind	vector of z-coordinates, defaults to whole range.
quant	Quantile of maximal radii of objects used for scaling.
scale	Scale factor for the size of objects
bgcolor	Backgroundcolor for rgl-display
add	If true information is added to the current device, otherwise a new device is opened.
maxobjects	Maximal size of data cube (in voxel) to display
minalpha	Minimum value for transparency.

nn	Number of nearest neighbors used for interpolation onto a regular polyeder.
normalize	If TRUE normalize values (project to interval (0,1) within each voxel). For tensor objects normalize=NULL specifies a default depending on the content of argument what (normalize <- switch(what, "tensor"=FALSE, "adc"=TRUE)).
box	Logical, add a bounding box.
title	Either a character string specifying a title or a logical. If title==TRUE a default title characterizing the type of plot is generated.
method	method==1 and method==2 specify two different color schemes for directional FA-maps.
minfa	Minimal FA value for dtiTensor objects and for dwiMixtensor objects.
mask	additional mask for dtiTensor objects.
minorder	Minimal order for dwiMixtensor objects.
mineo	Minimal effective order for dwiMixtensor objects.
fibers	If TRUE show fibers starting in voxel with fa>=minfa, order>=minorder and eorder>=mineo, the last two effective for dwiMixtensor objects only.
maxangle	argument for fibertracking
level	Radius of sphere used as support for ODF visualisation
subdivide	Level of subdivisions for meshing, level 0:4 correspond to use of c(12, 42, 162, 642, 2562) vertices per tensor, respectively.
what	For dtiTensor-objects either "tensor" for visualization using ellipsoids, "adc" for Apparent Diffusion Coefficients or "odf" for the Orientation Density Function. For dwiMixtensor-objects possible specifications are "odf", "axis" and "both", with the latter superposing the estimated main directions on the estimated ODF. For "axis"(and "both") the length of the axis corresponds to the mixture weights. For dtiData-objects choices are either "data" or "adc".
odfscale	Determines visualisation of the Orientation density function (ODF). For odfscale=3 the ODF values are rescaled such that the volume of the displayed objects is constant. odfscale=1 uses the values of the ODF as radii in the corresponding vertice direction of the specified polyhedron. This can lead to extremely large volumes in case of one mixture component with high excentricity. values of odfscale inbetween 1 and 3 are possible and allow to balance between volume based visualization and emphasizing highly structured ODF's.
lwd	Linewidth for visualization of dtiIndices objects.
index	Eiter "FA" for fractional anisotropy index or "GA" for geodesic anisotropy index.
...	Additional parameters passed to function rgl.par from the rgl-package.

Value

The function returns the number of the current rgl-device.

Methods

obj = "ANY" Returns a warning

obj = "dtiData" Empirical ADC's are visualized at the voxel centers. Color is determined by gradient directions, ADC values are reflected by both radial extend and transparency. The value of maxobjects limits the size of datacube and may be increased on hardware with suitable graphics capabilities.

obj = "dtiIndices" Objects are visualized as a collection of line segments with location given by the voxel center, orientation and color determined by the main direction of inisotropy and length corresponding to either fractional or geodesic anisotropy as specified in `index`.

Displayed objects are restricted to voxel with an fractional (geodesic) anisotropy larger than `level`.

obj = "dtiTensor" Ellipsoids/ADC's are visualized at the voxel centers. Orientation and size correspond to the tensor values, color is determined by the main direction of anisotropy using the colorscheme specified with `method`. The fractional anisotropy value is coded as transparency. The value of `maxobjects` limits the size of datacube and may be increased on hardware with suitable graphics capabilities.

obj = "dkiTensor" Preliminary show3d method for diffusion kurtosis tensors.

obj = "dwiQball" Estimated ODF/ADC's are visualized at the voxel centers. Color is determined by directions, ODF/ADC values are reflected by both radial extend and transparency. The value of `maxobjects` limits the size of datacube and may be increased on hardware with suitable graphics capabilities.

obj = "dwiFiber" Display and combine fibres generated by function tracking.

Displays can be closed using function `rgl.close`

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See Also

[dtiIndices-methods](#), [dti.smooth](#), [dtiTensor](#), [dtiIndices](#)

Examples

```
## Not run: demo(dti_art)
```

<code>showFAColorScale</code>	<i>Writes an image with the colqFA colorscale to disk.</i>
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Description

Writes an image (type PNG) with the colqFA colorscale to disk.

Usage

```
showFAColorScale(filename = "FAColorscale.png")
```

Arguments

`filename` Name of file to write.

See Also

See Also [colqFA](#)

subsetg	<i>Create an objects of class "dtiData" containing only a subset of gradient directions.</i>
---------	--

Description

This function creates an object of class "dtiData" that contains only a subset, defined by an index vector, of the S0 and diffusion weighted images. This function may e.g. be used to separate information measured on different shells.

Usage

```
subsetg(x, ind)
```

Arguments

x	Object of class "dtiData"
ind	Indexvector containing values between 1 and x@ngrad.

Value

An object of class "dtiData".

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See Also

[dtiData](#), [readDWIdata](#), [dtiData](#), [combineDWIdata](#)

summary-methods	<i>Methods for Function 'summary' in Package 'dti'</i>
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Description

The method provides summary information for objects of class "dti".

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'dwi'
summary(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object	Object of class "dti", "dtiData", "dtiTensor", "dwiMixtensor", "dtiIndices", "dkiIndices", "dkiTensor", "dwiQball" or "dwiFiber".
...	Additional arguments in ... are passed to function quantile, e.g. argument probs may be specified here.

Methods

object = "ANY" Generic function: see [summary](#).

object = "dwi" The function provides summary information for objects of class "dwi", "dtiData", "dtiTensor", "dwiMixtensor", "dtiIndices", "dkiIndices", "dkiTensor", "dwiQball" and, "dwiFiber"

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See Also

[dtiIndices](#), [dtiData](#), [dtiTensor](#) [dwiMixtensor](#) [dwiQball](#) [dwiFiber](#)

tracking-methods

Methods for Function 'tracking' in Package 'dti'

Description

The function provides fiber tracking of "dtiTensor", "dtiIndices", and "dwiMixtensor" objects and methods for fiber manipulations.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'dtiTensor'
tracking(obj, roix=NULL, roiy=NULL, roiz=NULL, mask=NULL,
         method="LINEPROP", minfa=0.3, maxangle=30, subsample = 1)
## S4 method for signature 'dtiIndices'
tracking(obj, roix=NULL, roiy=NULL, roiz=NULL, mask=NULL,
         method="LINEPROP", minfa=0.3, maxangle=30, subsample = 1)
## S4 method for signature 'dwiMixtensor'
tracking(obj, roix=NULL, roiy=NULL, roiz=NULL, mask=NULL,
         method="LINEPROP", minfa=0.3, maxangle=30, subsample = 1,
         mincompartsize = 0)
## S4 method for signature 'dwiFiber'
selectFibers(obj, roix=NULL, roiy=NULL, roiz=NULL, mask=NULL,
             minlength=1)
## S4 method for signature 'dwiFiber'
reduceFibers(obj, maxdist=1, ends=TRUE)

## S4 method for signature 'dwiFiber,dwiFiber'
combineFibers(obj, obj2)

## S4 method for signature 'dwiFiber,dwiFiber'
touchingFibers(obj, obj2, maxdist=1, combine=FALSE)
```

Arguments

obj	An object of class "dtiTensor", "dtiIndices", or "dwiMixtensor" for tracking() and "dwiFiber" for selectFiber(), combineFibers().
obj2	An object of class "dwiFiber" for combineFibers().
roix	Indices defining the ROI in x direction. Currently min/max is used to define ROIx
roiy	Indices defining the ROI in y direction. Currently min/max is used to define ROIy
roiz	Indices defining the ROI in z direction. Currently min/max is used to define ROIz
mask	Mask defining seed points for tracking
method	Method for fibre tracking. "LINEPROP" is simple line propagation algorithm which is the default.
minfa	Minimal FA to follow the tracks. default 0.3
maxangle	Maximal angle between fiber in adjacent voxels. default 30 degree.
subsample	Subsampling order of the data to get more dense fibre tracks. Note, that objects become very(!) large.
minlength	Minimal length of fibers to be selected.
maxdist	Maximal supremum distance between fibers in mm
ends	Logical: Use only endpoints of shorter fibers for distance (TRUE) or compute distances using full fiber-length (FALSE). Default (TRUE) removes more fibers and is significantly faster.
mincompartsize	Minimal size of a compartment in dwiMixtensor that will be used in fiber tracking.
combine	If combine=TRUE fibers selected from obj are combined with the fibers from obj2.

Value

The function returns an object of class [dwiFiber](#).

Methods

obj = "dtiTensor" Fiber tracking is performed on the estimated vector field of principal diffusion direction using the method method. Currently only line propagation is implemented. The resulting tracks can be visualized using function [show3d](#).

obj = "dtiIndices" Fiber tracking is performed on the estimated vector field of principal diffusion direction using the method method. Currently only line propagation is implemented. The resulting tracks can be visualized using function [show3d](#).

obj = "dwiMixtensor" Fiber tracking is performed on the estimated vector fields of diffusion direction in the mixed tensor model using the method method. Currently only line propagation is implemented. The resulting tracks can be visualized using function [show3d](#).

obj = "dwiFiber" selectFibers produces a dwiFiber-object containing all fibers that cross the region of interest and exceed a minimum length. reduceFibers eliminates all fibers that are within a maximum supremum distance of maxdist mm of a longer fiber. reduceFibers allows to reduce the size of a dwiFiber-object considerably but is slow !

signature(obj1 = "dwiFiber", obj2 = "dwiFiber") `combineFibers` produces a `dwiFiber`-object containing all fibers that are in one of the supplied objects. `touchingFibers` takes all fibers from obj that have a minimum distance to a fiber in obj2 of less than `maxdist`. If `combine=TRUE` these fibers are combined with the fibers from obj2.

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See Also

[dtiTensor](#), [dtiIndices](#), [dwiFiber](#), [show3d](#), [summary](#), [print](#)

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