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This provides support of learning conditional probability tables parameterized using CPTtools

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## Description

This provides support of learning conditional probability tables parameterized using CPTtools

## Details

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Peanut (a corruption of Parameterized network or [Pnet](#)) is an object oriented layer on top of the tools for constructing conditional probability tables for Bayesian networks in the [CPTtools](#) package. In particular, it defines a [Pnode](#) (parameterized node) object which stores all of the arguments necessary to use to the [calcDPCTable](#) function to build the conditional probability table for the node.

The [Pnet](#) object is a Bayesian network containing a number of [Pnodes](#). It supports two key operations, [BuildAllTables](#) which sets the values of the conditional probabilities based on current parameters and [GEMfit](#) which adjusts the parameters to match a set of cases.

Like the [DBI](#) package, this class consists mostly of generic functions which need to be implement for specific Bayes net implementations. The package [PNetica](#) provides an implementation of the Peanut generic functions using the [RNetica](#) package. All of the Netica-dependent code is isolated in the [PNetica](#) package, to make it easier to create other implementations.

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**References**

Almond, R. G. (2015) An IRT-based Parameterization for Conditional Probability Tables. Paper presented at the 2015 Bayesian Application Workshop at the Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence Conference.

**See Also**

[PNetica](#) An implementation of the Peanut object model using [RNetica](#).

[CPTtools](#) A collection of implementation independent Bayes net utilities.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
library(PNetica) ## Requires implementation

## Building CPTs
tNet <- CreateNetwork("TestNet")

theta1 <- NewDiscreteNode(tNet,"theta1",
                          c("VH","High","Mid","Low","VL"))
NodeLevels(theta1) <- effectiveThetas(NodeNumStates(theta1))
NodeProbs(theta1) <- rep(1/NodeNumStates(theta1),NodeNumStates(theta1))
theta2 <- NewDiscreteNode(tNet,"theta2",
                          c("VH","High","Mid","Low","VL"))
NodeLevels(theta2) <- effectiveThetas(NodeNumStates(theta2))
NodeProbs(theta2) <- rep(1/NodeNumStates(theta2),NodeNumStates(theta2))

partial3 <- NewDiscreteNode(tNet,"partial3",
                            c("FullCredit","PartialCredit","NoCredit"))
NodeParents(partial3) <- list(theta1,theta2)

partial3 <- Pnode(partial3,Q=TRUE, link="partialCredit")
PnodePriorWeight(partial3) <- 10
BuildTable(partial3)

## Set up so that first skill only needed for first transition, second
## skill for second transition; adjust alphas to match
PnodeQ(partial3) <- matrix(c(TRUE,TRUE,
```

```

                                TRUE,FALSE), 2,2, byrow=TRUE)
PnodeLnAlphas(partial3) <- list(FullCredit=c(-.25,.25),
                                PartialCredit=0)
BuildTable(partial3)
partial4 <- NewDiscreteNode(tNet,"partial4",
                            c("Score4","Score3","Score2","Score1"))
NodeParents(partial4) <- list(theta1,theta2)
partial4 <- Pnode(partial4, link="partialCredit")
PnodePriorWeight(partial4) <- 10

## Skill 1 used for first transition, Skill 2 used for second
## transition, both skills used for the 3rd.

PnodeQ(partial4) <- matrix(c(TRUE,TRUE,
                              FALSE,TRUE,
                              TRUE,FALSE), 3,2, byrow=TRUE)
PnodeLnAlphas(partial4) <- list(Score4=c(.25,.25),
                              Score3=0,
                              Score2=-.25)
BuildTable(partial4)

## Fitting Model to data

irt10.base <- ReadNetworks(paste(library(help="PNetica")$path,
                                "testnets","IRT10.2PL.base.dne",
                                sep=.Platform$file.sep))
irt10.base <- as.Pnet(irt10.base) ## Flag as Pnet, fields already set.
irt10.theta <- NetworkFindNode(irt10.base,"theta")
irt10.items <- PnetPnodes(irt10.base)
## Flag items as Pnodes
for (i in 1:length(irt10.items)) {
  irt10.items[[i]] <- as.Pnode(irt10.items[[i]])
}

casepath <- paste(library(help="PNetica")$path,
                  "testdat","IRT10.2PL.200.items.cas",
                  sep=.Platform$file.sep)
## Record which nodes in the casefile we should pay attention to
NetworkNodesInSet(irt10.base,"onodes") <-
  NetworkNodesInSet(irt10.base,"observables")

BuildAllTables(irt10.base)
CompileNetwork(irt10.base) ## Netica requirement

item1 <- irt10.items[[1]]
priB <- PnodeBetas(item1)
priA <- PnodeAlphas(item1)
pricPT <- NodeProbs(item1)

gemout <- GEMfit(irt10.base,casepath)

```

```
DeleteNetwork(irt10.base)
DeleteNetwork(tNet)

## End(Not run)
```

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 BNgenerics

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*Aliases for generic Bayesian network functions.*


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### Description

These are all mostly self-explanatory functions which almost any Bayesian network implementation will support. These are alias of these functions so that generic functions can be written using Peanut which will support almost all Bayes net implementation.

### Usage

```
PnodeName(node)
PnodeStates(node)
PnodeNumStates(node)
PnodeParents(node)
PnodeNumParents(node)
PnodeParentNames(node)
```

### Arguments

node	A object of a type which could be a Pnode, although it does not necessarily need Pnode special properties.
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### Details

The general idea is to find a minimal set of common Bayes net functions that any reasonable Bayes net package is likely to support so that basic code can be written which is generic across Bayes net packages. For example, if `nd` is a `RNetica{NeticaNode}` object, then `PnodeName(nd)` is a synonym for `NodeName(nd)`. However, using `PnodeName(nd)` is more portable as it could expand to another function if using a different Bayes net package.

The goal is to be able to write simple loops based on things like number of parents and number of states which are common to most implementations.

### Value

The expression `PnodeName(node)` returns a character scalar giving the name of `node`.

The expression `PnodeStates(node)` returns a character vector giving the names of the states of `node`.

The expression `PnodeNumStates(node)` returns an integer scalar giving the number of states of `node`.

The expression `PnodeParents(node)` returns a list giving the parent objects.

The expression `PnodeNumParents(node)` returns an integer scalar giving the number of parents of node.

The expression `PnodeStates(node)` returns a character vector giving the names of the parents of node.

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### Examples

```
## Not run:
PnodeName.NeticaNode <- function (node)
  nodeName(node)

PnodeStates.NeticaNode <- function (node)
  NodeStates(node)

PnodeNumStates.NeticaNode <- function (node)
  NodeNumStates(node)

PnodeParents.NeticaNode <- function (node)
  NodeParents(node)

PnodeParentNames.NeticaNode <- function (node)
  sapply(NodeParents(node), nodeName)

PnodeNumParents.NeticaNode <- function (node)
  length(NodeParents(node))

## End(Not run)
```

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BuildNetManifest

*Builds a network manifest from a list of Pnets*

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### Description

A network manifest is a table of meta data about a collection of networks. Each line corresponds to the specific network. This manifest can be used by a network warehouse ([Warehouse](#)) to recreate the network on demand.

### Usage

```
BuildNetManifest(Pnetlist)
```

## Arguments

Pnetlist            A list of [Pnet](#) objects which will appear in the network manifest.

## Details

A network manifest is a table (data frame) which describes a collection of networks. It contains meta-data about the networks, and not the information about the nodes, contained in the node manifest ([BuildNodeManifest](#)) or the relationships between the nodes which is contained in the  $Q$ -matrix ([Pnet2Qmat](#)) or the  $\Omega$ -Matrix ([Pnet2Omega](#)). The role of the net manifest is to be used as to create a Net [Warehouse](#) which is an argument to the [Qmat2Pnet](#) and [Omega2Pnet](#) commands, creating networks as they are referenced.

The “Name” column of the table contains the network name and is a key to the table (so it should be unique). It corresponds to [PnetName](#). The “Title” ([PnetTitle](#)) and “Description” ([PnetDescription](#)) columns contain optional meta-data about the node. The “Pathname” ([PnetPathname](#)) column contains the location of the file to which the network should be written and from which it can be read. The “Hub” ([PnetHub](#)) is for spoke models (evidence models) some of whose variables are defined in a hub network. This the network in question is meant to be a spoke, then this field points at the corresponding hub.

## Value

An object of type [data.frame](#) where the columns have the following values.

Name	A character value giving the name of the network. This should be unique for each row and normally must conform to variable naming conventions. Corresponds to the function <a href="#">PnetName</a> .
Title	An optional character value giving a longer human readable name for the network. Corresponds to the function <a href="#">PnetTitle</a> .
Hub	If this model is incomplete without being joined to another network, then the name of the hub network. Otherwise an empty character vector. Corresponds to the function <a href="#">PnetHub</a> .
Pathname	The location of the file from which the network should be read or to which it should be written. Corresponds to the function <a href="#">PnetPathname</a> .
Description	An optional character value documenting the purpose of the network. Corresponds to the function <a href="#">PnetDescription</a> .

Note that the name column is regarded as a primary key to the table.

## Author(s)

Russell Almond

## References

Almond, R. G. (presented 2017, August). Tabular views of Bayesian networks. In John-Mark Agosta and Tomas Singlair (Chair), *Bayesian Modeling Application Workshop 2017*. Symposium conducted at the meeting of Association for Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence, Sydney, Australia. (International) Retrieved from <http://bmaw2017.azurewebsites.net/>

**See Also**

Network functions called to find network data: [PnetName](#), [PnetTitle](#), [PnetPathname](#), [PnetHub](#), [PnetDescription](#)

Used in the construction of Network [Warehouses](#) (see [WarehouseManifest](#)).

Similar to the function [BuildNodeManifest](#).

**Examples**

```
## This provides an example network manifest.
netman1 <- read.csv(paste(library(help="Peanut")$path, "auxdata",
                          "Mini-PP-Nets.csv", sep=.Platform$file.sep),
                  row.names=1, stringsAsFactors=FALSE)

## Not run:
library(PNetica) ## Example requires PNetica

sess <- NeticaSession()
startSession(sess)

setwd(file.path(library(help="PNetica")$path, "testnets"))

Nets <- ReadNetworks(c("miniPP-CM.dne", "PPcompEM.dne",
                      "PPconjEM.dne", "PPtwostepEM.dne"), session=sess)

netman <- BuildNetManifest(Nets)
stopifnot(all.equal(netman, netman1))

## BNWarehouse is the PNetica Net Warehouse.
Nethouse <- BNWarehouse(manifest=netman1, session=sess, key="Name")

setwd(curd)
stopSession(sess)

## End(Not run)
```

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BuildNodeManifest      *Builds a table describing a set of Pnodes*

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**Description**

A node manifest is a table where each line describes one state of a node in a Bayesian network. As a node manifest may contain nodes from more than one network, the key for the table is the first two columns: "Model" and "NodeName". The primary purpose is that this can be given to a [Node Warehouse](#) to create nodes on demand.

**Usage**

```
BuildNodeManifest(Pnodelist)
```



## Arguments

`PnodeList` A list of `Pnode` objects from which the table will be built.

## Details

A node manifest is a table (data frame) which describes a collection of nodes. It contains mostly meta-data about the nodes, and not the information about the relationships between the nodes which is contained in the  $Q$ -matrix (`Pnet2Qmat`) or the  $\Omega$ -Matrix (`Pnet2Omega`). The role of the node manifest is to be used as to create a Node `Warehouse` which is an argument to the `Qmat2Pnet` and `Omega2Pnet` commands, creating nodes as they are referenced. Hence it contains the information about the node which is not part of the  $Q$  or  $\Omega$  matrix.

The  $Q$ -matrix can span multiple Bayesian networks. The same variable can appear with the same name but slightly different definitions in two different networks. Consequently, the key for this table is the “Model” and “NodeName” columns (usually the first two). The function `WarehouseData` when applied to a node warehouse should have a key of length 2 (model and node name) and will return multiple lines, one line corresponding to each state of the data frame.

The columns “ModelHub”, “NodeTitle”, “NodeDescription” and “NodeLabels” provide meta-data about the node. They may be missing empty strings, indicating that meta-data is unavailable.

The columns “Nstates” and “StateName” are required. The number of states should be an integer (2 or greater) and there should be as many rows with this model and node name as there are states. Each should have a unique value for “StateName”. The “StateTitle”, “StateDescription” and “StateValue” are optional, although if the variable is to be used as a parent variable, it is strongly recommended to set the state values.

## Value

An object of class `data.frame` with the following columns.

### Node-level Key Fields:

`Model` A character value giving the name of the Bayesian network to which this node belongs. Corresponds to the value of `PnodeNet`.

`NodeName` A character value giving the name of the node. All rows with the same value in the model and node name columns are assumed to reference the same node. Corresponds to the value of `PnodeName`.

### Node-level Fields:

`ModelHub` If this is a spoke model (meant to be attached to a hub) then this is the name of the hub model (i.e., the name of the proficiency model corresponding to an evidence model. Corresponds to the value of `PnetHub(PnodeNet(node))`.

`NodeTitle` A character value containing a slightly longer description of the node, unlike the name this is not generally restricted to variable name formats. Corresponds to the value of `PnodeTitle`.

`NodeDescription` A character value describing the node, meant for human consumption (documentation). Corresponds to the value of `PnodeDescription`.

**NodeLabels** A comma separated list of identifiers of sets which this node belongs to. Used to identify special subsets of nodes (e.g., high-level nodes or observable nodes). Corresponds to the value of `PnodeLabels`.

#### State-level Key Fields:

**Nstates** The number of states. This should be an integer greater than or equal to 2. Corresponds to the value of `PnodeNumStates`.

**StateName** The name of the state. This should be a string value and it should be different for every row within the subset of rows corresponding to a single node. Corresponds to the value of `PnodeStates`.

#### State-level Fields:

**StateTitle** A longer name not subject to variable naming restrictions. Corresponds to the value of `PnodeStateTitles`.

**StateDescription** A human readable description of the state (documentation). Corresponds to the value of `PnodeStateDescriptions`.

**StateValue** A real numeric value assigned to this state. `PnodeStateValues`.

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#### References

Almond, R. G. (presented 2017, August). Tabular views of Bayesian networks. In John-Mark Agosta and Tomas Singlair (Chair), *Bayesian Modeling Application Workshop 2017*. Symposium conducted at the meeting of Association for Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence, Sydney, Australia. (International) Retrieved from <http://bmaw2017.azurewebsites.net/>

#### See Also

Node functions called to find node meta-data: `PnodeName`, `PnodeTitle`, `PnodeNet`, `PnetHub`, `PnodeDescription`, `PnodeLabels`, `PnodeNumStates`, `PnodeStateTitles`, `PnodeStateDescriptions`, `PnodeStateValues`.

Used in the construction of Network `Warehouses` (see `WarehouseManifest`).

Similar to the function `BuildNetManifest`.

#### Examples

```
## This expression provides an example Node manifest
nodeman1 <- read.csv(paste(library(help="Peanut")$path, "auxdata",
                          "Mini-PP-Nodes.csv", sep=.Platform$file.sep),
                   row.names=1, stringsAsFactors=FALSE)

## Not run:
library(PNetica) ## Requires PNetica
```

```

curd <- getwd()
setwd(file.path(library(help="PNetica")$path, "testnets"))

Nets <- ReadNetworks(c("miniPP-CM.dne", "PPcompEM.dne",
                      "PPconjEM.dne", "PPTwostepEM.dne"), session=sess)

CM <- Nets[[1]]
EMs <- Nets[-1]

nodeman <- BuildNodeManifest(lapply(NetworkAllNodes(CM), as.Pnode))

for (n in 1:length(EMs)) {
  nodeman <- rbind(nodeman,
                  BuildNodeManifest(lapply(NetworkAllNodes(EMs[[n]]),
                                          as.Pnode)))
}
## Exclude node labels from this test, as they could appear in arbitrary order
stopifnot(all.equal(nodeman[, -6], nodeman1[, -6]))

n1 <- strsplit(nodeman$NodeLabels, ",")
n11 <- strsplit(nodeman1$NodeLabels, ",")
stopifnot(all(mapply(setequal, n1, n11)))

## This is the node warehouse for PNetica
Nodehouse <- NNWarehouse(manifest=nodeman1,
                         key=c("Model", "NodeName"),
                         session=sess)
phyd <- WarehouseData(Nodehouse, c("miniPP_CM", "Physics"))
p3 <- MakePnode.NeticaNode(CM, "Physics", phyd)

setwd(curd)
stopSession(sess)

## End(Not run)

```

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BuildTable

*Builds the conditional probability table for a Pnode*


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### Description

The function `BuildTable` builds the conditional probability table for a `Pnode` object, and sets the prior weight for the node using the current values of parameters. It sets these in the Bayesian network object as appropriate for the implementation. The expression `BuildAllTables(net)` builds tables for all of the nodes in `PnetPnodes(net)`.

### Usage

```

BuildTable(node)
BuildAllTables(net, debug=FALSE)

```



```

                                PnodeLinkScale(node),PnodeQ(node),
                                PnodeParentTvals(node))
  NodeExperience(node) <- GetPriorWeight(node)
  invisible(node)
}

## This is the implementation of BuildAllTables
BuildAllTables <- function (net) {
  lapply(PnetPnodes(net),BuildTable)
  invisible(net)
}

## End(Not run)

```

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calcExpTables

*Calculate expected tables for a parameterized network*


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### Description

The performs the E-step of the GEM algorithm by running the internal EM algorithm of the host Bayes net package on the cases. After this is run, the posterior parameters for each conditional probability distribution should be the expected cell counts, that is the expected value of the sufficient statistic, for each [Pnode](#) in the net.

### Usage

```
calcExpTables(net, cases, Estepit = 1, tol = sqrt(.Machine$double.eps))
```

### Arguments

net	A <a href="#">Pnet</a> object
cases	An object representing a set of cases. Note the type of object is implementation dependent. It could be either a data frame providing cases or a filename for a case file.
Estepit	An integer scalar describing the number of steps the Bayes net package should take in the internal EM algorithm.
tol	A numeric scalar giving the stopping tolerance for the Bayes net package internal EM algorithm.

### Details

The [GEMfit](#) algorithm uses a generalized EM algorithm to fit the parameterized network to the given data. This loops over the following steps:

**E-step** Run the internal EM algorithm of the Bayes net package to calculate expected tables for all of the tables being learned. The function `calcExpTables` carries out this step.

**M-step** Find a set of table parameters which maximize the fit to the expected counts by calling `mapDPC` for each table. The function `maxAllTableParams` does this step.

**Update CPTs** Set all the conditional probability tables in the network to the new parameter values. The function `BuildAllTables` does this.

**Convergence Test** Calculate the log likelihood of the cases under the new parameters and stop if no change. The function `calcPnetLLike` calculates the log likelihood.

The function `calcExpTables` performs the E-step. It assumes that the native Bayes net class which `net` represents has a function which does EM learning with hyper-Dirichlet priors. After this internal EM algorithm is run, then the posterior should contain the expected cell counts that are the expected value of the sufficient statistics, i.e., the output of the E-step. Note that the function `maxAllTableParams` is responsible for reading these from the network.

The internal EM algorithm should be set to use the current value of the conditional probability tables (as calculated by `BuildTable(node)` for each node) as a starting point. This starting value is given a prior weight of `GetPriorWeight(node)`. Note that some Bayes net implementations allow a different weight to be given to each row of the table. The prior weight counts as a number of cases, and should be scaled appropriately for the number of cases in cases.

The parameters `Estepit` and `tol` are passed to the internal EM algorithm of the Bayes net. Note that the outer EM algorithm assumes that the expected table counts given the current values of the parameters, so the default value of one is sufficient. (It is possible that a higher value will speed up convergence, the parameter is left open for experimentation.) The tolerance is largely irrelevant as the outer EM algorithm does the tolerance test.

### Value

The `net` argument is returned invisibly.

As a side effect, the internal conditional probability tables in the network are updated as are the internal weights given to each row of the conditional probability tables.

### Note

The function `calcExpTables` is an abstract generic functions, and it needs specific implementations. See the `PNetica-package` for an example.

This function assumes that the host Bayes net implementation (e.g., `RNetica-package`): (1) `net` has an EM learning function, (2) the EM learning supports hyper-Dirichlet priors, (3) it is possible to recover the hyper-Dirichlet posteriors after running the internal EM algorithm.

### Author(s)

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### References

Almond, R. G. (2015) An IRT-based Parameterization for Conditional Probability Tables. Paper presented at the 2015 Bayesian Application Workshop at the Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence Conference.

**See Also**

[Pnet](#), [GEMfit](#), [calcPnetLLike](#), [maxAllTableParams](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:

library(PNetica) ## Need a specific implementation

irt10.base <- ReadNetworks(paste(library(help="PNetica")$path,
                                "testnets", "IRT10.2PL.base.dne",
                                sep=.Platform$file.sep))
irt10.base <- as.Pnet(irt10.base) ## Flag as Pnet, fields already set.
irt10.theta <- NetworkFindNode(irt10.base, "theta")
irt10.items <- PnetPnodes(irt10.base)
## Flag items as Pnodes
for (i in 1:length(irt10.items)) {
  irt10.items[[i]] <- as.Pnode(irt10.items[[i]])
}
CompileNetwork(irt10.base) ## Netica requirement

casepath <- paste(library(help="PNetica")$path,
                  "testdat", "IRT10.2PL.200.items.cas",
                  sep=.Platform$file.sep)
## Record which nodes in the casefile we should pay attention to
NetworkNodesInSet(irt10.base, "onodes") <-
  NetworkNodesInSet(irt10.base, "observables")

item1 <- irt10.items[[1]]

priorcounts <- sweep(NodeProbs(item1), 1, NodeExperience(item1), "*")

calcExpTables(irt10.base, casepath)

postcounts <- sweep(NodeProbs(item1), 1, NodeExperience(item1), "*")

## Posterior row sums should always be larger.
stopifnot(
  all(apply(postcounts, 1, sum) >= apply(priorcounts, 1, sum))
)

DeleteNetwork(irt10.base)

## End(Not run)
```

## Description

The function `calcPnetLLike` calculates the log likelihood for a set of data contained in cases using the current values of the conditional probability table in a `Pnet`. If it is called after a call to `BuildAllTables(net)` this will be the current value of the parameters.

## Usage

```
calcPnetLLike(net, cases)
```

## Arguments

<code>net</code>	A <code>Pnet</code> object representing a parameterized network.
<code>cases</code>	An object representing a set of cases. Note the type of object is implementation dependent. It could be either a data frame providing cases or a filename for a case file.

## Details

This function provides the convergence test for the `GEMfit` algorithm. The `Pnet` represents a model (with parameters set to the value used in the current iteration of the EM algorithm) and `cases` a set of data. This function gives the log likelihood of the data.

This is a generic function shell. It is assumed that either (a) the native Bayes net implementation provides a way of calculating the log likelihood of a set of cases, or (b) it provides a way of calculating the likelihood of a single case, and the log likelihood of the case set can be calculated though iteration. In either case, the value of `cases` is implementation dependent. In `PNetica-package` the `cases` argument should be a filename of a Netica case file (see `write.CaseFile`).

## Value

A numeric scalar giving the log likelihood of the data in the case file.

## Note

The function `calcPnetLLike` is an abstract generic functions, and it needs specific implementations. See the `PNetica-package` for an example.

## Author(s)

Russell Almond

## References

Almond, R. G. (2015) An IRT-based Parameterization for Conditional Probability Tables. Paper presented at the 2015 Bayesian Application Workshop at the Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence Conference.

## See Also

`Pnet`, `GEMfit`, `calcExpTables`, `maxAllTableParams`



## Examples

```
## Not run:

library(PNetica) ## Need a specific implementation

irt10.base <- ReadNetworks(paste(library(help="PNetica")$path,
                                "testnets", "IRT10.2PL.base.dne",
                                sep=.Platform$file.sep))
irt10.base <- as.Pnet(irt10.base) ## Flag as Pnet, fields already set.
irt10.theta <- NetworkFindNode(irt10.base, "theta")
irt10.items <- PnetPnodes(irt10.base)
## Flag items as Pnodes
for (i in 1:length(irt10.items)) {
  irt10.items[[i]] <- as.Pnode(irt10.items[[i]])
}
CompileNetwork(irt10.base) ## Netica requirement

casepath <- paste(library(help="PNetica")$path,
                  "testdat", "IRT10.2PL.200.items.cas",
                  sep=.Platform$file.sep)
## Record which nodes in the casefile we should pay attention to
NetworkNodesInSet(irt10.base, "onodes") <-
  NetworkNodesInSet(irt10.base, "observables")

llike <- calcPnetLLike(irt10.base, casepath)

DeleteNetwork(irt10.base)

## End(Not run)
```

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defaultAlphas

*Reshapes alpha or beta vector based on rule and parents*

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## Description

Combination rules can be sorted into multiple-a rules (e.g., [Compensatory](#)) and multiple-b rules (e.g., [OffsetConjunctive](#)). The function [isOffsetRule](#) distinguishes between the two types. These functions adjust the log alpha or beta matrix to the correct length depending on the rule and parents of the *node* argument.

## Usage

```
defaultAlphas(node, rule)
defaultBetas(node, rule)
```

**Arguments**

node            A [Pnode](#) object whose [PnodeLnAlphas](#) or [PnodeBetas](#) field is to be set.  
 rule            A character scalar giving the name of a combination rule.

**Value**

A vector of zeros of a suitable length to be used as a default value for [PnodeLnAlphas](#)(*node*) or [PnodeBetas](#)(*node*).

**Note**

These are used in the PNetica implementation of the [Pnode](#) constructor.

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

[Pnode](#), [PnodeLnAlphas](#), [PnodeBetas](#), [isOffsetRule](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
library(PNetica) # Requires PNetica
sess <- NeticaSession()
startSession(sess)

EM1 <- ReadNetworks(file.path(library(help="PNetica")$path, "testnets",
  "PPcompEM.dne"), session=sess)
EM2 <- ReadNetworks(file.path(library(help="PNetica")$path, "testnets",
  "PPconjEM.dne"), session=sess)

comp <- PnetFindNode(EM1,"CompensatoryObs")
conj <- PnetFindNode(EM2,"ConjunctiveObs")

stopifnot(
  defaultAlphas(comp,"Compensatory") == c(0,0),
  defaultBetas(comp,"Compensatory") == 0,
  defaultAlphas(conj,"OffsetConjunctive") == 0,
  defaultBetas(conj,"OffsetConjunctive") == c(0,0)
)

DeleteNetwork(list(EM1,EM2))
stopSession(sess)

## End(Not run)
```

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GEMfit	<i>Fits the parameters of a parameterized network using the GEM algorithm</i>
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### Description

A [Pnet](#) is a description of a parameterized Bayesian network, with each [Pnode](#) giving the parameterization for its conditional probability table. This function uses a generalized EM algorithm to find the values of the parameters for each Pnode which maximize the posterior probability of the data in cases.

### Usage

```
GEMfit(net, cases, tol = sqrt(.Machine$double.eps),
       maxit = 100, Estepit = 1, Mstepit = 3,
       trace=FALSE, debugNo=maxit+1)
```

### Arguments

net	A <a href="#">Pnet</a> object
cases	An object representing a set of cases. Note the type of object is implementation dependent. It could be either a data frame providing cases or a filename for a case file.
tol	A numeric scalar giving the stopping tolerance for the for the EM algorithm.
maxit	An integer scalar giving the maximum number of iterations for the outer EM algorithm.
Estepit	An integer scalar giving the number of steps the Bayes net package should take in the internal EM algorithm during the E-step.
Mstepit	An integer scalar giving the number of steps that should be taken by <a href="#">mapDPC</a> during the M-step.
trace	A logical value which indicates whether or not cycle by cycle information should be sent to standard output.
debugNo	An integer scalar. Node-by-node status updates will start when this iteration is reached. Default value provides no debugging information.

### Details

The [GEMfit](#) algorithm uses a generalized EM algorithm to fit the parameterized network to the given data. This loops over the following steps:

**E-step** Run the internal EM algorithm of the Bayes net package to calculate expected tables for all of the tables being learned. The function [calcExpTables](#) carries out this step.

**M-step** Find a set of table parameters which maximize the fit to the expected counts by calling [mapDPC](#) for each table. The function [maxAllTableParams](#) does this step.

**Update CPTs** Set all the conditional probability tables in the network to the new parameter values. The function `BuildAllTables` does this.

**Convergence Test** Calculate the log likelihood of the cases under the new parameters and stop if no change. The function `calcPnetLLike` calculates the log likelihood.

Note that although `GEMfit` is not a generic function, the four main component functions, `calcExpTables`, `maxAllTableParams`, `BuildAllTables`, and `calcPnetLLike`, are generic functions. In particular, the `cases` argument is passed to `calcExpTables` and `calcPnetLLike` and must be whatever the host Bayes net package regards as a collection of cases. In `PNetica-package` the `cases` argument should be a filename of a Netica case file (see `write.CaseFile`).

The parameter `tol` controls the convergence checking. In particular, the algorithm stops when the difference in log-likelihood (as computed by `calcPnetLLike`) between iterations is less than `tol` in absolute value. If the number of iterations exceeds `maxit` the algorithm will stop and report lack of convergence.

The E-step and the M-step are also both iterative; the parameters `Estepit` and `Mstepit` control the number of iterations taken in each step respectively. As the goal of the E-step is to calculate the expected tables of counts, the default value of 1 should be fine. Although the algorithm should eventually converge for any value of `Mstepit`, different values may affect the convergence rate, and analysts may need to experiment with application specific values of this parameter.

The arguments `trace` and `debugNo` are used to provide extra debugging information. Setting `trace` to `TRUE` means that a message is printed after tables are built but before they are updated. Setting `debugNo` to a certain integer, will begin node-by-node messages for both `BuildAllTables` and `maxAllTableParams`. In particular, setting it to 1 is useful for debugging problems that occur at initialization. If the problem turns up at a later cycle, the `trace` option can be used to figure out when the error occurs.

## Value

A list with three elements:

<code>converged</code>	A logical flag indicating whether or not the algorithm reached convergence.
<code>iter</code>	An integer scalar giving the number of iterations of the outer EM loop taken by the algorithm (plus 1 for the starting point).
<code>llikes</code>	A numeric vector of length <code>iter</code> giving the values of the log-likelihood after each iteration. (The first value is the initial log likelihood.)

As a side effect the `PnodeLnAlphas` and `PnodeBetas` fields of all nodes in `PnetPnodes(net)` are updated to better fit the expected tables, and the internal conditional probability tables are updated to match the new parameter values.

## Note

Note that although this is not a generic function, the four main component functions: `calcExpTables`, `maxAllTableParams`, `BuildAllTables`, and `calcPnetLLike`. All four must have specific implementations for this function to work. See the `PNetica-package` for an example.

These functions assume that the host Bayes net implementation (e.g., `RNetica-package`): (1) net has an EM learning function, (2) the EM learning supports hyper-Dirichlet priors, (3) it is possible to recover the hyper-Dirichlet posteriors after running the internal EM algorithm.

**Author(s)**

Russell Almond

**References**

Almond, R. G. (2015) An IRT-based Parameterization for Conditional Probability Tables. Paper presented at the 2015 Bayesian Application Workshop at the Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence Conference.

**See Also**

[Pnet](#), [calcExpTables](#), [calcPnetLLike](#), [maxAllTableParams](#), [BuildAllTables](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:

library(PNetica) ## Need a specific implementation

irt10.base <- ReadNetworks(paste(library(help="PNetica")$path,
                                "testnets", "IRT10.2PL.base.dne",
                                sep=.Platform$file.sep))
irt10.base <- as.Pnet(irt10.base) ## Flag as Pnet, fields already set.
irt10.theta <- NetworkFindNode(irt10.base, "theta")
irt10.items <- PnetPnodes(irt10.base)
## Flag items as Pnodes
for (i in 1:length(irt10.items)) {
  irt10.items[[i]] <- as.Pnode(irt10.items[[i]])
}

casepath <- paste(library(help="PNetica")$path,
                  "testdat", "IRT10.2PL.200.items.cas",
                  sep=.Platform$file.sep)
## Record which nodes in the casefile we should pay attention to
NetworkNodesInSet(irt10.base, "onodes") <-
  NetworkNodesInSet(irt10.base, "observables")

BuildAllTables(irt10.base)
CompileNetwork(irt10.base) ## Netica requirement

item1 <- irt10.items[[1]]
priB <- PnodeBetas(item1)
priA <- PnodeAlphas(item1)
priCPT <- NodeProbs(item1)

gemout <- GEMfit(irt10.base, casepath)

postB <- PnodeBetas(item1)
```

```

postA <- PnodeAlphas(item1)
postCPT <- NodeProbs(item1)

## Posterior should be different
stopifnot(
  postB != priB, postA != priA
)

### The network that was used for data generation.
irt10.true <- ReadNetworks(paste(library(help="PNetica")$path,
                                "testnets", "IRT10.2PL.true.dne",
                                sep=.Platform$file.sep))
irt10.true <- as.Pnet(irt10.true) ## Flag as Pnet, fields already set.
irt10.ttheta <- NetworkFindNode(irt10.true, "theta")
irt10.titems <- PnetPnodes(irt10.true)
## Flag titems as Pnodes
for (i in 1:length(irt10.titems)) {
  irt10.titems[[i]] <- as.Pnode(irt10.titems[[i]])
}
NetworkNodesInSet(irt10.true, "onodes") <-
  NetworkNodesInSet(irt10.true, "observables")

BuildAllTables(irt10.true)
CompileNetwork(irt10.true) ## Netica requirement

DeleteNetwork(irt10.base)
DeleteNetwork(irt10.true)

## End(Not run)

```

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maxAllTableParams      *Find optimal parameters of Pnet or Pnode to match expected tables*

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## Description

These functions assume that an expected count contingency table can be built from the network. They then try to find the set of parameters maximizes the probability of the expected contingency table with repeated calls to `mapDPC`. The function `maxCPTParam` maximizes a single `Pnode` and the function `maxAllTableParams` maximizes all `Pnodes` (i.e., the value of `PnetPnodes`(net) in a `Pnet`).

## Usage

```

maxAllTableParams(net, Mstepit = 5, tol = sqrt(.Machine$double.eps), debug=FALSE)
## Default S3 method:
maxAllTableParams(net, Mstepit = 5, tol = sqrt(.Machine$double.eps), debug=FALSE)
maxCPTParam(node, Mstepit = 5, tol = sqrt(.Machine$double.eps))

```

## Arguments

net	A <a href="#">Pnet</a> object giving the parameterized network.
node	A <a href="#">Pnode</a> object giving the parameterized node.
Mstepit	A numeric scalar giving the number of maximization steps to take. Note that the maximization does not need to be run to convergence.
tol	A numeric scalar giving the stopping tolerance for the maximizer.
debug	A logical scalar. If true, information about which node is being worked on is printed.

## Details

The [GEMfit](#) algorithm uses a generalized EM algorithm to fit the parameterized network to the given data. This loops over the following steps:

**E-step** Run the internal EM algorithm of the Bayes net package to calculate expected tables for all of the tables being learned. The function [calcExpTables](#) carries out this step.

**M-step** Find a set of table parameters which maximize the fit to the expected counts by calling [mapDPC](#) for each table. The function [maxAllTableParams](#) does this step.

**Update CPTs** Set all the conditional probability tables in the network to the new parameter values. The function [BuildAllTables](#) does this.

**Convergence Test** Calculate the log likelihood of the cases under the new parameters and stop if no change. The function [calcPnetLLike](#) calculates the log likelihood.

The function [maxAllTableParams](#) performs the M-step of this operation. Under the *global parameter independence* assumption, the parameters for the conditional probability tables for different nodes are independent given the sufficient statistics; that is, the expected contingency tables. The default method of [maxAllTableParams](#) calls [maxCPTParam](#) on each node in [PnetPnodes](#)(net).

After the hyper-Dirichlet EM algorithm is run by [calcExpTables](#), a hyper-Dirichlet prior should be available for each conditional probability table. As the parameter of the Dirichlet distribution is a vector of pseudo-counts, the output of this algorithm should be a table of pseudo counts. Often this is stored as the updated conditional probability table and a vector of row weights indicating the strength of information for each row. Using the [RNetica-package](#), this is calculated as: `sweep(NodeProbs(item1), 1, NodeExperience(item1), "*")`

The function [maxCPTParam](#) is essentially a wrapper which extracts the table of pseudo-counts from the network and then calls [mapDPC](#) to maximize the parameters, updating the parameters of node to the result.

The parameters `Mstepit` and `tol` are passed to [mapDPC](#) to control the gradient descent algorithm used for maximization. Note that for a generalized EM algorithm, the M-step does not need to be run to convergence, a couple of iterations are sufficient. The value of `Mstepit` may influence the speed of convergence, so the optimal value may vary by application. The tolerance is largely irrelevant (if `Mstepit` is small) as the outer EM algorithm does the tolerance test.

## Value

The expression `maxCPTParam(node)` returns `node` invisibly. The expression `maxAllTableParams(net)` returns `net` invisibly.

As a side effect the `PnodeLnAlphas` and `PnodeBetas` fields of node (or all nodes in `PnetPnodes(net)`) are updated to better fit the expected tables.

### Note

The function `maxCPTParam` is an abstract generic function, and it needs specific implementations. See the [PNetica-package](#) for an example. A default implementation is provided for `maxAllTableParams` which loops through calls to `maxCPTParam` for each node in `PnetPnodes(net)`.

This function assumes that the host Bayes net implementation (e.g., [RNetica-package](#)): (1) net has an EM learning function, (2) the EM learning supports hyper-Dirichlet priors, (3) it is possible to recover the hyper-Dirichlet posteriors after running the internal EM algorithm.

### Author(s)

Russell Almond

### References

Almond, R. G. (2015) An IRT-based Parameterization for Conditional Probability Tables. Paper presented at the 2015 Bayesian Application Workshop at the Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence Conference.

### See Also

[Pnet](#), [Pnode](#), [GEMfit](#), [calcPnetLLike](#), [calcExpTables](#), [mapDPC](#)

### Examples

```
## Not run:

library(PNetica) ## Need a specific implementation

irt10.base <- ReadNetworks(paste(library(help="PNetica")$path,
                                "testnets", "IRT10.2PL.base.dne",
                                sep=.Platform$file.sep))
irt10.base <- as.Pnet(irt10.base) ## Flag as Pnet, fields already set.
irt10.theta <- NetworkFindNode(irt10.base, "theta")
irt10.items <- PnetPnodes(irt10.base)
## Flag items as Pnodes
for (i in 1:length(irt10.items)) {
  irt10.items[[i]] <- as.Pnode(irt10.items[[i]])
}

casepath <- paste(library(help="PNetica")$path,
                  "testdat", "IRT10.2PL.200.items.cas",
                  sep=.Platform$file.sep)
## Record which nodes in the casefile we should pay attention to
NetworkNodesInSet(irt10.base, "onodes") <-
  NetworkNodesInSet(irt10.base, "observables")
```



```

BuildAllTables(irt10.base)
CompileNetwork(irt10.base) ## Netica requirement

item1 <- irt10.items[[1]]
priB <- PnodeBetas(item1)
priA <- PnodeAlphas(item1)
priCPT <- NodeProbs(item1)

gemout <- GEMfit(irt10.base,casepath)

calcExpTables(irt10.base,casepath)

maxAllTableParams(irt10.base)

postB <- PnodeBetas(item1)
postA <- PnodeAlphas(item1)
BuildTable(item1)
postCPT <- NodeProbs(item1)

## Posterior should be different
stopifnot(
  postB != priB, postA != priA
)

DeleteNetwork(irt10.base)

## End(Not run)

```

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Omega2Pnet

*Constructs a parameterized network from an Omega matrix.*


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## Description

An Omega matrix (represented as a data frame) is a structure which describes a Bayesian network as a series of regressions from the parent nodes to the child nodes. It actually contains two matrices, one giving the structure and the other the regression coefficients. A skeleton matrix can be constructed through the function [Pnet2Omega](#).

## Usage

```
Omega2Pnet(OmegaMat, pn, nodewarehouse, defaultRule = "Compensatory", defaultLink = "normalLink", def
```

## Arguments

OmegaMat	A data frame containing an Omega matrix (see values section of <a href="#">Pnet2Omega</a> ).
pn	A (possible empty) <a href="#">Pnet</a> object. This will be modified by the function.

nodewarehouse	A Node <a href="#">Warehouse</a> which contains instructions for building nodes referenced in the Omega matrix but not in the network.
defaultRule	This should be a character scalar giving the name of a CPTtools combination rule (see <a href="#">Compensatory</a> ). With the regression model assumed in the algorithm, currently “Compensatory” is the only value that makes sense.
defaultLink	This should be a character scalar giving the name of a CPTtools link function (see <a href="#">normalLink</a> ). With the regression model assumed in the algorithm, currently “normalLink” is the only value that makes sense.
defaultAlpha	A numeric scalar giving the default value for slope parameters.
defaultBeta	A numeric scalar giving the default value for difficulty (negative intercept) parameters.
defaultLinkScale	A positive number which gives the default value for the link scale parameter.
debug	A logical value. If true, extra information will be printed during process of building the Pnet.
override	A logical value. If false, differences between any existing structure in the graph and the Omega matrix will raise an error. If true, the graph will be modified to conform to the matrix.

## Details

Whittaker (1990) noted that a normal Bayesian network (one in which all nodes followed a standard normal distribution) could be described using the inverse of the covariance matrix, often denoted Omega. In particular, zeros in the inverse covariance matrix represented variables which were conditionally independent, and therefore reducing the matrix to one with positive and zero values could provide the structure for a graphical model. Almond (2010) proposed using this as the basis for specifying discrete Bayesian networks for the proficiency model in educational assessments (especially as correlation matrixes among latent variables are a possible output of a factor analysis).

The Omega matrix is represented with a `data.frame` object which contains two square submatrixes and a couple of auxiliary columns. The first column should be named “Node” and contains the names of the nodes. This defines a collection of *nodes* which are defined in the Omega matrix. Let  $J$  be the number of nodes (rows in the data frame). The next  $J$  columns should have the names the *nodes*. Their values give the structural component of the matrix. The following two columns are “Link” and “Rules” these give the name of the combination rule and link function to use for this row. Next follows another series  $J$  “A” columns, each should have a name of the form “A.*node*”. This defines a matrix  $A$  containing regression coefficients. Finally, there should be two additional columns, “Intercept” and “PriorWeight”.

Let  $Q$  be the logical matrix formed by the  $J$  columns after the first and let  $A$  be the matrix of coefficients. The matrix  $Q$  gives the structure of the graph with  $Q[i, j]$  being true when Node  $j$  is a parent of node  $i$ . By convention,  $Q[j, j] = 1$ . Note that unlike the inverse covariance matrix from which it gets its name, this matrix is not symmetric. It instead reflects the (possibly arbitrary) directions assigned to the edges. Except for the main diagonal,  $Q[i, j]$  and  $Q[j, i]$  will not both be 1. Note also, that  $A[i, j]$  should be positive only when  $Q[i, j] = 1$ . This provides an additional check that structures were correctly entered if the Omega matrix is being used for data entry.

When the link function is set to `normalLink` and the rules is set of `Compensatory` the model is described as a series of regressions. Consider Node  $j$  which has  $K$  parents. Let  $\theta_j$  be a real value

corresponding to that node and let  $\theta_k$  be a real (standard normal) value representing Parent Node  $k$ .  $a_k$  represent the corresponding coefficient from the  $A$ -table. Let  $\sigma_j = a_{j,j}$  that is the diagonal element of the  $A$ -table corresponding to the variable under consideration. Let  $b_j$  be the value of the intercept column for Node  $j$ . Then the model specifies that  $\theta_j$  has a normal distribution with mean

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{K}} \sum a_k \theta_k + b_j,$$

and standard deviation  $\sigma_j$ . The regression is discretized to calculate the conditional probability table (see [normalLink](#) for details).

Note that the parameters are deliberately chosen to look like a regression model. In particular,  $b_j$  is a normal intercept and not a difficulty parameter, so that in general [PnodeBetas](#) applied to the corresponding node will have the opposite sign. The  $1/\sqrt{K}$  term is a variance stabilization parameter so that the variance of  $\theta_j$  will not be affected by number of parents of Node  $j$ . The multiple R-squared for the regression model is

$$\frac{1/K \sum a_k^2}{1/K \sum a_k^2 + \sigma_j^2}.$$

This is often a more convenient parameter to elicit than  $\sigma_j$ .

The function `Omega2Pnet` attempts to make adjustments to its `pnet` argument, which should be a [Pnet](#), so that it conforms to the information given in the Omega matrix. Nodes are created as necessary using information in the `nodewarehouse` argument, which should be a [Warehouse](#) object whose manifest includes instructions for building the nodes in the network. The warehouse supply function should either return an existing node in `pnet` or create a new node in `pnet`. The structure of the graph is adjusted to correspond to the Q-matrix (structural part of the data frame). If the value of the `override` argument is false, an error is raised if there is existing structure with a different topology. If `override` is true, then the `pnet` is destructively altered to conform to the structural information in the Omega matrix.

The “Link” and “Rules” columns are used to set the values of [PnodeLink](#)(*node*) and [PnodeRules](#)(*node*). The off-diagonal elements of the A-matrix are used to set [PnodeAlphas](#)(*node*) and the diagonal elements to set [PnodeLinkScale](#)(*node*). The values in the “Intercept” column are the negatives of the values [PnodeBetas](#)(*node*). Finally, the values in the “PriorWeight” column correspond to the values of [PnodePriorWeight](#)(*node*). In any of these cases, if the value in the Omega matrix is missing, then the default value will be supplied instead.

One challenge is setting up a matrix with the correct structure. If the nodes have been defined, the [Pnet2Omega](#) can be used to create a blank matrix with the proper format which can then be edited.

## Value

The network `pnet` is returned. Note that it is destructively modified by the commands to conform to the Omega matrix.

## Omega Matrix Structure

An Omega Matrix should be an object of class `data.frame` with number of rows equal to the number of nodes. Throughout let *node* stand for the name of a node.

**Node** The name of the node described in this column.

*node* One column for each node. The value in this column should be 1 if the node in the column is regarded as a parent of the node referenced in the row.

**Link** The name of a link function. Currently, “[normalLink](#)” is the only value supported.

**Rules** The name of the combination rule to use. Currently, “[Compensatory](#)” is recommended.

**A.node** One column for each node. This should be a positive value if the corresponding *node* column has a 1. This gives the regression coefficient. If *node* corresponds to the current row, this is the residual standard deviation rather than a regression coefficient. See details.

**Intercept** A numeric value giving the change in prevalence for the two variables (see details).

**PriorWeight** The amount of weight which should be given to the current values when learning conditional probability tables. See [PnodePriorWeight](#).

### Side Effects

This function destructively modifies `pnet` and nodes referenced in the `Qmat` and supplied by the warehouses.

Note that unlike typical R implementations, this is not necessarily safe. In particular, if the `Qmat` references 10 nodes, and an error is raised when trying to modify the 5th node, the first 4 nodes will be modified, the last 5 will not be and the 5th node may be partially modified. This is different from most R functions where changes are not committed unless the function returns successfully.

### Note

While the Omega matrix allows the user to specify both link function and combination rule, the description of the Bayesian network as a series of regressions only really makes sense when the link function is [normalLink](#) and the combination rule is [Compensatory](#). These are included for future expansion.

The representation, using a single row of the data frame for each node in the graph, only works well with the normal link function. In particular, both the partial credit and graded response links require the ability to specify different intercepts for different states of the variable, something which is not supported in the Omega matrix. Furthermore, the [OffsetConjunctive](#) rule requires multiple intercepts. Presumably the [Conjunctive](#) rule could be used, but the interpretation of the slope parameters is then unclear. If the variables need a model other than the compensatory normal model, it might be better to use a Q-matrix (see [Pnet2Qmat](#) to describe the variable).

### Author(s)

Russell Almond

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**See Also**

The inverse operation is [Pnet2Omega](#).

See [Warehouse](#) for description of the node warehouse argument.

See [normalLink](#) and [Compensatory](#) for more information about the mathematical model.

The node attributes set from the Omega matrix include: [PnodeParents](#)(*node*), [PnodeLink](#)(*node*), [PnodeLinkScale](#)(*node*), [PnodeRules](#)(*node*), [PnodeAlphas](#)(*node*), [PnodeBetas](#)(*node*), and [PnodePriorWeight](#)(*node*)

**Examples**

```
## Sample Omega matrix.
omegamat <- read.csv(paste(library(help="Peanut")$path, "auxdata",
                          "miniPP-omega.csv", sep=.Platform$file.sep),
                    row.names=1,stringsAsFactors=FALSE)

## Not run:
library(PNetica) ## Needs PNetica
sess <- NeticaSession()
startSession(sess)
curd <- getwd()

netman1 <- read.csv(paste(library(help="Peanut")$path, "auxdata",
                          "Mini-PP-Nets.csv", sep=.Platform$file.sep),
                   row.names=1,stringsAsFactors=FALSE)

nodeman1 <- read.csv(paste(library(help="Peanut")$path, "auxdata",
                          "Mini-PP-Nodes.csv", sep=.Platform$file.sep),
                    row.names=1,stringsAsFactors=FALSE)

## Insures we are building nets from scratch
setwd(tempdir())
## Network and node warehouse, to create networks and nodes on demand.
Nethouse <- BNWarehouse(manifest=netman1,session=sess,key="Name")

Nodehouse <- NNWarehouse(manifest=nodeman1,
                        key=c("Model", "NodeName"),
                        session=sess)
CM <- WarehouseSupply(Nethouse,"miniPP_CM")
CM1 <- Omega2Pnet(omegamat,CM,Nodehouse,override=TRUE,debug=TRUE)

Om2 <- Pnet2Omega(CM1,NetworkAllNodes(CM1))

stopSession(sess)
setwd(curd)

## End(Not run)
```

Pnet

*A Parameterized Bayesian network***Description**

A parameterized Bayesian network. Note that this an abstract class. If an object implements the Pnet protocol, then `is.Pnet(net)` should return TRUE.

**Usage**

```
is.Pnet(x)
as.Pnet(x)
Pnet(net, priorWeight=10, pnodes=list())
## Default S3 method:
Pnet(net, priorWeight=10, pnodes=list())
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	A object to test to see if it a parameterized network, or to coerce into a parameterized network.
<code>net</code>	A network object which will become the core of the Pnet. Note that this should probably already be another kind of network, e.g., a <a href="#">NeticaBN</a> object.
<code>priorWeight</code>	A numeric vector providing the default prior weight for nodes.
<code>pnodes</code>	A list of objects which can be coerced into node objects. Note that the function does not do the coercion.

**Details**

The Pnet class is basically a protocol which any Bayesian network net object can follow to work with the tools in the Peanut package. This is really an abstract class (in the java programming language, Pnet would be an interface rather than a class). In particular, a Pnet is any object for which `is.Pnet` returns true. The default method looks for the string "Pnet" in the class list.

A Pnet object has two "fields" (implemented through the accessor methods). The function `PnetPnodes` returns a list of parameterized nodes or [Pnodes](#) associate with the network. The function `PnetPriorWeight` gets (or sets) the default weight to be used for each node.

The default constructor adds "Pnet" to the class of net and then sets the two fields using the accessor functions. There is no default method for the `as.Pnet` function.

In addition to the required fields, there are several optional fields. The methods `PnetName()`, `PnetTitle()`, `PnetDescription()`, and `PnetPathname()` all provide generic setters and getters for mostly self-explanatory properties of the network. For model fragments (such as evidence models) which are meant to be ajoined to other networks, the accessor `PnetHub()` returns the name of the network to which it is to be adjoined (such as a proficiency model). These optional feilds are

referenced by the function `BuildNetManifest()` which builds a table of meta-data from which to construct a network.

The Pnet supports hub-and-spoke architectures for Bayes nets. The hub is a complete Bayesian network to which spokes, network fragments are attached. For example, in a typical educational testing application, the central student proficiency model will be the hub, and the evidence models linking the proficiency variables to the observable outcomes, will be the spokes. Only the spokes corresponding to the tasks on a given test form need to be attached to draw inferences. Spoke models are generally model fragments because they contain “stub” nodes, references to nodes in the corresponding hub model. The function `PnetHub()` returns or sets the name of the hub model for a spoke. For a hub net, this function returns `character(0)` or `NULL`. The function `PnetMakeStubNodes()` will create stub node objects in the spoke model, and the function `PnetRemoveStubNodes()` will remove them. These are called before and after creating graph structures in `Qmat2Pnet`. The functions `PnetAdjoin()` and `PnetDetach()` adjoin a hub and spoke node, matching the stub variables with their real counterparts and detach them (reversing the process).

The importance of the Pnet object is that it supports the `GEMfit` method which adjust the parameters of the Pnode objects to fit a set of case data. In order to be compatible with `GEMfit`, the Pnet object must support four methods: `BuildAllTables`, `calcPnetLLike`, `calcExpTables`, and `maxAllTableParams`.

The generic function `BuildAllTables` builds conditional probability tables from the current values of the parameters in all Pnodes. The default method loops through all of the nodes in `PnetPnodes` and calls the function `BuildTable` on each.

The generic function `calcPnetLLike` calculates the log likelihood of a set of cases given the current values of the parameters. There is no default for this method as its implementation is dependent.

The generic function `calcExpTables` calculates expected cross-tabs for all CPT for the Pnodes given a set of case data. The easiest way to do this is to run the EM algorithm for an unconstrained hyper-Dirichlet model for one or two cycles. There is no default for this as its implementation is dependent.

The generic function `maxAllTableParams` calculates the parameters that maximize the fit to the expected tables for each Pnode. The default method loops over `PnetPnodes(net)` and applies the method `maxCPTParam` to each.

## Value

The function `is.Pnet` returns a logical scalar indicating whether or not the object claims to follow the Pnet protocol.

The function `as.Pnet` and `Pnet` convert the argument into a Pnet and return that.

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**See Also**

Fields: [PnetPriorWeight](#), [PnetPnodes](#)

Generic Functions: [BuildAllTables](#), [calcPnetLLike](#), [calcExpTables](#), [maxAllTableParams](#), [PnetName\(\)](#), [PnetTitle\(\)](#), [PnetDescription\(\)](#), [PnetPathname\(\)](#), [PnetAdjoin\(\)](#), [PnetDetach\(\)](#), [PnetMakeStubNodes\(\)](#), [PnetRemoveStubNodes\(\)](#), [PnetFindNode\(\)](#)

Functions: [GEMfit](#), [BuildNetManifest](#), [Pnet2Qmat](#), [Pnet2Omega](#), [Qmat2Pnet](#), [Omega2Pnet](#)

Related Classes: [Pnode](#), [Warehouse](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:

library(PNetica) ## Implementation of Peanut protocol
## Create network structure using RNetica calls
IRT10.2PL <- CreateNetwork("IRT10_2PL")

theta <- NewDiscreteNode(IRT10.2PL,"theta",
                        c("VH","High","Mid","Low","VL"))
NodeLevels(theta) <- effectiveThetas(NodeNumStates(theta))
NodeProbs(theta) <- rep(1/NodeNumStates(theta),NodeNumStates(theta))

J <- 10 ## Number of items
items <- NewDiscreteNode(IRT10.2PL,paste("item",1:J,sep=""),
                        c("Correct","Incorrect"))
for (j in 1:J) {
  NodeParents(items[[j]]) <- list(theta)
  NodeLevels(items[[j]]) <- c(1,0)
  NodeSets(items[[j]]) <- c("observables")
}

## Convert into a Pnet
IRT10.2PL <- Pnet(IRT10.2PL,priorWeight=10,pnodes=items)

## Draw random parameters
btrue <- rnorm(J)
lnatrue <- rnorm(J)/sqrt(3)
dump(c("btrue","lnatrue"),"IRT10.2PL.params.R")

## Convert nodes to Pnodes
for (j in 1:J) {
  items[[j]] <- Pnode(items[[j]],lnatrue[j],btrue[j])
}
BuildAllTables(IRT10.2PL)
is.Pnet(IRT10.2PL)
WriteNetworks(IRT10.2PL,"IRT10.2PL.true.dne")

DeleteNetwork(IRT10.2PL)

## End(Not run)
```



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Pnet2Omega

*Constructs an Omega matrix from a parameterized network.*


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### Description

An Omega matrix (represented as a data frame) is a structure which describes a Bayesian network as a series of regressions from the parent nodes to the child nodes. It actually contains two matrixes, one giving the structure and the other the regression coefficients. If the parameters have not yet been added to nodes, then the function will use the supplied default values allowing the parameters to later be defined through the use of the function [Pnet2Omega](#).

### Usage

```
Pnet2Omega(net, prof, defaultRule = "Compensatory", defaultLink = "normalLink", defaultAlpha = 1, def
```

### Arguments

net	A <a href="#">Pnet</a> object containing the network to be described.
prof	A list of <a href="#">Pnode</a> objects which will become the rows and columns of the matrix.
defaultRule	This should be a character scalar giving the name of a CPTtools combination rule (see <a href="#">Compensatory</a> ). With the regression model assumed in the algorithm, currently "Compensatory" is the only value that makes sense.
defaultLink	This should be a character scalar giving the name of a CPTtools link function (see <a href="#">normalLink</a> ). With the regression model assumed in the algorithm, currently "normalLink" is the only value that makes sense.
defaultAlpha	A numeric scalar giving the default value for slope parameters.
defaultBeta	A numeric scalar giving the default value for difficulty (negative intercept) parameters.
defaultLinkScale	A positive number which gives the default value for the link scale parameter.
debug	A logical value. If true, extra information will be printed during process of building the Omega matrix.

### Details

Whittaker (1990) noted that a normal Bayesian network (one in which all nodes followed a standard normal distribution) could be described using the inverse of the covariance matrix, often denoted Omega. In particular, zeros in the inverse covariance matrix represented variables which were conditionally independent, and therefore reducing the matrix to one with positive and zero values could provide the structure for a graphical model. Almond (2010) proposed using this as the basis for specifying discrete Bayesian networks for the proficiency model in educational assessments (especially as correlation matrixes among latent variables are a possible output of a factor analysis).

The Omega matrix is represented with a [data.frame](#) object which contains two square submatrixes and a couple of auxiliary columns. The first column should be named "Node" and contains the names of the nodes. This defines a collection of *nodes* which are defined in the Omega matrix. Let

$J$  be the number of nodes (rows in the data frame). The next  $J$  columns should have the names the *nodes*. Their values give the structural component of the matrix. The following two columns are “Link” and “Rules” these give the name of the combination rule and link function to use for this row. Next follows another series  $J$  “A” columns, each should have a name of the form “A.node”. This defines a matrix  $A$  containing regression coefficients. Finally, there should be two additional columns, “Intercept” and “PriorWeight”.

Let  $Q$  be the logical matrix formed by the  $J$  columns after the first and let  $A$  be the matrix of coefficients. The matrix  $Q$  gives the structure of the graph with  $Q[i, j]$  being true when Node  $j$  is a parent of node  $i$ . By convention,  $Q[j, j] = 1$ . Note that unlike the inverse covariance matrix from which it gets its name, this matrix is not symmetric. It instead reflects the (possibly arbitrary) directions assigned to the edges. Except for the main diagonal,  $Q[i, j]$  and  $Q[j, i]$  will not both be 1. Note also, that  $A[i, j]$  should be positive only when  $Q[i, j] = 1$ . This provides an additional check that structures were correctly entered if the Omega matrix is being used for data entry.

When the link function is set to `normalLink` and the rules is set of `Compensatory` the model is described as a series of regressions. Consider Node  $j$  which has  $K$  parents. Let  $\theta_j$  be a real value corresponding to that node and let  $\theta_k$  be a real (standard normal) value representing Parent Node  $k$ .  $a_k$  represent the corresponding coefficient from the  $A$ -table. Let  $\sigma_j = a_{j,j}$  that is the diagonal element of the  $A$ -table corresponding to the variable under consideration. Let  $b_j$  be the value of the intercept column for Node  $j$ . Then the model specifies that  $\thetaeta_j$  has a normal distribution with mean

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{K}} \sum a_k \theta_k + b_j,$$

and standard deviation  $\sigma_j$ . The regression is discretized to calculate the conditional probability table (see `normalLink` for details).

Note that the parameters are deliberately chosen to look like a regression model. In particular,  $b_j$  is a normal intercept and not a difficulty parameter, so that in general `PnodeBetas` applied to the corresponding node will have the opposite sign. The  $1/\sqrt{K}$  term is a variance stabilization parameter so that the variance of  $\theta_j$  will not be affected by number of parents of Node  $j$ . The multiple R-squared for the regression model is

$$\frac{1/K \sum a_k^2}{1/K \sum a_k^2 + \sigma_j^2}.$$

This is often a more convenient parameter to elicit than  $\sigma_j$ .

The function `Pnet2Omega` builds an Omega matrix from an existing `Pnet`. Only the nodes specified in the `prof` argument are included in the matrix, each row corresponding to a node. The values in the “Node” column are taken from `PnodeName(node)`. The values in the structural part of the matrix are taken from the graphical structure, specifically `PnodeParents(node)`. The “Link” and “Rules” columns are taken from `PnodeLink(node)` and `PnodeRules(node)`. The off-diagonal elements of the  $A$ -matrix are taken from the values of `PnodeAlphas(node)` and the diagonal elements from `PnodeLinkScale(node)`. The values in the “Intercept” column are the negatives of the values `PnodeBetas(node)`. Finally, the values in the “PriorWeight” column correspond to the values of `PnodePriorWeight(node)`; note that a value of NA indicates that the prior weight should be taken from the `Pnet`.

If the nodes do not yet have the various parameters set, then this function will create a blank Omega matrix, with default values (set from various optional arguments) for entries where the parameters have not yet been set. This matrix can then be edited and read back in with `Omega2Pnet` as a way of setting the parameters of the network.

**Value**

An object of class (OmegaMat,data.frame) with number of rows equal to the number of nodes. Throughout let *node* stand for the name of a node.

Node	The name of the node described in this column.
<i>node</i>	One column for each node. The value in this column should be 1 if the node in the column is regarded as a parent of the node referenced in the row.
Link	The name of a link function. Currently, “ <a href="#">normalLink</a> ” is the only value supported.
Rules	The name of the combination rule to use. Currently, “ <a href="#">Compensatory</a> ” is recommended.
<i>A. node</i>	One column for each node. This should be a positive value if the corresponding <i>node</i> column has a 1. This gives the regression coefficient. If <i>node</i> corresponds to the current row, this is the residual standard deviation rather than a regression coefficient. See details.
Intercept	A numeric value giving the change in prevalence for the two variables (see details).
PriorWeight	The amount of weight which should be given to the current values when learning conditional probability tables. See <a href="#">PnodePriorWeight</a> .

**Note**

While the Omega matrix allows the user to specify both link function and combination rule, the description of the Bayesian network as a series of regressions only really makes sense when the link function is [normalLink](#) and the combination rule is [Compensatory](#). These are included for future expansion.

The representation, using a single row of the data frame for each node in the graph, only works well with the normal link function. In particular, both the partial credit and graded response links require the ability to specify different intercepts for different states of the variable, something which is not supported in the Omega matrix. Furthermore, the [OffsetConjunctive](#) rule requires multiple intercepts. Presumably the [Conjunctive](#) rule could be used, but the interpretation of the slope parameters is then unclear. If the variables need a model other than the compensatory normal model, it might be better to use a Q-matrix (see [Pnet2Qmat](#) to describe the variable.

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**See Also**

The inverse operation is [Omega2Pnet](#).

See [normalLink](#) and [Compensatory](#) for more information about the mathematical model.

The node functions from which the Omega matrix is populated includes: [PnodeParents](#)(*node*), [PnodeLink](#)(*node*), [PnodeLinkScale](#)(*node*), [PnodeRules](#)(*node*), [PnodeAlphas](#)(*node*), [PnodeBetas](#)(*node*), and [PnodePriorWeight](#)(*node*)

**Examples**

```
## Sample Omega matrix.
omegamat <- read.csv(paste(library(help="Peanut")$path, "auxdata",
                          "miniPP-omega.csv", sep=.Platform$file.sep),
                   row.names=1,stringsAsFactors=FALSE)

## Not run:
library(PNetica) ## Needs PNetica
sess <- NeticaSession()
startSession(sess)
curd <- getwd()

netman1 <- read.csv(paste(library(help="Peanut")$path, "auxdata",
                          "Mini-PP-Nets.csv", sep=.Platform$file.sep),
                   row.names=1,stringsAsFactors=FALSE)

nodeman1 <- read.csv(paste(library(help="Peanut")$path, "auxdata",
                          "Mini-PP-Nodes.csv", sep=.Platform$file.sep),
                   row.names=1,stringsAsFactors=FALSE)

## Insures we are building nets from scratch
setwd(tempdir())
## Network and node warehouse, to create networks and nodes on demand.
Nethouse <- BNWarehouse(manifest=netman1,session=sess,key="Name")

Nodehouse <- NNWarehouse(manifest=nodeman1,
                        key=c("Model","NodeName"),
                        session=sess)
CM <- WarehouseSupply(Nethouse,"miniPP_CM")
CM1 <- Omega2Pnet(omegamat,CM,Nodehouse,override=TRUE,debug=TRUE)

Om2 <- Pnet2Omega(CM1,NetworkAllNodes(CM1))

stopSession(sess)
setwd(curd)

## End(Not run)
```

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Pnet2Qmat	<i>Makes an augmented Q-matrix from a collection of parameterized nets</i>
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### Description

In augmented  $Q$ -matrix, there is a set of rows for each `Pnode` which describes the conditional probability table for that node in terms of the model parameters (see `BuildTable`). As the Pnodes could potentially come from multiple nets, the key for the table is (“Model”, “Node”). As there are multiple rows per node, “State” is the third part of the key.

The function `Pnet2` creates an augmented  $Q$ -matrix out of a collection of `Pnodes`, possibly spanning multiple `Pnets`.

### Usage

```
Pnet2Qmat(obs, prof, defaultRule = "Compensatory", defaultLink = "partialCredit", defaultAlpha = 1, d
```

### Arguments

<code>obs</code>	A list of <i>observable</i> <code>Pnode</code> objects. These could span multiple <code>Pnet</code> objects. Each element of this list will corresponded to one or more rows in the output $Q$ -matrix.
<code>prof</code>	A list of <i>proficiency</i> Pnodes. These are the parents of the Pnodes in the obs list. Usually, these are all in a central proficiency or hub model.
<code>defaultRule</code>	This should be a character scalar giving the name of a CPTtools combination rule (see <code>Compensatory</code> ).
<code>defaultLink</code>	This should be a character scalar giving the name of a CPTtools link function (see <code>partialCredit</code> ).
<code>defaultAlpha</code>	A numeric scalar giving the default value for slope parameters.
<code>defaultBeta</code>	A numeric scalar giving the default value for difficulty (negative intercept) parameters.
<code>defaultLinkScale</code>	A positive number which gives the default value for the link scale parameter.
<code>debug</code>	A logical value. If true, extra information will be printed during process of building the Pnet.

### Details

A  $Q$ -matrix is a 0-1 matrix which describes which proficiency (latent) variables are connected to which observable outcome variables;  $q_{jk} = 1$  if and only if proficiency variable  $k$  is a parent of observable variable  $j$ . Almond (2010) suggested that augmenting the  $Q$ -matrix with additional columns representing the combination rules (`PnodeRules`), link function (`PnodeLink`), link scale parameter (if needed, `PnodeLinkScale`) and difficulty parameters (`PnodeBetas`). The discrimination parameters (`PnodeAlphas`) could be overloaded with the  $Q$ -matrix, with non-zero parameters in places where there were 1's in the  $Q$ -matrix.

This arrangement worked fine with combination rules (e.g., [Compensatory](#)) which contained multiple alpha (discrimination) parameters, one for each parent variable, and a single beta (difficulty). The introduction of a new type of offset rule (e.g., [OffsetDisjunctive](#)) which uses a multiple difficulty parameters, one for each parent variable, and a single alpha. Almond (2016) suggested a new augmentation which has three matrixes in a single table (a Qmat): the *Q*-matrix, which contains structural information; the *A*-matrix, which contains discrimination parameters; and the *B*-matrix, which contains the difficulty parameters. The names for the columns for these matrixes contain the names of the proficiency variables, prepended with “A.” or “B.” in the case of the *A*-matrix and *B*-matrix. There are two additional columns marked “A” and “B” which are used for the discrimination and difficulty parameter in the multiple-beta and multiple-alpha cases. There is some redundancy between the *Q*, *A* and *B* matrixes, but this provides an opportunity for checking the validity of the input.

The introduction of the partial credit link function ([partialCredit](#)) added a further complication. With the partial credit model, there could be a separate set of discrimination or difficulty parameters for each transition for a polytomous item. Even the [gradedResponse](#) link function requires a separate difficulty parameter for each level of the variable save the first. The rows of the Qmat data structure are hence augmented to include one row for every state but the lowest-level state. There should be of fewer rows of associated with the node than the value in the “Nstates” column, and the names of the states (values in the “State” column) should correspond to every state of the target variable except the first. It is an error if the number of states does not match the existing node, or if the state names do not match what is already used for the node or is in the manifest for the node [Warehouse](#).

Note that two nodes in different networks may share the same name, and two states in two different nodes may have the same name as well. Thus, the formal key for the Qmat data frame is (“Model”, “Node”, “State”), however, the rows which share the values for (“Model”, “Node”) form a subtable for that particular node. In particular, the rows of the *Q*-matrix subtable for that node form the *inner Q-matrix* for that node. The inner *Q*-matrix shows which variables are relevant for each state transition in a partial credit model. The column-wise maximum of the inner *Q*-matrix forms the row of the outer *Q*-matrix for that node. This shows which proficiency nodes are the parent of the observable node. This corresponds to [PnodeQ\(node\)](#).

The function [Qmat2Pnet](#) creates and sets the parameters of the observable [Pnodes](#) referenced in the Qmat argument. As it needs to reference, and possibly create, a number of [Pnets](#) and [Pnodes](#), it requires both a network and a node [Warehouse](#). If the `override` parameter is true, the networks will be modified so that each node has the correct parents, otherwise [Qmat2Pnet](#) will signal an error if the existing network structure is inconsistent with the *Q*-matrix.

As there is only one link function for each *node*, the values of [PnodeLink\(node\)](#) and [PnodeLinkScale\(node\)](#) are set based on the values in the “Link” and “LinkScale” columns and the first row corresponding to *node*. Note that the choice of link functions determines what is sensible for the other values but this is not checked by the code.

The value of [PnodeRules\(node\)](#) can either be a single value or a list of rule names. The first value in the sub-Qmat must a character value, but if the other values are missing then a single value is used. If not, all of the entries should be non-missing. If this is a single value, then effectively the same combination rule is used for each transition.

The interpretation of the *A*-matrix and the *B*-matrix depends on the value in the “Rules” column. There are two types of rules, multiple-A rules and multiple-B rules (offset rules). The CPTtools function [isOffsetRule](#) checks to see what kind of a rule it is. The multiple-A rules, of which [Compensatory](#) is the canonical example, have one discrimination (or slope) parameter

for every parent variable (values of 1 in the  $Q$ -matrix) and have a single difficulty (negative intercept) parameter which is in the “B” column of the Qmat. The multiple-B or offset rules, of which `OffsetConjunctive` is the canonical example, have a difficulty (negative intercept) parameter for each parent variable and a single discrimination (slope) parameter which is in the “A” column. The function `Qmat2Pnet` uses the value of `isOffsetRule` to determine whether to use the multiple-B (true) or multiple-A (false) paradigm.

A simple example is a binary observable variable which uses the `Compensatory` rule. This is essentially a regression model (logistic regression with `partialCredit` or `gradedResponse` link functions, linear regression with `normalLink` link function) on the parent variables. The linear predictor is:

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{K}}(a_1\theta_1 + \dots + a_K\theta_K) - b.$$

The values  $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_K$  are effective thetas, real values corresponding to the states of the parent variables. The value  $a_i$  is stored in the column “A.name $i$ ” where  $name_i$  is the name of the  $i$ th proficiency variable; the value of `PnodeAlphas(node)` is the vector  $a_1, \dots, a_k$  with names corresponding to the parent variables. The value of  $b$  is stored in the “B” column; the value of `PnodeBetas(node)` is  $b$ .

The multiple-B pattern replaces the  $A$ -matrix with the  $B$ -matrix and the column “A” with “B”. Consider binary observable variable which uses the `OffsetConjunctive` rule. The linear predictor is:

$$a \min(\theta_1 - b + 1, \dots, \theta_K - b_K).$$

The value  $b_i$  is stored in the column “B.name $i$ ” where  $name_i$  is the name of the  $i$ th proficiency variable; the value of `PnodeBetas(node)` is the vector  $b_1, \dots, b_k$  with names corresponding to the parent variables. The value of  $a$  is stored in the “A” column; the value of `PnodeBetas(node)` is  $a$ .

When there are more than two states in the output variable, `PnodeRules`, `PnodeAlphas(node)` and `PnodeBetas(node)` become lists to indicate that a different value should be used for each transition between states. If there is a single value in the “Rules” column, or equivalently the value of `PnodeRules` is a scalar, then the same rule is repeated for each state transition. The same is true for `PnodeAlphas(node)` and `PnodeBetas(node)`. If these values are a list, that indicates that a different value is to be used for each transition. If they are a vector that means that different values (of discriminations for multiple-a rules or difficulties for multiple-b rules) are needed for the parent variables, but the same set of values is to be used for each state transition. If different values are to be used then the values are a list of vectors.

The necessary configuration of  $a$ ’s and  $b$ ’s depends on the type of link function. Here are the rules for the currently existing link functions:

**normal** (`normalLink`) This link function uses the same linear predictor for each transition, so there should be a single rule, and `PnodeAlphas(node)` and `PnodeBetas(node)` should both be vectors (with  $b$  of length 1 for a multiple-a rule). This rule also requires a positive value for the `PnodeLinkScale(node)` in the “LinkScale” column. The values in the “A.name” and “B.name” for rows after the first can be left as NA’s to indicate that the same values are reused.

**graded response** (`gradedResponse`) This link function models the probability of getting at or above each state and then calculates the differences between them to produce the conditional probability table. In order to avoid negative probabilities, the probability of being in a higher state must always be nonincreasing. The surest way to ensure this is to both use the same combination rules at each state and the same set of discrimination parameters for each state.

The difficulty parameters must be nondecreasing. Again, values for rows after the first can be left as NAs to indicate that the same value should be reused.

**partial credit** (`partialCredit`) This link function models the conditional probability from moving from the previous state to the current state. As such, there is no restriction on the rules or parameters. In particular, it can alternate between multiple-a and multiple-b style rules from row to row.

Another restriction that the use of the partial credit rule lifts is the restriction that all parent variable must be used in each transition. Note that there is one row of the  $Q$ -matrix (the inner  $Q$ -matrix) for each state transition. Only the parent variables with 1's in the particular state row are considered when building the `PnodeAlphas(node)` and `PnodeBetas(node)` for this model. Note that only the partial credit link function can take advantage of the multiple parents, the other two require all parents to be used for every state.

The function `Pnet2Qmat` takes a collection of nodes (in a series of spoke or evidence models) and builds a `Qmat` data structure that can reproduce them. It loops through the nodes and fills out the `Qmat` based on the properties of the `Pnodes`. Note that if the properties are not yet set, then the default values are used, thus applying this to a network for which the structure has been established, but the parameters have not yet been set will build a blank `Qmat` which can be adjusted by experts.

## Value

The output augmented  $Q$ -matrix is a data frame with the columns described below. The number of columns is variable, with items marked *prof* actually corresponding to a number of columns with names taken from the proficiency variables (the *prof* argument).

Model	The name of the <code>Pnet</code> in which the node in this row lives.
Node	The name of the <code>Pnode</code> described in this row. Except for the multiple rows corresponding to the same node, the value of this column needs to be unique within "Model".
Nstates	The number of states for this node. Generally, each node should have one fewer rows than this number.
State	The name of the state for this row. This should be unique within the ("Model", "Node") combination.
Link	The name of a link function. This corresponds to <code>PnodeLink(node)</code> .
LinkScale	Either a positive number giving the link scale parameter or an NA if the link function does not need scale parameters. This corresponds to <code>PnodeLinkScale(node)</code> .
<i>prof</i>	There is one column for each proficiency variable. This corresponds to the structural part of the $Q$ -matrix. There should be 1 in this column if the named proficiency is used in calculating the transition to this state for this particular node, and a 0 otherwise.
Rules	The name of the combination rule to use for this row. This corresponds to <code>PnodeRules(node)</code> .
A. <i>prof</i>	There is one column for each proficiency with the proficiency name appended to "A.". If a multiple-alpha style combination rule (e.g., <code>Compensatory</code> ) this column should contain the appropriate discriminations, otherwise, its value should be NA.



A	If a multiple-beta style combination rule (e.g., <a href="#">OffsetConjunctive</a> ) this column should contain the single discrimination, otherwise, its value should be NA.
B. <i>prof</i>	There is one column for each proficiency with the proficiency name appended to “B.”. If a multiple-beta style combination rule (e.g., <a href="#">OffsetConjunctive</a> ) this column should contain the appropriate difficulty (negative intercept), otherwise, its value should be NA.
B	If a multiple-beta style combination rule (e.g., <a href="#">Compensatory</a> ) this column should contain the single difficulty (negative intercept), otherwise, its value should be NA.
PriorWeight	The amount of weight which should be given to the current values when learning conditional probability tables. See <a href="#">PnodePriorWeight</a> .

### Author(s)

Russell Almond

### References

Almond, R. G. (2010). ‘I can name that Bayesian network in two matrixes.’ *International Journal of Approximate Reasoning*. **51**, 167-178.

Almond, R. G. (presented 2017, August). Tabular views of Bayesian networks. In John-Mark Agosta and Tomas Singlair (Chair), *Bayesian Modeling Application Workshop 2017*. Symposium conducted at the meeting of Association for Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence, Sydney, Australia. (International) Retrieved from <http://bmaw2017.azurewebsites.net/>

### See Also

The inverse operation is [Qmat2Pnet](#).

See [Warehouse](#) for description of the network and node warehouse arguments

See [partialCredit](#), [gradedResponse](#), and [normalLink](#) for currently available link functions. See [Conjunctive](#) and [OffsetConjunctive](#) for more information about available combination rules.

The node attributes set from the Omega matrix include: [PnodeParents](#)(*node*), [PnodeLink](#)(*node*), [PnodeLinkScale](#)(*node*), [PnodeRules](#)(*node*), [PnodeQ](#)(*node*), [PnodeAlphas](#)(*node*), [PnodeBetas](#)(*node*), and [PnodePriorWeight](#)(*node*)

### Examples

```
## Sample Q matrix
Q1 <- read.csv(paste(library(help="Peanut")$path, "auxdata",
                    "miniPP-Q.csv", sep=.Platform$file.sep),
              stringsAsFactors=FALSE)
```

```
## Not run:
library(PNetica) ## Needs PNetica
sess <- NeticaSession()
startSession(sess)
curd <- getwd()
```

```

netman1 <- read.csv(paste(library(help="Peanut")$path, "auxdata",
                        "Mini-PP-Nets.csv", sep=.Platform$file.sep),
                  row.names=1,stringsAsFactors=FALSE)

nodeman1 <- read.csv(paste(library(help="Peanut")$path, "auxdata",
                          "Mini-PP-Nodes.csv", sep=.Platform$file.sep),
                    row.names=1,stringsAsFactors=FALSE)

## Insures we are building nets from scratch
setwd(tempdir())
## Network and node warehouse, to create networks and nodes on demand.
Nethouse <- BNWarehouse(manifest=netman1,session=sess,key="Name")

Nodehouse <- NNWarehouse(manifest=nodeman1,
                        key=c("Model","NodeName"),
                        session=sess)

## Build the proficiency model first:
CM <- WarehouseSupply(Nethouse,"miniPP_CM")
CM1 <- Omega2Pnet(omegamat,CM,Nodehouse,override=TRUE,debug=TRUE)

## Build the nets from the Qmat

Qmat2Pnet(Q1, Nethouse,Nodehouse,debug=TRUE)

## Build the Qmat from the nets
## Generate a list of nodes
obs <-sapply(list(sess$nets$PPcompEM,sess$nets$PPconjEM,sess$nets$PPtwostepEM),
            NetworkAllNodes)

Q2 <- Pnet2Qmat(obs,NetworkAllNodes(CM),debug=TRUE)

stopSession(sess)
setwd(curd)

## End(Not run)

```

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PnetAdjoin

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*Merges (or separates) two Pnets with common variables*


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## Description

In the hub-and-spoke Bayes net construction method, number of spoke models (evidence models in educational applications) are connected to a central hub model (proficiency models in educational applications). The PnetAdjoin operation combines a hub and spoke model to make a motif, replacing references to hub variables in the spoke model with the actual hub nodes. The PnetDetach operation reverses this.

**Usage**

```
PnetAdjoin(hub, spoke)
PnetDetach(motif, spoke)
```

**Arguments**

hub	A complete <b>Pnet</b> to which new variables will be added.
spoke	An incomplete <b>Pnet</b> which may contain stub nodes, references to nodes in the hub.
motif	The combined <b>Pnet</b> which is formed by joining a hub and spoke together.

**Details**

The hub-and-spoke model for Bayes net construction (Almond and Mislevy, 1999; Almond, 2017) divides a Bayes net into a central hub model and a collection of spoke models. The motivation is that the hub model represents the status of a system—in educational applications, the proficiency of the student—and the spoke models are related to collections of evidence that can be collected about the system state. In the educational application, the spoke models correspond to a collection of observable outcomes from a test item or task. A *motif* is a hub plus a collection of spoke model corresponding to a single task.

While the hub model is a complete Bayesian network, the spoke models are fragments. In particular, several hub model variables are parents of variables in the spoke model. These variables are not defined in spoke model, but are rather replaced with *stub nodes*, nodes which reference, but do not define the spoke model.

The PnetAdjoin operation copies the **Pnodes** from the spoke model into the hub model, and connects the stub nodes to the nodes with the same name in the spoke model. The result is a motif consisting of the hub and the spoke. (If this operation is repeated many times it can be used to build an arbitrarily complex motif.)

The PnetDetach operation reverses the adjoin operation. It removes the nodes associated with the spoke model only, leaving the joint probability distribution of the hub model (along with any evidence absorbed by setting values of observable variables in the spoke) intact.

**Value**

The function PnetAdjoin returns a list of the newly created nodes corresponding to the spoke model nodes. Note that the names may have changed to avoid duplicate names. The names of the list are the spoke node names, so that any name changes can be discovered.

In both cases, the first argument is destructively modified, for PnetAdjoin the hub model becomes the motif. For PnetDetach the motif becomes the hub again.

**Note**

Node names must be unique within a Bayes net. If several spokes are attached to a hub and those spokes have common names for observable variables, then the names will need to be modified to make them unique. The function PnetAdjoin always returns the new nodes so that any name changes can be noted by the calling program.

I anticipate that there will be considerable variation in how these functions are implemented depending on the underlying implementation of the Bayes net package. In particular, there is no particular need for the PnetDetach function to do anything. While removing variables corresponding to an unneeded spoke model make the network smaller, they are harmless as far as calculations of the posterior distribution.

### Author(s)

Russell Almond

### References

Almond, R. G. & Mislevy, R. J. (1999) Graphical models and computerized adaptive testing. *Applied Psychological Measurement*, 23, 223–238.

Almond, R., Herskovits, E., Mislevy, R. J., & Steinberg, L. S. (1999). Transfer of information between system and evidence models. In *Artificial Intelligence and Statistics 99, Proceedings* (pp. 181–186). Morgan-Kaufman

Almond, R. G. (presented 2017, August). Tabular views of Bayesian networks. In John-Mark Agosta and Tomas Singlair (Chair), *Bayesian Modeling Application Workshop 2017*. Symposium conducted at the meeting of Association for Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence, Sydney, Australia. (International) Retrieved from <http://bmaw2017.azurewebsites.net/>

### See Also

[Pnet](#), [PnetHub](#), [Qmat2Pnet](#), [PnetMakeStubNodes](#)

### Examples

```
## Not run:
library(PNetica) # Requires PNetica
sess <- NeticaSession()
startSession(sess)

PM <- ReadNetworks(file.path(library(help="PNetica")$path, "testnets",
  "miniPP-CM.dne"), session=sess)
EM1 <- ReadNetworks(file.path(library(help="PNetica")$path, "testnets",
  "PPcompEM.dne"), session=sess)

Phys <- PnetFindNode(PM, "Physics")

## Prior probability for high level node
CompileNetwork(PM)
bel1 <- NodeBeliefs(Phys)

## Adjoin the networks.
EM1.obs <- PnetAdjoin(PM, EM1)
CompileNetwork(PM)

## Enter a finding
NodeFinding(EM1.obs[[1]]) <- "Right"
## Posterior probability for high level node
```

```
bel2 <- NodeBeliefs(Phys)

PnetDetach(PM,EM1)
CompileNetwork(PM)

## Findings are unchanged
bel2a <- NodeBeliefs(Phys)
stopifnot(all.equal(bel2,bel2a))

DeleteNetwork(list(PM,EM1))
stopSession(sess)

## End(Not run)
```

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PnetFindNode	<i>Finds nodes in a parameterized network.</i>
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### Description

The function `PnetFindNode` finds a node in a [Pnet](#) with the given name. If no node with the specified name found, it will return `NULL`.

### Usage

```
PnetFindNode(net, name)
```

### Arguments

<code>net</code>	The <a href="#">Pnet</a> to search.
<code>name</code>	A character vector giving the name or names of the desired nodes.

### Details

Although each [Pnode](#) belongs to a single network, a network contains many nodes. Within a network, a node is uniquely identified by its name. However, nodes can be renamed (see [PnodeName\(\)](#)).

### Value

The [Pnode](#) object or list of [Pnode](#) objects corresponding to names,

### Author(s)

Russell Almond

### See Also

[Pnode](#), [Pnet](#)  
[PnodeNet](#) retrieves the network for the node.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
library(PNetica) # Requires PNetica
sess <- NeticaSession()
startSession(sess)

tnet <- CreateNetwork("TestNet",sess)
nodes <- NewDiscreteNode(tnet,c("A","B","C"))

nodeA <- PnetFindNode(tnet,"A")
stopifnot (nodeA==nodes[[1]])

nodeBC <- PnetFindNode(tnet,c("B","C"))
stopifnot(nodeBC[[1]]==nodes[[2]])
stopifnot(nodeBC[[2]]==nodes[[3]])

DeleteNetwork(tnet)
stopSession(sess)

## End(Not run)
```

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PnetHub

*Returns the name of the hub net if this is a spoke net.*


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**Description**

The hub-and-spoke model divides a complete model up into a central hub model (call a proficiency or competency model in educational applications) and spoke models (or evidence models) which reference variables in the hub network. If a network is a spoke, then the field `PnetHub` should be set to the name of the corresponding hub network.

**Usage**

```
PnetHub(net)
PnetHub(net) <- value
```

**Arguments**

`net`                    A [Pnet](#) object whose hub name is to be accessed.  
`value`                    A character scalar giving the name of the new hub network.

**Value**

The getter method returns either a character vector of length 1 giving the name of the hub, or NA or the empty string if no hub is set.

The setter method returns the `net` argument.

**Author(s)**

Russell Almond

**References**

Almond, R. G. & Mislevy, R. J. (1999) Graphical models and computerized adaptive testing. *Applied Psychological Measurement*, 23, 223–238.

Almond, R., Herskovits, E., Mislevy, R. J., & Steinberg, L. S. (1999). Transfer of information between system and evidence models. In *Artificial Intelligence and Statistics 99, Proceedings* (pp. 181–186). Morgan-Kaufman

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**See Also**

[Pnet](#), [PnetAdjoin](#) (for merging hub and spoke), [Qmat2Pnet](#), [Pnet2Qmat](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
library(PNetica) # Requires PNetica
sess <- NeticaSession()
startSession(sess)
curd <- getwd()
setwd(file.path(library(help="PNetica")$path, "testnets"))

PM <- ReadNetworks("miniPP-CM.dne", session=sess)
stopifnot(PnetHub(PM)=="")

EM1 <- ReadNetworks("PPcompEM.dne", session=sess)
stopifnot(PnetHub(EM1)=="miniPP_CM")

foo <- CreateNetwork("foo",sess)
stopifnot(is.na(PnetHub(foo)))
PnetHub(foo) <- PnetName(PM)
stopifnot(PnetHub(foo)=="miniPP_CM")

DeleteNetwork(list(PM,EM1,foo))
stopSession(sess)
setwd(curd)

## End(Not run)
```

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PnetMakeStubNodes	<i>Creates (or removes) references to nodes in a network</i>
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### Description

A *stub node* is a reference in a *spoke* network to a node in a *hub* network. The function `PnetMakeStubNodes` makes stub nodes in the spoke network. The function `RemoveStubNodes` removes them.

### Usage

```
PnetMakeStubNodes(net, nodes)
PnetRemoveStubNodes(net, nodes)
```

### Arguments

net	A <a href="#">Pnet</a> object in which the stub nodes will be created or removed. This is generally a spoke (evidence model) network.
nodes	A list of <a href="#">Pnode</a> objects. In the case of <code>PnetMakeStubNodes</code> these are the nodes in the hub model which are to be copied. In the case of <code>PnetRemoveStubNodes</code> these are the stub nodes to be removed.

### Details

In the hub-and-spoke model, spoke models (evidence models) reference nodes in the central hub model (proficiency model in educational applications). The *stub node* is a node (or pseudo-node) in the spoke model which is actually a reference to a node in the hub model. In the operation `PnetAdjoin` when the spoke model is combined with the hub model, the stubs are replaced with the actual nodes they represent.

The pair of functions `PnetMokeStubNodes` and `PnetRemoveStubNodes` are used inside of `Qmat2Pnet` to create the necessary references to the proficiency nodes (in the columns of the  $Q$ -matrix) while building the conditional probability tables for the observable nodes (the rows of the  $Q$ -matrix). The function `PnetMakeStubNodes` gets called before the conditional probability tables are built, and the function `PnetRemoveStubNodes` gets called after all conditional probability tables are built.

### Value

The function `PnetMakeStubNodes` returns a list of the newly created stub nodes.

The return of the function `PnetRemoveStubNodes` is implementation dependent, and is called mainly for its side effects.

Both functions destructively modify the net argument.

### Note

The behavior of these functions will depend a lot on the underlying implementation, and they should be thought of as a pair. The function `PnetMakeStubNodes` gets called before constructing the conditional probability tables, and `PnetRemoveStubNodes`. For example, this could be used to give



the nodes the official hub node name while constructing the conditional probability tables and then rename them to something else.

In the [PNetica-package](#) implementation, the function `PnetMakeStubNodes` copies the nodes from the hub to the spoke, and the function `PnetRemoveStubNodes` deletes them (which if they are attached as a parent, automatically creates a stub node in Netica).

### Author(s)

Russell Almond

### References

Almond, R. G. (presented 2017, August). Tabular views of Bayesian networks. In John-Mark Agosta and Tomas Singlair (Chair), *Bayesian Modeling Application Workshop 2017*. Symposium conducted at the meeting of Association for Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence, Sydney, Australia. (International) Retrieved from <http://bmaw2017.azurewebsites.net/>

### See Also

`PnetHub(spoke)` give the name of the hub node for a given spoke.

The function `PnetAdjoin(hub, spoke)` merges hub and spoke networks replacing the stubs with the originals in the hub network.

The function `Qmat2Pnet` uses `PnetMakeStubNodes` and `PnetRemoveStubNodes` internally.

### Examples

```
## Not run:
library(PNetica) ## Needs PNetica
sess <- NeticaSession()
startSession(sess)

PM <- ReadNetworks(file.path(library(help="PNetica")$path, "testnets",
  "miniPP-CM.dne"), session=sess)
EM1 <- ReadNetworks(file.path(library(help="PNetica")$path, "testnets",
  "PPcompEM.dne"), session=sess)

## Find the target node and its parents.
obs <- PnetFindNode(EM1, "CompensatoryObs")
pars <- PnetFindNode(PM, c("NTL", "POfMom"))

## Make stub nodes for the parents
stubs <- PnetMakeStubNodes(EM1, pars)
## Set them as the parents
PnodeParents(obs) <- stubs

## Build the CPT
PnodeLink(obs) <- "partialCredit"
PnodeRules(obs) <- "Compensatory"
PnodeAlphas(obs) <- c(NTL=0.9, POfMom=1.1)
PnodeBetas(obs) <- 0.3
```

```

PnodeQ(obs) <- TRUE
BuildTable(obs)

##Done, now remove the stubs
PnetRemoveStubNodes(EM1, stubs)

DeleteNetwork(list(PM, EM1))
stopSession(sess)

## End(Not run)

```

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PnetName	<i>Gets or Sets the name of a Netica network.</i>
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### Description

Gets or sets the name of the network. Names must generally conform to the network naming convention of the host Bayesian network system. In particular, they should probably follow the rules for R variable names.

### Usage

```

PnetName(net)
PnetName(net) <- value

```

### Arguments

net	A <a href="#">Pnet</a> object.
value	A character scalar containing the new name.

### Details

Network names must conform to the rules for the host Bayes net system 'q'. Trying to set the network to a name that does not conform to the rules will produce an error, as will trying to set the network name to a name that corresponds to another different network.

The [PnetTitle\(\)](#) function provides another way to name a network which is not subject to the variable restrictions.

### Value

The name of the network as a character vector of length 1.

The setter method returns the modified object.

### Author(s)

Russell Almond

**See Also**

[Pnet](#), [PnetTitle\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
library(PNetica) ## Requires PNetica
sess <- NeticaSession()
startSession(sess)
net <- CreateNetwork("funNet",sess)
stopifnot(PnetName(net)=="funNet")

PnetName(net)<-"SomethingElse"
stopifnot(PnetName(net)=="SomethingElse")

## End(Not run)
```

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PnetPathname	<i>Returns the path associated with a network.</i>
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**Description**

A [Pnet](#) is associated with a filename where it is stored. This value should get set when the network is read or written. Note that this will usually be the name of the network with a implementation file type.

**Usage**

```
PnetPathname(net)
PnetPathname(net) <- value
```

**Arguments**

net	A <a href="#">Pnet</a> Bayesian network.
value	A character scalar giving the pathname for the network.

**Value**

The getter form returns a character vector of length 1. The setter form return the [Pnet](#) argument.

**Author(s)**

Russell Almond

**See Also**[Pnet](#)**Examples**

```
## Not run:
library(PNetica) # Requires PNetica
sess <- NeticaSession()
startSession(sess)
curd <- getwd()
setwd(file.path(library(help="PNetica")$path, "testnets"))

PM <- ReadNetworks("miniPP-CM.dne", session=sess)
stopifnot(PnetPathname(PM)=="miniPP-CM.dne")
PnetPathname(PM) <- "StudentModel1.dne"
stopifnot(PnetPathname(PM)=="StudentModel1.dne")

stopSession(sess)
setwd(curd)

## End(Not run)
```

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**PnetPnodes***Returns a list of Pnodes associated with a Pnet*

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**Description**

Each [Pnet](#) object maintains a list of [Pnode](#) objects which it is intended to set. The function [PnetPnodes](#) accesses this list. The function [PnodeNet](#) returns a back pointer to the [Pnet](#) from the [Pnode](#).

**Usage**

```
PnetPnodes(net)
PnetPnodes(net) <- value
PnodeNet(node)
```

**Arguments**

<code>net</code>	A <a href="#">Pnet</a> object.
<code>node</code>	A <a href="#">Pnode</a> object.
<code>value</code>	A list of <a href="#">Pnode</a> objects associated with <code>net</code> .

**Details**

The primary purpose of PnetPnodes is to provide a list of nodes which [GEMfit](#) and [BuildAllTables](#) will iterate to do their function.

The function PnodeNet returns the network object associated with the node (this assumes that the implementation has back pointers). Note that node may not be in the result of PnetPnodes (if for example, the conditional probability table of node is to remain fixed during a call to [GEMfit](#)). This function is used by [GetPriorWeight](#) to get the default prior weight if node does not have that value set locally.

**Value**

The function PnetPnodes returns a list of [Pnode](#) objects associated with the net. The expression `PnetPnodes(net) <- value` returns the net.

The function PnodeNet returns the network ([Pnet](#)) object that contains node.

**Note**

The functions PnetPnodes and PetPnodes<- and PnodeNet are abstract generic functions, and need specific implementations. See the [PNetica-package](#) for an example.

**Author(s)**

Russell Almond

**References**

Almond, R. G. (2015) An IRT-based Parameterization for Conditional Probability Tables. Paper presented at the 2015 Bayesian Application Workshop at the Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence Conference.

**See Also**

[Pnet](#), [Pnode](#), [GetPriorWeight](#), [BuildAllTables](#), [GEMfit](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:

library(PNetica) ## Implementation of Peanut protocol
## Create network structure using RNetica calls
IRT10.2PL <- CreateNetwork("IRT10_2PL")

theta <- NewDiscreteNode(IRT10.2PL,"theta",
                        c("VH","High","Mid","Low","VL"))
NodeLevels(theta) <- effectiveThetas(NodeNumStates(theta))
NodeProbs(theta) <- rep(1/NodeNumStates(theta),NodeNumStates(theta))

J <- 10 ## Number of items
items <- NewDiscreteNode(IRT10.2PL,paste("item",1:J,sep=""),
```

```

                                c("Correct", "Incorrect"))
for (j in 1:J) {
  NodeParents(items[[j]]) <- list(theta)
  NodeLevels(items[[j]]) <- c(1,0)
  NodeSets(items[[j]]) <- c("observables")
}
## Convert into a Pnet
IRT10.2PL <- Pnet(IRT10.2PL, priorWeight=10, pnodes=items[2:J])
for (j in 1:J) {
  items[[j]] <- Pnode(items[[j]])
}

stopifnot(
  length(PnetPnodes(IRT10.2PL)) == J-1, # All except item 1
  PnodeNet(items[[2]]) == IRT10.2PL,
  PnodeNet(items[[1]]) == IRT10.2PL # this is net membership, not
                                # Pnodes field
)

PnetPnodes(IRT10.2PL) <- items ## Add back item 1
stopifnot(
  length(PnetPnodes(IRT10.2PL)) == J
)
DeleteNetwork(IRT10.2PL)

## End(Not run)

```

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PnetPriorWeight	<i>Gets the weight to be associated with the prior table during EM learning</i>
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## Description

The EM learning algorithm [GEMfit](#) uses the built-in EM learning of the Bayes net to build expected count tables for each [Pnode](#). The expected count tables are a weighted average of the case data and the prior from the parameterized table. This gives the weight, in number of cases, given to the prior.

## Usage

```

PnetPriorWeight(net)
PnetPriorWeight(net) <- value
PnodePriorWeight(node)
PnodePriorWeight(node) <- value
GetPriorWeight(node)

```

## Arguments

net	A <a href="#">Pnet</a> object whose prior weight is to be accessed.
node	A <a href="#">Pnode</a> object whose prior weight is to be accessed.

**value** A nonnegative numeric vector giving the prior weight. This should either be a scalar or a vector with length equal to the number of rows of the conditional probability table. In the case of `PnetPriorWeight` using a non-scalar value will produce unpredictable results.

### Details

Suppose that value of the node and all of its parents are fully observed, and let  $X_{1i}, \dots, X_{ki}$  be the observed counts for row  $i$ , and let  $p_{1i}, \dots, p_{ki}$  be the conditional probabilities for row  $i$ . Then the posterior probabilities for row  $i$  can be found by normalizing  $X_{1i} + w_i p_{1i}, \dots, X_{ki} + w_i p_{ki}$ . In the EM algorithm, the table is not fully observed but the expected value of  $X_{1i}, \dots, X_{ki}$  is used instead.

This function gets or sets the vector  $w_1, \dots, w_I$  (where  $I$  is the number of rows in the conditional probability table). If `value` is a scalar this is the same as giving all  $w_i$  the same value.

The function `PnodePriorWeight` gets or sets the prior weight for a given node. The function `PnetPriorWeight` gets or sets the default weight for all nodes (a property of the network). Unless all nodes have the name number of parents with the same number of states, this should be a scalar. The expression `GetPriorWeight(node)` gets the prior weight for the node or if that is null, it gets the default prior weight from the net (using the function `PnodeNet`).

### Value

A numeric vector or scalar giving the weight or NULL if the default network weight is to be used.

### Note

The `GEMfit` algorithm will update the prior weight for each node based on how much information is available for each row. Thus, even if the values are initially the same for each row, after calling `GEMfit` they usually will be different for each row.

The functions `PnetPriorWeight` and `PnodePriorWeight` are abstract generic functions, and they needs specific implementations. See the `PNetica-package` for an example.

### Author(s)

Russell Almond

### References

Almond, R. G. (2015) An IRT-based Parameterization for Conditional Probability Tables. Paper presented at the 2015 Bayesian Application Workshop at the Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence Conference.

### See Also

[Pnet](#), [Pnode](#), [PnodeNet](#), [BuildTable](#), [GEMfit](#)

**Examples**

```

## Not run:

library(PNetica) ## Implementation of Peanut protocol
## Create network structure using RNetica calls
IRT10.2PL <- CreateNetwork("IRT10_2PL")

theta <- NewDiscreteNode(IRT10.2PL,"theta",
                        c("VH","High","Mid","Low","VL"))
NodeLevels(theta) <- effectiveThetas(NodeNumStates(theta))
NodeProbs(theta) <- rep(1/NodeNumStates(theta),NodeNumStates(theta))

J <- 10 ## Number of items
items <- NewDiscreteNode(IRT10.2PL,paste("item",1:J,sep=""),
                        c("Correct","Incorrect"))
for (j in 1:J) {
  NodeParents(items[[j]]) <- list(theta)
  NodeLevels(items[[j]]) <- c(1,0)
  NodeSets(items[[j]]) <- c("observables")
}

## Convert into a Pnet
IRT10.2PL <- Pnet(IRT10.2PL,priorWeight=10,pnodes=items)

## Convert nodes to Pnodes
for (j in 1:J) {
  items[[j]] <- Pnode(items[[j]])
}

PnodePriorWeight(items[[2]]) <- 5
## 5 states in parent, so 5 rows
PnodePriorWeight(items[[3]]) <- c(10,7,5,7,10)

stopifnot(
  abs(PnetPriorWeight(IRT10.2PL)-10) < .0001,
  is.null(PnodePriorWeight(items[[1]])),
  abs(GetPriorWeight(items[[1]])-10) < .0001,
  abs(GetPriorWeight(items[[2]])-5) < .0001,
  any(abs(GetPriorWeight(items[[3]])-c(10,7,5,7,10)) < .0001)
)

PnetPriorWeight(IRT10.2PL) <- 15

stopifnot(
  abs(PnetPriorWeight(IRT10.2PL)-15) < .0001,
  is.null(PnodePriorWeight(items[[1]])),
  abs(GetPriorWeight(items[[1]])-15) < .0001,
  abs(GetPriorWeight(items[[2]])-5) < .0001,
  any(abs(GetPriorWeight(items[[3]])-c(10,7,5,7,10)) < .0001)
)

```



```
DeleteNetwork(IRT10.2PL)

## End(Not run)
```

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PnetTitle	<i>Gets the title or comments associated with a parameterized network.</i>
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## Description

The title is a longer name for a network which is not subject to naming restrictions. The description is free form text used to document the network. Both fields are optional.

## Usage

```
PnetTitle(net)
PnetTitle(net) <- value
PnetDescription(net)
PnetDescription(net) <- value
```

## Arguments

net	A <a href="#">Pnet</a> object.
value	A character object giving the new title or description.

## Details

The title is meant to be a human readable alternative to the name, which is not limited to the network naming restrictions.

The text is any text the user chooses to attach to the network. If `value` has length greater than 1, the vector is collapsed into a long string with newlines separating the components.

## Value

A character vector of length 1 providing the title or description.

Setter methods return the object.

## Author(s)

Russell Almond

## See Also

[Pnet](#), [PnetName\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:
library(PNetica) ## Requires PNetica
sess <- NeticaSession()
startSession(sess)

firstNet <- CreateNetwork("firstNet",sess)

PnetTitle(firstNet) <- "My First Bayesian Network"
stopifnot(PnetTitle(firstNet)=="My First Bayesian Network")

now <- date()
PnetDescription(firstNet)<-c("Network created on",now)
## Print here escapes the newline, so is harder to read
cat(PnetDescription(firstNet),"\n")
stopifnot(PnetDescription(firstNet) ==
  paste(c("Network created on",now),collapse="\n"))

DeleteNetwork(firstNet)

stopSession(sess)

## End(Not run)
```

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Pnode

*A Parameterized Bayesian network node*


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## Description

A node in a parameterized Bayesian network. Note that this is an abstract class. If an object implements the Pnode protocol, then `is.Pnode(node)` should return TRUE.

## Usage

```
is.Pnode(x)
as.Pnode(x)
Pnode (node, lnAlphas, betas, rules="Compensatory",
  link="partialCredit",Q=TRUE,linkScale=NULL,
  priorWeight=NULL)
```

## Arguments

x	A object to test to see if it is a parameterized node, or to coerce it to a parameterized node.
node	An object that will become the base of the parameterized node. This should already be a parameterized node, e.g., a <a href="#">NeticaNode</a> object.

lnAlphas	A numeric vector or list of numeric vectors giving the log slope parameters. See <a href="#">PnodeLnAlphas</a> for a description of this parameter. If missing, the constructor will try to create a pattern of zero values appropriate to the rules argument and the number of parent variables.
betas	A numeric vector or list of numeric vectors giving the intercept parameters. See <a href="#">PnodeBetas</a> for a description of this parameter. If missing, the constructor will try to create a pattern of zero values appropriate to the rules argument and the number of parent variables.
rules	The combination rule or a list of combination rules. These should either be names of functions or function objects. See <a href="#">PnodeRules</a> for a description of this argument.
link	The name of the link function or the link function itself. See <a href="#">PnodeLink</a> for a description of the link function.
Q	A logical matrix or the constant TRUE (indicating that the Q-matrix should be a matrix of TRUES). See <a href="#">PnodeQ</a> for a description of this parameter.
linkScale	A numeric vector of link scale parameters or NULL if scale parameters are not needed for the chosen link function. See <a href="#">PnodeLinkScale</a> for a description of this parameter.
priorWeight	A numeric vector of weights given to the prior parameter values for each row of the conditional probability table when learning from data (or a scalar if all rows have equal prior weight). See <a href="#">PnodePriorWeight</a> for a description of this parameter.

## Details

The Pnode class is basically a protocol which any Bayesian network node object can follow to work with the tools in the Peanut package. This is really an abstract class (in the java language, Pnode would be an interface rather than a class). In particular, a Pnode is any object for which `is.Pnode` returns true. The default method looks for the string "Pnode" in the class list.

**Fields.** A Pnode object has eight "fields" (implemented through the accessor methods), which all Pnode objects are meant to support. These correspond to the arguments of the [calcDPCTable](#) function.

The function [PnodeNet](#) returns the [Pnet](#) object which contains the nodes.

The function [PnodeQ](#) gets or sets a Q-matrix describing which parent variables are relevant for which state transitions. The default value is TRUE which indicates that all parent variables are relevant.

The function [PnodePriorWeight](#) gets or sets the prior weights associated with the node. This gives the relative weighting of the parameterized table as a prior and the observed data in the [GEMfit](#) algorithm.

The function [PnodeRules](#) gets or sets the combination rules used to combine the influence of the parent variables.

The functions [PnodeLnAlphas](#) and [PnodeAlphas](#) get or set the slope parameters associated with the combination rules. Note that in many applications, the slope parameters are constrained to be positive and maximization is done over the log of the slope parameter.

The function [PnodeBetas](#) gets or sets the difficulty (negative intercept) parameter associated with the combination rule.

The function `PnodeLink` gets or sets the link function used to translate between the output of the combination rule and a row of the conditional probability table.

The function `PnodeLinkScale` gets or sets a scale parameter associated with the link function.

There are some additional optional fields which describe metadata about the node and its states. The generic functions `PnodeName()`, `PnodeTitle()`, and `PnodeDescription()` access basic metadata about the node.

The generic function `PnodeLabels()` accesses a set of character labels associated with the node. This is useful for identifying sets of nodes (e.g., observables, high-level proficiency variables.)

The generic functions `PnodeStates()`, `PnodeStateTitles()`, and `PnodeStateDescriptions()` access basic information about the states of the node. The generic function `PnodeNumStates()` returns the number of states. The generic function `PnodeStateValues()` access the numeric values associated with the states.

The generic function `PnodeParents(node)` access the parent set of the *node*. Note that this function has a setter form which changes the topology of the graph. The generic functions `PnodeParentNames()` and `PnodeNumParents()` return the corresponding information about the parent variable.

**Generic Functions.** The importance of the Pnode object is that it supports the `GEMfit` method which adjust the parameters of the Pnode objects to fit a set of case data. In order to be compatible with `GEMfit`, the Pnode object must support three methods: `PnodeParentTvals`, `BuildTable`, and `maxCPTParam`.

The generic function `PnodeParentTvals` returns a list of effective theta values (vectors of real numbers) associated with the states of the parent variables. These are used to build the conditional probability tables.

The generic function `BuildTable` calls the function `calcDPCTable` to generate a conditional probability table for the node using the current parameter values. It also sets the node experience.

The generic function `maxCPTParam` calls the function `mapDPC` to calculate the optimal parameter values for the CPT for the node and the updates the parameter values.

## Value

The function `is.Pnet` returns a logical scalar indicating whether or not the object claims to follow the Pnet protocol.

## Author(s)

Russell Almond

## References

Almond, R. G. (2015) An IRT-based Parameterization for Conditional Probability Tables. Paper presented at the 2015 Bayesian Application Workshop at the Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence Conference.

## See Also

Parameter Fields: `PnodeQ`, `PnodePriorWeight`, `PnodeRules`, `PnodeLink`, `PnodeLnAlphas`, `PnodeAlphas`, `PnodeBetas`, `PnodeLinkScale`

Metadata fields: [PnodeNet](#), [PnodeParents](#), [PnodeParentNames](#), [PnodeNumParents](#), [PnodeName](#), [PnodeTitle](#), [PnodeDescription](#), [PnodeLabels](#), [PnodeStates](#), [PnodeNumStates](#), [PnodeStateTitles](#), [PnodeStateDescriptions](#), [PnodeStateValues](#)

Generic Functions: [BuildTable](#), [PnodeParentTvals](#), [maxCPTParam](#)

Functions: [GetPriorWeight](#), [calcDPCTable](#), [mapDPC](#)

Related Classes: [Pnet](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:

## These are the implementations of the two key generic functions in
## PNetica

BuildTable.NeticaNode <- function (node) {
  node[] <- calcDPCFrame(ParentStates(node),NodeStates(node),
                        PnodeLnAlphas(node), PnodeBetas(node),
                        PnodeRules(node),PnodeLink(node),
                        PnodeLinkScale(node),PnetQ(node),
                        PnodeParentTvals(node))
  NodeExperience(node) <- GetPriorWeight(node)
  invisible(node)
}

maxCPTParam.NeticaNode <- function (node, Mstepit=3,
                                   tol=sqrt(.Machine$double.eps)) {
  ## Get the posterior pseudo-counts by multiplying each row of the
  ## node's CPT by its experience.
  counts <- sweep(node[[1]],1,NodeExperience(node),"*")
  est <- mapDPC(counts,ParentStates(node),NodeStates(node),
                PnodeLnAlphas(node), PnodeBeta(node),
                PnodeRules(node),PnodeLink(node),
                PnodeLinkScale(node),PnodeQ(node),
                control=list(reltol=tol,maxits=Mstepit)
                )
  PnodeLnAlphas(node) <- est$lnAlphas
  PnodeBetas(node) <- est$betas
  PnodeLinkScale(node) <- est$linkScale
  invisible(node)
}

## End(Not run)
```

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PnodeBetas

*Access the combination function slope parameters for a Pnode*


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### Description

In constructing a conditional probability table using the discrete partial credit framework (see [calcDPCTable](#)), the effective thetas for each parent variable are combined into a single effect theta using a combination rule. The expression `PnodeAlphas(node)` accesses the intercept parameters associated with the combination function `PnodeRules(node)`.

### Usage

```
PnodeBetas(node)
PnodeBetas(node) <- value
```

### Arguments

node	A <a href="#">Pnode</a> object.
value	A numeric vector of intercept parameters or a list of such vectors (see details). The length of the vector depends on the combination rules (see <a href="#">PnodeRules</a> ). If a list, it should have length one less than the number of states in node.

### Details

Following the framework laid out in Almond (2015), the function `calcDPCTable` calculates a conditional probability table using the following steps:

1. Each set of parent variable states is converted to a set of continuous values called *effective thetas* (see [PnodeParentTvals](#)). These are built into an array, `eTheta`, using `expand.grid` where each column represents a parent variable and each row a possible configuration of parents.
2. For each state of the node except the last, the set of effective thetas is filtered using the local Q-matrix, `PnodeQ(node) = Q`. Thus, the actual effect thetas for state `s` is `eTheta[,Q[s,]]`.
3. For each state of the node except the last, the corresponding rule is applied to the effective thetas to get a single effective theta for each row of the table. This step is essentially calls the expression: `do.call(rules[[s]], list(eThetas[,Q[s,]], PnodeAlphas(node)[[s]], PnodeBetas(node)[[s]])`.
4. The resulting set of effective thetas are converted into conditional probabilities using the link function `PnodeLink(node)`.

The function `PnodeRules` accesses the function used in step 3. It should should be the name of a function or a function with the general signature of a combination function described in [Compensatory](#). The compensatory function is a useful model for explaining the roles of the slope parameters, *beta*. Let  $\theta_{i,j}$  be the effective theta value for the  $j$ th parent variable on the  $i$ th row

of the effective theta table, and let  $\beta_j$  be the corresponding slope parameter. Then the effective theta for that row is:

$$Z(\theta_i) = (\alpha_1\theta_{i,1} + \dots + \alpha_J\theta_{i,J})/C - \beta,$$

where  $C = \sqrt{J}$  is a variance stabilization constant and  $\alpha$ s are derived from `PnodeAlphas`. The functions `Conjunctive` and `Disjunctive` are similar replacing the sum with a min or max respectively.

In general, when the rule is one of `Compensatory`, `Conjunctive`, or `Disjunctive`, the the value of `PnodeBetas(node)` should be a scalar.

The rules `OffsetConjunctive`, and `OffsetDisjunctive`, work somewhat differently, in that they assume there is a single slope and multiple intercepts. Thus, the `OffsetConjunctive` has equation:

$$Z(\theta_i) = \alpha \min(\theta_{i,1} - \beta_1, \dots, \theta_{i,J} - \beta_J).$$

In this case the assumption is that `PnodeAlphas(node)` will be a scalar and `PnodeBetas(node)` will be a vector of length equal to the number of parents. As a special case, if it is a vector of length 1, then a model with a common slope is used. This looks the same in `calcDPCTable` but has a different implication in `mapDPC` where the parameters are constrained to be the same.

When node has more than two states, there is a different combination function for each transition. (Note that `calcDPCTable` assumes that the states are ordered from highest to lowest, and the transition functions represent transition to the corresponding state, in order.) There are always one fewer transitions than there states. The meaning of the transition functions is determined by the the value of `PnodeLink`, however, both the `partialCredit` and the `gradedResponse` link functions allow for different intercepts for the different steps, and the `gradedResponse` link function requires that the intercepts be in decreasing order (highest first). To get a different intercept for each transition, the value of `PnodeBetas(node)` should be a list.

If the value of `PnodeRules(node)` is a list, then a different combination rule is used for each transition. Potentially, this could require a different number of intercept parameters for each row. Also, if the value of `PnodeQ(node)` is not a matrix of all TRUE values, then the effective number of parents for each state transition could be different. In this case, if the `OffsetConjunctive` or `OffsetDisjunctive` rule is used the value of `PnodeBetas(node)` should be a list of vectors of different lengths (corresponding to the number of true entries in each row of `PnodeQ(node)`).

## Value

A list of numeric vectors giving the intercepts for the combination function of each state transition. The vectors may be of different lengths depending on the value of `PnodeRules(node)` and `PnodeQ(node)`. If the intercepts are the same for all transitions then a single numeric vector instead of a list is returned.

Note that the setter form may destructively modify the `Pnode` object (this depends on the implementation).

## Note

The functions `PnodeLnBetas` and `PnodeLnBetas<-` are abstract generic functions, and need specific implementations. See the `PNetica-package` for an example.

The values of `PnodeLink`, `PnodeRules`, `PnodeQ`, `PnodeParentTvals`, `PnodeLnAlphas`, and `PnodeBetas` all need to be consistent for this to work correctly, but no error checking is done on any of the setter methods.

**Author(s)**

Russell Almond

**References**

Almond, R. G. (2015) An IRT-based Parameterization for Conditional Probability Tables. Paper presented at the 2015 Bayesian Application Workshop at the Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence Conference.

Almond, R.G., Mislevy, R.J., Steinberg, L.S., Williamson, D.M. and Yan, D. (2015) *Bayesian Networks in Educational Assessment*. Springer. Chapter 8.

**See Also**

[Pnode](#), [PnodeQ](#), [PnodeRules](#), [PnodeLink](#), [PnodeLnAlphas](#), [BuildTable](#), [PnodeParentTvals](#), [maxCPTParam](#), [calcDPCTable](#), [mapDPC](#) [Compensatory](#), [OffsetConjunctive](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
library(PNetica) ## Requires implementation

tNet <- CreateNetwork("TestNet")

theta1 <- NewDiscreteNode(tNet,"theta1",
                          c("VH","High","Mid","Low","VL"))
NodeLevels(theta1) <- effectiveThetas(NodeNumStates(theta1))
NodeProbs(theta1) <- rep(1/NodeNumStates(theta1),NodeNumStates(theta1))
theta2 <- NewDiscreteNode(tNet,"theta2",
                          c("VH","High","Mid","Low","VL"))
NodeLevels(theta2) <- effectiveThetas(NodeNumStates(theta2))
NodeProbs(theta2) <- rep(1/NodeNumStates(theta2),NodeNumStates(theta2))

partial3 <- NewDiscreteNode(tNet,"partial3",
                            c("FullCredit","PartialCredit","NoCredit"))
NodeParents(partial3) <- list(theta1,theta2)

## Usual way to set rules is in constructor
partial3 <- Pnode(partial3,rules="Compensatory", link="gradedResponse")
PnodePriorWeight(partial3) <- 10
BuildTable(partial3)

## increasing intercepts for both transitions
PnodeBetas(partial3) <- list(FullCredit=1,PartialCredit=0)
BuildTable(partial3)

stopifnot(
  all(abs(do.call("c",PnodeBetas(partial3)) -c(1,0) ) <.0001)
)
```



```

## increasing intercepts for both transitions
PnodeLink(partial3) <- "partialCredit"
## Full Credit is still rarer than partial credit under the partial
## credit model
PnodeBetas(partial3) <- list(FullCredit=0,PartialCredit=0)
BuildTable(partial3)

stopifnot(
  all(abs(do.call("c",PnodeBetas(partial3)) -c(0,0) ) <.0001)
)

## Switch to rules which use multiple intercepts
PnodeRules(partial3) <- "OffsetConjunctive"

## Make Skill 1 more important for the transition to ParitalCredit
## And Skill 2 more important for the transition to FullCredit
PnodeLnAlphas(partial3) <- 0
PnodeBetas(partial3) <- list(FullCredit=c(-.25,.25),
                             PartialCredit=c(.25,-.25))
BuildTable(partial3)

## Set up so that first skill only needed for first transition, second
## skill for second transition; Adjust betas to match
PnodeQ(partial3) <- matrix(c(TRUE,TRUE,
                             TRUE,FALSE), 2,2, byrow=TRUE)
PnodeBetas(partial3) <- list(FullCredit=c(-.25,.25),
                             PartialCredit=0)
BuildTable(partial3)

## Can also do this with special parameter values
PnodeQ(partial3) <- TRUE
PnodeBetas(partial3) <- list(FullCredit=c(-.25,.25),
                             PartialCredit=c(0,Inf))
BuildTable(partial3)

DeleteNetwork(tNet)

## End(Not run)

```

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PnodeLabels

*Lists or changes the labels associated with a parameterize node.*


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### Description

A label is a character identifier associated with a node which provides information about its role in the models. This function returns or sets the labels associated with a node.

**Usage**

```
PnodeLabels(node)
PnodeLabels(node) <- value
```

**Arguments**

node	A <a href="#">Pnode</a> object.
value	A character vector containing the names of the labels that <i>node</i> should be associated with. These names should follow the variable naming rules.

**Details**

Netica node sets are a collection of string labels that can be associated with various nodes in a network. These have proved to be very useful on writing code as often it is useful to perform some operation on only a certain kind of nodes. One purpose of node sets is to label a set of nodes that play a similar role in the model. For example, "ReportingVariable" or "Observable".

The PnodeLabels function is an attempt to generalize that mechanism. The expression PnodeLabels(*node*) returns the labels currently associated with *node*, thus provides a general mechanism for identifying the roles that a node might play.

The expression PnodeLabels(*node*)<-*value* removes any labels previously associated with *node* and adds the new labels named in *value*. The elements of *value* need not correspond to existing labels, new node sets will be created for new values. (Warning: this implies that if the name of the node set is spelled incorrectly in one of the calls, this will create a new node set. For example, "Observable" and "Observables" would be two distinct labels.)

Two labels have special meaning in the Peanut package. The function [BuildAllTables](#)(*net*) rebuilds the tables for nodes which are labeled "pnode" (i.e., parameterized nodes). The function [GEMfit](#) attempts to fit the parameters for nodes labeled "pnodes", and associates values in the cases argument with the nodes labeled "onodes".

**Value**

A character vector giving the names of the labels *node* is associated with. The setter form returns *node*.

**Author(s)**

Russell Almond

**See Also**

[Pnode](#), [BuildAllTables](#), [GEMfit](#), [PnetPnodes](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
library(PNetica)##Requires PNetica
sess <- NeticaSession()
startSession(sess)
```

```

nsnet <- CreateNetwork("NodeSetExample", session=sess)

Ability <- NewDiscreteNode(nsnet,"Ability",c("High","Med","Low"))

EssayScore <- NewDiscreteNode(nsnet,"EssayScore",paste("level",5:0,sep="_"))

stopifnot(
  length(PnodeLabels(Ability)) == 0, ## Nothing set yet
)

PnodeLabels(Ability) <- "ReportingVariable"
stopifnot(
  PnodeLabels(Ability) == "ReportingVariable"
)
PnodeLabels(EssayScore) <- "Observable"
stopifnot(
  PnodeLabels(EssayScore) == "Observable"
)
## Make EssayScore a reporting variable, too
PnodeLabels(EssayScore) <- c("ReportingVariable",PnodeLabels(EssayScore))
stopifnot(
  setequal(PnodeLabels(EssayScore),c("Observable","ReportingVariable"))
)

## Clear out the node set
PnodeLabels(Ability) <- character()
stopifnot(
  length(PnodeLabels(Ability)) == 0
)

DeleteNetwork(nsnet)
stopSession(sess)

## End(Not run)

```

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PnodeLink

*Accesses the link function associated with a Pnode*


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### Description

In constructing a conditional probability table using the discrete partial credit framework (see [calcDPCTable](#)), the effective thetas for each row of the table is converted into a vector of probabilities using the link function. The function `PnodeLink` accesses the link function associated with a `Pnode`.

### Usage

```

PnodeLink(node)
PnodeLink(node) <- value

```

**Arguments**

node	A <a href="#">Pnode</a> object.
value	The name of a link function or function object which can serve as the link function.

**Details**

Following the framework laid out in Almond (2015), the function [calcDPCTable](#) calculates a conditional probability table using the following steps:

1. Each set of parent variable states is converted to a set of continuous values called *effective thetas* (see [PnodeParentTvals](#)). These are built into an array, `eTheta`, using [expand.grid](#) where each column represents a parent variable and each row a possible configuration of parents.
2. For each state of the node except the last, the set of effective thetas is filtered using the local Q-matrix, `PnodeQ(node) = Q`. Thus, the actual effect thetas for state `s` is `eTheta[,Q[s,]]`.
3. For each state of the node except the last, the corresponding rule is applied to the effective thetas to get a single effective theta for each row of the table. This step is essentially calls the expression: `do.call(rules[[s]], list(eThetas[,Q[s,]], PnodeAlphas(node)[[s]], PnodeBetas(node)[[s]])`.
4. The resulting set of effective thetas are converted into conditional probabilities using the link function.

A link function is a function of three arguments. The first is a matrix of effective theta values with number of rows equal to the number of rows of the conditional probability matrix and number of columns equal to the number of states of node minus one (ordered from highest to lowest). The second is an optional link scale, the third is a set of names for the states which is used to give column names to the output matrix. The second and third both default to NULL.

Currently two link functions are [partialCredit](#) and [gradedResponse](#). Note that the function `gradedResponse` assumes that the effective thetas in each row are in increasing order. This puts certain restrictions on the parameter values. Generally, this can only be guaranteed if each state of the variable uses the same combination rules (see [PnodeRules\(node\)](#)), slope parameters (see [PnodeAlphas\(node\)](#)) and Q-matrix (see [PnodeQ\(node\)](#)). Also, the intercepts (see [PnodeBetas\(node\)](#)) should be in decreasing order. The `partialCredit` model has fewer restrictions.

The value of `PnodeLinkScale(node)` is fed to the link function. Currently, this is unused; but the DiBello-normal model (see [calcDNTable](#)) uses it. So the link scale parameter is for future expansion.

**Value**

A character scalar giving the name of a combination function or a combination function object.

Note that the setter form may destructively modify the `Pnode` object (this depends on the implementation).

**Note**

The functions `PnodeLink` and `PnodeLink<-` are abstract generic functions, and need specific implementations. See the [PNetica-package](#) for an example.

A third normal link function, which would use the scale parameter, is planned but not yet implemented.

**Author(s)**

Russell Almond

**References**

Almond, R. G. (2015) An IRT-based Parameterization for Conditional Probability Tables. Paper presented at the 2015 Bayesian Application Workshop at the Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence Conference.

Almond, R.G., Mislevy, R.J., Steinberg, L.S., Williamson, D.M. and Yan, D. (2015) *Bayesian Networks in Educational Assessment*. Springer. Chapter 8.

**See Also**

[Pnode](#), [PnodeQ](#), [PnodeRules](#) [PnodeLinkScale](#), [PnodeLnAlphas](#), [PnodeBetas](#), [BuildTable](#), [PnodeParentTvals](#), [maxCPTParam](#) [calcDPCTable](#), [mapDPC](#) [Compensatory](#), [OffsetConjunctive](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
library(PNetica) ## Requires implementation

tNet <- CreateNetwork("TestNet")

theta1 <- NewDiscreteNode(tNet,"theta1",
                        c("VH","High","Mid","Low","VL"))
NodeLevels(theta1) <- effectiveThetas(NodeNumStates(theta1))
NodeProbs(theta1) <- rep(1/NodeNumStates(theta1),NodeNumStates(theta1))
theta2 <- NewDiscreteNode(tNet,"theta2",
                        c("VH","High","Mid","Low","VL"))
NodeLevels(theta2) <- effectiveThetas(NodeNumStates(theta2))
NodeProbs(theta2) <- rep(1/NodeNumStates(theta2),NodeNumStates(theta2))

partial3 <- NewDiscreteNode(tNet,"partial3",
                          c("FullCredit","PartialCredit","NoCredit"))
NodeParents(partial3) <- list(theta1,theta2)

## Usual way to set link is in constructor
partial3 <- Pnode(partial3,rules="Compensatory", link="gradedResponse")
PnodePriorWeight(partial3) <- 10
PnodeBetas(partial3) <- list(FullCredit=1,PartialCredit=0)
BuildTable(partial3)

## increasing intercepts for both transitions
```

```

PnodeLink(partial3) <- "partialCredit"
## Full Credit is still rarer than partial credit under the partial
## credit model
PnodeBetas(partial3) <- list(FullCredit=0,PartialCredit=0)
BuildTable(partial3)

## Can use different slopes with partial credit
## Make Skill 1 more important for the transition to ParitalCredit
## And Skill 2 more important for the transition to FullCredit
PnodeLnAlphas(partial3) <- list(FullCredit=c(-.25,.25),
                               PartialCredit=c(.25,-.25))

BuildTable(partial3)

## Can also use Q-matrix to select skills
## Set up so that first skill only needed for first transition, second
## skill for second transition; Adjust alphas to match
PnodeQ(partial3) <- matrix(c(TRUE,TRUE,
                             TRUE,FALSE), 2,2, byrow=TRUE)
PnodeLnAlphas(partial3) <- list(FullCredit=c(-.25,.25),
                               PartialCredit=0)

BuildTable(partial3)

DeleteNetwork(tNet)

## End(Not run)

```

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PnodeLinkScale

*Accesses the link function scale parameter associated with a Pnode*


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### Description

In constructing a conditional probability table using the discrete partial credit framework (see [calcDPCTable](#)), the effective thetas for each row of the table is converted into a vector of probabilities using the link function. The function `PnodeLink` accesses the scale parameter of the link function associated with a [Pnode](#).

### Usage

```

PnodeLinkScale(node)
PnodeLinkScale(node) <- value

```

### Arguments

node	A <a href="#">Pnode</a> object.
value	A positive numeric value, or NULL if the scale parameter is not used for the link function.

## Details

The link function used in constructing the conditional probability table is controlled by the value of `PnodeLink`(node). One of the arguments to the link function is a scale parameter, the expression `PnodeLinkScale`(node) provides the link scale parameter associated with the node.

This is mostly for future expansion. Currently, neither of the two link functions defined in the `CPTtools` package, `partialCredit` and `gradedResponse`, require a link scale parameter. However, the DiBello-normal model (see `calcDNTTable`) uses a link scale parameter so it may be useful in the future.

## Value

The value of the link scale parameter, or NULL if it is not needed.

Note that the setter form may destructively modify the `Pnode` object (this depends on the implementation).

## Note

The functions `PnodeLinkScale` and `PnodeLinkScale<-` are abstract generic functions, and need specific implementations. See the `PNetica-package` for an example. Even though they are not currently used, they must be defined and return a value (even just NULL).

A third normal link function, which would use the scale parameter, is planned but not yet implemented.

## Author(s)

Russell Almond

## References

Almond, R. G. (2015) An IRT-based Parameterization for Conditional Probability Tables. Paper presented at the 2015 Bayesian Application Workshop at the Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence Conference.

Almond, R.G., Mislevy, R.J., Steinberg, L.S., Williamson, D.M. and Yan, D. (2015) *Bayesian Networks in Educational Assessment*. Springer. Chapter 8.

## See Also

[Pnode](#), [PnodeQ](#), [PnodeRules](#), [PnodeLinkScale](#), [PnodeLnAlphas](#), [PnodeBetas](#), [BuildTable](#), [PnodeParentTvals](#), [maxCPTParam](#), [calcDPCTable](#), [mapDPC](#), [Compensatory](#), [OffsetConjunctive](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:  
library(PNetica) ## Requires implementation  
  
tNet <- CreateNetwork("TestNet")
```

```

theta1 <- NewDiscreteNode(tNet,"theta1",
                        c("VH","High","Mid","Low","VL"))
NodeLevels(theta1) <- effectiveThetas(NodeNumStates(theta1))
NodeProbs(theta1) <- rep(1/NodeNumStates(theta1),NodeNumStates(theta1))
theta2 <- NewDiscreteNode(tNet,"theta2",
                        c("VH","High","Mid","Low","VL"))
NodeLevels(theta2) <- effectiveThetas(NodeNumStates(theta2))
NodeProbs(theta2) <- rep(1/NodeNumStates(theta2),NodeNumStates(theta2))

partial3 <- NewDiscreteNode(tNet,"partial3",
                          c("FullCredit","PartialCredit","NoCredit"))
NodeParents(partial3) <- list(theta1,theta2)
partial3 <- Pnode(partial3,rules="Compensatory", link="gradedResponse")
PnodePriorWeight(partial3) <- 10

stopifnot(
  is.null(PnodeLinkScale(partial3))
)

PnodeLinkScale(partial3) <- 1.0

stopifnot(
  all(abs(PnodeLinkScale(partial3)-1)<.0001)
)

DeleteNetwork(tNet)

## End(Not run)

```

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PnodeLnAlphas

*Access the combination function slope parameters for a Pnode*


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## Description

In constructing a conditional probability table using the discrete partial credit framework (see [calcDPCTable](#)), the effective thetas for each parent variable are combined into a single effect theta using a combination rule. The expression `PnodeAlphas(node)` accesses the slope parameters associated with the combination function `PnodeRules(node)`. The expression `PnodeLnAlphas(node)` which is used in `mapDPC`.

## Usage

```

PnodeLnAlphas(node)
PnodeLnAlphas(node) <- value
PnodeAlphas(node)
PnodeAlphas(node) <- value
## Default S3 method:
PnodeAlphas(node)
## Default S3 replacement method:

```



```
PnodeAlphas(node) <- value
```

### Arguments

node	A <a href="#">Pnode</a> object.
value	A numeric vector of (log) slope parameters or a list of such vectors (see details). The length of the vector depends on the combination rules (see <a href="#">PnodeRules</a> ). If a list, it should have length one less than the number of states in node. For <code>PnodeAlphas(node) &lt;- value</code> , value should only contain positive numbers.

### Details

Following the framework laid out in Almond (2015), the function `calcDPCTable` calculates a conditional probability table using the following steps:

1. Each set of parent variable states is converted to a set of continuous values called *effective thetas* (see [PnodeParentTvals](#)). These are built into an array, `eTheta`, using `expand.grid` where each column represents a parent variable and each row a possible configuration of parents.
2. For each state of the node except the last, the set of effective thetas is filtered using the local Q-matrix, `PnodeQ(node) = Q`. Thus, the actual effect thetas for state `s` is `eTheta[, Q[s,]]`.
3. For each state of the node except the last, the corresponding rule is applied to the effective thetas to get a single effective theta for each row of the table. This step is essentially calls the expression: `do.call(rules[[s]], list(eThetas[, Q[s,]], PnodeAlphas(node)[[s]], PnodeBetas(node)[[s]])`.
4. The resulting set of effective thetas are converted into conditional probabilities using the link function `PnodeLink(node)`.

The function `PnodeRules` accesses the function used in step 3. It should be the name of a function or a function with the general signature of a combination function described in [Compensatory](#). The compensatory function is a useful model for explaining the roles of the slope parameters, *alpha*. Let  $\theta_{i,j}$  be the effective theta value for the  $j$ th parent variable on the  $i$ th row of the effective theta table, and let  $\alpha_j$  be the corresponding slope parameter. Then the effective theta for that row is:

$$Z(\theta_i) = (\alpha_1 \theta_{i,1} + \dots + \alpha_J \theta_{i,J}) / C - \beta,$$

where  $C = \sqrt{J}$  is a variance stabilization constant and  $\beta$  is a value derived from `PnodeBetas`. The functions `Conjunctive` and `Disjunctive` are similar replacing the sum with a min or max respectively.

In general, when the rule is one of `Compensatory`, `Conjunctive`, or `Disjunctive`, the value of `PnodeAlphas(node)` should be a vector of the same length as the number of parents. As a special case, if it is a vector of length 1, then a model with a common slope is used. This looks the same in `calcDPCTable` but has a different implication in `mapDPC` where the parameters are constrained to be the same.

The rules `OffsetConjunctive`, and `OffsetDisjunctive`, work somewhat differently, in that they assume there is a single slope and multiple intercepts. Thus, the `OffsetConjunctive` has equation:

$$Z(\theta_i) = \alpha \min(\theta_{i,1} - \beta_1, \dots, \theta_{i,J} - \beta_J).$$

In this case the assumption is that `PnodeAlphas(node)` will be a scalar and `PnodeBetas(node)` will be a vector of length equal to the number of parents.

If the value of `PnodeLink` is `partialCredit`, then the link function can be different for each state of the node. (If it is `gradedResponse` then the curves need to be parallel and the slopes should be the same.) If the value of `PnodeAlphas(node)` is a list (note: list, not numeric vector or matrix), then a different set of slopes is used for each state transition. (This is true whether `PnodeRules(node)` is a single function or a list of functions. Note that if there is a different rule for each transition, they could require different numbers of slope parameters.) The function `calcDPCTable` assumes the states are ordered from highest to lowest, and no transition is needed into the lowest state.

Note that if the value of `PnodeQ(node)` is not a matrix of all TRUE values, then the effective number of parents for each state transition could be different. In this case the value of `PnodeAlphas(node)` should be a list of vectors of different lengths (corresponding to the number of true entries in each row of `PnodeQ(node)`).

Finally, note that if we want the conditional probability table associated with node to be monotonic, then the `PnodeAlphas(node)` must be positive. To ensure this, `mapDPC` works with the log of the slopes, not the raw slopes. Similarly, `calcDPCTable` expects the log slope parameters as its `lnAlphas` argument, not the raw slopes. For that reason `PnodeLnAlphas(node)` is considered the primary function and a default method for `PnodeAlphas(node)` which simply takes exponents (or logs in the setter) is provided. Note that a sensible range for the slope parameters is usually between 1/2 and 2, with 1 (0 on the log scale) as a sensible first pass value.

### Value

A list of numeric vectors giving the slopes for the combination function of each state transition. The vectors may be of different lengths depending on the value of `PnodeRules(node)` and `PnodeQ(node)`. If the slopes are the same for all transitions (as is required with the `gradedResponse` link function) then a single numeric vector instead of a list is returned.

Note that the setter form may destructively modify the `Pnode` object (this depends on the implementation).

### Note

The functions `PnodeLnAlphas` and `PnodeLnAlphas<-` are abstract generic functions, and need specific implementations. The default methods for the functions `PnodeAlphas` and `PnodeAlphas<-` depend on `PnodeLnAlphas` and `PnodeLnAlphas<-`, respectively. See the [PNetica-package](#) for an example.

The values of `PnodeLink`, `PnodeRules`, `PnodeQ`, `PnodeParentTvals`, `PnodeLnAlphas`, and `PnodeBetas` all need to be consistent for this to work correctly, but no error checking is done on any of the setter methods.

### Author(s)

Russell Almond

### References

Almond, R. G. (2015) An IRT-based Parameterization for Conditional Probability Tables. Paper presented at the 2015 Bayesian Application Workshop at the Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence



```

BuildTable(partial3)

## Set up so that first skill only needed for first transition, second
## skill for second transition; Adjust alphas to match
PnodeQ(partial3) <- matrix(c(TRUE,TRUE,
                             TRUE,FALSE), 2,2, byrow=TRUE)
PnodeLnAlphas(partial3) <- list(FullCredit=c(-.25,.25),
                               PartialCredit=0)
BuildTable(partial3)

## Using OffsetConjunctive rule requires single slope
PnodeRules(partial3) <- "OffsetConjunctive"
## Single slope parameter for each transition
PnodeLnAlphas(partial3) <- 0
PnodeQ(partial3) <- TRUE
PnodeBetas(partial3) <- c(0,1)
BuildTable(partial3)

## Separate slope parameter for each transition;
## Note this will only differ from the previous transition when
## mapDPC is called. In the former case, it will learn a single slope
## parameter, in the latter, it will learn a different slope for each
## transition.
PnodeLnAlphas(partial3) <- list(0,0)
BuildTable(partial3)

DeleteNetwork(tNet)

## End(Not run)

```

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PnodeName

*Gets or sets name of a parameterized node.*


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## Description

Gets or sets the name of the node. Rules for names are implementation dependent, but they should generally conform to variable naming conventions (begin with a letter and only contain alphanumeric characters, no embedded spaces.)

## Usage

```

PnodeName(node)
PnodeName(node)<- value

```

## Arguments

node	A <a href="#">Pnode</a> object that references the node.
value	An character vector of length 1 giving the new name.

**Details**

The `PnodeTitle()` function provides another way to name a node which is not subject to naming restrictions.

**Value**

The name of the node as a character vector of length 1.

The setter method returns the node argument.

**Author(s)**

Russell Almond

**See Also**

`Pnode`, `PnetFindNode()`, `PnodeTitle()`,

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
library(PNetica) # Requires PNetica
sess <- NeticaSession()
startSession(sess)
net <- CreateNetwork("funNet", session=sess)

pnode <- NewDiscreteNode(net, "play")

stopifnot(PnodeName(pnode)=="play")
stopifnot(PnetFindNode(net, "play")==pnode)

NodeName(pnode)<-"work"
stopifnot(PnetFindNode(net, "work")==pnode)

DeleteNetwork(net)
stopSession(sess)

## End(Not run)
```

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PnodeParents

*Gets or sets the parents of a parameterized node.*

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**Description**

A parent of a child node is another node which has a link *from* the parent *to* the child. This function returns the list of parents of the node. It allows the list of parents for the node to be set, altering the topology of the network (see details).

**Usage**

```
PnodeParents(node)
PnodeParents(node) <- value
```

**Arguments**

node	A <a href="#">Pnode</a> object whose parents are of interest.
value	A list of <a href="#">Pnode</a> objects (or NULLs) which will become the new parents. Order of the nodes is important. See details.

**Details**

At its most basic level, `PnodeParents()` reports on the topology of a network. Suppose we add the links `A1 --> B`, `A2 --> B`, and `A3 --> B` to the network. Then `PnodeParents(B)` should return `list(A1, A2, A3)`. The order of the inputs is important, because that this determines the order of the dimensions in the conditional probability table ([BuildTable\(\)](#)).

The parent list can be set. This can accomplish a number of different goals: it can replace a parent variable, it can add additional parents, it can remove extra parents, and it can reorder parents. Changing the parents alters the topology of the network. Note that the network must always be acyclic directed graphs. In particular, if changing the parent structure will result in a directed cycle, it will likely raise an error).

**Value**

A list of [Pnode](#) objects representing the parents in the order that they will be used to establish dimensions for the conditional probability table.

The setting variant returns the modified *child* object.

**Author(s)**

Russell Almond

**See Also**

[Pnode](#), [PnodeParentTvals](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
library(PNetica) ## Requires PNetica
sess <- NeticaSession()
startSession(sess)
abnet <- CreateNetwork("AB", session=sess)

anodes <- NewDiscreteNode(abnet, paste("A",1:3,sep=""))
B <- NewDiscreteNode(abnet,"B")

## Should be empty list
stopifnot(length(PnodeParents(B))==0)
```

```

PnodeParents(B) <- anodes
stopifnot(
  length(PnodeParents(B))==3,
  PnodeParents(B)[[2]] == anodes[[2]]
)

## Reorder nodes
PnodeParents(B) <- anodes[c(2:3,1)]
stopifnot(
  length(PnodeParents(B))==3,
  PnodeName(PnodeParents(B)[[2]])=="A3",
  all(nchar(names(PnodeParents(B)))==0)
)

## Remove a node.
PnodeParents(B) <- anodes[2:1]
stopifnot(
  length(PnodeParents(B))==2,
  PnodeName(PnodeParents(B)[[2]])=="A1",
  all(nchar(names(PnodeParents(B)))==0)
)

## Add a node
PnodeParents(B) <- anodes[3:1]
stopifnot(
  length(PnodeParents(B))==3,
  PnodeName(PnodeParents(B)[[3]])=="A1",
  all(nchar(names(PnodeParents(B)))==0)
)

## Remove all parents
PnodeParents(B) <- list()
stopifnot(
  length(PnodeParents(B))==0
)

DeleteNetwork(abnet)
stopSession(sess)

## End(Not run)

```

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PnodeParentTvals

*Fetches a list of numeric variables corresponding to parent states*


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### Description

In constructing a conditional probability table using the discrete partial credit framework (see [calcDPCTable](#)), each state of each parent variable is mapped onto a real value called the effective theta. The function `PnodeParentTvals` returns a list of effective theta values for each parent variable.

**Usage**

PnodeParentTvals(node)

**Arguments**

node            A [Pnode](#) object.

**Details**

Following the framework laid out in Almond (2015), the function [calcDPCTable](#) calculates a conditional probability table using the following steps:

1. Each set of parent variable states is converted to a set of continuous values called *effective thetas*. These are built into an array, eTheta, using [expand.grid](#) where each column represents a parent variable and each row a possible configuration of parents.
2. For each state of the node except the last, the set of effective thetas is filtered using the local Q-matrix, [PnodeQ](#)(node) = Q. Thus, the actual effect thetas for state s is eTheta[,Q[s,]]. The value of [PnodeRules](#)(node) determines which combination function is used.
3. For each state of the node except the last, the corresponding rule is applied to the effective thetas to get a single effective theta for each row of the table. This step is essentially calls the expression: `do.call(rules[[s]], list(eThetas[,Q[s,]], PnodeAlphas(node)[[s]], PnodeBetas(node)[[s]])`.
4. The resulting set of effective thetas are converted into conditional probabilities using the link function.

This function is responsible for the first step of this process. [PnodeParentTvals](#)(node) should return a list corresponding to the parents of node, and each element should be a numeric vector corresponding to the states of the appropriate parent variable. It is passed to [expand.grid](#) to produce the table of parent variables for each row of the CPT.

Note that in item response theory, ability (theta) values are assumed to have a unit normal distribution in the population of interest. Therefore, appropriate theta values are quantiles of the normal distribution. In particular, they should correspond to the marginal distribution of the parent variable. The function [effectiveThetas](#) produces equally spaced (wrt the normal measure) theta values (corresponding to a uniform distribution of the parent). Unequally spaced values can be produced by using appropriate values of the [qnorm](#) function, e.g. `qnorm(c(.875, .5, .125))` will produce effective thetas corresponding to a marginal distribution of (0.25, 0.5, 0.25) (note that each value is in the midpoint of the interval).

**Value**

[PnodeParentTvals](#)(node) should return a list corresponding to the parents of node, and each element should be a numeric vector corresponding to the states of the appropriate parent variable. If there are no parent variables, this will be a list of no elements.

**Note**

The function [PnodeParentTvals](#) is an abstract generic functions, and need specific implementations. See the [PNetica-package](#) for an example.



In particular, it is probably a mistake to using different effective theta values for different parent variables in different contexts, therefor, the cleanest implementation is to associate the effective thetas with the parent variables and simply have PnodeParentTvals fetch them on demand. Thus the implementation in PNetica is simply, `lapply(NodeParents(node), NodeLevels)`.

### Author(s)

Russell Almond

### References

Almond, R. G. (2015) An IRT-based Parameterization for Conditional Probability Tables. Paper presented at the 2015 Bayesian Application Workshop at the Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence Conference.

Almond, R.G., Mislevy, R.J., Steinberg, L.S., Williamson, D.M. and Yan, D. (2015) *Bayesian Networks in Educational Assessment*. Springer. Chapter 8.

### See Also

[Pnode](#), [PnodeQ](#), [PnodeRules](#), [PnodeLink](#), [PnodeLnAlphas](#), [PnodeBetas](#), [BuildTable](#), [PnodeParentTvals](#), [maxCPTParam](#) [calcDPCTable](#), [mapDPC](#) [effectiveThetas](#), [expand.grid](#), [qnorm](#)

### Examples

```
## Not run:
library(PNetica) ## Requires implementation

tNet <- CreateNetwork("TestNet")

theta1 <- NewDiscreteNode(tNet,"theta1",
                          c("VH","High","Mid","Low","VL"))
## This next function sets the effective thetas for theta1
NodeLevels(theta1) <- effectiveThetas(NodeNumStates(theta1))
NodeProbs(theta1) <- rep(1/NodeNumStates(theta1),NodeNumStates(theta1))
theta2 <- NewDiscreteNode(tNet,"theta2",
                          c("High","Mid","Low"))
## This next function sets the effective thetas for theta2
NodeLevels(theta2) <- effectiveThetas(NodeNumStates(theta2))
NodeProbs(theta2) <- rep(1/NodeNumStates(theta2),NodeNumStates(theta2))

partial3 <- NewDiscreteNode(tNet,"partial3",
                            c("FullCredit","PartialCredit","NoCredit"))
NodeParents(partial3) <- list(theta1,theta2)

## Usual way to set rules is in constructor
partial3 <- Pnode(partial3,rules="Compensatory", link="partialCredit")

PnodeParentTvals(partial3)
do.call("expand.grid",PnodeParentTvals(partial3))
```

```
DeleteNetwork(tNet)

## End(Not run)
```

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PnodeQ	<i>Accesses a state-wise Q-matrix associated with a Pnode</i>
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### Description

The function `calcDPCTable` has an argument `Q`, which allows the designer to specify that only certain parent variables are relevant for the state transition. The function `PnodeQ` accesses the local `Q`-matrix for the `Pnode` node.

### Usage

```
PnodeQ(node)
PnodeQ(node) <- value
```

### Arguments

node	A <code>Pnode</code> whose local <code>Q</code> -matrix is of interest
value	A logical matrix with number of rows equal to the number of outcome states of node minus one and number of columns equal to the number of parents of node. As a special case, if it has the value <code>TRUE</code> this is interpreted as a matrix of true values of the correct shape.

### Details

Consider a `partialCredit` model, that is a `Pnode` for which the value of `PnodeLink` is "partialCredit". This model is represented as a series of transitions between the states  $s + 1$  and  $s$  (in `calcDPCTable` states are ordered from high to low). The log odds of this transition is expressed with a function  $Z_s(eTheta)$  where  $Z_s()$  is the value of `PnodeRules`(node) and  $eTheta$  is the result of the call `PnodeParentTvals`(node).

Let  $q_{sj}$  be true if the parent variable  $x_j$  is relevant for the transition between states  $s + 1$  and  $s$ . Thus the function which is evaluated to calculate the transition probabilities is  $Z_s(eTheta[, Q[s, ]])$ ; that is, the parent variables for which  $q_{sj}$  is false are filtered out. The default value of `TRUE` means that no values are filtered.

Note that this currently makes sense only for the `partialCredit` link function. The `gradedResponse` link function assumes that the curves are parallel and therefore all of the curves must have the same set of variables (and values for `PnodeAlphas`).

### Value

A logical matrix with number of rows equal to the number of outcome states of node minus one and number of columns equal to the number of parents of node, or the logical scalar `TRUE` if all parent variables are used for all transitions.

**Note**

The functions `PnodeQ` and `PnodeQ<-` are abstract generic functions, and need specific implementations. See the [PNetica-package](#) for an example.

The values of `PnodeLink`, `PnodeRules`, `PnodeQ`, `PnodeParentTvals`, `PnodeLnAlphas`, and `PnodeBetas` all need to be consistent for this to work correctly, but no error checking is done on any of the setter methods.

Note that the setter form may destructively modify the `Pnode` object (this depends on the implementation).

**Author(s)**

Russell Almond

**References**

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Almond, R. G. (2015) An IRT-based Parameterization for Conditional Probability Tables. Paper presented at the 2015 Bayesian Application Workshop at the Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence Conference.

**See Also**

[Pnode](#), [PnodeRules](#), [PnodeLink](#), [PnodeLnAlphas](#), [PnodeAlphas](#), [BuildTable](#), [PnodeParentTvals](#), [maxCPTParam](#) [calcDPCTable](#), [mapDPC](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
library(PNetica) ## Requires implementation

tNet <- CreateNetwork("TestNet")

theta1 <- NewDiscreteNode(tNet,"theta1",
                        c("VH","High","Mid","Low","VL"))
NodeLevels(theta1) <- effectiveThetas(NodeNumStates(theta1))
NodeProbs(theta1) <- rep(1/NodeNumStates(theta1),NodeNumStates(theta1))
theta2 <- NewDiscreteNode(tNet,"theta2",
                        c("VH","High","Mid","Low","VL"))
NodeLevels(theta2) <- effectiveThetas(NodeNumStates(theta2))
NodeProbs(theta2) <- rep(1/NodeNumStates(theta2),NodeNumStates(theta2))

partial3 <- NewDiscreteNode(tNet,"partial3",
                          c("FullCredit","PartialCredit","NoCredit"))
NodeParents(partial3) <- list(theta1,theta2)

partial3 <- Pnode(partial3,Q=TRUE, link="partialCredit")
PnodePriorWeight(partial3) <- 10
```

```

BuildTable(partial3)

## Default is all nodes relevant for all transitions
stopifnot(
  length(PnodeQ(partial3)) == 1,
  PnodeQ(partial3) == TRUE
)

## Set up so that first skill only needed for first transition, second
## skill for second transition; adjust alphas to match
PnodeQ(partial3) <- matrix(c(TRUE,TRUE,
                             TRUE,FALSE), 2,2, byrow=TRUE)
PnodeLnAlphas(partial3) <- list(FullCredit=c(-.25,.25),
                               PartialCredit=0)
BuildTable(partial3)

partial4 <- NewDiscreteNode(tNet,"partial4",
                           c("Score4","Score3","Score2","Score1"))
NodeParents(partial4) <- list(theta1,theta2)
partial4 <- Pnode(partial4, link="partialCredit")
PnodePriorWeight(partial4) <- 10

## Skill 1 used for first transition, Skill 2 used for second
## transition, both skills used for the 3rd.

PnodeQ(partial4) <- matrix(c(TRUE,TRUE,
                             FALSE,TRUE,
                             TRUE,FALSE), 3,2, byrow=TRUE)
PnodeLnAlphas(partial4) <- list(Score4=c(.25,.25),
                               Score3=0,
                               Score2=-.25)

BuildTable(partial4)

DeleteNetwork(tNet)

## End(Not run)

```

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PnodeRules

*Accesses the combination rules for a Pnode*


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### Description

In constructing a conditional probability table using the discrete partial credit framework (see [calcDPCTable](#)), the effective thetas for each parent variable are combined into a single effect theta using a combination rule. The function `PnodeRules` accesses the combination function associated with a `Pnode`.

**Usage**

```
PnodeRules(node)
PnodeRules(node) <- value
```

**Arguments**

node	A <a href="#">Pnode</a> object.
value	The name of a combination function, the combination function or a list of names or combination functions (see details). If a list, it should have length one less than the number of states in node.

**Details**

Following the framework laid out in Almond (2015), the function [calcDPCTable](#) calculates a conditional probability table using the following steps:

1. Each set of parent variable states is converted to a set of continuous values called *effective thetas* (see [PnodeParentTvals](#)). These are built into an array, `eTheta`, using [expand.grid](#) where each column represents a parent variable and each row a possible configuration of parents.
2. For each state of the node except the last, the set of effective thetas is filtered using the local Q-matrix, `PnodeQ(node) = Q`. Thus, the actual effect thetas for state `s` is `eTheta[, Q[s, ]]`.
3. For each state of the node except the last, the corresponding rule is applied to the effective thetas to get a single effective theta for each row of the table. This step is essentially calls the expression: `do.call(rules[[s]], list(eThetas[, Q[s, ]], PnodeAlphas(node)[[s]], PnodeBetas(node)[[s]])`.
4. The resulting set of effective thetas are converted into conditional probabilities using the link function [PnodeLink](#)(node).

The function `PnodeRules` accesses the function used in step 3. It should be the name of a function or a function with the general signature of a combination function described in [Compensatory](#). Predefined choices include [Compensatory](#), [Conjunctive](#), [Disjunctive](#), [OffsetConjunctive](#), and [OffsetDisjunctive](#). Note that the first three choices expect that there will be multiple alphas, one for each parent, and the latter two expect that there will be multiple betas, one for each beta. The value of [PnodeAlphas](#) and [PnodeBetas](#) should be set to match.

If the value of [PnodeLink](#) is `partialCredit`, then the link function can be different for state of the node. (If it is `gradedResponse` then the curves need to be parallel and it should be the same.) If the value of `PnodeRules(node)` is a list (note: list, not character vector), then a different rule is used for each state transition. The function [calcDPCTable](#) assumes the states are ordered from highest to lowest, and no transition is needed into the lowest state.

**Value**

A character scalar giving the name of a combination function or a combination function object, or a list of the same. If a list, its length is one less than the number of states of node.

Note that the setter form may destructively modify the `Pnode` object (this depends on the implementation).

**Note**

The functions `PnodeRules` and `PnodeRules<-` are abstract generic functions, and need specific implementations. See the [PNetica-package](#) for an example.

The values of `PnodeLink`, `PnodeRules`, `PnodeQ`, `PnodeParentTvals`, `PnodeLnAlphas`, and `PnodeBetas` all need to be consistent for this to work correctly, but no error checking is done on any of the setter methods.

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

[Pnode](#), [PnodeQ](#), [PnodeLink](#), [PnodeLnAlphas](#), [PnodeBetas](#), [BuildTable](#), [PnodeParentTvals](#), [maxCPTParam](#), [calcDPCTable](#), [mapDPC](#), [Compensatory](#), [OffsetConjunctive](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
library(PNetica) ## Requires implementation

tNet <- CreateNetwork("TestNet")

theta1 <- NewDiscreteNode(tNet,"theta1",
  c("VH","High","Mid","Low","VL"))
NodeLevels(theta1) <- effectiveThetas(NodeNumStates(theta1))
NodeProbs(theta1) <- rep(1/NodeNumStates(theta1),NodeNumStates(theta1))
theta2 <- NewDiscreteNode(tNet,"theta2",
  c("VH","High","Mid","Low","VL"))
NodeLevels(theta2) <- effectiveThetas(NodeNumStates(theta2))
NodeProbs(theta2) <- rep(1/NodeNumStates(theta2),NodeNumStates(theta2))

partial3 <- NewDiscreteNode(tNet,"partial3",
  c("FullCredit","PartialCredit","NoCredit"))
NodeParents(partial3) <- list(theta1,theta2)

## Usual way to set rules is in constructor
partial3 <- Pnode(partial3,rules="Compensatory", link="partialCredit")
PnodePriorWeight(partial3) <- 10
BuildTable(partial3)
```

```

stopifnot(
  PnodeRules(partial3) == "Compensatory"
)

## Use different rules for different levels
## Compensatory for 2nd transition, conjunctive for 1st
## Note: Position is important, names are just for documentation.
PnodeRules(partial3) <- list(FullCredit="Compensatory",
                             PartialCredit="Conjunctive")

BuildTable(partial3)

DeleteNetwork(tNet)

## End(Not run)

```

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PnodeStates

*Accessor for states of a parameterized node.*


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### Description

This function returns a list associated with a [Pnode](#). The function `PnodeStates` returns or manipulates them. Depending on the implementation, states may have restrictions on the names to it is best to stick with variable naming conventions (start with a letter, no embedded spaces or punctuation).

### Usage

```

PnodeStates(node)
PnodeStates(node) <- value

```

### Arguments

<code>node</code>	A <a href="#">Pnode</a> object whose states are to be accessed.
<code>value</code>	A character vector giving the names of the new states. the names of the states. State names may be restricted by the implementing package and should probably stick to variable naming conventions.

### Details

The states are important when building conditional probability tables (CPTs). In particular, the state names are used to label the columns of the CPT. Thus, state names can be used to address arrays in the same way that `dimnames` can. In particular, the state names can be used to index the vectors returned by `PnodeStates()`, `PnodeStateTitles()`, `PnodeStateTitles()`, and `PnodeStateValues()`.

### Value

The function `PnodeStates()` returns a character vector whose values and names are both set to the state names. The setter version of this function invisibly returns the *node* object.

**Note**

Changing the number of states once a conditional probability table is set will change the dimensions of the table, and hence will likely remove it.

**Author(s)**

Russell Almond

**See Also**

[Pnode](#), [PnodeName\(\)](#), [PnodeStateTitles\(\)](#), [PnodeStateValues\(\)](#), [PnodeStateDescriptions\(\)](#),

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
library(PNetica)##Requires PNetica
sess <- NeticaSession()
startSession(sess)
anet <- CreateNetwork("Annette", session=sess)

## Discrete Nodes
node12 <- NewDiscreteNode(anet, "TwoLevelNode")
stopifnot(
  length(PnodeStates(node12))==2,
  PnodeStates(node12)==c("Yes", "No")
)

PnodeStates(node12) <- c("True", "False")
stopifnot(
  PnodeStates(node12)==c("True", "False")
)

node13 <- NewDiscreteNode(anet, "ThreeLevelNode", c("High", "Med", "Low"))
stopifnot(
  PnodeStates(node13)==c("High", "Med", "Low"),
  PnodeStates(node13)[2]=="Med"
)

PnodeStates(node13)[2] <- "Median"
stopifnot(
  PnodeStates(node13)[2]=="Median"
)

PnodeStates(node13)["Median"] <- "Medium"
stopifnot(
  PnodeStates(node13)[2]=="Medium"
)

DeleteNetwork(anet)
stopSession(sess)
```



```
## End(Not run)
```

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PnodeStateTitles	<i>Accessors for the titles and descriptions associated with states of a parameterized node.</i>
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## Description

Each state of a [Pnode](#) has a short name (which could be restricted by the implementation) and a longer title (which generally can contain emedded spaces and other details to make it more readable). Each state also can have a description associated with it. These functions get or set the state titles or descriptions.

## Usage

```
PnodeStateTitles(node)
PnodeStateTitles(node) <- value
PnodeStateDescriptions(node)
PnodeStateDescriptions(node) <- value
```

## Arguments

node	A <a href="#">Pnode</a> object whose state titles or descriptions will be accessed.
value	A character vector of the same length as the number of states <code>length(PnodeStates(node))</code> which provides the new state titles or descriptions.

## Details

The titles are meant to be a more human readable version of the state names and are not subject the variable naming restrictions. The descriptions are meant to be a longer free form notes.

Both titles and descriptions are returned as a named character vector with names corresponding to the state names. Therefore one can change a single state title or description by accessing it either using the state number or the state name.

## Value

Both `PnodeStateTitles()` and `PnodeStateDescriptions()` return a character vector of length `length(PnodeStates(node))` giving the titles or descriptions respectively. The names of this vector are `PnodeStates(node)`.

The setter methods return the modified [Pnode](#) object invisibly.

## Author(s)

Russell Almond

## See Also

[Pnode](#), [PnodeStates\(\)](#), [PnodeStateValues\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```

## Not run:
library(PNetica)##Requires PNetica
sess <- NeticaSession()
startSession(sess)
cnet <- CreateNetwork("CreativeNet", session=sess)

orig <- NewDiscreteNode(cnet,"Originality", c("H","M","L"))
PnodeStateTitles(orig) <- c("High","Medium","Low")
PnodeStateDescriptions(orig)[1] <- "Produces solutions unlike those typically seen."

stopifnot(
  PnodeStateTitles(orig) == c("High","Medium","Low"),
  grep("solutions unlike", PnodeStateDescriptions(orig))==1,
  PnodeStateDescriptions(orig)[3]=="")
)

sol <- NewDiscreteNode(cnet,"Solution",
  c("Typical","Unusual","VeryUnusual"))
stopifnot(
  all(PnodeStateTitles(sol) == ""),
  all(PnodeStateDescriptions(sol) == ""))
)

PnodeStateTitles(sol)["VeryUnusual"] <- "Very Unusual"
PnodeStateDescriptions(sol) <- paste("Distance from typical solution",
  c("<1", "1--2", ">2"))

stopifnot(
  PnodeStateTitles(sol)[3]=="Very Unusual",
  PnodeStateDescriptions(sol)[1] == "Distance from typical solution <1"
)

DeleteNetwork(cnet)
stopSession(sess)

## End(Not run)

```

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PnodeStateValues	<i>Accesses the numeric values associated with the state of a parameterized node.</i>
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**Description**

The values are a numeric value (on a standard normal scale) associated with the levels of a discrete [Pnode](#). This function fetches or retrieves the numeric values for the states of *node*.

Note that the default method for the function [PnodeParentTvals](#) uses the values of `PnodeStateValues` on the parent nodes.

**Usage**

```
PnodeStateValues(node)
PnodeStateValues(node) <- value
```

**Arguments**

`node`            A [Pnode](#) whose levels are to be accessed.  
`value`            A numeric vector of values which should have length `length(PnodeStates(node))`.

**Details**

Note that the first time the `PnodeStateValues()` are set, the entire vector must be set. After that point individual values may be changed.

**Value**

A numeric vector of length `length(PnodeStates())`, with names equal to the state names. If levels have not been set, NAs will be returned.

**Author(s)**

Russell Almond

**See Also**

[Pnode](#), [PnodeStates\(\)](#), [PnodeName\(\)](#), [PnodeStateTitles\(\)](#), [PnodeParentTvals\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
library(PNetica)##Requires PNetica
sess <- NeticaSession()
startSession(sess)
lnet <- CreateNetwork("LeveledNet", session=sess)

vnode <- NewDiscreteNode(lnet,"volt_switch",c("Off","Reverse","Forwards"))
stopifnot(
  length(PnodeStateValues(vnode))==3,
  names(PnodeStateValues(vnode)) == NodeStates(vnode),
  all(is.na(PnodeStateValues(vnode)))
)

## Don't run this until the levels for vnode have been set,
## it will generate an error.
try(PnodeStateValues(vnode)[2] <- 0)

PnodeStateValues(vnode) <- 1:3
stopifnot(
  length(PnodeStateValues(vnode))==3,
  names(PnodeStateValues(vnode)) == PnodeStates(vnode),
  PnodeStateValues(vnode)[2]==2
```

```

)

PnodeStateValues(vnode)["Reverse"] <- -2

DeleteNetwork(lnet)
stopSession(sess)

## End(Not run)

```

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PnodeTitle	<i>Gets the title or Description associated with a parameterized node.</i>
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### Description

The title is a longer name for a node which is not subject to the naming restrictions. The description is a free form text associated with a node.

### Usage

```

PnodeTitle(node)
PnodeTitle(node) <- value
PnodeDescription(node)
PnodeDescription(node) <- value

```

### Arguments

node	A <a href="#">Pnode</a> object.
value	A character object giving the new title or description.

### Details

The title is meant to be a human readable alternative to the name, which is not limited to the variable name restrictions (i.e., it can contain spaces and punctuation). The title may also affect how the node is displayed.

The description is any text the user chooses to attach to the node. If *value* has length greater than 1, the vector is collapsed into a long string with newlines separating the components.

### Value

A character vector of length 1 providing the title or description.

### Author(s)

Russell Almond

### See Also

[Pnode](#), [PnodeName\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:
library(PNetica) ## Requires PNetica
sess <- NeticaSession()
startSession(sess)
net2 <- CreateNetwork("secondNet", session=sess)

firstNode <- NewDiscreteNode(net2,"firstNode")

PnodeTitle(firstNode) <- "My First Bayesian Network Node"
stopifnot(PnodeTitle(firstNode)=="My First Bayesian Network Node")

now <- date()
PnodeDescription(firstNode)<-c("Node created on",now)
stopifnot(PnodeDescription(firstNode) ==
  paste(c("Node created on",now),collapse="\n"))

## Print here escapes the newline, so is harder to read
cat(PnodeDescription(firstNode),"\n")

DeleteNetwork(net2)
stopSession(sess)

## End(Not run)
```

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Qmat2Pnet

*Makes or adjusts parameterized networks based on augmented Q-matrix*

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## Description

In augmented  $Q$ -matrix, there is a set of rows for each **Pnode** which describes the conditional probability table for that node in terms of the model parameters (see [BuildTable](#)). As the Pnodes could potentially come from multiple nets, the key for the table is ("Model", "Node"). As there are multiple rows per node, "State" is the third part of the key.

The function `Qmat2Pnet` adjusts the conditional probability tables of a node to conform to the supplied  $Q$ -matrix.

## Usage

```
Qmat2Pnet(Qmat, nethouse, nodehouse, defaultRule = "Compensatory", defaultLink = "partialCredit", def
```

## Arguments

**Qmat** A [data.frame](#) containing an augmented  $Q$ -matrix (See below).

**nethouse** A [Warehouse](#) containing instructions for building the **Pnet** objects named in the "Model" column of `Qmat`.

nodehouse	A <a href="#">Warehouse</a> containing instructions for building the <a href="#">Pnode</a> objects named in the (“Model”, “Name”) columns of Qmat.
defaultRule	This should be a character scalar giving the name of a CPTtools combination rule (see <a href="#">Compensatory</a> ).
defaultLink	This should be a character scalar giving the name of a CPTtools link function (see <a href="#">partialCredit</a> ).
defaultAlpha	A numeric scalar giving the default value for slope parameters.
defaultBeta	A numeric scalar giving the default value for difficulty (negative intercept) parameters.
defaultLinkScale	A positive number which gives the default value for the link scale parameter.
debug	A logical value. If true, extra information will be printed during process of building the Pnet.
override	A logical value. If false, differences between any existing structure in the graph and the Qmat will raise an error. If true, the graph will be modified to conform to the matrix.

## Details

A  $Q$ -matrix is a 0-1 matrix which describes which proficiency (latent) variables are connected to which observable outcome variables;  $q_{jk} = 1$  if and only if proficiency variable  $k$  is a parent of observable variable  $j$ . Almond (2010) suggested that augmenting the  $Q$ -matrix with additional columns representing the combination rules ([PnodeRules](#)), link function ([PnodeLink](#)), link scale parameter (if needed, [PnodeLinkScale](#)) and difficulty parameters ([PnodeBetas](#)). The discrimination parameters ([PnodeAlphas](#)) could be overloaded with the  $Q$ -matrix, with non-zero parameters in places where there were 1’s in the  $Q$ -matrix.

This arrangement worked fine with combination rules (e.g., [Compensatory](#)) which contained multiple alpha (discrimination) parameters, one for each parent variable, and a single beta (difficulty). The introduction of a new type of offset rule (e.g., [OffsetDisjunctive](#)) which uses a multiple difficulty parameters, one for each parent variable, and a single alpha. Almond (2016) suggested a new augmentation which has three matrixes in a single table (a Qmat): the  $Q$ -matrix, which contains structural information; the  $A$ -matrix, which contains discrimination parameters; and the  $B$ -matrix, which contains the difficulty parameters. The names for the columns for these matrixes contain the names of the proficiency variables, prepended with “A.” or “B.” in the case of the  $A$ -matrix and  $B$ -matrix. There are two additional columns marked “A” and “B” which are used for the discrimination and difficulty parameter in the multiple-beta and multiple-alpha cases. There is some redundancy between the  $Q$ ,  $A$  and  $B$  matrixes, but this provides an opportunity for checking the validity of the input.

The introduction of the partial credit link function ([partialCredit](#)) added a further complication. With the partial credit model, there could be a separate set of discrimination or difficulty parameters for each transition for a polytomous item. Even the [gradedResponse](#) link function requires a separate difficulty parameter for each level of the variable save the first. The rows of the Qmat data structure are hence augmented to include one row for every state but the lowest-level state. There should be of fewer rows of associated with the node than the value in the “Nstates” column, and the names of the states (values in the “State” column) should correspond to every state of the target variable except the first. It is an error if the number of states does not match the existing node, or

if the state names do not match what is already used for the node or is in the manifest for the node [Warehouse](#).

Note that two nodes in different networks may share the same name, and two states in two different nodes may have the same name as well. Thus, the formal key for the Qmat data frame is (“Model”, “Node”, “State”), however, the rows which share the values for (“Model”, “Node”) form a subtable for that particular node. In particular, the rows of the  $Q$ -matrix subtable for that node form the *inner Q-matrix* for that node. The inner  $Q$ -matrix shows which variables are relevant for each state transition in a partial credit model. The column-wise maximum of the inner  $Q$ -matrix forms the row of the outer  $Q$ -matrix for that node. This shows which proficiency nodes are the parent of the observable node. This corresponds to [PnodeQ\(node\)](#).

The function `Qmat2Pnet` creates and sets the parameters of the observable [Pnodes](#) referenced in the `Qmat` argument. As it needs to reference, and possibly create, a number of [Pnets](#) and [Pnodes](#), it requires both a network and a node [Warehouse](#). If the `override` parameter is true, the networks will be modified so that each node has the correct parents, otherwise `Qmat2Pnet` will signal an error if the existing network structure is inconsistent with the  $Q$ -matrix.

As there is only one link function for each *node*, the values of [PnodeLink\(node\)](#) and [PnodeLinkScale\(node\)](#) are set based on the values in the “Link” and “LinkScale” columns and the first row corresponding to *node*. Note that the choice of link functions determines what is sensible for the other values but this is not checked by the code.

The value of [PnodeRules\(node\)](#) can either be a single value or a list of rule names. The first value in the sub-Qmat must a character value, but if the other values are missing then a single value is used. If not, all of the entries should be non-missing. If this is a single value, then effectively the same combination rule is used for each transition.

The interpretation of the  $A$ -matrix and the  $B$ -matrix depends on the value in the “Rules” column. There are two types of rules, multiple-A rules and multiple-B rules (offset rules). The CPTtools function [isOffsetRule](#) checks to see what kind of a rule it is. The multiple-A rules, of which [Compensatory](#) is the canonical example, have one discrimination (or slope) parameter for every parent variable (values of 1 in the  $Q$ -matrix) and have a single difficulty (negative intercept) parameter which is in the “B” column of the Qmat. The multiple-B or offset rules, of which [OffsetConjunctive](#) is the canonical example, have a difficulty (negative intercept) parameter for each parent variable and a single discrimination (slope) parameter which is in the “A” column. The function `Qmat2Pnet` uses the value of [isOffsetRule](#) to determine whether to use the multiple-B (true) or multiple-A (false) paradigm.

A simple example is a binary observable variable which uses the [Compensatory](#) rule. This is essentially a regression model (logistic regression with [partialCredit](#) or [gradedResponse](#) link functions, linear regression with [normalLink](#) link function) on the parent variables. The linear predictor is:

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{K}}(a_1\theta_1 + \dots + a_K\theta_K) - b.$$

The values  $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_K$  are effective thetas, real values corresponding to the states of the parent variables. The value  $a_i$  is stored in the column “A.name $i$ ” where *name $i$*  is the name of the  $i$ th proficiency variable; the value of [PnodeAlphas\(node\)](#) is the vector  $a_1, \dots, a_k$  with names corresponding to the parent variables. The value of  $b$  is stored in the “B” column; the value of [PnodeBetas\(node\)](#) is  $b$ .

The multiple-B pattern replaces the  $A$ -matrix with the  $B$ -matrix and the column “A” with “B”. Consider binary observable variable which uses the [OffsetConjunctive](#) rule. The linear predictor

is:

$$a \min(\theta_1 - b + 1, \dots, \theta_K - b_K).$$

The value  $b_i$  is stored in the column “B.name $i$ ” where  $name_i$  is the name of the  $i$ th proficiency variable; the value of `PnodeBetas(node)` is the vector  $b_1, \dots, b_k$  with names corresponding to the parent variables. The value of  $a$  is stored in the “A” column; the value of `PnodeBetas(node)` is  $a$ .

When there are more than two states in the output variable, `PnodeRules`, `PnodeAlphas(node)` and `PnodeBetas(node)` become lists to indicate that a different value should be used for each transition between states. If there is a single value in the “Rules” column, or equivalently the value of `PnodeRules` is a scalar, then the same rule is repeated for each state transition. The same is true for `PnodeAlphas(node)` and `PnodeBetas(node)`. If these values are a list, that indicates that a different value is to be used for each transition. If they are a vector that means that different values (of discriminations for multiple-a rules or difficulties for multiple-b rules) are needed for the parent variables, but the same set of values is to be used for each state transition. If different values are to be used then the values are a list of vectors.

The necessary configuration of  $a$ ’s and  $b$ ’s depends on the type of link function. Here are the rules for the currently existing link functions:

**normal** (`normalLink`) This link function uses the same linear predictor for each transition, so there should be a single rule, and `PnodeAlphas(node)` and `PnodeBetas(node)` should both be vectors (with  $b$  of length 1 for a multiple-a rule). This rule also requires a positive value for the `PnodeLinkScale(node)` in the “LinkScale” column. The values in the “A.name” and “B.name” for rows after the first can be left as NA’s to indicate that the same values are reused.

**graded response** (`gradedResponse`) This link function models the probability of getting at or above each state and then calculates the differences between them to produce the conditional probability table. In order to avoid negative probabilities, the probability of being in a higher state must always be nonincreasing. The surest way to ensure this is to both use the same combination rules at each state and the same set of discrimination parameters for each state. The difficulty parameters must be nondecreasing. Again, values for rows after the first can be left as NAs to indicate that the same value should be reused.

**partial credit** (`partialCredit`) This link function models the conditional probability from moving from the previous state to the current state. As such, there is no restriction on the rules or parameters. In particular, it can alternate between multiple-a and multiple-b style rules from row to row.

Another restriction that the use of the partial credit rule lifts is the restriction that all parent variable must be used in each transition. Note that there is one row of the  $Q$ -matrix (the inner  $Q$ -matrix) for each state transition. Only the parent variables with 1’s in the particular state row are considered when building the `PnodeAlphas(node)` and `PnodeBetas(node)` for this model. Note that only the partial credit link function can take advantage of the multiple parents, the other two require all parents to be used for every state.

The function `Qmat2Pnet` takes a data frame containing a `Qmat` sets the properties of the corresponding nodes to match the description in the `Qmat`. It assumes that the proficiency variables have already been built, so it is almost always a good idea to first run `Omega2Pnet` to build the proficiency variables.

The function `Qmat2Pnet` loops through the values in the “Model” column, calling on the network `Warehouse` argument to supply (fetch or build) the requested network. It then loops through the values in the “Node” column, calling on the node `Warehouse` to supply them. First, it attempts to



adjust the parents of *node* to match the *Q*-matrix. If the parent nodes are not in the current model, stub nodes are created by referencing the corresponding nodes in the proficiency model (the model corresponding to [PnetHub](#)). If `override` is TRUE, the network will be modified so that node has the indicated parents; if it is FALSE an error will be signaled if the pattern in the *Q*-matrix does not match the network structure. Then the values of various properties of a [Pnode](#), in particular, the link function, the combination rules and the parameters, are set based on the values in *Qmat* (as described above).

## Value

Invisibly returns a list of models visited.

## *Q*-Matrix (*Qmat*) Structure

The output augmented *Q*-matrix is a data frame with the columns described below. The number of columns is variable, with items marked *prof* actually corresponding to a number of columns with names taken from the proficiency variables (the *prof* argument).

**Model** The name of the [Pnet](#) in which the node in this row lives.

**Node** The name of the [Pnode](#) described in this row. Except for the multiple rows corresponding to the same node, the value of this column needs to be unique within “Model”.

**Nstates** The number of states for this node. Generally, each node should have one fewer rows than this number.

**State** The name of the state for this row. This should be unique within the (“Model”, “Node”) combination.

**Link** The name of a link function. This corresponds to [PnodeLink](#)(*node*).

**LinkScale** Either a positive number giving the link scale parameter or an NA if the link function does not need scale parameters. This corresponds to [PnodeLinkScale](#)(*node*).

*prof* There is one column for each proficiency variable. This corresponds to the structural part of the *Q*-matrix. There should be 1 in this column if the named proficiency is used in calculating the transition to this state for this particular node, and a 0 otherwise.

**Rules** The name of the combination rule to use for this row. This corresponds to [PnodeRules](#)(*node*).

**A.*prof*** There is one column for each proficiency with the proficiency name appended to “A.”. If a multiple-alpha style combination rule (e.g., [Compensatory](#)) this column should contain the appropriate discriminations, otherwise, its value should be NA.

**A** If a multiple-beta style combination rule (e.g., [OffsetConjunctive](#)) this column should contain the single discrimination, otherwise, its value should be NA.

**B.*prof*** There is one column for each proficiency with the proficiency name appended to “B.”. If a multiple-beta style combination rule (e.g., [OffsetConjunctive](#)) this column should contain the appropriate difficulty (negative intercept), otherwise, its value should be NA.

**B** If a multiple-beta style combination rule (e.g., [Compensatory](#)) this column should contain the single difficulty (negative intercept), otherwise, its value should be NA.

**PriorWeight** The amount of weight which should be given to the current values when learning conditional probability tables. See [PnodePriorWeight](#).

### Side Effects

This function destructively modifies the networks and nodes referenced in the Qmat and supplied by the warehouses.

Note that unlike typical R implementations, this is not necessarily safe. In particular, if the Qmat references 10 models, and an error is raised when trying to modify the 5th model, the first 4 models will be modified, the last 5 will not be and the 5th model may be partially modified. This is different from most R functions where changes are not committed unless the function returns successfully.

### Author(s)

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### See Also

The inverse operation is [Pnet2Qmat](#).

See [Warehouse](#) for description of the network and node warehouse arguments. The functions [PnetMakeStubNodes](#) and [PnetRemoveStubNodes](#) are used internally to create the stub nodes in evidence models.

See [partialCredit](#), [gradedResponse](#), and [normalLink](#) for currently available link functions. See [Conjunctive](#) and [OffsetConjunctive](#) for more information about available combination rules.

The node attributes set from the Omega matrix include: [PnodeParents\(node\)](#), [PnodeLink\(node\)](#), [PnodeLinkScale\(node\)](#), [PnodeQ\(node\)](#), [PnodeRules\(node\)](#), [PnodeAlphas\(node\)](#), [PnodeBetas\(node\)](#), and [PnodePriorWeight\(node\)](#)

### Examples

```
## Sample Q matrix
Q1 <- read.csv(paste(library(help="Peanut")$path, "auxdata",
                    "miniPP-Q.csv", sep=.Platform$file.sep),
              stringsAsFactors=FALSE)

## Not run:
library(PNetica) ## Needs PNetica
sess <- NeticaSession()
startSession(sess)
curd <- getwd()

netman1 <- read.csv(paste(library(help="Peanut")$path, "auxdata",
```

```

        "Mini-PP-Nets.csv", sep=.Platform$file.sep),
    row.names=1,stringsAsFactors=FALSE)

nodeman1 <- read.csv(paste(library(help="Peanut")$path, "auxdata",
        "Mini-PP-Nodes.csv", sep=.Platform$file.sep),
    row.names=1,stringsAsFactors=FALSE)

## Insures we are building nets from scratch
setwd(tempdir())
## Network and node warehouse, to create networks and nodes on demand.
Nethouse <- BNWarehouse(manifest=netman1,session=sess,key="Name")

Nodehouse <- NNWarehouse(manifest=nodeman1,
        key=c("Model","NodeName"),
        session=sess)

## Build the proficiency model first:
CM <- WarehouseSupply(Nethouse,"miniPP_CM")
CM1 <- Omega2Pnet(omegamat,CM,Nodehouse,override=TRUE,debug=TRUE)

## Build the nets from the Qmat

Qmat2Pnet(Q1, Nethouse,Nodehouse,debug=TRUE)

## Build the Qmat from the nets
## Generate a list of nodes
obs <-sapply(list(sess$nets$PPcompEM,sess$nets$PPconjEM,sess$nets$PPtwostepEM),
        NetworkAllNodes)

Q2 <- Pnet2Qmat(obs,NetworkAllNodes(CM),debug=TRUE)

stopSession(sess)
setwd(curd)

## End(Not run)

```

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topsort

*Topologically sorts the rows and columns of an Omega matrix*


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### Description

The structural part of the  $\Omega$ -matrix is an incidence matrix where the entry is 1 if the node represented by the column is a parent of the node represented by the child. This sorts the rows and columns of the matrix (which should have the same names) so that the ancestors of a node always appear prior to it in the sequence. As a consequence, the values in the upper triangle of the  $\Omega$ -matrix are always zero after sorting.

### Usage

```
topsort(Omega, noisy = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

**Omega** A square matrix of 1's and zeros which corresponds to an acyclic directed graph.  
**noisy** A logical value. If true, details of progress through the algorithm are printed.

**Value**

An ordering of the rows and columns which will sort the matrix.

**Note**

This will generate an error if the graph represented by the matrix is cyclic.

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**See Also**

[Pnet2Omega](#) uses this function to sort the columns in the Omega matrix.

**Examples**

```
## Sample Omega matrix.
omegamat <- read.csv(paste(library(help="Peanut")$path, "auxdata",
                          "miniPP-omega.csv", sep=.Platform$file.sep),
                   row.names=1, stringsAsFactors=FALSE)
omega <- as.matrix(omegamat[,2:6])

## omega is already sorted so scramble it.
shuffle <- sample.int(5)
omegas <- omega[shuffle,shuffle]

ord <- topsort(omegas)
omegas[ord,ord]
```

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Warehouse

*A cache for Pnets or Pnodes*

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**Description**

A warehouse is an object which stores a collection of [Pnodes](#) or [Pnets](#). When requested, it will supply the given object. If the object already exists, it is returned. If it does not yet exist, it is built using meta-data in the warehouse's manifest.

**Usage**

```
WarehouseSupply(warehouse, name)
WarehouseFetch(warehouse, name)
WarehouseMake(warehouse, name)
WarehouseFree(warehouse, name)
ClearWarehouse(warehouse)
is.PnetWarehouse(obj)
is.PnodeWarehouse(obj)
```

**Arguments**

warehouse	A warehouse object from which the object is to be created.
name	A character vector giving the name of the object. Note that for net warehouses, the key is usually has length one, but for node warehouses, this usuall has the form ( <i>model,node</i> ).
obj	An object whose type is to be determined.

**Details**

The warehouse is a combination of a cache and a factory. The idea is that when a Pnet or Pnode object is needed, it is requested from the corresponding warehouse. If the object exists, it is returned. If the object does not exist, then the information in the manifest (see [WarehouseManifest\(\)](#)) is used to create a new object. The key function is `WarehouseSupply(warehouse, name)`; this function looks for an object corresponding to *name* in warehouse. If it exists, it is returned, if not a new one is created.

The generic functions `WarehouseFetch(warehouse, name)` and `WarehouseMake(warehouse, name)` implement the supply protocol. `WarehouseFetch(warehouse, name)` searches for an object corresponding to *name* in the warehouse and returns it if it exists or returns NULL if it does not. The generic function `WarehouseMake(warehouse, name)` creates the object using the data in the manifest.

The `WarehouseFree` and `WarehouseClear` functions complete the Warehouse protocol. These respectively remove the named object from the cache, and clear the cache. Note that these may not make sense with the implementation. (In the current [PNetica-package](#) implementation, the cache is maintained by the underlying [RNetica-package](#) objects, and hence it doesn't make sense to free an object without deleting it.)

Each warehouse has a manifest which supplies the necessary data to build a particular object. The generic function `WarehouseManifest()` accesses the manifest, which generally takes the form of a `data.frame` object. The functions `BuildNetManifest()` and `BuildNodeManifest()` build manifests for network and node objects respectively. The generic function `WarehouseData(warehouse, name)` returns the rows of the manifest which correspond to a particular name.

The Peanut package is concerned with two kinds of warehouses: Pnet warehouses and Pnode warehouses. Pnet warehouses contain Pnets, and the key is the name of the network. Each Pnet corresponds to a single line in the manifest, and the *name* is a character scalar. A Pnet warehouse should return true when the generic function `is.PnetWarehouse()` is called.

Pnode warehouses contain Pnodes, and the *name* is a character vector of length 2, with structure (*netname, nodename*). This is because nodes with the same name will frequently exist in two

different networks. Currently the manifest for a node contains one line for each possible state of the node. A Pnode warehouse should return true when the generic function `is.PnodeWarehouse()` is called.

The warehouse object is an abstract class, and implementing classes need to provide methods for the generic functions `WarehouseFetch()`, `WarehouseMake()`, `WarehouseFree()`, `WarehouseData()`, `WarehouseManifest()`, and `ClearWarehouse()` as well as one of the generic functions `is.PnetWarehouse` or `is.PnodeWarehouse`.

There are two reference implementations in [BNWarehouse-class](#) and [NNWarehouse-class](#) (network and node warehouses respectively). Both of these take advantage of the fact that the session and network objects in [RNetica-package](#) have built in environments which cache the networks and nodes respectively. The [Warehouse-class](#) object is a generic implementation that also may be of some use to potential implementors.

## Value

The return type of most functions will depend on the type of the warehouse. In most cases, the functions return an object of the type of the warehouse.

### Pnet Warehouses

These return TRUE from the function `is.PnetWarehouse()`, and an object of type [Pnet](#) or NULL from the functions `WarehouseSupply()`, `WarehouseFetch()`, and `WarehouseMake()`. NULL is returned when the requested net is not in the warehouse or the manifest.

### Pnode Warehouses

These return TRUE from the function `is.PnodeWarehouse()`, and an object of type [Pnode](#) or NULL from the functions `WarehouseSupply()`, `WarehouseFetch()`, and `WarehouseMake()`. NULL is returned when the requested net is not in the warehouse or the manifest.

The returns from the functions `WarehouseFree()` and `ClearWarehouse()` are arbitrary depending on the implementation.

## Note

The cache part of the warehouse, almost certainly needs to be implemented using the reference class system of Chambers (2016). In particular, an [environment](#) object provides the kind of persistent storage and object persistence and uniqueness necessary (this breaks the usual functional programming paradigm of R).

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**See Also**

These functions support the manifest process: [WarehouseManifest\(\)](#), [WarehouseData\(\)](#)

These functions construct manifests: [BuildNetManifest\(\)](#), [BuildNodeManifest\(\)](#)

These functions use the warehouse to build networks: [Omega2Pnet](#) [Qmat2Pnet](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
## Requires PNetica package
\library(PNetica)
sess <- NeticaSession()
startSession(sess)

### This tests the manifest and factory protocols.

nodeman1 <- read.csv(paste(library(help="Peanut")$path, "auxdata",
                          "Mini-PP-Nodes.csv", sep=.Platform$file.sep),
                    row.names=1, stringsAsFactors=FALSE)

netman1 <- read.csv(paste(library(help="Peanut")$path, "auxdata",
                          "Mini-PP-Nets.csv", sep=.Platform$file.sep),
                    row.names=1, stringsAsFactors=FALSE)

### Test Net building
Nethouse <- BNWarehouse(manifest=netman1, session=sess, key="Name")
stopifnot(is.PnetWarehouse(Nethouse))

setwd(paste(library(help="PNetica")$path, "testnets", sep=.Platform$file.sep))
CM <- WarehouseSupply(Nethouse, "miniPP_CM")
stopifnot(is.null(WarehouseFetch(Nethouse, "PPcompEM")))
EM1 <- WarehouseMake(Nethouse, "PPcompEM")

EMs <- lapply(c("PPcompEM", "PPconjEM", "PPtwostepEM"),
              function(nm) WarehouseSupply(Nethouse, nm))

### Test Node Building with already loaded nets

Nodehouse <- NNWarehouse(manifest=nodeman1,
                        key=c("Model", "NodeName"),
                        session=sess)
stopifnot(is.PnodeWarehouse(Nodehouse))

phyd <- WarehouseData(Nodehouse, c("miniPP_CM", "Physics"))

p3 <- MakePnode.NeticaNode(CM, "Physics", phyd)

phys <- WarehouseSupply(Nodehouse, c("miniPP_CM", "Physics"))
stopifnot(p3==phys)
```

```

for (n in 1:nrow(nodeman1)) {
  name <- as.character(nodeman1[n,c("Model", "NodeName")])
  if (is.null(WarehouseFetch(Nodehouse,name))) {
    cat("Building Node ",paste(name,collapse=": ":"),"\n")
    WarehouseSupply(Nodehouse,name)
  }
}

stopSession(sess)

## End(Not run)

```

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WarehouseManifest      *Manipulates the manifest for a warehouse*

---

### Description

A [Warehouse](#) is an object which can either retrieve an existing object or create a new one on demand. The *manifest* is a [data.frame](#) which contains data used for building the objects managed by the warehouse on demand. The function `WarehouseManifest` access the entire manifest and `WarehouseData` extracts the warehouse data for a single item.

### Usage

```

WarehouseManifest(warehouse)
WarehouseManifest(warehouse) <- value
WarehouseData(warehouse, name)

```

### Arguments

warehouse	A <a href="#">Warehouse</a> object
value	A <a href="#">data.frame</a> which provides the new manifest data. The required columns depend on the type of data managed by the warehouse
name	A character vector which provides a key for a single object in the warehouse.

### Details

The [Warehouse](#) design pattern is a combination of a factory and a cache. The idea is that if an object is needed, the warehouse will search the cache and return it if it already exists. If it does not exist, the warehouse will create it using the data in the *manifest*. The manifest is a [data.frame](#) with one or more columns serving as keys. The function `ManifestData` extracts the data necessary to create a given object.

Two kinds of warehouses are needed in the Peanut interface: *net warehouses* and *node warehouses*. *Net Warehouse*. A network warehouse will return an already existing network, read the network from disk, or build it from scratch as needed. The required fields for a network warehouse manifest are given in the documentation for [BuildNetManifest](#). The key is the "Name" column which





```
## Not run:
library(PNetica) ## Example requires PNetica
sess <- NeticaSession()
startSession(sess)

## BNWarehouse is the PNetica Net Warehouse.
Nethouse <- BNWarehouse(manifest=netman1,session=sess,key="Name")
stopifnot(all.equal(WarehouseManifest(Nethouse),netman1))

stopifnot(all.equal(WarehouseData(Nethouse,"miniPP_CM"),
  netman1["miniPP_CM",]))

netman2 <- netman1
netman2["miniPP_CM","Pathname"] <- "mini_CM.dne"
WarehouseManifest(Nethouse) <- netman2

stopifnot(all.equal(WarehouseData(Nethouse,"miniPP_CM"),
  netman2["miniPP_CM",]))

Nodehouse <- NNWarehouse(manifest=nodeman1,
  key=c("Model","NodeName"),
  session=sess)

WarehouseData(Nodehouse,c("miniPP_CM","Physics"))

setwd(curd)
stopSession(sess)

## End(Not run)
```

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