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Strategic Players

## Description

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use the sp function to get a list of strategic players indicies

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## References

https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6959850/

## Examples

#I am commenting this all out so that the package won't require sna any more :)

#require(sna)

#generate a bernoulli random network on 20 nodes
#network<-rgraph(20, tprob=.2)</pre>

#get the geodesic distances of the network
#geo<-geodist(network)[2]\$gdist</pre>

#defining the target group
#targets<-1:10</pre>

### distance

```
#defining the avoidance group
#avoids<-11:14</pre>
#defining the theta parameter
#theta<-.8</pre>
#find sp set of size 4
#spset<-sp(4, geo, targets, avoids, theta, n.loops=100)</pre>
#spset
#calculates distance metric for spset
#distance(geo, targets, avoids, theta, spset)
#plot the network with the strategic player set highlighted in yellow
#colors<-rep("white", 20)</pre>
#colors[targets]<-"green"</pre>
#colors[avoids]<-"red"</pre>
#colors[spset]<-"yellow"</pre>
#par(mar=c(1,1,1,1))
#gplot(network, vertex.col=colors,
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#vertex.border="grey", vertex.cex=1.7, pad=0, label=1:dim(network)[1])

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#usearrows=FALSE, edge.col="grey",

## Description

Takes in the geodesic distances, targets, avoiders, a parameter that prioritizes avoiding vs targetting, and the current players and returns the strategic players distance metric

#### Usage

```
distance(gd, targets, avoiders, theta, players)
```

#### Arguments

gd	a matrix of geodesic distances for the network of interest
targets	a vector of indicies of the people you want to spread the intervention to
avoiders	a vector of indicies of the people you don't want to spread the intervention to
theta	a number between 0 and 1 which weights the distance metric, 1 only prioritizes closeness to targets, 0 only prioritizes maximizing distance from avoiders
players	the indicies of people who you have chosen for the intervention (a subset of targets)

## Value

returns the distance metric for strategic players, which we want to maximize

### Description

Takes in the number of intervention subjects you wish to identify, geodesic distances, targets, avoiders, and a parameter that prioritizes avoiding vs targetting, and returns the indecies of the strategic players

## Usage

```
sp(n.players, gd, targets, avoiders, theta = 0.5, n.loops = 1000)
```

## Arguments

n.players	the number of intervention subjects you wish to identify
gd	a matrix of geodesic distances for the network of interest
targets	a vector of indicies of the people you want to spread the intervention to
avoiders	a vector of indicies of the people you don't want to spread the intervention to
theta	a number between 0 and 1 which weights the distance metric, 1 only prioritizes closeness to targets, 0 only prioritizes maximizing distance from avoiders. Any number between 0 and 1 will be a compromise of these two goals.
n.loops	the number of loops to run, the more loops you run the more likely you are to identify the optimal set of strategic players

## Value

returns the indicies for strategic players

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