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aipw

AIPW estimator

Description

AIPW for the mean (and linear projections of the EIF) with missing observations

Usage

```
aipw(response_model, propensity_model, formula = ~1, data, ...)
```

Arguments

response_model	Model for the response given covariates (learner or formula)
propensity_model	Optional missing data mechanism model (propensity model) (learner or formula)
formula	design specifying the OLS estimator with outcome given by the EIF
data	data.frame
...	additional arguments (see cate())

Examples

```

m <- lava::lvm(y ~ x+z, r ~ x) |>
  lava::distribution(~ r, value = lava::binomial.lvm()) |>
  transform(y0~r+y, value = \(x) { x[x[,1]==0,2] <- NA; x[,2] })
d <- lava::sim(m,1e3,seed=1)

aipw(y0 ~ x, data=d)

```

alean

Assumption Lean inference for generalized linear model parameters

Description

Assumption lean inference via cross-fitting (Double ML). See <doi:10.1111/rssb.12504

Usage

```

alean(
  response_model,
  exposure_model,
  data,
  link = "identity",
  g_model,
  nfolds = 1,
  silent = FALSE,
  mc.cores,
  ...
)

```

Arguments

response_model	formula or learner object (formula => glm)
exposure_model	model for the exposure
data	data.frame
link	Link function (g)
g_model	Model for $E[g(Y A, W) W]$
nfolds	Number of folds
silent	suppress all messages and progressbars
mc.cores	mc.cores Optional number of cores. <code>parallel::mcmapply</code> used instead of <code>future</code>
...	additional arguments to <code>future.apply::future_mapply</code>

Details

Let Y be the response variable, A the exposure and W covariates. The target parameter is:

$$\Psi(P) = \frac{E(\text{Cov}[A, g\{E(Y|A, W)\} | W])}{E\{\text{Var}(A | W)\}}$$

The `response_model` is the model for $E(Y|A, W)$, and `exposure_model` is the model for $E(A|W)$. `link` specifies g .

Value

`alean.targeted` object

Author(s)

Klaus Kähler Holst

Examples

```
sim1 <- function(n, family=gaussian(), ...) {
  m <- lava::lvm() |>
  lava::distribution(~y, value=lava::binomial.lvm()) |>
  lava::regression('a', value=function(l) l) |>
  lava::regression('y', value=function(a,l) a + l)
  if (family$family=="binomial")
    lava::distribution(m, ~a) <- lava::binomial.lvm()
  lava::sim(m, n)
}

library(splines)
f <- binomial()
d <- sim1(1e4, family=f)
e <- alean(
  response_model=learner_glm(y ~ a + bs(1, df=3), family=binomial),
  exposure_model=learner_glm(a ~ bs(1, df=3), family=f),
  data=d,
  link = "logit", mc.cores=1, nfold=1
)
e

e <- alean(response_model=learner_glm(y ~ a + 1, family=binomial),
  exposure_model=learner_glm(a ~ 1),
  data=d,
  link = "logit", mc.cores=1, nfold=1)
e
```

 ate

AIPW (doubly-robust) estimator for Average Treatment Effect

Description

Augmented Inverse Probability Weighting estimator for the Average (Causal) Treatment Effect. All nuisance models are here parametric (glm). For a more general approach see the `cate` implementation. In this implementation the standard errors are correct even when the nuisance models are mis-specified (the influence curve is calculated including the term coming from the parametric nuisance models). The estimate is consistent if either the propensity model or the outcome model / Q-model is correctly specified.

Usage

```
ate(
  formula,
  data = parent.frame(),
  weights,
  offset,
  family = stats::gaussian(identity),
  nuisance = NULL,
  propensity = nuisance,
  all,
  labels = NULL,
  adjust.nuisance = TRUE,
  adjust.propensity = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

<code>formula</code>	formula (see details below)
<code>data</code>	<code>data.frame</code>
<code>weights</code>	optional frequency weights
<code>offset</code>	optional offset (character or vector). can also be specified in the formula.
<code>family</code>	Exponential family argument for outcome model
<code>nuisance</code>	outcome regression formula (Q-model)
<code>propensity</code>	propensity model formula
<code>all</code>	when TRUE all standard errors are calculated (default TRUE when exposure only has two levels)
<code>labels</code>	optional treatment labels
<code>adjust.nuisance</code>	adjust for uncertainty due to estimation of outcome regression model parameters

adjust.propensity adjust for uncertainty due to estimation of propensity regression model parameters

... additional arguments to lower level functions

Details

The formula may either be specified as: `response ~ treatment | nuisance-formula | propensity-formula`

For example: `ate(y~a | x+z+a | x*z, data=...)`

Alternatively, as a list: `ate(list(y~a, ~x+z, ~x*z), data=...)`

Or using the nuisance (and propensity argument): `ate(y~a, nuisance=~x+z, ...)`

Value

An object of class 'ate.targeted' is returned. See [targeted-class](#) for more details about this class and its generic functions.

Author(s)

Klaus K. Holst

See Also

`cate`

Examples

```
m <- lava::lvm(y ~ a+x, a~x) |>
  lava::distribution(~y, value = lava::binomial.lvm()) |>
  lava::ordinal(K=4, ~a) |>
  transform(~a, value = factor)
d <- lava::sim(m, 1e3, seed=1)
# (a <- ate(y~a|a*x|x, data=d))
(a <- ate(y~a, nuisance=~a*x, propensity=~x, data = d))

# Comparison with randomized experiment
m0 <- lava::cancel(m, a~x)
lm(y~a-1, lava::sim(m0,2e4))

# Choosing a different contrast for the association measures
summary(a, contrast=c(2,4))
```

calibration	<i>Calibration (training)</i>
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Description

Calibration for multiclassification methods

Usage

```
calibration(  
  pr,  
  cl,  
  weights = NULL,  
  threshold = 10,  
  method = "bin",  
  breaks = nclass.Sturges,  
  df = 3,  
  ...  
)
```

Arguments

pr	matrix with probabilities for each class
cl	class variable
weights	counts
threshold	do not calibrate if less then 'threshold' events
method	either 'isotonic' (pava), 'logistic', 'mspline' (monotone spline), 'bin' (local constant)
breaks	optional number of bins (only for method 'bin')
df	degrees of freedom (only for spline methods)
...	additional arguments to lower level functions

Details

...

Value

An object of class 'calibration' is returned. See [calibration-class](#) for more details about this class and its generic functions.

Author(s)

Klaus K. Holst

Examples

```

sim1 <- function(n, beta=c(-3, rep(.5,10)), rho=.5) {
  p <- length(beta)-1
  xx <- lava::rmvn0(n,sigma=diag(nrow=p)*(1-rho)+rho)
  y <- rbinom(n, 1, lava::expit(cbind(1,xx)%*%beta))
  d <- data.frame(y=y, xx)
  names(d) <- c("y",paste0("x",1:p))
  return(d)
}

set.seed(1)
beta <- c(-2,rep(1,10))
d <- sim1(1e4, beta=beta)
a1 <- naivebayes(y ~ ., data=d)
a2 <- glm(y ~ ., data=d, family=binomial)
## a3 <- randomForest(factor(y) ~ ., data=d, family=binomial)

d0 <- sim1(1e4, beta=beta)
p1 <- predict(a1, newdata=d0)
p2 <- predict(a2, newdata=d0, type="response")
## p3 <- predict(a3, newdata=d0, type="prob")

c2 <- calibration(p2, d0$y, method="isotonic")
c1 <- calibration(p1, d0$y, breaks=100)
if (interactive()) {
  plot(c1)
  plot(c2,col="red",add=TRUE)
  abline(a=0,b=1)
  with(c1$xy[[1]], points(pred,freq,type="b", col="red"))
}

set.seed(1)
beta <- c(-2,rep(1,10))
dd <- lava::csplit(sim1(1e4, beta=beta), k=3)
mod <- naivebayes(y ~ ., data=dd[[1]])
p1 <- predict(mod, newdata=dd[[2]])
cal <- calibration(p1, dd[[2]]$y)
p2 <- predict(mod, newdata=dd[[3]])
pp <- predict(c1, p2)
cc <- calibration(pp, dd[[3]]$y)
if (interactive()) {#'
  plot(cal)
  plot(cc, add=TRUE, col="blue")
}

```

Description

The functions `calibration` returns an object of the class `calibration`.

An object of class 'calibration' is a list with at least the following components:

stepfun estimated step-functions (see `stepfun`) for each class

classes the unique classes

model model/method type (string)

xy list of data.frame's with predictions (pr) and estimated probabilities of success (only for 'bin' method)

Value

objects of the S3 class 'calibration'

S3 generics

The following S3 generic functions are available for an object of class targeted:

`predict` Apply calibration to new data.

`plot` Plot the calibration curves (reliability plot).

`print` Basic print method.

See Also

[calibration](#), [calibrate](#)

Examples

```
## See example(calibration) for examples
```

cate

Conditional Average Treatment Effect estimation

Description

Conditional Average Treatment Effect estimation with cross-fitting.

Usage

```
cate(
  response.model,
  propensity.model,
  cate.model = ~1,
  calibration.model = NULL,
  data,
  contrast,
```

```

  nfold = 1,
  rep = 1,
  silent = FALSE,
  stratify = FALSE,
  mc.cores = NULL,
  rep.type = c("nuisance", "average"),
  var.type = "IC",
  second.order = TRUE,
  response_model = deprecated,
  cate_model = deprecated,
  propensity_model = deprecated,
  treatment = deprecated,
  ...
)

```

Arguments

<code>response.model</code>	formula or learner object (formula => learner_glm)
<code>propensity.model</code>	formula or learner object (formula => learner_glm)
<code>cate.model</code>	formula specifying regression design for conditional average treatment effects
<code>calibration.model</code>	linear calibration model. Specify covariates in addition to predicted potential outcomes to include in the calibration.
<code>data</code>	data.frame
<code>contrast</code>	treatment contrast (default 1 vs 0)
<code>nfolds</code>	number of folds
<code>rep</code>	number of replications of cross-fitting procedure
<code>silent</code>	suppress all messages and progressbars
<code>stratify</code>	if TRUE the response.model will be stratified by treatment
<code>mc.cores</code>	(optional) number of cores. parallel::mcmapply used instead of future
<code>rep.type</code>	repeated cross-fitting applied by averaging nuisance models (rep.type="nuisance") or by average estimates from each replication (rep.type="average").
<code>var.type</code>	when equal to "IC" the asymptotic variance is derived from the influence function. Otherwise, based on expressions in Bannick et al. (2025) valid under different covariate-adaptive randomization schemes (only available for ATE and when calibration.model is also specified)
<code>second.order</code>	add second order term to IF to handle misspecification of outcome models
<code>response_model</code>	Deprecated. Use response.model instead.
<code>cate_model</code>	Deprecated. Use cate.model instead.
<code>propensity_model</code>	Deprecated. Use propensity.model instead.
<code>treatment</code>	Deprecated. Use cate.model instead.
<code>...</code>	additional arguments to future.apply::future_mapply

Details

We have observed data (Y, A, W) where Y is the response variable, A the binary treatment, and W covariates. We further let V be a subset of the covariates. Define the conditional potential mean outcome

$$\psi_a(P)(V) = E_P[E_P(Y | A = a, W)|V]$$

and let $m(V; \beta)$ denote a parametric working model, then the target parameter is the mean-squared error

$$\beta(P) = \operatorname{argmin}_{\beta} E_P[\{\Psi_1(P)(V) - \Psi_0(P)(V)\} - m(V; \beta)]^2$$

Value

cate.targeted object

Author(s)

Klaus Kähler Holst, Andreas Nordland

References

Mark J. van der Laan (2006) Statistical Inference for Variable Importance, The International Journal of Biostatistics.

Examples

```
sim1 <- function(n=1000, ...) {
  w1 <- rnorm(n)
  w2 <- rnorm(n)
  a <- rbinom(n, 1, plogis(-1 + w1))
  y <- cos(w1) + w2*a + 0.2*w2^2 + a + rnorm(n)
  data.frame(y, a, w1, w2)
}

d <- sim1(5000)
## ATE
cate(cate.model=~1,
     response.model=y~a*(w1+w2),
     propensity.model=a~w1+w2,
     data=d)
## CATE
cate(cate.model=~1+w2,
     response.model=y~a*(w1+w2),
     propensity.model=a~w1+w2,
     data=d)

## Not run: ## superlearner example
mod1 <- list(
  glm = learner_glm(y~w1+w2),
  gam = learner_gam(y~s(w1) + s(w2))
)
s1 <- learner_sl(mod1, nfold=5)
cate(cate.model=~1,
```

```

    response.model=s1,
    propensity.model=learner_glm(a~w1+w2, family=binomial),
    data=d,
    stratify=TRUE)

## End(Not run)

```

cate_link

Conditional Relative Risk estimation

Description

Conditional average treatment effect estimation via Double Machine Learning

Usage

```

cate_link(
  treatment,
  link = "identity",
  response_model,
  propensity_model,
  importance_model,
  contrast = c(1, 0),
  data,
  nfolds = 5,
  type = "dml1",
  ...
)

```

Arguments

treatment	formula specifying treatment and variables to condition on
link	Link function
response_model	SL object
propensity_model	SL object
importance_model	SL object
contrast	treatment contrast (default 1 vs 0)
data	data.frame
nfolds	Number of folds
type	'dml1' or 'dml2'
...	additional arguments to SuperLearner

Value

cate.targeted object

Author(s)

Klaus Kähler Holst & Andreas Nordland

Examples

```
# Example 1:
sim1 <- function(n=1e4,
                 seed=NULL,
                 return_model=FALSE, ...){
  suppressPackageStartupMessages(require("lava"))
  if (!is.null(seed)) set.seed(seed)
  m <- lava::lvm()
  distribution(m, ~x) <- gaussian.lvm()
  distribution(m, ~v) <- gaussian.lvm(mean = 10)
  distribution(m, ~a) <- binomial.lvm("logit")
  regression(m, "a") <- function(v, x){.1*v + x}
  distribution(m, "y") <- gaussian.lvm()
  regression(m, "y") <- function(a, v, x){v+x+a*x+a*v*v}
  if (return_model) return(m)
  lava::sim(m, n = n)
}

if (require("SuperLearner",quietly=TRUE)) {
  d <- sim1(n = 1e3, seed = 1)
  e <- cate_link(data=d,
                type = "dm12",
                treatment = a ~ v,
                response_model = y~ a*(x + v + I(v^2)),
                importance_model = SL(D_ ~ v + I(v^2)),
                nfolds = 10)
  summary(e) # the true parameters are c(1,1)
}
```

constructor_shared *Construct a learner*

Description

Construct a learner

Arguments

info (character) Optional information to describe the instantiated [learner](#) object.

formula (formula) Formula specifying response and design matrix.

learner.args (list) Additional arguments to [learner\\$new\(\)](#).

Value

[learner](#) object.

cross_validated-class *cross_validated class object*

Description

The functions [cv](#) returns an object of the type `cross_validated`.

An object of class 'cross_validated' is a list with at least the following components:

cv An array with the model score(s) evaluated for each fold, repetition, and model estimates (see [estimate.default](#))

names Names (character vector) of the models

rep number of repetitions of the CV

folds Number of folds of the CV

Value

objects of the S3 class 'cross_validated'

S3 generics

The following S3 generic functions are available for an object of class `cross_validated`:

`coef` Extract average model scores from the cross-validation procedure.

`print` Basic print method.

`summary` Summary of the cross-validation procedure.'

See Also

[cv](#)

Examples

```
# See example(cv) for examples
```

`crr`*Conditional Relative Risk estimation*

Description

Conditional Relative Risk estimation via Double Machine Learning

Usage

```
crr(  
  treatment,  
  response_model,  
  propensity_model,  
  importance_model,  
  contrast = c(1, 0),  
  data,  
  nfolds = 5,  
  type = "dml1",  
  ...  
)
```

Arguments

<code>treatment</code>	formula specifying treatment and variables to condition on
<code>response_model</code>	SL object
<code>propensity_model</code>	SL object
<code>importance_model</code>	SL object
<code>contrast</code>	treatment contrast (default 1 vs 0)
<code>data</code>	data.frame
<code>nfolds</code>	Number of folds
<code>type</code>	'dml1' or 'dml2'
<code>...</code>	additional arguments to SuperLearner

Value

cate.targeted object

Author(s)

Klaus Kähler Holst & Andreas Nordland

Examples

```

sim1 <- function(n=1e4,
                seed=NULL,
                return_model=FALSE, ...){
  suppressPackageStartupMessages(require("lava"))
  if (!is.null(seed)) set.seed(seed)
  m <- lava::lvm()
  distribution(m, ~x) <- gaussian.lvm()
  distribution(m, ~v) <- gaussian.lvm(mean = 10)
  distribution(m, ~a) <- binomial.lvm("logit")
  regression(m, "a") <- function(v, x){.1*v + x}
  distribution(m, "y") <- gaussian.lvm()
  regression(m, "y") <- function(a, v, x){v+x+a*x+a*v*v}
  if (return_model) return(m)
  lava::sim(m, n = n)
}

d <- sim1(n = 2e3, seed = 1)
if (require("SuperLearner",quietly=TRUE)) {
  e <- crr(data=d,
           type = "dml2",
           treatment = a ~ v,
           response_model = learner_glm(y~ a*(x + v + I(v^2))),
           importance_model = learner_glm(D_ ~ v + I(v^2)),
           propensity_model = learner_glm(a ~ x + v + I(v^2), family=binomial),
           nfolds = 2)
  summary(e) # the true parameters are c(1,1)
}

```

cumhaz

*Predict the cumulative hazard/survival function for a survival model***Description**

Predict the cumulative hazard/survival function for a survival model

Usage

```

cumhaz(
  object,
  newdata,
  times = NULL,
  individual.time = FALSE,
  extend = FALSE,
  ...
)

```

Arguments

object	Survival model object: phreg, coxph, rfsrc, ranger
newdata	data.frame
times	numeric vector: Time points at which the survival model is evaluated. If NULL, the time points associated with the survival model is used.
individual.time	logical: If TRUE the survival object is evaluated at different time points for each row in newdata. The number of rows in newdata and the length of times must be the same.
extend	if TRUE, prints information for all specified 'times', even if there are no subjects left at the end of the specified 'times' (see survival::summary.survfit).
...	Additional arguments.

Value

List with elements:

- time: numeric vector
- chf: cumulative hazard function. If individual.time = FALSE, matrix with dimension (nrow(newdata), length(times)). If individual.time = TRUE, vector of length length(times).
- surv: survival function, exp(-chf).
- dchf: t(diff(rbind(0, t(chf))))

Author(s)

Klaus K. Holst, Andreas Nordland

cv.default

Cross-validation

Description

Generic cross-validation function

Usage

```
## Default S3 method:
cv(
  object,
  data,
  response = NULL,
  nfolds = 5,
  rep = 1,
  weights = NULL,
  model.score = scoring,
```

```

    seed = NULL,
    shared = NULL,
    args.pred = NULL,
    args.future = list(),
    mc.cores,
    silent = FALSE,
    ...
)

```

Arguments

object	List of learner objects
data	data.frame or matrix
response	Response variable (vector or name of column in data).
nfolds	Number of folds (nfolds=0 simple test/train split into two folds 1:([n]/2), ([n]+1/2):n with last part used for testing)
rep	Number of repetitions (default 1)
weights	Optional frequency weights
model.score	Model scoring metric (default: MSE / Brier score). Must be a function with arguments response and prediction, and may optionally include weights, object and newdata arguments
seed	Random seed (argument parsed to future_Apply::future_lapply)
shared	Function applied to each fold with results send to each model
args.pred	Optional arguments to prediction function (see details below)
args.future	Arguments to future.apply::future_mapply
mc.cores	Optional number of cores. parallel::mcmapply used instead of future
silent	suppress all messages and progressbars
...	Additional arguments parsed to elements in object

Details

object should be list of objects of class [learner](#). Alternatively, each element of models should be a list with a fitting function and a prediction function.

The response argument can optionally be a named list where the name is then used as the name of the response argument in models. Similarly, if data is a named list with a single data.frame/matrix then this name will be used as the name of the data/design matrix argument in models.

Value

An object of class 'cross_validated' is returned. See [cross_validated-class](#) for more details about this class and its generic functions.

Author(s)

Klaus K. Holst

See Also[cv.learner_sl](#)**Examples**

```
m <- list(learner_glm(Sepal.Length~1),
          learner_glm(Sepal.Length~Species),
          learner_glm(Sepal.Length~Species + Petal.Length))
x <- cv(m, rep=10, data=iris)
x
```

cv.learner_sl

*Cross-validation for learner_sl***Description**

Cross-validation estimation of the generalization error of the super learner and each of the separate models in the ensemble. Both the chosen model scoring metrics as well as the model weights of the stacked ensemble.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'learner_sl'
cv(object, data, nfolds = 5, rep = 1, model.score = scoring, ...)
```

Arguments

object	(learner_sl) Instantiated learner_sl object.
data	data.frame or matrix
nfolds	Number of folds (nfolds=0 simple test/train split into two folds 1:([n]/2), ([n]+1/2):n with last part used for testing)
rep	Number of repetitions (default 1)
model.score	Model scoring metric (default: MSE / Brier score). Must be a function with arguments response and prediction, and may optionally include weights, object and newdata arguments
...	Additional arguments parsed to elements in object

Examples

```
sim1 <- function(n = 5e2) {
  x1 <- rnorm(n, sd = 2)
  x2 <- rnorm(n)
  y <- x1 + cos(x1) + rnorm(n, sd = 0.5**.5)
  data.frame(y, x1, x2)
}
sl <- learner_sl(list(
  "mean" = learner_glm(y ~ 1),
```

```

      "glm" = learner_glm(y ~ x1),
      "glm2" = learner_glm(y ~ x1 + x2)
    ))
  cv(s1, data = sim1(), rep = 2)

```

 deprecatd_argument_names

Deprecated argument names

Description

Deprecated argument names

Arguments

response_model	Deprecated. Use response.model instead.
propensity_model	Deprecated. Use propensity.model instead.
cate_model	Deprecated. Use cate.model instead.
treatment	Deprecated. Use cate.model instead.

 deprecate_arg_warn *Cast warning for deprecated function argument names*

Description

Cast warning for deprecated function argument names

Usage

```
deprecate_arg_warn(old, new, fun, vers)
```

Arguments

old	deprecated argument name
new	argument that should be used instead
fun	function name where arguments are deprecated
vers	version when argument is deprecated

design *Extract design matrix*

Description

Extract design matrix from data.frame and formula

Usage

```
design(
  formula,
  data,
  ...,
  intercept = FALSE,
  response = TRUE,
  rm_envir = FALSE,
  specials = NULL,
  specials.call = NULL,
  levels = NULL,
  design.matrix = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

formula	formula
data	data.frame
...	additional arguments (e.g, specials such weights, offsets, ...)
intercept	(logical) If FALSE an intercept is not included in the design matrix
response	(logical) if FALSE the response variable is dropped
rm_envir	Remove environment
specials	character vector specifying functions in the formula that should be marked as special in the terms object
specials.call	(call) specials optionally defined as a call-type
levels	a named list of character vectors giving the full set of levels to be assumed for each factor
design.matrix	(logical) if FALSE then only response and specials are returned. Otherwise, the design.matrix x is als part of the returned object.

Value

An object of class 'design'

Author(s)

Klaus Kähler Holst

 estimate_truncatedscore

Estimation of mean clinical outcome truncated by event process

Description

Let Y denote the clinical outcome, A the binary treatment variable, X baseline covariates, T the failure time, and $\epsilon = 1, 2$ the cause of failure. The following are our two target parameters

$$E(Y|T > t, A = 1) - E(Y|T > t, A = 0)$$

$$P(T < t, \epsilon = 1|A = 1) - P(T < t, \epsilon = 1|A = 0)$$

Usage

```
estimate_truncatedscore(
  data,
  mod.y,
  mod.r,
  mod.a,
  mod.event,
  time,
  cause = NULL,
  cens.code = 0,
  naive = FALSE,
  control = list(),
  ...
)
```

Arguments

<code>data</code>	(data.frame)
<code>mod.y</code>	(formula or learner) Model for clinical outcome given $T > \text{time}$. Using a formula specifies a glm with an identity link (see example).
<code>mod.r</code>	(formula or learner) Model for missing data mechanism for clinical outcome at $T = \text{time}$. Using a formula specifies a glm with a log link.
<code>mod.a</code>	(formula or learner) Treatment model (in RCT should just be 'a ~ 1'). Using a formula specifies a glm with a log link.
<code>mod.event</code>	(formula) Model for time-to-event process ('Event(time,status) ~ x').
<code>time</code>	(numeric) Landmark time.
<code>cause</code>	(integer) Primary event (in the 'status' variable of the 'Event' statement).
<code>cens.code</code>	(integer) Censoring code.
<code>naive</code>	(logical) If TRUE, the unadjusted estimates ignoring baseline covariates is returned as the attribute 'naive'.
<code>control</code>	(list) optimization routine parameters.
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments passed to mets::binregATE .

Value

`lava::estimate.default` object

Author(s)

Klaus Kähler Holst

Examples

```
data(truncatedscore)
mod1 <- learner_glm(y ~ a * (x1 + x2))
mod2 <- learner_glm(r ~ a * (x1 + x2), family = binomial)
a <- estimate_truncatedscore(
  data = truncatedscore,
  mod.y = mod1,
  mod.r = mod2,
  mod.a = a ~ 1,
  mod.event = mets::Event(time, status) ~ x1+x2,
  time = 2
)
s <- summary(a, noninf.t = -0.1)
print(s)
parameter(s)

# the above is equivalent to
# a <- estimate_truncatedscore(
#   data = truncatedscore,
#   mod.y = y ~ a * (x1 + x2),
#   mod.r = r ~ a * (x1 + x2),
#   mod.a = a ~ 1,
#   mod.event = mets::Event(time, status) ~ x1+x2,
#   time = 2
# )
```

expand.list

Create a list from all combination of input variables

Description

Similar to `expand.grid` function, this function creates all combinations of the input arguments but returns the result as a list.

Usage

```
expand.list(..., INPUT = NULL, envir = NULL)
```

Arguments

... input variables
 INPUT optional list of variables
 envir environment environment to evaluate formulas in

Value

list

Author(s)

Klaus Kähler Holst

Examples

```
expand.list(x = 2:4, z = c("a", "b"))
```

int_surv	<i>Integral approximation of a time dependent function. Computes an approximation of $\int_{start}^{stop} S(t) dt$, where $S(t)$ is a survival function, for a selection of start and stop time points.</i>
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Description

Integral approximation of a time dependent function. Computes an approximation of $\int_s^{top} S(t) dt$, where $S(t)$ is a survival function, for a selection of start and stop time points.

Usage

```
int_surv(times, surv, start = 0, stop = max(times), extend = FALSE)
```

Arguments

times Numeric vector, sorted time points.
 surv Numeric vector, values of a survival function evaluated at time points given by times.
 start Numeric vector, start of the integral.
 stop Numeric vector, end of the integral.
 extend (logical) If TRUE, integral is extended beyond the last observed time point

Value

Numeric vector, value of the integral.

Author(s)

Andreas Nordland

learner

R6 class for prediction models

Description

Interface for statistical and machine learning models to be used for nuisance model estimation in targeted learning.

The following list provides an overview of constructors for many commonly used models.

Regression and classification: [learner_glm](#), [learner_gam](#), [learner_grf](#), [learner_hal](#), [learner_glmnet_cv](#), [learner_svm](#), [learner_xgboost](#), [learner_mars](#)

Regression: [learner_isoreg](#)

Classification: [learner_naivebayes](#)

Ensemble (super learner): [learner_sl](#)

Public fields

`info` Optional information/name of the model

Active bindings

`clear` Remove fitted model from the learner object

`fit` Return estimated model object.

`formula` Return model formula. Use [learner\\$update\(\)](#) to update the formula.

Methods

Public methods:

- [learner\\$new\(\)](#)
- [learner\\$estimate\(\)](#)
- [learner\\$predict\(\)](#)
- [learner\\$update\(\)](#)
- [learner\\$print\(\)](#)
- [learner\\$summary\(\)](#)
- [learner\\$response\(\)](#)
- [learner\\$design\(\)](#)
- [learner\\$opt\(\)](#)
- [learner\\$clone\(\)](#)

Method `new()`: Create a new prediction model object

Usage:

```

learner$new(
  formula = NULL,
  estimate,
  predict = stats::predict,
  predict.args = NULL,
  estimate.args = NULL,
  info = NULL,
  specials = c(),
  formula.keep.specials = FALSE,
  intercept = FALSE
)

```

Arguments:

`formula` formula specifying outcome and design matrix

`estimate` function for fitting the model. This must be a function with response, 'y', and design matrix, 'x'. Alternatively, a function with a formula and data argument. See the examples section.

`predict` prediction function (must be a function of model object, 'object', and new design matrix, 'newdata')

`predict.args` optional arguments to prediction function

`estimate.args` optional arguments to estimate function

`info` optional description of the model

`specials` optional specials terms (weights, offset, id, subset, ...) passed on to [design](#)

`formula.keep.specials` if TRUE then special terms defined by `specials` will be removed from the formula before it is being passed to the estimate `print.function()`

`intercept` (logical) include intercept in design matrix

Method `estimate()`: Estimation method*Usage:*

```
learner$estimate(data, ..., store = TRUE)
```

Arguments:

`data` data.frame

`...` Additional arguments to estimation method

`store` Logical determining if estimated model should be stored inside the class.

Method `predict()`: Prediction method*Usage:*

```
learner$predict(newdata, ..., object = NULL)
```

Arguments:

`newdata` data.frame

`...` Additional arguments to prediction method

`object` Optional model fit object

Method `update()`: Update formula*Usage:*

```
learner$update(formula)
```

Arguments:

formula formula or character which defines the new response

Method print(): Print method

Usage:

```
learner$print()
```

Method summary(): Summary method to provide more extensive information than [learner\\$print\(\)](#).

Usage:

```
learner$summary()
```

Returns: summarized_learner object, which is a list with the following elements:

info description of the learner

formula formula specifying outcome and design matrix

estimate function for fitting the model

estimate.args arguments to estimate function

predict function for making predictions from fitted model

predict.args arguments to predict function

specials provided special terms

intercept include intercept in design matrix

Examples:

```
lr <- learner_glm(y ~ x, family = "nb")
lr$summary()
```

```
lr_sum <- lr$summary() # store returned summary in new object
names(lr_sum)
print(lr_sum)
```

Method response(): Extract response from data

Usage:

```
learner$response(data, eval = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments:

data data.frame

eval when FALSE return the untransformed outcome (i.e., return 'a' if formula defined as I(a==1) ~ ...)

... additional arguments to [design](#)

Method design(): Generate [design](#) object (design matrix and response) from data

Usage:

```
learner$design(data, ...)
```

Arguments:

data data.frame

... additional arguments to [design](#)

Method `opt()`: Get options

Usage:

```
learner$opt(arg)
```

Arguments:

arg name of option to get value of

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

Usage:

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

Arguments:

deep Whether to make a deep clone.

Author(s)

Klaus Kähler Holst, Benedikt Sommer

Examples

```
data(iris)
rf <- function(formula, ...) {
  learner$new(formula,
    info = "grf::probability_forest",
    estimate = function(x, y, ...) {
      grf::probability_forest(X = x, Y = y, ...)
    },
    predict = function(object, newdata) {
      predict(object, newdata)$predictions
    },
    estimate.args = list(...)
  )
}

args <- expand.list(
  num.trees = c(100, 200), mtry = 1:3,
  formula = c(Species ~ ., Species ~ Sepal.Length + Sepal.Width)
)
models <- lapply(args, function(par) do.call(rf, par))

x <- models[[1]]$clone()
x$estimate(iris)
predict(x, newdata = head(iris))

# Reduce Ex. timing
a <- targeted::cv(models, data = iris)
cbind(coef(a), attr(args, "table"))

# defining learner via function with arguments y (response)
# and x (design matrix)
```

```

f1 <- learner$new(
  estimate = function(y, x) lm.fit(x = x, y = y),
  predict = function(object, newdata) newdata %*% object$coefficients
)
# defining the learner via arguments formula and data
f2 <- learner$new(
  estimate = function(formula, data, ...) glm(formula, data, ...)
)
# generic learner defined from function (predict method derived per default
# from stats::predict
f3 <- learner$new(
  estimate = function(dt, ...) {
    lm(y ~ x, data = dt)
  }
)

## -----
## Method `learner$summary`
## -----

lr <- learner_glm(y ~ x, family = "nb")
lr$summary()

lr_sum <- lr$summary() # store returned summary in new object
names(lr_sum)
print(lr_sum)

```

learner_expand_grid *Construct learners from a grid of parameters*

Description

Construct learners from a grid of parameters

Usage

```
learner_expand_grid(fun, args, names = TRUE, params = FALSE)
```

Arguments

fun	(function) A function that returns a learner .
args	(list) Parameters that generate a grid of parameters with expand.list , where the set of parameters are then passed on to fun.
names	(logical or character) If FALSE, then return a list without names. If TRUE, a named list is returned (see details).
params	(logical) If FALSE, then no information about the parameters defined by args are added to the names of the returned list.

Value

list

Examples

```

lrs <- learner_expand_grid(
  learner_xgboost,
  list(formula = Sepal.Length ~ ., eta = c(0.2, 0.5, 0.3))
)
lrs # use info of constructed learner as names

lrs <- learner_expand_grid(
  learner_xgboost,
  list(formula = Sepal.Length ~ ., eta = c(0.2, 0.5, 0.3)),
  names = "xgboost"
)
names(lrs) # use xgboost instead of info field for names

lrs <- learner_expand_grid(
  learner_xgboost,
  list(formula = Sepal.Length ~ ., eta = c(0.2, 0.5, 0.3)),
  names = "xgboost",
  params = TRUE
)
names(lrs) # also add parameters to names

lrs <- learner_expand_grid(
  learner_xgboost,
  list(formula = Sepal.Length ~ ., eta = c(0.2, 0.5, 0.3)),
  names = FALSE
)
names(lrs) # unnamed list since names = FALSE

```

learner_gam

Construct a learner

Description

Constructs [learner](#) class object for fitting generalized additive models with [mgcv::gam](#).

Usage

```

learner_gam(
  formula,
  info = "mgcv::gam",
  family = gaussian(),
  select = FALSE,
  gamma = 1,
  learner.args = NULL,

```

```
    ...
  )
```

Arguments

formula	(formula) Formula specifying response and design matrix.
info	(character) Optional information to describe the instantiated learner object.
family	This is a family object specifying the distribution and link to use in fitting etc (see glm and family). See family.mgcv for a full list of what is available, which goes well beyond exponential family. Note that quasi families actually result in the use of extended quasi-likelihood if method is set to a RE/ML method (McCullagh and Nelder, 1989, 9.6).
select	If this is TRUE then gam can add an extra penalty to each term so that it can be penalized to zero. This means that the smoothing parameter estimation that is part of fitting can completely remove terms from the model. If the corresponding smoothing parameter is estimated as zero then the extra penalty has no effect. Use gamma to increase level of penalization.
gamma	Increase this beyond 1 to produce smoother models. gamma multiplies the effective degrees of freedom in the GCV or UBRE/AIC. n/gamma can be viewed as an effective sample size in the GCV score, and this also enables it to be used with REML/ML. Ignored with P-RE/ML or the ef's optimizer.
learner.args	(list) Additional arguments to learner\$new() .
...	Additional arguments to mgcv::gam .

Value

[learner](#) object.

Examples

```
n <- 5e2
x1 <- rnorm(n, sd = 2)
x2 <- rnorm(n)
y <- x1 + cos(x1) + rnorm(n, sd = 0.5*.5)
d0 <- data.frame(y, x1, x2)

lr <- learner_gam(y ~ s(x1) + x2)
lr$estimate(d0)
if (interactive()) {
  plot(lr$fit)
}
```

learner_glm	<i>Construct a learner</i>
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Description

Constructs a [learner](#) class object for fitting generalized linear models with [stats::glm](#) and [MASS::glm.nb](#). Negative binomial regression is supported with `family = "nb"` (or alternatively `family = "negbin"`).

Usage

```
learner_glm(
  formula,
  info = "glm",
  family = gaussian(),
  learner.args = NULL,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

formula	(formula) Formula specifying response and design matrix.
info	(character) Optional information to describe the instantiated learner object.
family	a description of the error distribution and link function to be used in the model. For <code>glm</code> this can be a character string naming a family function, a family function or the result of a call to a family function. For <code>glm.fit</code> only the third option is supported. (See family for details of family functions.)
learner.args	(list) Additional arguments to <code>learner\$new()</code> .
...	Additional arguments to stats::glm or MASS::glm.nb .

Value

[learner](#) object.

Examples

```
n <- 5e2
x <- rnorm(n)
w <- 50 + rexp(n, rate = 1 / 5)
y <- rpois(n, exp(2 + 0.5 * x + log(w)) * rgamma(n, 1 / 2, 1 / 2))
d0 <- data.frame(y, x, w)

lr <- learner_glm(y ~ x) # linear Gaussian model
lr$estimate(d0)
coef(lr$fit)

# negative binomial regression model with offset (using MASS::glm.nb)
lr <- learner_glm(y ~ x + offset(log(w)), family = "nb")
```

```

lr$estimate(d0)
coef(lr$fit)
lr$predict(data.frame(x = 1, w = c(1, 5))) # response scale
lr$predict(data.frame(x = 1, w = c(1, 5)), type = "link") # link scale

```

learner_glmnet_cv *Construct a learner*

Description

Constructs a [learner](#) class object for fitting entire lasso or elastic-net regularization paths for various linear and non-linear regression models with [glmnet::cv.glmnet](#). Predictions are returned for the value of lambda that gives minimum cvm. That is, [glmnet::predict.cv.glmnet](#) is called with `s = "lambda.min"`.

Usage

```

learner_glmnet_cv(
  formula,
  info = "glmnet::cv.glmnet",
  family = gaussian(),
  lambda = NULL,
  alpha = 1,
  nfolds = 10,
  learner.args = NULL,
  ...
)

```

Arguments

formula	(formula) Formula specifying response and design matrix.
info	(character) Optional information to describe the instantiated learner object.
family	Either a character string representing one of the built-in families, or else a <code>glm()</code> family object. For more information, see Details section below or the documentation for response type (above).
lambda	Optional user-supplied lambda sequence; default is NULL, and <code>glmnet</code> chooses its own sequence. Note that this is done for the full model (master sequence), and separately for each fold. The fits are then aligned using the master sequence (see the <code>alignment</code> argument for additional details). Adapting lambda for each fold leads to better convergence. When lambda is supplied, the same sequence is used everywhere, but in some GLMs can lead to convergence issues.
alpha	The elasticnet mixing parameter, with $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$. The penalty is defined as

$$(1 - \alpha)/2 \|\beta\|_2^2 + \alpha \|\beta\|_1.$$

alpha=1 is the lasso penalty, and alpha=0 the ridge penalty.

nfolds	number of folds - default is 10. Although nfolds can be as large as the sample size (leave-one-out CV), it is not recommended for large datasets. Smallest value allowable is nfolds=3
learner.args	(list) Additional arguments to <code>learner\$new()</code> .
...	Other arguments that can be passed to <code>glmnet</code> , for example <code>alpha</code> , <code>nlambda</code> , etc. See <code>glmnet</code> for details.

Value

`learner` object.

Examples

```
# continuous outcome
n <- 5e2
x1 <- rnorm(n, sd = 2)
x2 <- rnorm(n)
lp <- x1 + x2*x1 + cos(x1)
y <- rnorm(n, lp, sd = 2)
d0 <- data.frame(y, x1, x2)

lr <- learner_glmnet_cv(y ~ x1 + x2)
lr$estimate(d0, nfolds = 3)
lr$predict(data.frame(x1 = c(0, 1), x2 = 1))

# count outcome with different exposure time
w <- 50 + rexp(n, rate = 1 / 5)
y <- rpois(n, exp(0.5 * x1 - 1 * x2 + log(w)) * rgamma(n, 1 / 2, 1 / 2))
d0 <- data.frame(y, x1, x2, w)

lr <- learner_glmnet_cv(y ~ x1 + x2 + offset(log(w)), family = "poisson")
lr$estimate(d0, nfolds = 3)
lr$predict(data.frame(x1 = 1, x2 = 1, w = c(1, 5)))
```

learner_grf

Construct a learner

Description

Constructs a `learner` class object for fitting generalized random forest models with `grf::regression_forest` or `grf::probability_forest`. As shown in the examples, the constructed learner returns predicted class probabilities of class 2 in case of binary classification. A n times p matrix, with n being the number of observations and p the number of classes, is returned for multi-class classification.

Usage

```

learner_grf(
  formula,
  num.trees = 2000,
  min.node.size = 5,
  alpha = 0.05,
  sample.fraction = 0.5,
  num.threads = 1,
  model = "grf::regression_forest",
  info = model,
  learner.args = NULL,
  ...
)

```

Arguments

<code>formula</code>	(formula) Formula specifying response and design matrix.
<code>num.trees</code>	Number of trees grown in the forest. Note: Getting accurate confidence intervals generally requires more trees than getting accurate predictions. Default is 2000.
<code>min.node.size</code>	A target for the minimum number of observations in each tree leaf. Note that nodes with size smaller than <code>min.node.size</code> can occur, as in the original random-Forest package. Default is 5.
<code>alpha</code>	A tuning parameter that controls the maximum imbalance of a split. Default is 0.05.
<code>sample.fraction</code>	Fraction of the data used to build each tree. Note: If <code>honesty = TRUE</code> , these subsamples will further be cut by a factor of <code>honesty.fraction</code> . Default is 0.5.
<code>num.threads</code>	Number of threads used in training. By default, the number of threads is set to the maximum hardware concurrency.
<code>model</code>	(character) grf model to estimate. Usually <code>regression_forest</code> (grf::regression_forest) or <code>probability_forest</code> (grf::probability_forest).
<code>info</code>	(character) Optional information to describe the instantiated learner object.
<code>learner.args</code>	(list) Additional arguments to learner\$new() .
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments to <code>model</code>

Value

[learner](#) object.

Examples

```

n <- 5e2
x1 <- rnorm(n, sd = 2)
x2 <- rnorm(n)
lp <- x2*x1 + cos(x1)
yb <- rbinom(n, 1, lava::expit(lp))
y <- lp + rnorm(n, sd = 0.5**.5)

```

```

d <- data.frame(y, yb, x1, x2)

# regression
lr <- learner_grf(y ~ x1 + x2)
lr$estimate(d)
lr$predict(head(d))

# binary classification
lr <- learner_grf(as.factor(yb) ~ x1 + x2, model = "probability_forest")
lr$estimate(d)
lr$predict(head(d)) # predict class probabilities of class 2

# multi-class classification
lr <- learner_grf(Species ~ ., model = "probability_forest")
lr$estimate(iris)
lr$predict(head(iris))

```

learner_hal

Construct a learner

Description

Constructs a [learner](#) class object for fitting a highly adaptive lasso model with [hal9001::fit_hal](#).

Usage

```

learner_hal(
  formula,
  info = "hal9001::fit_hal",
  smoothness_orders = 0,
  reduce_basis = NULL,
  family = "gaussian",
  learner.args = NULL,
  ...
)

```

Arguments

formula	(formula) Formula specifying response and design matrix.
info	(character) Optional information to describe the instantiated learner object.
smoothness_orders	An integer, specifying the smoothness of the basis functions. See details for smoothness_orders for more information.
reduce_basis	An optional numeric value bounded in the open unit interval indicating the minimum proportion of 1's in a basis function column needed for the basis function to be included in the procedure to fit the lasso. Any basis functions with a lower proportion of 1's than the cutoff will be removed. Defaults to 1 over the square root of the number of observations. Only applicable for models fit with zero-order splines, i.e. smoothness_orders = 0.

`family` A character or a `family` object (supported by `glmnet`) specifying the error/link family for a generalized linear model. character options are limited to "gaussian" for fitting a standard penalized linear model, "binomial" for penalized logistic regression, "poisson" for penalized Poisson regression, "cox" for a penalized proportional hazards model, and "mgaussian" for multivariate penalized linear model. Note that passing in family objects leads to slower performance relative to passing in a character family (if supported). For example, one should set `family = "binomial"` instead of `family = binomial()` when calling `fit_hal`.

`learner.args` (list) Additional arguments to `learner$new()`.

`...` Additional arguments to `hal9001::fit_hal`.

Value

`learner` object.

Examples

```
## Not run:
n <- 5e2
x1 <- rnorm(n, sd = 2)
x2 <- rnorm(n)
y <- x1 + cos(x1) + rnorm(n, sd = 0.5*.5)
d <- data.frame(y, x1, x2)
lr <- learner_hal(y ~ x1 + x2, smoothness_orders = 0.5, reduce_basis = 1)
lr$estimate(d)
lr$predict(data.frame(x1 = 0, x2 = c(-1, 1)))

## End(Not run)
```

learner_isoreg

Construct a learner

Description

Constructs a `learner` class object for isotonic regression with `isoregw`.

Usage

```
learner_isoreg(formula, info = "targeted::isoregw", learner.args = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

`formula` (formula) Formula specifying response and design matrix.

`info` (character) Optional information to describe the instantiated `learner` object.

`learner.args` (list) Additional arguments to `learner$new()`.

`...` Additional arguments to `isoregw`.

Value

[learner](#) object.

Examples

```
x <- runif(5e3, -5, 5)
pr <- lava::expit(-1 + x)
y <- rbinom(length(pr), 1, pr)
d <- data.frame(y, x)

lr <- learner_isoreg(y ~ x)
lr$estimate(d)
pr_iso <- lr$predict(d)

if (interactive()) {
  plot(pr ~ x, cex=0.3)
  lines(sort(x), pr_iso[order(x)], col="red", type="s")
}
```

 learner_mars

Construct a learner

Description

Constructs a [learner](#) class object for fitting multivariate adaptive regression splines with [earth::earth](#).

Usage

```
learner_mars(
  formula,
  info = "earth::earth",
  degree = 1,
  nprune = NULL,
  glm = NULL,
  learner.args = NULL,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

formula	(formula) Formula specifying response and design matrix.
info	(character) Optional information to describe the instantiated learner object.
degree	Maximum degree of interaction (Friedman's <i>mi</i>). Default is 1, meaning build an additive model (i.e., no interaction terms).

nprune	Maximum number of terms (including intercept) in the pruned model. Default is NULL, meaning all terms created by the forward pass (but typically not all terms will remain after pruning). Use this to enforce an upper bound on the model size (that is less than nk), or to reduce exhaustive search time with pmethod="exhaustive".
The following arguments are for cross validation.	
glm	NULL (default) or a list of arguments to pass on to glm . See the documentation of glm for a description of these arguments See “ <i>Generalized linear models</i> ” in the vignette. Example: earth(survived~., data=etitanic, degree=2, glm=list(family=binomial))
The following arguments are for the forward pass.	
learner.args	(list) Additional arguments to learner\$new() .
...	Additional arguments to earth::earth .

Value

[learner](#) object.

Examples

```
# poisson regression
n <- 5e2
x <- rnorm(n)
w <- 50 + rexp(n, rate = 1 / 5)
y <- rpois(n, exp(2 + 0.5 * x + log(w)) * rgamma(n, 1 / 2, 1 / 2))
d0 <- data.frame(y, x, w)

lr <- learner_mars(y ~ x + offset(log(w)), degree = 2,
  glm = list(family = poisson())
)
lr$estimate(d0)
lr$predict(data.frame(x = 0, w = c(1, 2)))
```

learner_naivebayes *Construct a learner*

Description

Constructs a [learner](#) class object for fitting a naive bayes classifier with [naivebayes](#). As shown in the examples, the constructed learner returns predicted class probabilities of class 2 in case of binary classification. A $n \times p$ matrix, with n being the number of observations and p the number of classes, is returned for multi-class classification.

Usage

```
learner_naivebayes(  
  formula,  
  info = "Naive Bayes",  
  laplace.smooth = 0,  
  kernel = FALSE,  
  learner.args = NULL,  
  ...  
)
```

Arguments

formula	(formula) Formula specifying response and design matrix.
info	(character) Optional information to describe the instantiated learner object.
laplace.smooth	Laplace smoothing
kernel	If TRUE a kernel estimator is used for numeric predictors (otherwise a gaussian model is used)
learner.args	(list) Additional arguments to learner\$new() .
...	Additional arguments to naivebayes .

Value

[learner](#) object.

Examples

```
n <- 5e2  
x1 <- rnorm(n, sd = 2)  
x2 <- rnorm(n)  
y <- rbinom(n, 1, lava::expit(x2*x1 + cos(x1)))  
d <- data.frame(y, x1, x2)  
  
# binary classification  
lr <- learner_naivebayes(y ~ x1 + x2)  
lr$estimate(d)  
lr$predict(head(d))  
  
# multi-class classification  
lr <- learner_naivebayes(Species ~ .)  
lr$estimate(iris)  
lr$predict(head(iris))
```

 learner_sl

Construct a learner

Description

Constructs a [learner](#) class object for fitting a [superlearner](#).

Usage

```
learner_sl(
  learners,
  info = NULL,
  nfolds = 5L,
  meta.learner = metalearner_nnls,
  model.score = mse,
  learner.args = NULL,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

learners	(list) List of learner objects (i.e. learner_glm)
info	(character) Optional information to describe the instantiated learner object.
nfolds	(integer) Number of folds to use in cross-validation to estimate the ensemble weights.
meta.learner	(function) Algorithm to learn the ensemble weights (default non-negative least squares). Must be a function of the response (nx1 vector), y, and the predictions (nxp matrix), pred, with p being the number of learners. Alternatively, this can be set to the character value "discrete", in which case the Discrete Super-Learner is applied where the model with the lowest risk (model-score) is given weight 1 and all other learners weight 0.
model.score	(function) Model scoring method (see learner)
learner.args	(list) Additional arguments to learner\$new() .
...	Additional arguments to superlearner

Value

[learner](#) object.

See Also

[cv.learner_sl](#)

Examples

```

sim1 <- function(n = 5e2) {
  x1 <- rnorm(n, sd = 2)
  x2 <- rnorm(n)
  y <- x1 + cos(x1) + rnorm(n, sd = 0.5**.5)
  data.frame(y, x1, x2)
}
d <- sim1()

m <- list(
  "mean" = learner_glm(y ~ 1),
  "glm" = learner_glm(y ~ x1 + x2),
  "iso" = learner_isoreg(y ~ x1)
)

s <- learner_sl(m, nfolds = 10)
s$estimate(d)
pr <- s$predict(d)
if (interactive()) {
  plot(y ~ x1, data = d)
  points(d$x1, pr, col = 2, cex = 0.5)
  lines(cos(x1) + x1 ~ x1, data = d[order(d$x1), ],
        lwd = 4, col = lava::Col("darkblue", 0.3))
}
print(s)
# weights(s$fit)
# score(s$fit)

cvres <- cv(s, data = d, nfolds = 3, rep = 2)
cvres
# coef(cvres)
# score(cvres)

```

learner_stratify

Construct stratified learner

Description

This function creates a stratified learner from an existing [learner](#) wrapper function such as [learner_glm](#) or [learner_xgboost](#). The stratification variable can be specified either using the `stratify` argument (which can be given as a string "a" or a formula, for example `~ I(a==0)`), or it can be defined as a special term directly in the formula, `y ~ ... + stratify(a)`. The formula will subsequently be passed to the `learner_` wrapper without the `stratify` special term.

Usage

```

learner_stratify(
  formula,
  learner,

```

```

    stratify = NULL,
    info = NULL,
    learner.args = list(),
    ...
  )

```

Arguments

formula	formula specifying outcome and design matrix
learner	(learner) learner object
stratify	(character,formula) variables to stratify by
info	optional description of the model
learner.args	(list) optional arguments to the learner constructor
...	additional arguments passed to the learner constructor

Value

learner object

Examples

```

simdata <- function(n=1000) {
  a <- rbinom(n, 1, 0.5)
  x <- rnorm(n)
  y <- rbinom(n, 1, plogis(-1 + a + a * x))
  data.frame(y, a, x)
}
d <- simdata()

lr <- learner_stratify(
  y ~ x + stratify(a),
  learner_glm,
  family=binomial()
)
lr$estimate(d)
lr$predict(head(d))

```

learner_svm

Construct a learner

Description

Constructs a [learner](#) class object for fitting support vector machines with [e1071::svm](#). As shown in the examples, the constructed learner returns predicted class probabilities of class 2 in case of binary classification. A n times p matrix, with n being the number of observations and p the number of classes, is returned for multi-class classification.

Usage

```
learner_svm(
  formula,
  info = "e1071::svm",
  cost = 1,
  epsilon = 0.1,
  kernel = "radial",
  learner.args = NULL,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

formula	(formula) Formula specifying response and design matrix.
info	(character) Optional information to describe the instantiated learner object.
cost	cost of constraints violation (default: 1)—it is the ‘C’-constant of the regularization term in the Lagrange formulation.
epsilon	epsilon in the insensitive-loss function (default: 0.1)
kernel	the kernel used in training and predicting. You might consider changing some of the following parameters, depending on the kernel type. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> linear: $u'v$ polynomial: $(\gamma u'v + coef0)^{degree}$ radial basis: $e^{(-\gamma u-v ^2)}$ sigmoid: $\tanh(\gamma u'v + coef0)$
learner.args	(list) Additional arguments to <code>learner\$new()</code> .
...	Additional arguments to <code>e1071::svm</code> .

Value

[learner](#) object.

Examples

```
n <- 5e2
x1 <- rnorm(n, sd = 2)
x2 <- rnorm(n)
lp <- x2*x1 + cos(x1)
yb <- rbinom(n, 1, lava::expit(lp))
y <- lp + rnorm(n, sd = 0.5**.5)
d <- data.frame(y, yb, x1, x2)

# regression
lr <- learner_svm(y ~ x1 + x2)
lr$estimate(d)
lr$predict(head(d))
```

```

# binary classification
lr <- learner_svm(as.factor(yb) ~ x1 + x2)
# alternative to transforming response variable to factor
# lr <- learner_svm(yb ~ x1 + x2, type = "C-classification")
lr$estimate(d)
lr$predict(head(d)) # predict class probabilities of class 2
lr$predict(head(d), probability = FALSE) # predict labels

# multi-class classification
lr <- learner_svm(Species ~ .)
lr$estimate(iris)
lr$predict(head(iris))

```

learner_xgboost	<i>Construct a learner</i>
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Description

Constructs a [learner](#) class object for `xgboost::xgboost`.

Usage

```

learner_xgboost(
  formula,
  max_depth = 2L,
  learning_rate = 1,
  nrounds = 2L,
  subsample = 1,
  reg_lambda = 1,
  objective = "reg:squarederror",
  info = paste("xgboost", objective),
  learner.args = NULL,
  ...
)

```

Arguments

formula	(formula) Formula specifying response and design matrix.
max_depth	(integer) Maximum depth of a tree.
learning_rate	(numeric) Learning rate.
nrounds	Number of boosting iterations / rounds. Note that the number of default boosting rounds here is not automatically tuned, and different problems will have vastly different optimal numbers of boosting rounds.
subsample	(numeric) Subsample ratio of the training instance.
reg_lambda	(numeric) L2 regularization term on weights.

<code>objective</code>	(character) Specify the learning task and the corresponding learning objective. See <code>xgboost::xgboost</code> for all available options.
<code>info</code>	(character) Optional information to describe the instantiated <code>learner</code> object.
<code>learner.args</code>	(list) Additional arguments to <code>learner\$new()</code> .
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments to <code>xgboost::xgboost</code> .

Value

`learner` object.

Examples

```
n <- 1e3
x1 <- rnorm(n, sd = 2)
x2 <- rnorm(n)
lp <- x2*x1 + cos(x1)
yb <- rbinom(n, 1, lava::expit(lp))
y <- lp + rnorm(n, sd = 0.5**.5)
d0 <- data.frame(y, yb, x1, x2)

# regression
lr <- learner_xgboost(y ~ x1 + x2, nrounds = 5)
lr$estimate(d0)
lr$predict(head(d0))

# binary classification
lr <- learner_xgboost(yb ~ x1 + x2, nrounds = 5,
  objective = "binary:logistic"
)
lr$estimate(d0)
lr$predict(head(d0))

# multi-class classification
d0 <- iris
d0$y <- as.numeric(d0$Species) - 1

lr <- learner_xgboost(y ~ ., objective = "multi:softprob", num_class = 3)
lr$estimate(d0)
lr$predict(head(d0))
```

ML

*ML model***Description**

Wrapper for `ml_model`

Usage

```
ML(formula, model = "glm", ...)
```

Arguments

formula	formula
model	model (sl, rf, pf, glm, ...)
...	additional arguments to model object

ml_model	<i>R6 class for prediction models</i>
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Description

Replaced by [learner](#)

Super class

[targeted::learner](#) -> ml_model

Methods**Public methods:**

- [ml_model\\$new\(\)](#)
- [ml_model\\$clone\(\)](#)

Method `new()`: Create a new prediction model object

Usage:

```
ml_model$new(...)
```

Arguments:

... deprecated

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

Usage:

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

Arguments:

deep Whether to make a deep clone.

naivebayes	<i>Naive Bayes classifier</i>
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Description

Naive Bayes Classifier

Usage

```
naivebayes(  
  formula,  
  data,  
  weights = NULL,  
  kernel = FALSE,  
  laplace.smooth = 0,  
  prior = NULL,  
  ...  
)
```

Arguments

formula	Formula with syntax: response ~ predictors weights
data	data.frame
weights	optional frequency weights
kernel	If TRUE a kernel estimator is used for numeric predictors (otherwise a gaussian model is used)
laplace.smooth	Laplace smoothing
prior	optional prior probabilities (default estimated from data)
...	additional arguments to lower level functions

Value

An object of class 'naivebayes' is returned. See [naivebayes-class](#) for more details about this class and its generic functions.

Author(s)

Klaus K. Holst

Examples

```
library(data.table)  
data(iris)  
m <- naivebayes(Species ~ Sepal.Width + Petal.Length, data = iris)  
pr <- predict(m, newdata = iris)
```

```

# using weights to reduce the size of the dataset
n <- 5e2
x <- rnorm(n, sd = 2) > 0
y <- rbinom(n, 1, lava::expit(x))
# full data set
d1 <- data.frame(y, x = as.factor(x > 0))
m1 <- naivebayes(y ~ x, data = d1)
# reduced data set
d2 <- data.table(d1)[, .(N), by = .(y, x)]
m2 <- naivebayes(y ~ x, data = d2, weights = d2$N)
all(predict(m1, d1) == predict(m2, d1))

```

naivebayes-class

naivebayes class object

Description

The functions [naivebayes](#) returns an object of the type naivebayes.

An object of class 'naivebayes' is a list with at least the following components:

prior Matrix with prior probabilities, i.e. marginal class probabilities Pr(class)

pcond list of matrices with conditional probabilities of the features given the classes (one list element per class), Pr(x|class)

classes Names (character vector) of the classes

xvar Names of predictors

xmodel Conditional model for each predictor

design Model design object

call The function call which instantiated the object

Value

objects of the S3 class 'naivebayes'

S3 generics

The following S3 generic functions are available for an object of class naivebayes:

`predict` Predict class probabilities for new features data.

`print` Basic print method.

See Also

[naivebayes\(\)](#)

Examples

```
## See example(naivebayes) for examples
```

`nondom`*Find non-dominated points of a set*

Description

Find the non-dominated point of a set (minima of a point set).

Usage

```
nondom(x, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	matrix
<code>...</code>	additional arguments to lower level functions

Details

A point x dominates y if it is never worse and at least in one case strictly better. Formally, let f_i denote the i th coordinate of the condition (objective) function, then for all i : $f_i(x) \leq f_i(y)$ and there exists j : $f_j(x) < f_j(y)$.

Based on the algorithm of Kung et al. 1975.

Value

matrix

Author(s)

Klaus Kähler Holst

Examples

```
rbind(  
  c(1.0, 0.5),  
  c(0.0, 1.0),  
  c(1.0, 0.0),  
  c(0.5, 1.0),  
  c(1.0, 1.0),  
  c(0.8, 0.8)) |> nondom()
```

pava *Pooled Adjacent Violators Algorithm*

Description

Pooled Adjacent Violators Algorithm

Usage

```
pava(y, x = numeric(0), weights = numeric(0))
```

Arguments

y	response variable
x	(optional) predictor vector (otherwise y is assumed to be a priori sorted according to relevant predictor)
weights	weights (optional) weights

Value

List with index (idx) of jump points and values (value) at each jump point.

Author(s)

Klaus K. Holst

Examples

```
x <- runif(5e3, -5, 5)
pr <- lava::expit(-1 + x)
y <- rbinom(length(pr), 1, pr)
pv <- pava(y, x)
plot(pr ~ x, cex=0.3)
with(pv, lines(sort(x)[index], value, col="red", type="s"))
```

predict.density *Prediction for kernel density estimates*

Description

Kernel density estimator predictions

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'density'
predict(object, xnew, ...)
```

Arguments

object	density object
xnew	New data on which to make predictions for
...	additional arguments to lower level functions

Author(s)

Klaus K. Holst

`predict.naivebayes` *Predictions for Naive Bayes Classifier*

Description

Naive Bayes Classifier predictions

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'naivebayes'  
predict(object, newdata, expectation = NULL, threshold = c(0.001, 0.001), ...)
```

Arguments

object	density object
newdata	new data on which to make predictions
expectation	Variable to calculate conditional expectation wrt probabilities from naivebayes classifier
threshold	Threshold parameters. First element defines the threshold on the probabilities and the second element the value to set those truncated probabilities to.
...	Additional arguments to lower level functions

Author(s)

Klaus K. Holst

`predict.superlearner` *Predict Method for superlearner Fits*

Description

Obtains predictions for ensemble model or individual learners.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'superlearner'
predict(object, newdata, all.learners = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>object</code>	(superlearner) Fitted superlearner object.
<code>newdata</code>	(data.frame) Data in which to look for variables with which to predict.
<code>all.learners</code>	(logical) If FALSE (default), then return the predictions from the ensemble model. Otherwise, return predictions of from all individual learners.
<code>...</code>	Not used.

Value

numeric (`all.learners = FALSE`) or matrix (`all.learners = TRUE`)

`RATE` *Responder Average Treatment Effect*

Description

Estimation of the Average Treatment Effect among Responders

Usage

```
RATE(
  response,
  post.treatment,
  treatment,
  data,
  family = gaussian(),
  M = 5,
  pr.treatment,
  treatment.level,
  SL.args.response = list(family = gaussian(), SL.library = c("SL.mean", "SL.glm")),
  SL.args.post.treatment = list(family = binomial(), SL.library = c("SL.mean", "SL.glm")),
  preprocess = NULL,
```

```

    efficient = TRUE,
    ...
  )

```

Arguments

response	Response formula (e.g, $Y \sim D*A$)
post.treatment	Post treatment marker formula (e.g., $D \sim W$)
treatment	Treatment formula (e.g, $A \sim 1$)
data	data.frame
family	Exponential family for response (default gaussian)
M	Number of folds in cross-fitting (M=1 is no cross-fitting)
pr.treatment	(optional) Randomization probability of treatment.
treatment.level	Treatment level in binary treatment (default 1)
SL.args.response	Arguments to SuperLearner for the response model
SL.args.post.treatment	Arguments to SuperLearner for the post treatment indicator
preprocess	(optional) Data preprocessing function
efficient	If TRUE, the estimate will be efficient. If FALSE, the estimate will be a simple plug-in estimate.
...	Additional arguments to lower level functions

Value

estimate object

Author(s)

Andreas Nordland, Klaus K. Holst

RATE.surv

Responder Average Treatment Effect

Description

Estimation of the Average Treatment Effect among Responders for Survival Outcomes

Usage

```

RATE.surv(
  response,
  post.treatment,
  treatment,
  censoring,
  tau,
  data,
  M = 5,
  pr.treatment,
  call.response,
  args.response = list(),
  SL.args.post.treatment = list(family = binomial(), SL.library = c("SL.mean", "SL.glm")),
  call.censoring,
  args.censoring = list(),
  preprocess = NULL,
  ...
)

```

Arguments

response	Response formula (e.g., Surv(time, event) ~ D + W).
post.treatment	Post treatment marker formula (e.g., D ~ W)
treatment	Treatment formula (e.g., A ~ 1)
censoring	Censoring formula (e.g., Surv(time, event == 0) ~ D + A + W)).
tau	Time-point of interest, see Details.
data	data.frame
M	Number of folds in cross-fitting (M=1 is no cross-fitting)
pr.treatment	(optional) Randomization probability of treatment.
call.response	Model call for the response model (e.g. "mets::phreg").
args.response	Additional arguments to the response model.
SL.args.post.treatment	Arguments to SuperLearner for the post treatment indicator
call.censoring	Similar to call.response.
args.censoring	Similar to args.response.
preprocess	(optional) Data preprocessing function
...	Additional arguments to lower level functions

Details

Estimation of

$$\frac{P(T \leq \tau | A = 1) - P(T \leq \tau | A = 0)}{E[D | A = 1]}$$

under right censoring based on plug-in estimates of $P(T \leq \tau | A = a)$ and $E[D | A = 1]$.

An efficient one-step estimator of $P(T \leq \tau | A = a)$ is constructed using the efficient influence function

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{I\{A = a\}}{P(A = a)} \left(\frac{\Delta}{S_0^c(\tilde{T}|X)} I\{\tilde{T} \leq \tau\} + \int_0^\tau \frac{S_0(u|X) - S_0(\tau|X)}{S_0(u|X)S_0^c(u|X)} dM_0^c(u|X) \right) \\ & + \left(1 - \frac{I\{A = a\}}{P(A = a)} \right) F_0(\tau|A = a, W) - P(T \leq \tau | A = a). \end{aligned}$$

An efficient one-step estimator of $E[D|A = 1]$ is constructed using the efficient influence function

$$\frac{A}{P(A = 1)} (D - E[D|A = 1, W]) + E[D|A = 1, W] - E[D|A = 1].$$

Value

estimate object

Author(s)

Andreas Nordland, Klaus K. Holst

riskreg

Risk regression

Description

Risk regression with binary exposure and nuisance model for the odds-product.

Let A be the binary exposure, V the set of covariates, and Y the binary response variable, and define $p_a(v) = P(Y = 1 | A = a, V = v)$, $a \in \{0, 1\}$.

The **target parameter** is either the *relative risk*

$$RR(v) = \frac{p_1(v)}{p_0(v)}$$

or the *risk difference*

$$RD(v) = p_1(v) - p_0(v)$$

We assume a target parameter model given by either

$$\log\{RR(v)\} = \alpha^t v$$

or

$$\operatorname{arctanh}\{RD(v)\} = \alpha^t v$$

and similarly a working linear **nuisance model** for the *odds-product*

$$\phi(v) = \log \left(\frac{p_0(v)p_1(v)}{(1 - p_0(v))(1 - p_1(v))} \right) = \beta^t v$$

.

A **propensity model** for $E(A = 1|V)$ is also fitted using a logistic regression working model

$$\text{logit}\{E(A = 1 | V = v)\} = \gamma^t v.$$

If both the odds-product model and the propensity model are correct the estimator is efficient. Further, the estimator is consistent in the union model, i.e., the estimator is double-robust in the sense that only one of the two models needs to be correctly specified to get a consistent estimate.

Usage

```
riskreg(
  formula,
  nuisance = ~1,
  propensity = ~1,
  target = ~1,
  data,
  weights,
  type = "rr",
  optimal = TRUE,
  std.err = TRUE,
  start = NULL,
  mle = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

formula	formula (see details below)
nuisance	nuisance model (formula)
propensity	propensity model (formula)
target	(optional) target model (formula)
data	data.frame
weights	optional weights
type	type of association measure (rd og rr)
optimal	If TRUE optimal weights are calculated
std.err	If TRUE standard errors are calculated
start	optional starting values
mle	Semi-parametric (double-robust) estimate or MLE (TRUE gives MLE)
...	additional arguments to unconstrained optimization routine (nlminb)

Details

The 'formula' argument should be given as response ~ exposure | target-formula | nuisance-formula or response ~ exposure | target | nuisance | propensity

E.g., `riskreg(y ~ a | 1 | x+z | x+z, data=...)`

Alternatively, the model can be specified using the target, nuisance and propensity arguments: `riskreg(y ~ a, target=~1, nuisance=~x+z, ...)`

The `riskreg_fit` function can be used with matrix inputs rather than formulas.

Value

An object of class 'riskreg.targeted' is returned. See [targeted-class](#) for more details about this class and its generic functions.

Author(s)

Klaus K. Holst

References

Richardson, T. S., Robins, J. M., & Wang, L. (2017). On modeling and estimation for the relative risk and risk difference. *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, 112(519), 1121–1130. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/01621459.2016.1192546>

Examples

```
m <- lava::lvm(a[-2] ~ x,
              z ~ 1,
              lp.target[1] ~ 1,
              lp.nuisance[-1] ~ 2*x) |>
  lava::distribution(~a, value=lava::binomial.lvm("logit")) |>
  lava::binomial.rr("y","a","lp.target","lp.nuisance")
d <- sim(m,5e2,seed=1)

I <- model.matrix(~1, d)
X <- model.matrix(~1+x, d)
with(d, riskreg_mle(y, a, I, X, type="rr"))

with(d, riskreg_fit(y, a, nuisance=X, propensity=I, type="rr"))
riskreg(y ~ a | 1, nuisance=~x, data=d, type="rr")

## Model with same design matrix for nuisance and propensity model:
with(d, riskreg_fit(y, a, nuisance=X, type="rr"))

## a <- riskreg(y ~ a, target=~z, nuisance=~x,
## propensity=~x, data=d, type="rr")
a <- riskreg(y ~ a | z, nuisance=~x, propensity=~x, data=d, type="rr")
a
predict(a, d[1:5,])

riskreg(y ~ a, nuisance=~x, data=d, type="rr", mle=TRUE)
```

 riskreg_cens

Binary regression models with right censored outcomes

Description

Binary regression models with right censored outcomes

Usage

```

riskreg_cens(
  response,
  censoring,
  treatment = NULL,
  prediction = NULL,
  data,
  newdata,
  tau,
  type = "risk",
  M = 1,
  call.response = "phreg",
  args.response = list(),
  call.censoring = "phreg",
  args.censoring = list(),
  preprocess = NULL,
  efficient = TRUE,
  control = list(),
  ...
)

```

Arguments

response	Response formula (e.g., $\text{Surv}(\text{time}, \text{event}) \sim D + W$).
censoring	Censoring formula (e.g., $\text{Surv}(\text{time}, \text{event} == 0) \sim D + A + W$).
treatment	Optional treatment model (learner)
prediction	Optional prediction model (learner)
data	data.frame.
newdata	Optional data.frame. In this case the uncentered influence function evaluated in 'newdata' is returned with nuisance parameters obtained from 'data'.
tau	Time-point of interest, see Details.
type	"risk", "treatment", "brier"
M	Number of folds in cross-fitting (M=1 is no cross-fitting).
call.response	Model call for the response model (e.g. "mets::phreg").
args.response	Additional arguments to the response model.
call.censoring	Similar to call.response.
args.censoring	Similar to args.response.
preprocess	(optional) Data pre-processing function.
efficient	If FALSE an IPCW estimator is returned
control	See details
...	Additional arguments to lower level data pre-processing functions.

Details

The one-step estimator depends on the calculation of an integral wrt. the martingale process corresponding to the counting process $N(t) = I(C > \min(T, \tau))$. This can be decomposed into an integral wrt the counting process, $dN_c(t)$ and the compensator $d\Lambda_c(t)$ where the latter term can be computational intensive to calculate. Rather than calculating this integral in all observed time points, we can make a coarser evaluation which can be controlled by setting `control=(sample=N)`. With `N=0` the (computational intensive) standard evaluation is used.

Value

estimate object

Author(s)

Klaus K. Holst, Andreas Nordland

score.superlearner	<i>Extract average cross-validated score of individual learners</i>
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Description

Extract average cross-validated score of individual learners

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'superlearner'
score(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x	(superlearner) Fitted model.
...	Not used.

scoring	<i>Predictive model scoring</i>
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Description

Predictive model scoring

Usage

```
scoring(
  response,
  ...,
  type = "quantitative",
  levels = NULL,
  metrics = NULL,
  weights = NULL,
  names = NULL,
  object = NULL,
  newdata = NULL,
  messages = 1
)
```

Arguments

response	Observed response
...	model predictions (continuous predictions or class probabilities (matrices))
type	continuous or categorical response (the latter is automatically chosen if response is a factor, otherwise a continuous response is assumed)
levels	(optional) unique levels in response variable
metrics	which metrics to report
weights	optional frequency weights
names	(optional) character vector of the model names in the output. If omitted these will be taken from the names of the ellipsis argument (...)
object	optional model object
newdata	(optional) data.frame on which to evaluate the model performance
messages	controls amount of messages/warnings (0: none)

Value

Numeric matrix of dimension $m \times p$, where m is the number of different models and p is the number of model metrics

Examples

```
data(iris)
set.seed(1)
dat <- lava::csplit(iris,2)
g1 <- naivebayes(Species ~ Sepal.Width + Petal.Length, data=dat[[1]])
g2 <- naivebayes(Species ~ Sepal.Width, data=dat[[1]])
pr1 <- predict(g1, newdata=dat[[2]], wide=TRUE)
pr2 <- predict(g2, newdata=dat[[2]], wide=TRUE)
table(colnames(pr1)[apply(pr1,1,which.max)], dat[[2]]$Species)
table(colnames(pr2)[apply(pr2,1,which.max)], dat[[2]]$Species)
scoring(dat[[2]]$Species, pr1=pr1, pr2=pr2)
## quantitative response:
scoring(response=1:10, prediction=rnorm(1:10))
```

SL *SuperLearner wrapper for learner*

Description

SuperLearner wrapper for learner

Usage

```
SL(
  formula = ~.,
  ...,
  SL.library = c("SL.mean", "SL.glm"),
  binomial = FALSE,
  data = NULL,
  info = "SuperLearner"
)
```

Arguments

formula	Model design
...	Additional arguments for SuperLearner::SuperLearner
SL.library	character vector of prediction algorithms
binomial	boolean specifying binomial or gaussian family (default FALSE)
data	Optional data.frame
info	model information (optional)

Value

learner object

Author(s)

Klaus Kähler Holst

softmax *Softmax transformation*

Description

Softmax transformation

Usage

```
softmax(x, log = FALSE, ref = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

x	Input matrix (e.g., linear predictors of multinomial logistic model)
log	Return on log-scale (default FALSE)
ref	Add reference level (add 0 column to x)
...	Additional arguments to lower level functions

Value

Numeric matrix of dimension $n \times p$, where $n = \text{nrow}(x)$ and $p = \text{ncol}(x) + (\text{ref} == \text{TRUE})$

solve_ode

Solve ODE

Description

Solve ODE with Runge-Kutta method (RK4)

Usage

```
solve_ode(ode_ptr, input, init, par = 0)
```

Arguments

ode_ptr	pointer (externalptr) to C++ function or an R function
input	Input matrix. 1st column specifies the time points
init	Initial conditions
par	Parameters defining the ODE (parsed to ode_ptr)

Details

The external point should be created with the function `targeted::specify_ode`.

Value

Matrix with solution

Author(s)

Klaus Kähler Holst

See Also

`specify_ode`

Examples

```
example(specify_ode)
```

specify_ode

*Specify Ordinary Differential Equation (ODE)***Description**

Define compiled code for ordinary differential equation.

Usage

```
specify_ode(code, fname = NULL, pname = c("dy", "x", "y", "p"))
```

Arguments

code	string with the body of the function definition (see details)
fname	Optional name of the exported C++ function
pname	Vector of variable names (results, inputs, states, parameters)

Details

The model (code) should be specified as the body of of C++ function. The following variables are defined by default (see the argument pname)

dy Vector with derivatives, i.e. the rhs of the ODE (the result).

x Vector with the first element being the time, and the following elements additional exogenous input variables,

y Vector with the dependent variable

p Parameter vector

$y'(t) = f_p(x(t), y(t))$ All variables are treated as Armadillo (<http://arma.sourceforge.net/>) vectors/matrices.

As an example consider the *Lorenz Equations* $\frac{dx_t}{dt} = \sigma(y_t - x_t)$ $\frac{dy_t}{dt} = x_t(\rho - z_t) - y_t$ $\frac{dz_t}{dt} = x_t y_t - \beta z_t$

We can specify this model as `ode <- 'dy(0) = p(0)*(y(1)-y(0)); dy(1) = y(0)*(p(1)-y(2)); dy(2) = y(0)*y(1)-p(2)*y(2);'` `dy <- specify_ode(ode)`

As an example of model with exogenous inputs consider the following ODE: $y'(t) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 y(t) + \beta_2 y(t)x(t) + \beta_3 x(t) \cdot t$ This could be specified as `mod <- 'double t = x(0); dy = p(0) + p(1)*y + p(2)*x(1)*y + p(3)*x(1)*t;'` `dy <- specify_ode(mod)`

Value

pointer (externalptr) to C++ function

Author(s)

Klaus Kähler Holst

See Also

solve_ode

Examples

```
ode <- paste0(
  "dy(0) = p(0)*(y(1)-y(0));",
  "dy(1) = y(0)*(p(1)-y(2));",
  "dy(2) = y(0)*y(1)-p(2)*y(2);", collapse="\n"
)
# Reduce test time
dy <- specify_ode(ode)
tt <- seq(0, 100, length.out=2e4)
yy <- solve_ode(dy, input=tt, init=c(1, 1, 1), par=c(10, 28, 8/3))
```

stratify

Identify Stratification Variables

Description

This is a special function that identifies stratification variables when they appear on the right hand side of a formula.

Usage

```
stratify(..., na.group = FALSE, shortlabel, sep = ", ")
```

Arguments

...	any number of variables. All must be the same length.
na.group	a logical variable, if TRUE, then missing values are treated as a distinct level of each variable.
shortlabel	if TRUE omit variable names from resulting factor labels. The default action is to omit the names if all of the arguments are factors, and none of them was named.
sep	the character used to separate groups, in the created label

Details

When used outside of a coxph formula the result of the function is essentially identical to the interaction function, though the labels from strata are often more verbose.

Value

a new factor, whose levels are all possible combinations of the factors supplied as arguments.

See Also

[survival::strata](#), [learner_stratify](#), [interaction](#)

Examples

```
a <- factor(rep(1:3, 4), labels=c("low", "medium", "high"))
b <- factor(rep(1:4, 3))
levels(stratify(b))
levels(stratify(a, b, shortlabel=TRUE))
```

superlearner

Superlearner (stacked/ensemble learner)

Description

This function creates a predictor object (class [learner](#)) from a list of existing [learner](#) objects. When estimating this model a stacked prediction will be created by weighting together the predictions of each of the initial learners. The weights are learned using cross-validation.

Usage

```
superlearner(
  learners,
  data,
  nfolds = 10,
  meta.learner = metalearner_nnl,
  model.score = mse,
  mc.cores = NULL,
  future.seed = TRUE,
  silent = TRUE,
  name.prefix = NULL,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

learners	(list) List of learner objects (i.e. learner_glm)
data	(data.frame) Data containing the response variable and covariates.
nfolds	(integer) Number of folds to use in cross-validation to estimate the ensemble weights.
meta.learner	(function) Algorithm to learn the ensemble weights (default non-negative least squares). Must be a function of the response (nx1 vector), y, and the predictions (nxp matrix), pred, with p being the number of learners. Alternatively, this can be set to the character value "discrete", in which case the Discrete Super-Learner is applied where the model with the lowest risk (model-score) is given weight 1 and all other learners weight 0.

<code>model.score</code>	(function) Model scoring method (see learner)
<code>mc.cores</code>	(integer) If not NULL, then parallel::mcmapply is used with <code>mc.cores</code> number of cores for parallelization instead of the future.apply::future_lapply package. Parallelization is disabled with <code>mc.cores = 1</code> .
<code>future.seed</code>	(logical or integer) Argument passed on to future.apply::future_lapply . If TRUE, then .Random.seed is used if it holds a L'Ecuyer-CMRG RNG seed, otherwise one is created randomly.
<code>silent</code>	(logical) Suppress all messages and progressbars
<code>name.prefix</code>	(character) Prefix used to name learner objects in learners without names. If NULL, then obtain the name from the <code>info</code> field of a learner.
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments to parallel::mclapply or future.apply::future_lapply .

References

Luedtke & van der Laan (2016) Super-Learning of an Optimal Dynamic Treatment Rule, The International Journal of Biostatistics.

See Also

[predict.superlearner](#) [weights.superlearner](#) [score.superlearner](#)

Examples

```
sim1 <- function(n = 5e2) {
  x1 <- rnorm(n, sd = 2)
  x2 <- rnorm(n)
  y <- x1 + cos(x1) + rnorm(n, sd = 0.5**.5)
  data.frame(y, x1, x2)
}
m <- list(
  "mean" = learner_glm(y ~ 1),
  "glm" = learner_glm(y ~ x1 + x2)
)
sl <- superlearner(m, data = sim1(), nfolds = 2)
predict(sl, newdata = sim1(n = 5))
predict(sl, newdata = sim1(n = 5), all.learners = TRUE)
```

targeted-class	<i>targeted class object</i>
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Description

The functions [riskreg](#) and [ate](#) returns an object of the type `targeted`.

An object of class 'targeted' is a list with at least the following components:

estimate An estimate object with the target parameter estimates (see [estimate.default](#))

opt Object returned from the applied optimization routine

npar number of parameters of the model (target and nuisance)

type String describing the model

Value

objects of the S3 class 'targeted'

S3 generics

The following S3 generic functions are available for an object of class targeted:

coef Extract target coefficients of the estimated model.

vcov Extract the variance-covariance matrix of the target parameters.

IC Extract the estimated influence function.

print Print estimates of the target parameters.

summary Extract information on both target parameters and estimated nuisance model.'

See Also

[riskreg](#), [ate](#)

Examples

```
## See example(riskreg) for examples
```

terms.design

Extract model component from [design](#) object

Description

Extract model component from [design](#) object

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'design'
terms(x, specials, ...)
```

Arguments

x [design](#) object

specials extract variables marked as special (e.g., "offset", "weights", ...)

... Additional arguments to lower level functions

test_intersection_sw *Signed Wald intersection test*

Description

Calculating test statistics and p-values for the signed Wald intersection test given by

$$SW = \inf_{\theta \in \bigcap_{i=1}^n H_i} \{(\hat{\theta} - \theta)^\top W \hat{\Sigma} W (\hat{\theta} - \theta)\}$$

with individual hypotheses for each coordinate of θ given by $H_i : \theta_j < \delta_j$ for some non-inferiority margin $\delta_j, j = 1, \dots, n$. #

Usage

```
test_intersection_sw(
  par,
  vcov,
  noninf = 0,
  weights = 1,
  nsim.null = 10000,
  index = NULL,
  control = list(),
  par.name = "theta"
)
```

Arguments

par	(numeric) parameter estimates or estimate object
vcov	(matrix) asymptotic variance estimate
noninf	(numeric) non-inferiority margins
weights	(numeric) optional weights
nsim.null	(integer) number of sample used in Monte-Carlo simulation
index	(integer) subset of parameters to test
control	(list) arguments to alternating projection algorithm. See details section.
par.name	(character) parameter names in output

Details

The constrained least squares problem is solved using Dykstra's algorithm. The following parameters for the optimization can be controlled via the control list argument: `dykstra_niter` sets the maximum number of iterations (default 500), `dykstra_tol` convergence tolerance of the alternating projection algorithm (default 1e-7), `pinv_tol` tolerance for calculating the pseudo-inverse matrix (default `length(par).Machine$double.epsmax(eigenvalue)`).

Value

htest object

Author(s)

Klaus Kähler Holst, Christian Bressen Pipper

References

Christian Bressen Pipper, Andreas Nordland & Klaus Kähler Holst (2025) A general approach to construct powerful tests for intersections of one-sided null-hypotheses based on influence functions. arXiv: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2511.07096>.

See Also

[test_zmax_onesided](#) [lava::test_wald](#) [lava::closed_testing](#)

Examples

```
S <- matrix(c(1, 0.5, 0.5, 2), 2, 2)
thetahat <- c(0.5, -0.2)
test_intersection_sw(thetahat, S, nsim.null = 1e5)
test_intersection_sw(thetahat, S, weights = NULL)

## Not run:
# only on 'lava' >= 1.8.2
e <- estimate(coef = thetahat, vcov = S, labels = c("p1", "p2"))
lava::closed_testing(e, test_intersection_sw, noninf = c(-0.1, -0.1)) |>
  summary()

## End(Not run)
```

test_zmax_onesided	<i>One-sided Zmax test</i>
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Description

Calculating test statistics and p-values for the onesided Zmax / minP test.z

Given parameter estimates $(\hat{\theta}_1, \dots, \hat{\theta}_p)^\top$ with approximate asymptotic covariance matrix \hat{S} , let $Z_i = \frac{\hat{\theta}_i - \delta_i}{\text{SE}(\hat{\theta}_i)}$, where $\text{SE}(\hat{\theta}_i) = \hat{S}_{ii}$. The Zmax test statistic is then $Z_{max} = \max\{Z_1, \dots, Z_p\}$, and the null-hypothesis is $H_0 : \theta_i \leq \delta_i, i = 1, \dots, p$ with non-inferiority margin $\delta_i, i = 1, \dots, p$, for which the p-value is calculated as $1 - \Phi_R(Z_{max})$ where Φ_R is the CDF of the multivariate normal distribution with mean zero and correlation matrix $R = \text{diag}(S_{11}^{-0.5}, \dots, S_{pp}^{-0.5})S \text{diag}(S_{11}^{-0.5}, \dots, S_{pp}^{-0.5})$.

Usage

```
test_zmax_onesided(par, vcov, noninf = 0, index = NULL, par.name = "theta")
```

Arguments

par	(numeric) parameter estimates or estimate object
vcov	(matrix) asymptotic variance estimate
noninf	(numeric) non-inferiority margins
index	(integer) subset of parameters to test
par.name	(character) parameter names in output

Value

htest object

Author(s)

Christian Bressen Pipper, Klaus Kähler Holst

See Also

[test_intersection_sw\(\)](#) [lava::test_wald\(\)](#) [lava::closed_testing\(\)](#)

truncatedscore

Scores truncated by death

Description

Simulated data inspired by the FLOW study (Perkovic 2024)...`elt()` The following variables are considered in this simulated data set

- `time`: time of first event in years (first major irreversible kidney event or non-related death)
- `status`: event type at first major irreversible kidney event (=1), non-related death (=2), or right censoring (=0)
- `y`: clinical outcome measurement (eGFR) at landmark time (:=2)
- `r`: missing indicator for `y` (1 if observed, 0 if either `t`<2 or if the outcome was not measured for other reasons)
- `a`: binary treatment (1 := active, 0 := placebo)
- `x1`: covariate, clinical outcome at baseline (eGFR)
- `x2`: covariate, binary treatment usage indicator (1: SGLT2 treatment, 0: none).

The actual failure times and censoring times are also included (`failure.time`, `cens.time`), and the full-data outcome (`y0`) given `t`>2.

Source

Simulated data

References

Perkovic, V., Tuttle, K. R., Rossing, P., Mahaffey, K. W., Mann, J. F., Bakris, G., Baeres, F. M., Idorn, T., Bosch-Traberg, H., Lausvig, N. L., and Pratley, R. (2024). Effects of semaglutide on chronic kidney disease in patients with type 2 diabetes. *New England Journal of Medicine*, 391(2):109–121.

Examples

```
data(truncatedscore)
```

```
weights.superlearner Extract ensemble weights
```

Description

Extract ensemble weights

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'superlearner'  
weights(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object	(superlearner) Fitted model.
...	Not used.

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