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mann et al (2010) <[doi:10.1093/bioinformatics/btq134](https://doi.org/10.1093/bioinformatics/btq134)>) and parallelized versions of condi-
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BivariateAssoc	<i>Bivariate association measures for supervised learning tasks.</i>
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Description

Computes bivariate association measures between a response and predictor variables (and, optionally, between every pairs of predictor variables.)

Usage

```
BivariateAssoc(Y, X, xx = TRUE)
```

Arguments

Y	the response variable
X	the predictor variables
xx	whether the association measures should be computed for couples of predictor variables (default) or not. With a lot of predictors, consider setting xx to FALSE (for reasons of computation time).

Details

For each pair of variable, a permutation test is computed, following the framework used in conditional inference trees to choose a splitting variable. This test produces a p-value, transformed as $-\log(1-p)$ for reasons of comparison stability. The function also computes a "standard" association measure : kenddal's tau correlation for pairs of numeric variables, Cramer's V for pairs of factors and eta-squared for pairs numeric-factor.

Value

A list of the following items :

- YX : a table with the association measures between the response and predictor variables
- XX : a table with the association measures between every couples of predictor variables

In each table :

- measure : name of the "standard" association measure
- assoc : value of the "standard" association measure
- p.value : p-value from the permutation test
- criterion : p-value from the permutation test transformed as $-\log(1-p)$, which serves to sort rows

Note

see also <https://stats.stackexchange.com/questions/171301/interpreting-ctree-partykit-output-in-r>

Author(s)

Nicolas Robette

References

Hothorn T, Hornik K, Van De Wiel MA, Zeileis A. "A lego system for conditional inference". *The American Statistician*. 60:257–263, 2006.

Hothorn T, Hornik K, Zeileis A. "Unbiased Recursive Partitioning: A Conditional Inference Framework". *Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics*, 15(3):651-674, 2006.

See Also

ctree

Examples

```
data(iris)
iris2 = iris
iris2$Species = factor(iris$Species == "versicolor")
BivariateAssoc(iris2$Species, iris2[,1:4])
```

fastcforest

*Parallelized conditional inference random forest***Description**

Parallelized version of `cforest` function from `party` package, which is an implementation of the random forest and bagging ensemble algorithms utilizing conditional inference trees as base learners.

Usage

```
fastcforest(formula, data = list(), subset = NULL, weights = NULL,
            controls = party::cforest_unbiased(),
            xtrafo = ptrrafo, ytrafo = ptrrafo, scores = NULL,
            parallel = TRUE)
```

Arguments

<code>formula</code>	a symbolic description of the model to be fit. Note that symbols like <code>:</code> and <code>-</code> will not work and the tree will make use of all variables listed on the rhs of <code>formula</code>
<code>data</code>	a data frame containing the variables in the model
<code>subset</code>	an optional vector specifying a subset of observations to be used in the fitting process
<code>weights</code>	an optional vector of weights to be used in the fitting process. Non-negative integer valued weights are allowed as well as non-negative real weights. Observations are sampled (with or without replacement) according to probabilities $\text{weights} / \text{sum}(\text{weights})$. The fraction of observations to be sampled (without replacement) is computed based on the sum of the weights if all weights are integer-valued and based on the number of weights greater zero else. Alternatively, <code>weights</code> can be a double matrix defining case weights for all <code>ncol(weights)</code> trees in the forest directly. This requires more storage but gives the user more control.
<code>controls</code>	an object of class <code>ForestControl-class</code> , which can be obtained using <code>cforest_control</code> (and its convenience interfaces <code>cforest_unbiased</code> and <code>cforest_classical</code>).
<code>xtrafo</code>	a function to be applied to all input variables. By default, the <code>ptrrafo</code> function is applied.
<code>ytrafo</code>	a function to be applied to all response variables. By default, the <code>ptrrafo</code> function is applied.
<code>scores</code>	an optional named list of scores to be attached to ordered factors
<code>parallel</code>	Logical indicating whether or not to run <code>fastcforest</code> in parallel using a backend provided by the <code>foreach</code> package. Default is <code>TRUE</code> .

Details

See `cforest` documentation for details. The code for parallelization is inspired by <https://stackoverflow.com/questions/36272816/train-a-cforest-in-parallel>

Value

An object of class `RandomForest-class`.

Author(s)

Nicolas Robette

References

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- Torsten Hothorn, Peter Buhlmann, Sandrine Dudoit, Annette Molinaro and Mark J. van der Laan (2006a). Survival Ensembles. *Biostatistics*, **7**(3), 355–373.
- Torsten Hothorn, Kurt Hornik and Achim Zeileis (2006b). Unbiased Recursive Partitioning: A Conditional Inference Framework. *Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics*, **15**(3), 651–674. Preprint available from <https://www.zeileis.org/papers/Hothorn+Hornik+Zeileis-2006.pdf>
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- Carolin Strobl, James Malley and Gerhard Tutz (2009). An Introduction to Recursive Partitioning: Rationale, Application, and Characteristics of Classification and Regression Trees, Bagging, and Random forests. *Psychological Methods*, **14**(4), 323–348.

See Also

[cforest](#), [fastvarImp](#)

Examples

```
## classification
data(iris)
iris2 = iris
iris2$Species = factor(iris$Species=="versicolor")
iris.cf = fastcforest(Species~., data=iris2, parallel=FALSE)
```

fastvarImp

Variable importance for conditional inference random forests

Description

Parallelized version of `varImp` function from `varImp` package, which computes the variable importance for arbitrary measures from the `measures` package.

Usage

```
fastvarImp(object, mincriterion = 0, conditional = FALSE,
           threshold = 0.2, nperm = 1, OOB = TRUE,
           pre1.0_0 = conditional, measure = "multiclass.Brier",
           parallel = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

object	An object as returned by cforest (or fastcforest).
mincriterion	The value of the test statistic or 1 - p-value that must be exceeded in order to include a split in the computation of the importance. The default mincriterion = 0 guarantees that all splits are included.
conditional	a logical determining whether unconditional or conditional computation of the importance is performed.
threshold	The threshold value for (1 - p-value) of the association between the variable of interest and a covariate, which must be exceeded in order to include the covariate in the conditioning scheme for the variable of interest (only relevant if conditional = TRUE). A threshold value of zero includes all covariates.
nperm	The number of permutations performed.
OOB	A logical determining whether the importance is computed from the out-of-bag sample or the learning sample (not suggested).
pre1.0_0	Prior to party version 1.0-0, the actual data values were permuted according to the original permutation importance suggested by Breiman (2001). Now the assignments to child nodes of splits in the variable of interest are permuted as described by Hapfelmeier et al. (2012), which allows for missing values in the explanatory variables and is more efficient wrt memory consumption and computing time. This method does not apply to conditional variable importances.
measure	The name of the measure of the measures package that should be used for the variable importance calculation.
parallel	Logical indicating whether or not to run fastvarImp in parallel using a backend provided by the foreach package. Default is FALSE.
...	Further arguments (like positive or negative class) that are needed by the measure.

Details

The code is adapted from [varImp](#) function in [varImp](#) package.

Value

Vector with computed permutation importance for each variable.

Author(s)

Nicolas Robette

See Also

[varImp](#), [fastvarImpAUC](#), [cforest](#), [fastcforest](#)

Examples

```
data(iris)
iris2 = iris
iris2$Species = factor(iris$Species == "versicolor")
iris.cf = party::cforest(Species ~ ., data = iris2,
  control = party::cforest_unbiased(mtry = 2, ntree = 50))
fastvarImp(object = iris.cf, measure='ACC', parallel=FALSE)
```

fastvarImpAUC	<i>Variable importance (with AUC performance measure) for conditional inference random forests</i>
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Description

Computes the variable importance regarding the AUC. Bindings are not taken into account in the AUC definition as they did not provide as good results as the version without bindings in the paper of Janitza *et al.* (2013).

Usage

```
fastvarImpAUC(object, mincriterion = 0, conditional = FALSE,
  threshold = 0.2, nperm = 1, OOB = TRUE,
  pre1.0_0 = conditional,
  parallel = TRUE)
```

Arguments

object	An object as returned by <code>cforest</code> (or <code>fastcforest</code>).
mincriterion	The value of the test statistic or 1 - p-value that must be exceeded in order to include a split in the computation of the importance. The default mincriterion = 0 guarantees that all splits are included.
conditional	The value of the test statistic or 1 - p-value that must be exceeded in order to include a split in the computation of the importance. The default mincriterion = 0 guarantees that all splits are included.
threshold	The threshold value for (1 - p-value) of the association between the variable of interest and a covariate, which must be exceeded in order to include the covariate in the conditioning scheme for the variable of interest (only relevant if <code>conditional = TRUE</code>). A threshold value of zero includes all covariates.
nperm	The number of permutations performed.
OOB	A logical determining whether the importance is computed from the out-of-bag sample or the learning sample (not suggested).

pre1.0_0	Prior to party version 1.0-0, the actual data values were permuted according to the original permutation importance suggested by Breiman (2001). Now the assignments to child nodes of splits in the variable of interest are permuted as described by Hapfelmeier et al. (2012), which allows for missing values in the explanatory variables and is more efficient wrt memory consumption and computing time. This method does not apply to conditional variable importances.
parallel	Logical indicating whether or not to run <code>fastvarImpAUC</code> in parallel using a backend provided by the <code>foreach</code> package. Default is <code>FALSE</code> .

Details

For using the original AUC definition and multiclass AUC you can use the `fastvarImp` function and specify the particular measure. The code is adapted from `varImpAUC` function in `varImp` package.

Value

Vector with computed permutation importance for each variable.

Author(s)

Nicolas Robette

References

Janitza, S., Strobl, C. & Boulesteix, A.-L. An AUC-based permutation variable importance measure for random forests. *BMC Bioinform.* 14, 119 (2013).

See Also

`varImpAUC`, `fastvarImp`, `cforest`, `fastcforest`

Examples

```
data(iris)
iris2 = iris
iris2$Species = factor(iris$Species == "versicolor")
iris.cf = party::cforest(Species ~ ., data = iris2,
  control = party::cforest_unbiased(mtry = 2, ntree = 50))
fastvarImpAUC(object = iris.cf, parallel = FALSE)
```

FeatureSelection

Feature selection for conditional random forests.

Description

Performs feature selection for a conditional random forest model. Four approaches are available : non-recursive feature elimination (NRFE), recursive feature elimination (RFE), permutation test approach with permuted response (Altmann et al, 2010), permutation test approach with permuted predictors (Hapfelmeier et Ulm, 2013).

Usage

```
FeatureSelection(Y, X, method = 'NRFE', ntree = 1000, measure = NULL,
               nperm = 30, alpha = 0.05, distrib = 'approx',
               parallel = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

Y	response vector. Must be of class factor or numeric
X	matrix or data frame containing the predictors
method	method for feature selection. Should be 'NRFE' (non-recursive feature elimination, default), 'RFE' (recursive feature elimination), 'ALT' (permutation of response) or 'HAPF' (permutation of predictors)
ntree	number of trees contained in a forest
measure	the name of the measure of the measures package that should be used for error and variable importance calculations.
nperm	number of permutations. Only for 'ALT' and 'HAPF' methods.
alpha	alpha level for permutation tests. Only for 'ALT' and 'HAPF' methods.
distrib	the null distribution of the variable importance can be approximated by its asymptotic distribution ("asympt") or via Monte Carlo resampling ("approx", default). Only for 'ALT' and 'HAPF' methods.
parallel	Logical indicating whether or not to run fastvarImp in parallel using a backend provided by the foreach package. Default is FALSE.
...	Further arguments (like positive or negative class) that are needed by the measure.

Details

To be developed soon !

Value

A list with the following elements :

selection.0se	selected variables with the 0 standard error rule
forest.0se	forest corresponding the variables selected with the 0 standard error rule
oob.error.0se	OOB error of the forest with 0 standard error rule
selection.1se	selected variables with the 1 standard error rule
forest.1se	forest corresponding the variables selected with the 1 standard error rule
oob.error.1se	OOB error of the forest with 1 standard error rule

Note

The code is adapted from Hapfelmeier & Ulm (2013).

Only works for regression and binary classification.

Author(s)

Nicolas Robette

References

B. Gregorutti, B. Michel, and P. Saint Pierre. "Correlation and variable importance in random forests". arXiv:1310.5726, 2017.

A. Hapfelmeier and K. Ulm. "A new variable selection approach using random forests". *Computational Statistics and Data Analysis*, 60:50–69, 2013.

A. Altmann, L. Toloşi, O. Sander et T. Lengauer. "Permutation importance: a corrected feature importance measure". *Bioinformatics*, 26(10):1340-1347, 2010.

Examples

```
data(iris)
iris2 = iris
iris2$Species = factor(iris$Species == "versicolor")
featsel <- FeatureSelection(iris2$Species, iris2[,1:4], measure='ACC', ntree=200)
featsel$selection.0se
featsel$selection.1se
```

 GetAleData

Accumulated Local Effects for a conditional random forest.

Description

Computes the Accumulated Local Effects for several covariates in a conditional random forest and gathers them into a single data frame.

Usage

```
GetAleData(object, xnames=NULL, order=1, grid.size=20, parallel=FALSE)
```

Arguments

object	An object as returned by <code>cforest</code> (or <code>fastcforest</code>).
xnames	A character vector of the covariates for which to compute the Accumulated Local Effects. If NULL (default), ALE are computed for all the covariates in the model. Should be of length 2 for 2nd order ALE.
order	An integer indicating whether to compute 1st order ALE (1, default) or 2nd order ALE (2).
grid.size	The size of the grid for evaluating the predictions. Default is 20.
parallel	Logical indicating whether or not to run the function in parallel using a backend provided by the <code>foreach</code> package. Default is FALSE.

Details

The computation of Accumulated Local Effects uses [FeatureEffect](#) function from [iml](#) package for each covariate. The results are then gathered and reshaped into a friendly data frame format.

Value

A data frame with covariates, their categories and their accumulated local effects.

Author(s)

Nicolas Robette

References

Apley, D. W., Zhu J. "Visualizing the Effects of Predictor Variables in Black Box Supervised Learning Models". arXiv:1612.08468v2, 2019.

Molnar, Christoph. "Interpretable machine learning. A Guide for Making Black Box Models Explainable", 2019. <https://christophm.github.io/interpretable-ml-book/>.

See Also

[FeatureEffect](#), [GetPartialData](#), [GetInteractionStrength](#)

Examples

```
data(iris)
iris2 = iris
iris2$Species = factor(iris$Species == "versicolor")
iris.cf = party::cforest(Species ~ ., data = iris2,
  controls = party::cforest_unbiased(mtry=2, ntree=50))
GetAleData(iris.cf)
```

GetCtree

Gets a tree from a conditional random forest

Description

This function gets the *i*th tree from a conditional random forest as produced by `cforest`.

Usage

```
GetCtree(object, k = 1)
```

Arguments

`object` An object as returned by `cforest` (or `fastcforest`).

`k` The index of the tree to get from the forest. Default is 1.

Value

A tree of class BinaryTree, as returned by ctree from party package.

Note

Code taken from <https://stackoverflow.com/questions/19924402/cforest-prints-empty-tree>

Examples

```
data(iris)
iris2 = iris
iris2$Species = factor(iris$Species == "versicolor")
iris.cf = party::cforest(Species ~ ., data = iris2,
  control = party::cforest_unbiased(mtry = 2, ntree = 50))
plot(GetCtree(iris.cf))
```

GetInteractionStrength

Strength of interactions

Description

Computes the strength of second order interactions for covariates in a conditional random forest.

Usage

```
GetInteractionStrength(object, xnames=NULL)
```

Arguments

object	An object as returned by <code>cforest</code> (or <code>fastcforest</code>).
xnames	character vector. The names of the variables for which to measure the strength of second order interactions. If NULL (default), all covariates are included.

Value

A data frame with pairs of variable names and the strength of the interaction between them.

Note

This function calls `vint` function in `vip` package for each interaction. The results are then gathered and reshaped into a friendly data frame format.

Author(s)

Nicolas Robette

References

Greenwell, B. M., Boehmke, B. C., and McCarthy, A. J.: A Simple and Effective Model-Based Variable Importance Measure. arXiv preprint arXiv:1805.04755 (2018).

See Also

[GetPartialData](#), [GetAleData](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
data(iris)
iris2 = iris
iris2$Species = factor(iris$Species == "versicolor")
iris.cf = party::cforest(Species ~ ., data = iris2,
                        controls = party::cforest_unbiased(mtry=2, ntree=50))
GetInteractionStrength(iris.cf)

## End(Not run)
```

GetPartialData	<i>Partial dependence for a conditional random forest.</i>
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Description

Computes the partial dependence for several covariates in a conditional random forest and gathers them into a single data frame.

Usage

```
GetPartialData(object, xnames=NULL, ice = FALSE, center = FALSE,
               grid.resolution = NULL, quantiles = TRUE, probs = 1:9/10,
               trim.outliers = FALSE, which.class = 1L, prob = TRUE,
               pred.fun = NULL, parallel = FALSE, paropts = NULL)
```

Arguments

object	An object as returned by cforest (or fastcforest).
xnames	A character vector of the covariates for which to compute the partial dependence. If NULL (default), partial dependence is computed for all the covariates in the model.
ice	Logical indicating whether or not to compute individual conditional expectation (ICE) curves. Default is FALSE. See Goldstein et al. (2014) for details.
center	Logical indicating whether or not to produce centered ICE curves (c-ICE curves). Only used when ice = TRUE. Default is FALSE. See Goldstein et al. (2014) for details.

<code>grid.resolution</code>	Integer giving the number of equally spaced points to use for the continuous variables listed in <code>xnames</code> . If left <code>NULL</code> , it will default to the minimum between 51 and the number of unique data points for each of the continuous independent variables listed in <code>xnames</code> .
<code>quantiles</code>	Logical indicating whether or not to use the sample quantiles of the continuous predictors listed in <code>xnames</code> . If <code>quantiles = TRUE</code> and <code>grid.resolution = NULL</code> (default), the sample quantiles will be used to generate the grid of joint values for which the partial dependence is computed.
<code>probs</code>	Numeric vector of probabilities with values in $[0,1]$. (Values up to $2e-14$ outside that range are accepted and moved to the nearby endpoint.) Default is <code>1:9/10</code> which corresponds to the deciles of the predictor variables. These specify which quantiles to use for the continuous predictors listed in <code>xnames</code> when <code>quantiles = TRUE</code> .
<code>trim.outliers</code>	Logical indicating whether or not to trim off outliers from the continuous predictors listed in <code>xnames</code> (using the simple boxplot method) before generating the grid of joint values for which the partial dependence is computed. Default is <code>FALSE</code> .
<code>which.class</code>	Integer specifying which column of the matrix of predicted probabilities to use as the "focus" class. Default is to use the first class. Only used for classification problems.
<code>prob</code>	Logical indicating whether or not partial dependence for classification problems should be returned on the probability scale, rather than the centered logit. If <code>FALSE</code> , the partial dependence function is on a scale similar to the logit. Default is <code>TRUE</code> .
<code>pred.fun</code>	Optional prediction function that requires two arguments: <code>object</code> and <code>newdata</code> . If specified, then the function must return a single prediction or a vector of predictions (i.e., not a matrix or data frame). Default is <code>NULL</code> .
<code>parallel</code>	Logical indicating whether or not to run <code>partial</code> in parallel using a backend provided by the <code>foreach</code> package. Default is <code>FALSE</code> .
<code>paropts</code>	List containing additional options to be passed onto <code>foreach</code> when <code>parallel = TRUE</code> .

Details

The computation of partial dependence uses `partial` function from `pdp` package for each covariate. The results are then gathered and reshaped into a friendly data frame format.

Value

A data frame with covariates, their categories and their partial dependence effects.

Author(s)

Nicolas Robette

References

J. H. Friedman. Greedy function approximation: A gradient boosting machine. *Annals of Statistics*, 29: 1189-1232, 2001.

Goldstein, A., Kapelner, A., Bleich, J., and Pitkin, E., Peeking Inside the Black Box: Visualizing Statistical Learning With Plots of Individual Conditional Expectation. (2014) *Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics*, 24(1): 44-65, 2015.

See Also

[partial](#), [GetAleData](#), [GetInteractionStrength](#)

Examples

```
data(iris)
iris2 = iris
iris2$Species = factor(iris$Species == "versicolor")
iris.cf = party::cforest(Species ~ ., data = iris2,
                        controls = party::cforest_unbiased(mtry=2, ntree=50))
GetPartialData(iris.cf)
```

GetSplitStats

Permutation tests results for each split in a conditional tree.

Description

This function displays the results the selection variable process for each split of a conditional tree, i.e. the p-values from permutation tests of independence between every predictor and the dependent variable. This may help to assess the stability of the tree.

Usage

```
GetSplitStats(ct)
```

Arguments

`ct` A tree of class `BinaryTree` (as returned by `ctree` from `party` package) or `constparty` (as returned by `ctree` from `partykit` package).

Value

A list of elements, one for each split in the tree. For each split, the vector corresponds to are $\log(1-p)$ for every predictors, with p the p-value of the permutation test of independence. Variables are sorted by decreasing degree of association with the dependent variable.

Note

see also <https://stats.stackexchange.com/questions/171301/interpreting-ctree-partykit-output-in-r>

Author(s)

Nicolas Robette

References

Hothorn T, Hornik K, Van De Wiel MA, Zeileis A. "A lego system for conditional inference". *The American Statistician*. 60:257–263, 2006.

Hothorn T, Hornik K, Zeileis A. "Unbiased Recursive Partitioning: A Conditional Inference Framework". *Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics*, 15(3):651-674, 2006.

See Also

ctree

Examples

```
data(iris)
iris2 = iris
iris2$Species = factor(iris$Species == "versicolor")
iris.ct = party::ctree(Species ~ ., data = iris2)
GetSplitStats(iris.ct)
```

ggForestEffects

Dot plot of covariates effects

Description

Plots the effects (partial dependence or accumulated local effects) of the covariates of a supervised learning model in a single a dot plot.

Usage

```
ggForestEffects(dt, vline=0, xlabel="", ylabel="", main="")
```

Arguments

dt	data frame. Must have three columns : one with the names of the covariates (named "var"), one with the names of the categories of the covariates (named "cat"), one with the values of the effects (named "value"). Typically the result of GetAleData or GetPartialData functions.
vline	numeric. Coordinate on the x axis where a vertical line is added.
xlabel	character. Title of the x axis.
ylabel	character. Title of the y axis.
main	character. Title of the plot.

Note

There should be no duplicated categories. If it is the case, duplicated categories have to be renamed in dt prior to running ggForestEffects.

Author(s)

Nicolas Robette

References

Apley, D. W., Zhu J. "Visualizing the Effects of Predictor Variables in Black Box Supervised Learning Models". arXiv:1612.08468v2, 2019.

Molnar, Christoph. "Interpretable machine learning. A Guide for Making Black Box Models Explainable", 2019. <https://christophm.github.io/interpretable-ml-book/>.

See Also

[GetAleData](#), [GetPartialData](#)

Examples

```
data(iris)
iris2 = iris
iris2$Species = factor(iris$Species == "versicolor")
iris.cf = party::cforest(Species ~ ., data = iris2, controls = cforest_unbiased(mtry=2))
ale <- GetAleData(iris.cf)
ale$cat <- paste(ale$var,ale$cat,sep='_') # to avoid duplicated categories
ggForestEffects(ale)
```

ggVarImp

Dot plot of variable importance

Description

Plots the importance of the covariates of a supervised learning model in a dot plot.

Usage

```
ggVarImp(importance, sort=TRUE, xlabel="Importance", ylabel="Variable", main="")
```

Arguments

importance	numeric vector. The vector of the importances of the covariates. Should be a named vector.
sort	logical. Whether the vector of importances should be sorted or not. Default is TRUE.
xlabel	character. Title of the x axis.
ylabel	character. Title of the y axis.
main	character. Title of the plot.

Author(s)

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See Also[varImp](#), [varImpAUC](#), [fastvarImp](#), [fastvarImpAUC](#)**Examples**

```

data(iris)
iris2 = iris
iris2$Species = factor(iris$Species == "versicolor")
iris.cf = party::cforest(Species ~ ., data = iris2,
                        control = party::cforest_unbiased(mtry = 2, ntree = 50))
imp <- fastvarImpAUC(object = iris.cf, parallel = FALSE)
ggVarImp(imp)

```

Outliers

Computes outliers

Description

Computes outlierness scores and detects outliers.

Usage

```
Outliers(prox, cls=NULL, data=NULL, threshold=10)
```

Arguments

prox	a proximity matrix (a square matrix with 1 on the diagonal and values between 0 and 1 in the off-diagonal positions).
cls	Factor. The classes the rows in the proximity matrix belong to. If NULL (default), all data are assumed to come from the same class.
data	A data frame of variables to describe the outliers (optional).
threshold	Numeric. The value of outlierness above which an observation is considered an outlier. Default is 10.

Details

The outlierness score of a case is computed as $n / \text{sum}(\text{squared proximity})$, normalized by subtracting the median and divided by the MAD, within each class.

Value

A list with the following elements :

scores	numeric vector containing the outlierness scores
outliers	numeric vector of indexes of the outliers, or a data frame with the outliers and their characteristics

Note

The code is adapted from outlier function in randomForest package.

Examples

```
data(iris)
iris2 = iris
iris2$Species = factor(iris$Species == "versicolor")
iris.cf = party::cforest(Species ~ ., data = iris2,
  control = party::cforest_unbiased(mtry = 2, ntree = 50))
prox=proximity(iris.cf)
Outliers(prox, iris2$Species, iris2[,1:4])
```

 Prototypes

Prototypes of groups

Description

Prototypes are ‘representative’ cases of a group of data points, given the similarity matrix among the points. They are very similar to medoids.

Usage

```
Prototypes(label, x, prox, nProto = 5, nNbr = floor((min(table(label)) - 1)/nProto))
```

Arguments

label	the response variable. Should be a factor.
x	matrix or data frame of predictor variables.
prox	the proximity (or similarity) matrix, assumed to be symmetric with 1 on the diagonal and in [0, 1] off the diagonal (the order of row/column must match that of x)
nProto	number of prototypes to compute for each value of the response variables.
nNbr	number of nearest neighbors used to find the prototypes.

Details

For each case in x , the $nNbr$ nearest neighbors are found. Then, for each class, the case that has most neighbors of that class is identified. The prototype for that class is then the medoid of these neighbors (coordinate-wise medians for numerical variables and modes for categorical variables). One then remove the neighbors used and iterate the first steps to find a second prototype, etc.

Value

A list of data frames with prototypes. The number of data frames is equal to the number of classes of the response variable.

Note

The code is an extension of `classCenter` function in `randomForest` package.

Author(s)

Nicolas Robette

References

Random Forests, by Leo Breiman and Adele Cutler https://www.stat.berkeley.edu/~breiman/RandomForests/cc_home.htm#p

Examples

```
data(iris)
iris2 = iris
iris2$Species = factor(iris$Species == "versicolor")
iris.cf = party::cforest(Species ~ ., data = iris2,
                        control = party::cforest_unbiased(mtry = 2, ntree = 50))
prox=proximity(iris.cf)
Prototypes(iris2$Species,iris2[,1:4],prox)
```

SurrogateTree

Surrogate tree for conditional inference random forests

Description

Builds a surrogate tree to approximate a conditional random forest model.

Usage

```
SurrogateTree(object, mincriterion = 0.95, maxdepth = 3)
```

Arguments

object	An object as returned by cforest (or fastcforest).
mincriterion	the value of the test statistic (for testtype == "Teststatistic"), or 1 - p-value (for other values of testtype) that must be exceeded in order to implement a split.
maxdepth	maximum depth of the tree. Default is 3.

Details

A global surrogate model is an interpretable model that is trained to approximate the predictions of a black box model (see Molnar 2019). Here a conditional inference tree is built to approximate the prediction of a conditional inference random forest. Practically, the surrogate tree takes the forest predictions as response and the same predictors as the forest.

Value

A list with the following items :

tree	The surrogate tree, of class party
r.squared	The R squared of a linear regression with random forests prediction as dependent variable and surrogate tree prediction as predictor

Note

The surrogate tree is built using ctree from partykit package.

Author(s)

Nicolas Robette

References

Molnar, Christoph. "Interpretable machine learning. A Guide for Making Black Box Models Explainable", 2019. <https://christophm.github.io/interpretable-ml-book/>.

See Also

cforest, ctree

Examples

```
data(iris)
iris2 = iris
iris2$Species = factor(iris$Species == "versicolor")
iris.cf = party::cforest(Species ~ ., data = iris2,
  control = party::cforest_unbiased(mtry = 2, ntree = 50))
surro <- SurrogateTree(iris.cf)
surro$r.squared
plot(surro$tree)
```

`titanic`*Titanic dataset*

Description

A dataset describing the passengers of the Titanic and their survival

Usage

```
data("titanic")
```

Format

A data frame with 1309 observations and the following 5 variables.

Survived Factor. Whether one survived or not

Pclass Factor. Passenger class

Sex Factor. Sex

Age Numeric vector. Age

Embarked Factor. Port of embarkation

Examples

```
data(titanic)  
str(titanic)
```

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