Solving the model representation problem with broom

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Key: shared notation and community standards

How does R represent models, estimators and fits?



A taste of the pain

Suppose you want class probabilities from a fit called obj:

Object	Code
lda	predict(obj)
glm	<pre>predict(obj, type = "response")</pre>
gbm	<pre>predict(obj, type = "response", n.trees)</pre>
mda	<pre>predict(obj, type = "posterior")</pre>
rpart	<pre>predict(obj, type = "prob")</pre>
Weka	<pre>predict(obj, type = "probability")</pre>
logitboost	<pre>predict(obj, type = "raw", nIter)</pre>
pamr.train	<pre>pamr.predict(obj, type = "posterior")</pre>

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We have no shared framework or understanding of how to represent statistical models, estimation methods and fits with R objects.

The broom package

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- augment(): add information about observations to a dataset

The normal model: an example

```
# simulate Normal(-2, 1) data
x \leftarrow rnorm(5000, -2, 1)
# create a fit object using
# MLE estimator and normal model
normal fit <- MASS::fitdistr(</pre>
  x,
  dnorm,
  start = list(mean = 0, sd = 1)
```

What is normal_fit?

```
## $estimate
##
       mean
                    sd
## -2.034081 1.014121
##
## $sd
##
                      sd
        mean
## 0.01434184 0.01014118
##
## $vcov
##
                                 sd
                 mean
## mean 2.056884e-04 -4.617406e-13
## sd -4.617406e-13 1.028435e-04
##
## $loglik
## [1] -7164.801
```

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There's no augment() method defined for univariate distributions at the moment.

Another example: the linear model

```
# create a fit object using the
# OLS estimator for the linear model
ols_fit <- lm(hp ~ mpg + cyl, mtcars)
# try the following for yourself:
str(ols_fit)</pre>
```

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```
augment(ols_fit)
## # A tibble: 32 x 11
## .rownames hp mpg cyl .fitted .se.fit .resid
\#\# * < chr > < dbl >
## 1 Mazda RX4 110 21 6 140. 6.84 -29.7
## 2 Mazda RX~ 110 21 6 140. 6.84 -29.7
## 3 Datsun 7~ 93 22.8 4 86.7 13.3 6.28
## # ... with 29 more rows, and 4 more variables:
## # .hat <dbl>, .siqma <dbl>, .cooksd <dbl>,
## # .std.resid <dbl>
```

Use cases

Report model coefficients with tidy()

```
kable2 <- function(data)
  knitr::kable(mutate_if(data, is.numeric, round, 2))
tidy(ols_fit) %>%
  kable2()
```

term	estimate	std.error	statistic	p.value
(Intercept)	54.07	86.09	0.63	0.53
mpg	-2.77	2.18	-1.27	0.21
cyl	23.98	7.35	3.26	0.00

Comparing models by goodness of fit measures

```
fits <- list(
  fit1 = lm(hp ~ cyl, mtcars),
  fit2 = lm(hp ~ cyl + mpg, mtcars),
  fit3 = lm(hp ~ ., mtcars)
)

gof <- map_df(fits, glance, .id = "model") %>%
  arrange(AIC)
```

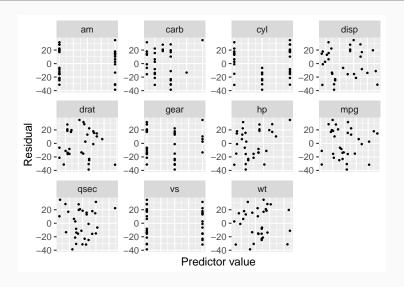
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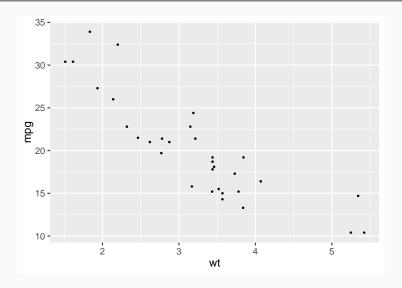
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gof
## # A tibble: 3 x 12
## model r.squared adj.r.squared sigma statistic p.value
## <chr> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
## 1 fit3 0.903 0.857 26.0 19.5 1.90e-8
## 2 fit1 0.693 0.683 38.6 67.7 3.48e-9
## 3 fit2 0.709 0.689 38.2 35.4 1.66e-8
## # ... with 6 more variables: df <int>, logLik <dbl>,
## # AIC <dbl>, BIC <dbl>, deviance <dbl>,
## # df.residual <int>
```

Inspecting residuals from multiple linear regression

```
fit <- lm(hp ~ ., mtcars)</pre>
au <- broom::augment(fit)</pre>
p <- au %>%
  gather(x, val, -contains(".")) %>%
  ggplot(aes(val, .resid)) +
  geom_point() +
  facet_wrap(~x, scales = "free") +
  labs(x = "Predictor value", y = "Residual") +
  theme(axis.text.x = element blank(),
        axis.ticks.x = element blank())
```

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Consider a model:

$$mpg = \frac{k}{wt} + b + \varepsilon, \quad \varepsilon \sim Normal(0, \sigma^2)$$

Suppose we want to know the sampling distributions of k and b via bootstrapping

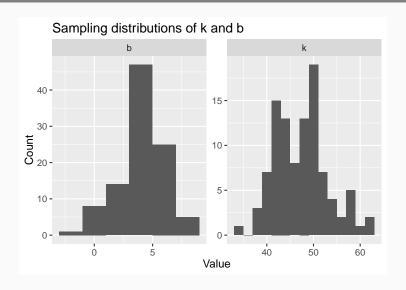
```
library(rsample)
boots <- bootstraps(mtcars, times = 100)</pre>
boots
## # Bootstrap sampling
## # A tibble: 100 x 2
## splits id
## <list> <chr>
## 1 <split [32/10] > Bootstrap001
## 2 <split [32/7]> Bootstrap002
## 3 <split [32/13] > Bootstrap003
## # ... with 97 more rows
```

```
fit_nls_on_bootstrap <- function(split) {
  nls(
    mpg ~ k / wt + b,
    analysis(split),
    start = list(k = 1, b = 0)
  )
}</pre>
```

```
boot fits <- boots %>%
 mutate(fit = map(splits, fit_nls_on_bootstrap),
        coef_info = map(fit, tidy))
boot fits
## # Bootstrap sampling
## # A tibble: 100 x 4
## splits id fit coef_info
## * <list> <chr> tist> t>
## 1 <split [32/10]> Bootstrap001 <S3: nl~ <tibble [2 x 5~
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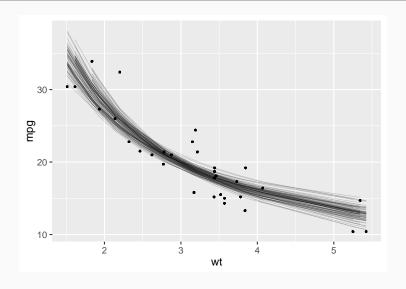
```
boot coefs <- boot fits %>%
 unnest(coef_info)
boot coefs
## # A tibble: 200 x 6
## id term estimate std.error statistic p.value
\#\# <chr> <chr> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
## 1 Bootstra~ k 41.8 4.05 10.3 2.18e-11
## 2 Bootstra~ b 5.96 1.64 3.64 1.01e- 3
## 3 Bootstra~ k 50.6 3.96 12.8 1.16e-13
## # ... with 197 more rows
```

```
p <- ggplot(boot_coefs, aes(estimate)) +
  geom_histogram(binwidth = 2) +
  facet_wrap(~ term, scales = "free") +
  labs(
    title = "Sampling distributions of k and b",
    y = "Count",
    x = "Value"
)</pre>
```



```
boot_aug <- boot_fits %>%
  mutate(augmented = map(fit, augment)) %>%
  unnest(augmented)

p <- ggplot(boot_aug, aes(wt, mpg)) +
  geom_point() +
  geom_line(aes(y = .fitted, group = id), alpha = 0.2)</pre>
```



Thank you! Questions?

Read about the broom 0.5.0 release or how to implement new tidiers!



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