

Documentation

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Description

An implementation of Friedman (1990)’s multivariate adaptive regression splines (MARS).

Usage

```
mars(formula, data, control = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

- formula

an object of class “formula” (or one that can be coerced to that class): a symbolic description of the model to be fitted. The details of model specification are given under ‘Details’.

- data

an optional data frame, list or environment (or object coercible by `as.data.frame` to a data frame) containing the variables in the model. If not found in data, the variables are taken from `environment(formula)`, typically the environment from which `lm` is called.

- control

an object of class ‘mars.control’.

- ...

additional arguments to be passed to the low level regression fitting functions.

Details

A new method is presented for flexible regression modeling of high dimensional data. The model takes the form of an expansion in product spline basis functions, where the number of basis functions as well as the parameters associated with each one (product degree and knot locations) are automatically determined by the data.

Value

`mars` returns an object of class “mars”.

An object of class “mars” is a list containing at least the following components:

coefficients: a named vector of coefficients
residuals: the residuals, that is response minus fitted values.
fitted.values: the fitted mean values.
call: the matched call
split: the split points

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References

Friedman, J. (1991). Multivariate Adaptive Regression Splines. The Annals of Statistics, 19(1), 1-67.
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See Also

anova.mars for ANOVA
plot.mars for residuals vs fitted plot
predict.mars for prediction
print.mars for coefficients
summary.mars for summaries

Examples

```
library(ISLR)
```

example 1

```
data(Wage)
mc<- mars.control(Mmax=10)
mout <- mars(wage ~ age + education ,Wage,mc)
ff <- fitted(mout)
p1 <- predict(mout)
p2 <- predict(mout, newdata = data.frame(age=Wageage,education = Wageeducation))
res = head(cbind(ff,p1,p2)) # columns are identical
mout # tests print method
summary(mout)# test the summary function
```

```
anova(mout)#test anova function
plot(mout) # test plot method
```

example 2

```
data = read.csv('Real estate.csv')
mc<- mars.control(Mmax=10)
mout = mars(Y.house.price.of.unit.area ~ X3.distance.to.the.nearest.MRT.station,data,mc)
ff = fitted(mout)
p1 = predict(mout)
p2 = predict(mout, newdata=data.frame(X3.distance.to.the.nearest.MRT.station=data$X3.distance.to.the.nearest.MRT.station))
res = head(cbind(ff,p1,p2))
mout
summary(mout)
anova(mout)
plot(mout)
```

example 3

```
data = read.csv('insurance.csv')
mc<- mars.control(Mmax=10)
mout = mars(charges ~ bmi + age, data, mc)
ff = fitted(mout)
p1 = predict(mout)
p2 = predict(mout, newdata=data.frame(bmi = data$bmi, age = data$age))
res = head(cbind(ff,p1,p2))
summary(mout)
plot(mout)
anova(mout)
```

Note:

datasets for example 2 and 3 can be found at <https://lionbridge.ai/datasets/10-open-datasets-for-linear-regression/>