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Description Build regression models using the techniques in Friedman's papers ``Fast MARS'' and ``Multivariate Adaptive Regression Splines''. (The term ``MARS'' is trademarked and thus not used in the name of the package.)

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`contr.earth.response` *Please ignore*

Description

Contrasts function for factors in the `earth` response. For internal use by earth.

Usage

```
contr.earth.response(x, base, contrasts)
```

Arguments

`x`	a factor
`base`	unused
`contrasts`	unused

Value

Returns a diagonal matrix. An example for a 3 level factor with levels `A`, `B`, and `C`:

```
  A B C
A 1 0 0
B 0 1 0
C 0 0 1
```

Note

Earth uses this function internally. You shouldn't need it. It is made publicly available only because it seems that is necessary for `model.matrix`.

See Also

`contrasts`

earth *Multivariate Adaptive Regression Splines*

Description

Build a regression model using the techniques in Friedman's papers "Multivariate Adaptive Regression Splines" and "Fast MARS".

See the package vignette "Notes on the earth package".

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'formula'
earth(formula = stop("no 'formula' argument"), data = NULL,
   weights = NULL, wp = NULL, subset = NULL,
   na.action = na.fail,
   pmethod = c("backward", "none", "exhaustive", "forward", "seqrep", "cv"),
   keepxy = FALSE, trace = 0, glm = NULL, degree = 1, nprune = NULL,
   ncross=1, nfold=0, stratify=TRUE,
   varmod.method = "none", varmod.exponent = 1,
   varmod.conv = 1, varmod.clamp = .1, varmod.minspan = -3,
   Scale.y = (NCOL(y)==1), ...)

## Default S3 method:
earth(x = stop("no 'x' argument"), y = stop("no 'y' argument"),
    weights = NULL, wp = NULL, subset = NULL,
    na.action = na.fail,
    pmethod = c("backward", "none", "exhaustive", "forward", "seqrep", "cv"),
    keepxy = FALSE, trace = 0, glm = NULL, degree = 1, nprune = NULL,
    ncross=1, nfold=0, stratify=TRUE,
    varmod.method = "none", varmod.exponent = 1,
    varmod.conv = 1, varmod.clamp = .1, varmod.minspan = -3,
    Scale.y = (NCOL(y)==1), ...)

## S3 method for class 'fit'
earth(x = stop("no 'x' argument"), y = stop("no 'y' argument"),
    weights = NULL, wp = NULL, subset = NULL,
    na.action = na.fail,
    pmethod = c("backward", "none", "exhaustive", "forward", "seqrep", "cv"),
    keepxy = FALSE, trace = 0, glm = NULL, degree = 1,
    penalty = if(degree > 1) 3 else 2,
    nk = min(200, max(20, 2 * ncol(x))) + 1,
    thresh = 0.001, minspan = 0, endspan = 0,
    newvar.penalty = 0, fast.k = 20, fast.beta = 1,
    linpreds = FALSE, allowed = NULL,
    nprune = NULL, Object = NULL,
    Scale.y = (NCOL(y)==1), Adjust.endspan = 2, Force.weights = FALSE,
```

```
Use.beta.cache = TRUE, Force.xtx.prune = FALSE,
Get.leverages = NROW(x) < 1e5, Exhaustive.tol = 1e-10, ...)
```

Arguments

To start off, look at the arguments formula, data, x, y, nk, degree, and trace.
If the response is binary or a factor, consider using the glm argument.
For cross validation, use the nfold argument.
For prediction intervals, use the varmod.method argument.

Most users will find that the above arguments are all they need, plus in some cases keepxy and nprune. Unless you are a knowledgeable use, it's best not subvert the standard algorithm by toying with tuning parameters such as thresh, penalty, and endspan.

formula	Model formula.
data	Data frame for formula.
x	Matrix or dataframe containing the independent variables.
y	Vector containing the response variable, or, in the case of multiple responses, a matrix or dataframe whose columns are the values for each response.
subset	Index vector specifying which cases to use, i.e., which rows in x to use. Default is NULL, meaning all.
weights	Case weights. Default is NULL, meaning no case weights. If specified, weights must have length equal to nrow(x) before applying subset. Zero weights are converted to a very small nonzero value.
wp	Response weights. Default is NULL, meaning no response weights. If specified, wp must have an element for each column of y (after factors in y, if any, have been expanded). Zero weights are converted to a very small nonzero value.
na.action	NA action. Default is na.fail, and only na.fail is supported.
keepxy	Default is FALSE. Set to TRUE to retain the following in the returned value: x and y (or data), subset, and weights. The function update.earth and friends will use these if present instead of searching for them in the environment at the time update.earth is invoked. When the nfold argument is used with keepxy=TRUE, earth keeps more data and calls predict.earth multiple times to generate cv.oof.rsq.tab and cv.infold.rsq.tab (see the cv. arguments in the "*Value*" section below). It therefore makes cross-validation significantly slower.
trace	Trace earth's execution. Default is 0. Values: 0 no tracing .3 variance model (the varmod.method arg) .5 cross validation (the nfold arg) 1 overview 2 forward pass 3 pruning 4 model mats summary, pruning details

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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 "*Generalized linear models*" in the vignette. Example:
`earth(survived~., data=etitanic, degree=2, glm=list(family=binomial))`

The following arguments are for the forward pass.

degree — Maximum degree of interaction (Friedman's mi). Default is 1, meaning build an additive model (i.e., no interaction terms).

penalty — Generalized Cross Validation (GCV) penalty per knot. Default is `if(degree>1) 3 else 2`. Simulation studies suggest values in the range of about 2 to 4. The FAQ section in the vignette has some information on GCVs.
Special values (for use by knowledgeable users): The value 0 penalizes only terms, not knots. The value -1 means no penalty, so GCV = RSS/n.

nk — Maximum number of model terms before pruning, i.e., the maximum number of terms created by the forward pass. Includes the intercept.
The actual number of terms created by the forward pass will often be less than nk because of other stopping conditions. See "*Termination conditions for the forward pass*" in the vignette.
The default is semi-automatically calculated from the number of predictors but may need adjusting.

thresh — Forward stepping threshold. Default is 0.001. This is one of the arguments used to decide when forward stepping should terminate: the forward pass terminates if adding a term changes RSq by less than thresh. See "*Termination conditions for the forward pass*" in the vignette.

minspan — Minimum number of observations between knots. (This increases resistance to runs of correlated noise in the input data.)
The default minspan=0 is treated specially and means calculate the minspan internally, as per Friedman's MARS paper section 3.8 with $alpha$ = 0.05. Set trace>=2 to see the calculated value.
Use minspan=1 and endspan=1 to consider all x values.
Negative values of minspan specify the maximum number of knots per predictor. These will be equally spaced. For example, minspan=-3 allows three evenly spaced knots for each predictor. As always, knots that fall in the endzones specified by endspan will be ignored.

endspan — Minimum number of observations before the first and after the final knot.
The default endspan=0 is treated specially and means calculate the minspan internally, as per the MARS paper equation 45 with $alpha$ = 0.05. Set trace>=2 to see the calculated value.
Be wary of reducing endspan, especially if you plan to make predictions beyond or near the limits of the training data. Overfitting near the edges of training data is much more likely with a small endspan. The model's RSq and GRSq won't indicate when this overfitting is occurring. (A plotmo plot can help: look for sharp hinges at the edges of the data). See also the Adjust.endspan argumen.

newvar.penalty — Penalty for adding a new variable in the forward pass (Friedman's $gamma$, equation 74 in the MARS paper). Default is 0, meaning no penalty for adding

a new variable. Useful non-zero values typically range from about 0.01 to 0.2 and sometimes higher — you will need to experiment.
A word of explanation. With the default newvar.penalty=0, if two variables have nearly the same effect (e.g. they are collinear), at any step in the forward pass earth will arbitrarily select one or the other (depending on noise in the sample). Both variables can appear in the final model, complicating model interpretation. On the other hand with a non-zero newvar.penalty, the forward pass will be reluctant to add a new variable — it will rather try to use a variable already in the model, if that does not affect RSq too much. The resulting final model may be easier to interpret, if you are lucky. There will often be a small performance hit (a worse GCV).

fast.k — Maximum number of parent terms considered at each step of the forward pass. (This speeds up the forward pass. See the Fast MARS paper section 3.0.)
Default is 20. A value of 0 is treated specially (as being equivalent to infinity), meaning no Fast MARS. Typical values, apart from 0, are 20, 10, or 5.
In general, with a lower fast.k (say 5), earth is faster; with a higher fast.k, or with fast.k disabled (set to 0), earth builds a better model. However, because of random variation this general rule often doesn't apply.

fast.beta — Fast MARS ageing coefficient, as described in the Fast MARS paper section 3.1.
Default is 1. A value of 0 sometimes gives better results.

linpreds — Index vector specifying which predictors should enter linearly, as in lm. The default is FALSE, meaning all predictors enter in the standard MARS fashion, i.e., in hinge functions.
This does not say that a predictor *must* enter the model; only that if it enters, it enters linearly. See "*The* linpreds *argument*" in the vignette.
A predictor's index in linpreds is the column number in the input matrix x (after factors have been expanded).
linpreds=TRUE makes all predictors enter linearly (the TRUE gets recycled).
linpreds may also be a character vector e.g. linpreds=c("wind", "vis").
Note: grep is used for matching. Thus "wind" will match all variables that have "wind" in their names. Use "^wind$" to match only the variable named "wind".

allowed — Function specifying which predictors can interact and how. Default is NULL, meaning all standard MARS terms are allowed.
During the forward pass, earth calls the allowed function before considering a term for inclusion; the term can go into the model only if the allowed function returns TRUE. See "*The allowed argument*" in the vignette.

The following arguments are for the pruning pass.

pmethod — Pruning method. One of: backward none exhaustive forward seqrep cv.
Default is "backward".
New in version 4.4.0: Specify pmethod="cv" to use cross-validation to select the number of terms. This selects the number of terms that gives the maximum mean out-of-fold RSq on the fold models. Requires the nfold argument.
Use "none" to retain all the terms created by the forward pass.
If y has multiple columns, then only "backward" or "none" is allowed.
Pruning can take a while if "exhaustive" is chosen and the model is big (more

than about 30 terms). The current version of the leaps package used during pruning does not allow user interrupts (i.e., you have to kill your R session to interrupt; in Windows use the Task Manager or from the command line use taskkill).

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.

ncross — Only applies if nfold>1. Number of cross-validations. Each cross-validation has nfold folds. Default 1.

nfold — Number of cross-validation folds. Default is 0, no cross validation. If greater than 1, earth first builds a standard model as usual with all the data. It then builds nfold cross-validated models, measuring R-Squared on the out-of-fold (left out) data each time. The final cross validation R-Squared (CVRSq) is the mean of these out-of-fold R-Squareds.
The above process of building nfold models is repeated ncross times (by default, once). Use trace=.5 to trace cross-validation.
Further statistics are calculated if keepxy=TRUE or if a binomial or poisson model (specified with the glm argument). See "*Cross validation*" in the vignette.

stratify — Only applies if nfold>1. Default is TRUE. Stratify the cross-validation samples so that an approximately equal number of cases with a non-zero response occur in each cross validation subset. So if the response y is logical, the TRUEs will be spread evenly across folds. And if the response is a multilevel factor, there will be an approximately equal number of each factor level in each fold (because a multilevel factor response gets expanded to columns of zeros and ones, see "*Factors*" in the vignette). We say "approximately equal" because the number of occurrences of a factor level may not be exactly divisible by the number of folds.

The following arguments are for variance models (new in version 4.0.0).

varmod.method — Construct a variance model. For details, see varmod and the vignette "Variance models in earth". Use trace=.3 to trace construction of the variance model.
This argument requires nfold and ncross. (We suggest at least ncross=30 here to properly calculate the variance of the errors — although you can use a smaller value, say 3, for debugging.)
The varmod.method argument should be one of
"none" Default. Don't build a variance model.
"const" Assume homoscedastic errors.
"lm" Use lm to estimate standard deviation as a function of the predicted response.
"rlm" Use rlm.
"earth" Use earth.
"gam" Use gam. This will use either gam or the mgcv package, whichever is loaded.

"power" Estimate standard deviation as intercept + coef * predicted.response^exponent, where intercept, coef, and exponent will be estimated by nls. This is equivalent to varmod.method="lm" except that exponent is automatically estimated instead of being held at the value set by the varmod.exponent argument.
"power0" Same as "power" but no intercept (offset) term.
"x.lm", "x.rlm", "x.earth", "x.gam" Like the similarly named options above, but estimate standard deviation by regressing on the predictors x (instead of the predicted response). A current implementation restriction is that "x.gam" allows only models with one predictor (x must have only one column).

varmod.exponent
: Power transform applied to the rhs before regressing the absolute residuals with the specified varmod.method. Default is 1.
For example, with varmod.method="lm", if you expect the standard deviance to increase linearly with the mean response, use varmod.exponent=1. If you expect the standard deviance to increase with the square root of the mean response, use varmod.exponent=.5 (where negative response values will be treated as 0, and you will get an error message if more than 20% of them are negative).

varmod.conv
: Convergence criterion for the Iteratively Reweighted Least Squares used when creating the variance model.
Iterations stop when the mean value of the coefficients of the residual model change by less than varmod.conv percent. Default is 1 percent.
Negative values force the specified number of iterations, e.g. varmod.conv=-2 means iterate twice.
Positive values are ignored for varmod="const" and also currently ignored for varmod="earth" (these are iterated just once, the same as using varmod.conv=-1).

varmod.clamp
: The estimated standard deviation of the main model errors is forced to be at least a small positive value, which we call min.sd. This prevents negative or absurdly small estimated standard deviations. Clamping takes place in predict.varmod, which is called by predict.earth when estimating prediction intervals. The value of min.sd is determined when building the variance model as min.sd = varmod.clamp * mean(sd
The default varmod.clamp is 0.1.

varmod.minspan
: Only applies when varmod.method="earth" or "x.earth". This is the minspan used in the internal call to earth when creating the variance model (not the main earth model).
Default is -3, i.e., three evenly spaced knots per predictor. Residuals tend to be very noisy, and allowing only this small number of knots helps prevent overfitting.

The following arguments are for internal or advanced use.

Object
: Earth object to be updated, for use by update.earth.

Scale.y
: Scale y in the forward pass for better numeric stability. Scaling here means subtract the mean and divide by the standard deviation. Default is NCOL(y)==1, i.e., scale y unless y has multiple columns.

Adjust.endspan
: **New in version 4.2.0.** In interaction terms, endspan gets multiplied by this value. This reduces the possibility of an overfitted interaction term supported by just a few cases on the boundary of the predictor space (as sometimes seen in our simulation studies).

The default is 2. Use Adjust.endspan=1 for compatibility with old versions of earth.

Force.weights Default is FALSE. For testing the weights argument. Force use of the code for handling weights in the earth code, even if weights=NULL or all the weights are the same. This will not necessarily generate an identical model, primarily because the non-weighted code requires some tests for numerical stability that can sometimes affect knot selection.

Use.beta.cache Default is TRUE. Using the "beta cache" takes a little more memory but is faster (by 20% and often much more for large models). The beta cache uses nk * nk * ncol(x) * sizeof(dou bytes. (The beta cache is an innovation in this implementation of MARS and does not appear in Friedman's papers. It is not related to the fast.beta argument. Certain regression coefficients in the forward pass can be saved and re-used, thus saving recalculation time.)

Force.xtx.prune

Default is FALSE. This argument pertains to subset evaluation in the pruning pass. By default, if y has a single column then earth calls the leaps routines; if y has multiple columns then earth calls EvalSubsetsUsingXtx. The leaps routines are numerically more stable but do not support multiple responses (leaps is based on the QR decomposition and EvalSubsetsUsingXtx is based on the inverse of X'X). Setting Force.xtx.prune=TRUE forces use of EvalSubsetsUsingXtx, even if y has a single column.

Get.leverages New in version 4.4.0. Default is TRUE unless the model has more than 100 thousand cases. The leverages are the diagonal hat values for the linear regression of y on bx. The leverages are needed only for certain model checks, for example when plotres is called with versus=4).
Details: This argument was introduced to reduce peak memory usage. When n >> p, memory use peaks when earth is calculating the leverages.

Exhaustive.tol Default 1e-10. Applies only when pmethod="exhaustive". If the reciprocal of the condition number of bx is less than Exhaustive.tol, earth forces pmethod="backward". See "*XHAUST returned error code -999*" in the vignette.

... Dots are passed on to earth.fit.

Value

An object of class "earth" which is a list with the components listed below. *Term* refers to a term created during the forward pass (each line of the output from format.earth is a term). Term number 1 is always the intercept.

rss Residual sum-of-squares (RSS) of the model (summed over all responses, if y has multiple columns).

rsq 1-rss/tss. R-Squared of the model (calculated over all responses, and calculated using the weights argument if it was supplied). A measure of how well the model fits the training data. Note that tss is the total sum-of-squares, sum((y - mean(y))^2).

gcv Generalized Cross Validation (GCV) of the model (summed over all responses). The GCV is calculated using the penalty argument. For details of the GCV calculation, see equation 30 in Friedman's MARS paper and earth:::get.gcv.

grsq

1-gcv/gcv.null. An estimate of the predictive power of the model (calculated over all responses, and calculated using the weights argument if it was supplied). gcv.null is the GCV of an intercept-only model. See "*Can* GRSq *be negative?*" in the vignette.

bx

Matrix of basis functions applied to x. Each column corresponds to a selected term. Each row corresponds to a row in in the input matrix x, after taking subset. See model.matrix.earth for an example of bx handling. Example bx:

```
    (Intercept) h(Girth-12.9) h(12.9-Girth) h(Girth-12.9)*h(...
[1,]           1           0.0           4.6                   0
[2,]           1           0.0           4.3                   0
[3,]           1           0.0           4.1                   0
...
```

dirs

Matrix with one row per MARS term, and with with ij-th element equal to

0 if predictor j is not in term i
-1 if an expression of the form h(const - xj) is in term i
1 if an expression of the form h(xj - const) is in term i
2 if predictor j should enter term i linearly (either because specified by the linpreds argument or because earth discovered that a knot was unnecessary).

This matrix includes all terms generated by the forward pass, including those not in selected.terms. Note that here the terms may not all be in pairs, because although the forward pass add terms as hinged pairs (so both sides of the hinge are available as building blocks for further terms), it also deletes linearly dependent terms before handing control to the pruning pass. Example dirs:

```
                         Girth Height
(Intercept)                  0  0 #intercept
h(12.9-Girth)               -1  0 #2nd term uses Girth
h(Girth-12.9)                1  0 #3rd term uses Girth
h(Girth-12.9)*h(Height-76) 1  1 #4th term uses Girth and Height
...
```

cuts

Matrix with ij-th element equal to the cut point for predictor j in term i. This matrix includes all terms generated by the forward pass, including those not in selected.terms. Note for programmers: the precedent is to use dirs for term names etc. and to only use cuts where cut information needed. Example cuts:

```
                              Girth Height
(Intercept)                       0   0  #intercept, no cuts
h(12.9-Girth)                  12.9   0  #2nd term has cut at 12.9
h(Girth-12.9)                  12.9   0  #3rd term has cut at 12.9
h(Girth-12.9)*h(Height-76)  12.9  76  #4th term has two cuts
...
```

prune.terms

A matrix specifying which terms appear in which pruning pass subsets. The row index of prune.terms is the model size. (The model size is the number of terms in the model. The intercept is counted as a term.) Each row is a vector of

term numbers for the best model of that size. An element is 0 if the term is not in the model, thus `prune.terms` is a lower triangular matrix, with dimensions `nprune x nprune`. The model selected by the pruning pass is at row number `length(selected.terms)`. Example `prune.terms`:

```
[1,]    1  0  0  0  0  0  0 #intercept-only model
[2,]    1  2  0  0  0  0  0 #best 2 term model uses terms 1,2
[3,]    1  2  4  0  0  0  0 #best 3 term model uses terms 1,2,4
[4,]    1  2  6  9  0  0  0 #and so on
...
```

`selected.terms` Vector of term numbers in the selected model. Can be used as a row index vector into `cuts` and `dirs`. The first element `selected.terms[1]` is always 1, the intercept.

`fitted.values` Fitted values. A matrix with dimensions `nrow(y)` x `ncol(y)` after factors in `y` have been expanded.

`residuals` Residuals. A matrix with dimensions `nrow(y)` x `ncol(y)` after factors in `y` have been expanded.

`coefficients` Regression coefficients. A matrix with dimensions `length(selected.terms)` x `ncol(y)` after factors in `y` have been expanded. Each column holds the least squares coefficients from regressing that column of `y` on `bx`. The first row holds the intercept coefficient(s).

`rss.per.response`
A vector of the RSS for each response. Length is the number of responses, i.e., `ncol(y)` after factors in `y` have been expanded. The `rss` component above is equal to `sum(rss.per.response)`.

`rsq.per.response`
A vector of the R-Squared for each response (where R-Squared is calculated using the `weights` argument if it was supplied). Length is the number of responses.

`gcv.per.response`
A vector of the GCV for each response. Length is the number of responses. The `gcv` component above is equal to `sum(gcv.per.response)`.

`grsq.per.response`
A vector of the GRSq for each response (calculated using the `weights` argument if it was supplied). Length is the number of responses.

`rss.per.subset` A vector of the RSS for each model subset generated by the pruning pass. Length is `nprune`. For multiple responses, the RSS is summed over all responses for each subset. The `rss` above is `rss.per.subset[length(selected.terms)]`. The RSS of an intercept only-model is `rss.per.subset[1]`.

`gcv.per.subset` A vector of the GCV for each model in `prune.terms`. Length is `nprune`. For multiple responses, the GCV is summed over all responses for each subset. The `gcv` above is `gcv.per.subset[length(selected.terms)]`. The GCV of an intercept-only model is `gcv.per.subset[1]`.

`leverages` Diagonal of the hat matrix (from the linear regression of the response on `bx`).

`penalty,nk,thresh`
Copies of the corresponding arguments to `earth`.

`pmethod,nprune` Copies of the corresponding arguments to `earth`.

`weights,wp` Copies of the corresponding arguments to `earth`.

`termcond` Reason the forward pass terminated (an integer).

`call` The call used to invoke `earth`.

`terms` Model frame terms. This component exists only if the model was built using `earth.formula`.

`namesx` Column names of `x`, generated internally by `earth` when necessary so each column of `x` has a name. Used, for example, by `predict.earth` to name columns if necessary.

`namesx.org` Original column names of `x`.

`levels` Levels of `y` if `y` is a `factor`
`c(FALSE,TRUE)` if `y` is `logical`
Else NULL

The following fields appear only if `earth`'s argument `keepxy` is `TRUE`.

`x,y,data,subset`
Copies of the corresponding arguments to `earth`. Only exist if `keepxy=TRUE`.

The following fields appear only if `earth`'s `glm` argument is used.

`glm.list` List of GLM models. Each element is the value returned by `earth`'s internal call to `glm` for each response.
Thus if there is a single response (or a single binomial pair, see "*Binomial pairs*" in the vignette) this will be a one element list and you access the GLM model with `earth.mod$glm.list[[1]]`.

`glm.coefficients`
GLM regression coefficients. Analogous to the `coefficients` field described above but for the GLM model(s). A matrix with dimensions `length(selected.terms)` x `ncol(y)` after factors in `y` have been expanded. Each column holds the coefficients from the GLM regression of that column of `y` on `bx`. This duplicates, for convenience, information buried in `glm.list`.

`glm.bpairs` NULL unless there are paired binomial columns. A logical vector, derived internally by `earth`, or a copy the `bpairs` specified by the user in the `glm` list. See "*Binomial pairs*" in the vignette.

The following fields appear only if the `nfold` argument is greater than 1.

`cv.list` List of `earth` models, one model for each fold (`ncross * nfold` models).
The fold models have two extra fields, `icross` (an integer from 1 to `ncross`) and `ifold` (an integer from 1 to `nfold`).
To save memory, lengthy fields in the fold models are removed unless you use `keepxy=TRUE`. The "lengthy fields" are `$bx`, `$fitted.values`, and `$residuals`.

`cv.nterms` Vector of length `ncross * nfold + 1`. Number of MARS terms in the model generated at each cross-validation fold, with the final element being the mean of these.

`cv.nvars` Vector of length `ncross * nfold + 1`. Number of predictors in the model generated at each cross-validation fold, with the final element being the mean of these.

`cv.groups` Specifies which cases went into which folds. Matrix with two columns and number of rows equal to the the number of cases `nrow(x)` Elements of the first column specify the cross-validation number, `1:ncross`. Elements of the second column specify the fold number, `1:nfold`.

`cv.rsq.tab` Matrix with `ncross * nfold + 1` rows and `nresponse+1` columns, where `nresponse` is the number of responses, i.e., `ncol(y)` after factors in `y` have been expanded. The first `nresponse` elements of a row are the `cv.rsq`'s on the out-of-fold data for each response of the model generated at that row's fold. (A `cv.rsq` is calculated from predictions on the out-of-fold data using the best model built from the in-fold data; where "best" means the model was selected using the in-fold GCV. The R-Squareds are calculated using the `weights` argument if it was supplied. The final column holds the row mean (a weighted mean if `wp` if specified)). The final row holds the column means. The values in this final row is the mean `cv.rsq` printed by `summary.earth`.

Example for a single response model (where the `mean` column is redundant but included for uniformity with multiple response models):

```
           y  mean
fold1  0.909 0.909
fold2  0.869 0.869
fold3  0.952 0.952
fold4  0.157 0.157
fold5  0.961 0.961
mean   0.769 0.769
```

Example for a multiple response model:

```
         y1   y2    y3   mean
fold1 0.915 0.951 0.944 0.937
fold2 0.962 0.970 0.970 0.968
fold3 0.914 0.940 0.942 0.932
fold4 0.907 0.929 0.925 0.920
fold5 0.947 0.987 0.979 0.971
mean  0.929 0.955 0.952 0.946
```

`cv.class.rate.tab`

Like `cv.rsq.tab` but is the classification rate at each fold i.e. the fraction of classes correctly predicted. Models with discrete response only. Calculated with `thresh=.5` for binary responses. For responses with more than two levels, the final row is the overall classification rate. The other rows are the classification rates for each level (the level versus not-the-level), which are usually higher than the overall classification rate (predicting the level versus not-the-level is easier than correctly predicting one of many levels). The `weights` argument is ignored for all cross-validation stats except R-Squareds.

`cv.maxerr.tab` Like `cv.rsq.tab` but is the `MaxErr` at each fold. This is the signed max absolute value at each fold. Results are aggregated for the final column and final row

using the signed max absolute value. The *signed max absolute value* is defined as the maximum of the absolute difference between the predicted and observed response values, multiplied by -1 if the sign of that difference is negative.

`cv.auc.tab` Like `cv.rsq.tab` but is the `AUC` at each fold. Binomial models only.

`cv.cor.tab` Like `cv.rsq.tab` but is the `cor` at each fold. Poisson models only.

`cv.deviance.tab`
Like `cv.rsq.tab` but is the `MeanDev` at each fold. Binomial models only.

`cv.calib.int.tab`
Like `cv.rsq.tab` but is the `CalibInt` at each fold. Binomial models only.

`cv.calib.slope.tab`
Like `cv.rsq.tab` but is the `CalibSlope` at each fold. Binomial models only.

`cv.oof.rsq.tab` Generated only if `keepxy=TRUE` or `pmethod="cv"`.
A matrix with `ncross * nfold + 1` rows and `max.nterms` columns, Each element holds an out-of-fold RSq (`oof.rsq`), calculated from predictions from the out-of-fold observations using the model built with the in-fold data. The final row is the mean over all folds. The R-Squareds are calculated using the `weights` argument if it was supplied.

`cv.infold.rsq.tab`
Generated only if `keepxy=TRUE`. Like `cv.oof.rsq.tab` but from predictions made on the in-fold observations.

`cv.oof.fit.tab` Generated only if the `varmod.method` argument is used. Predicted values on the out-of-fold data. Dataframe with `nrow(data)` rows and `ncross` columns.

The following field appears only if the `varmod.method` is specified.

`varmod` An object of class `"varmod"`. See the `varmod` help page for a description. Only appears if the `varmod.method` argument is used.

Author(s)

Stephen Milborrow, derived from `mda::mars` by Trevor Hastie and Robert Tibshirani.

The approach used for GLMs was motivated by work done by Jane Elith and John Leathwick (a representative paper is given below).

The `evimp` function uses ideas from Max Kuhn's `caret` package `http://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/caret/index.html`.

Parts of Thomas Lumley's `leaps` package have been incorporated into `earth`, so `earth` can directly access Alan Miller's Fortran functions without going through hidden functions in the `leaps` package.

References

The primary references are the Friedman papers. Readers may find the MARS section in Hastie, Tibshirani, and Friedman a more accessible introduction. The Wikipedia article is recommended for an elementary introduction. Faraway takes a hands-on approach, using the `ozone` data to compare `mda::mars` with other techniques. (If you use Faraway's examples with `earth` instead of `mars`, use `$bx` instead of `$x`, and check out the book's errata.) Friedman and Silverman is recommended

background reading for the MARS paper. Earth's pruning pass uses code from the leaps package which is based on techniques in Miller.

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Miller, Alan (1990, 2nd ed. 2002) *Subset Selection in Regression* http://wp.csiro.au/alanmiller/index.html

Wikipedia article on MARS http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Multivariate_adaptive_regression_splines

See Also

Start with summary.earth, plot.earth, evimp, and plotmo.

Please see the main package vignette "Notes on the earth package". The vignette can also be downloaded from http://www.milbo.org/doc/earth-notes.pdf.

The vignette "Variance models in earth" is also included with the package. It describes how to build variance models and generate prediction intervals for earth models.

Examples

```
earth.mod <- earth(Volume ~ ., data = trees)
plotmo(earth.mod)
summary(earth.mod, digits = 2, style = "pmax")
```

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etitanic *Titanic data with incomplete cases removed*

Description

Titanic data with incomplete cases, passenger names, and other details removed.

Format

A data frame with 1046 observations on 6 variables.

pclass	passenger class, unordered factor: 1st 2nd 3rd
survived	integer: 0 or 1
sex	unordered factor: male female
age	age in years, min 0.167 max 80.0
sibsp	number of siblings or spouses aboard, integer: 0...8
parch	number of parents or children aboard, integer: 0...6

Source

This dataset is included in the earth package because it is a convenient vehicle for illustrating earth's GLM and factor handling.

The dataset was compiled by Frank Harrell and Robert Dawson: http://biostat.mc.vanderbilt.edu/twiki/pub/Main/DataSets/titanic.html
See also:
http://biostat.mc.vanderbilt.edu/twiki/pub/Main/DataSets/titanic3info.txt.

For this version of the Titanic data, passenger details and incomplete cases were deleted and the name changed to `etitanic` to minimize confusion with other versions ("e" because it is part of the earth package).

Note that `survived` is an integer (it should arguably be a logical).

In this data the crew are conspicuous by their absence.

Contents of `etitanic`:

```
      pclass survived    sex    age sibsp parch
1        1st        1 female 29.000     0     0
2        1st        1   male  0.917     1     2
3        1st        0 female  2.000     1     2
4        1st        0   male 30.000     1     2
5        1st        0 female 25.000     1     2
...
1309     3rd        0   male 29.000     0     0
```

How `etitanic` was built:

```
load("titanic3") # from Harrell's web site
# discard name, ticket, fare, cabin, embarked, body, home.dest
etitanic <- titanic3[,c(1,2,4,5,6,7)]
etitanic <- etitanic[!is.na(etitanic$age),]
save(etitanic, file="etitanic.rda")
```

References

Further details and analyses of the Titanic data may be found in:

F. Harrell (2001) *Regression Modeling Strategies with Applications to Linear Models, Logistic Regression, and Survival Analysis* http://biostat.mc.vanderbilt.edu/twiki/bin/view/Main/RmS

See Also

earth

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evimp *Estimate variable importances in an earth object*

Description

Estimate variable importances in an earth object

Usage

```
evimp(object, trim=TRUE, sqrt.=TRUE)
```

Arguments

object	An earth object.
trim	If TRUE (default), delete rows in the returned matrix for variables that don't appear in any subsets.
sqrt.	Default is TRUE, meaning take the sqrt of the GCV and RSS importances before normalizing to 0 to 100. Taking the square root gives a better indication of relative importances because the raw importances are calculated using a sum of squares. Use FALSE to not take the square root.

Value

This function returns a matrix showing the relative importances of the variables in the model. There is a row for each variable. The row name is the variable name, but with -unused appended if the variable does not appear in the final model.

The columns of the matrix are (not all of these are printed by print.evimp):

- col: Column index of the variable in the x argument to earth.
- used: 1 if the variable is used in the final model, else 0. Equivalently, 0 if the row name has an -unused suffix.
- nsubsets: Variable importance using the "number of subsets" criterion. Is the number of subsets that include the variable (see "Three Criteria" in the chapter on evimp in the earth vignette "Notes on the earth package").
- gcv: Variable importance using the GCV criterion (see "Three Criteria").
- gcv.match: 1, except is 0 where the rank using the gcv criterion differs from that using the nsubsets criterion. In other words, there is a 0 for values that increase as you go down the gcv column.
- rss: Variable importance using the RSS criterion (see "Three Criteria").
- rss.match: Like gcv.match but for the rss.

The rows are sorted on the nsubsets criterion. This means that values in the nsubsets column decrease as you go down the column (more accurately, they are non-increasing). The values in the gcv and rss columns are also non-increasing, except where the gcv or rss rank differs from the nsubsets ranking.

Note

There is a chapter on evimp in the earth package vignette "Notes on the earth package".

Acknowledgment

Thanks to Max Kuhn for the original evimp code and for helpful discussions.

See Also

earth, plot.evimp

Examples

```
data(ozone1)
earth.mod <- earth(O3 ~ ., data=ozone1, degree=2)
ev <- evimp(earth.mod, trim=FALSE)
plot(ev)
print(ev)
```

---

format.earth *Format earth objects*

Description

Return a string representing an earth expression.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'earth'
format(x = stop("no 'x' argument"),
       style = "h", decomp = "anova", digits = getOption("digits"),
       use.names = TRUE, colon.char = ":", ...)
```

Arguments

x	An earth object. This is the only required argument.
style	Formatting style. One of "h" (default) more compact "pmax" for those who prefer it and for compatibility with old versions of earth "max" is the same as "pmax" but prints max rather than pmax "C" C style expression with zero based indexing "bf" basis function format

decomp	One of "anova" (default) order the terms using the "anova decomposition", i.e., in increasing order of interaction "none" order the terms as created during the earth forward pass.
digits	Number of significant digits. The default is getOption(digits).
use.names	One of TRUE (default), use variable names if available. FALSE use names of the form x[,1].
colon.char	Change colons in the returned string to colon.char. Default is ":" (no change). Specifying colon.char="*" can be useful in some contexts to change names of the form x1:x2 to x1*x2.
...	Unused, but provided for generic/method consistency.

Value

A character representation of the earth model.

If there are multiple responses, format.earth will return multiple strings.

If there are embedded GLM model(s), the strings for the GLM model(s) come after the strings for the standard earth model(s).

Note

The FAQ section in the package vignette gives precise details of the "anova" ordering.

Using format.earth, perhaps after hand editing the returned string, you can create an alternative to predict.earth. For example:

```
as.func <- function(object, digits = 8, use.names = FALSE, ...)
  eval(parse(text=paste(
    "function(x){\n",
    "if(is.vector(x))\n",
    "  x <- matrix(x, nrow = 1, ncol = length(x))\n",
    "with(as.data.frame(x),\n",
    format(object, digits = digits, use.names = use.names, style = "pmax", ...),
    ")\n",
    "}\n", sep = "")))

earth.mod <- earth(Volume ~ ., data = trees)
my.func <- as.func(earth.mod, use.names = FALSE)
my.func(c(10,80))             # returns 16.84
predict(earth.mod, c(10,80))  # returns 16.84
```

Note that with pmax the R expression generated by format.earth can handle multiple cases. Thus the expression is consistent with the way predict functions usually work in R — we can give predict multiple cases (i.e., multiple rows in the input matrix) and it will return a vector of predicted values.

The earth package also provides a function `format.lm`. It has arguments as follows
`format.lm(x, digits=getOption("digits"), use.names=TRUE, colon.char=":")`
(Strictly speaking, `format.lm` doesn't belong in the earth package.) Example:

```
lm.mod <- lm(Volume ~ Height*Girth, data = trees)
cat(format(lm.mod, colon.char="*"))

# yields:
#    69.4
#    -  1.30 * Height
#    -  5.86 * Girth
#    + 0.135 * Height*Girth
```

See Also

earth, pmax,

Examples

```
earth.mod <- earth(Volume ~ ., data = trees)
cat(format(earth.mod))

# yields:
#    37.9
#    -  3.92 * h(16-Girth)
#    +   7.4 * h(Girth-16)
#    + 0.484 * h(Height-75)

cat(format(earth.mod, style="pmax")) # default formatting style prior to earth version 1.4

# yields:
#    37.9
#    -  3.92 * pmax(0,     16 -  Girth)
#    +   7.4 * pmax(0,  Girth -     16)
#    + 0.484 * pmax(0, Height -     75)

cat(format(earth.mod, style="C"))

# yields (note zero based indexing):
#  37.927
#    -  3.9187 * max(0,   16 - x[0])
#    +  7.4011 * max(0, x[0] -   16)
#    + 0.48411 * max(0, x[1] -   75)

cat(format(earth.mod, style="bf"))

# yields:
#    37.9
#    -  3.92 * bf1
#    +   7.4 * bf2
```

```
#    + 0.484 * bf3
#
#     bf1  h(16-Girth)
#     bf2  h(Girth-16)
#     bf3  h(Height-75)
```

`mars.to.earth` *Convert a mars object from the mda package to an earth object*

Description

Convert a `mars` object from the `mda` package to an `earth` object

Usage

```
mars.to.earth(object, trace=TRUE)
```

Arguments

`object`	A `mars` object, created using `mars` in the `mda` package.
`trace`	If `TRUE` (default) print a summary of the conversion.

Value

The value is the same format as that returned by `earth` but with skeletal versions of `rss.per.subset`, `gcv.per.subset`, and `prune.terms`.

You can fully initialize these components by calling `update.earth` after `mars.to.earth`, but if you do this `selected.terms` may change. However with `pmethod="backward"` a change is unlikely — `selected.terms` would change only if GCVs are so close that numerical errors have an effect.

Note

Differences between mars and earth objects

Perhaps the most notable difference between `mars` and `earth` objects is that `mars` returns the MARS basis matrix in a field called `"x"` whereas `earth` returns `"bx"` with only the selected terms. Also, `earth` returns `"dirs"` rather than `"factors"`, and in `earth` this matrix can have entries of value 2 for linear predictors.

For details of other differences between `mars` and `earth` objects, see the comments in the source code of `mars.to.earth`.

Weights

The `w` argument is silently ignored by `mars`.

`mars` normalizes `wp` to (euclidean) length 1; `earth` normalizes `wp` to length equal to the number of responses, i.e., the number of columns in `y`. This change was made so an all ones `wp` (or in fact any all constant `wp`) is equivalent to using no `wp`.

If the original call to `mars` used the `wp` argument, `mars.to.earth` will run `update.earth` to force consistency. This could modify the model, so a warning is issued.

See Also

earth, mars

Examples

```
if(require(mda)) {
    mars.mod <- mars(trees[,-3], trees[,3])
    earth.mod <- mars.to.earth(mars.mod)
    # the standard earth functions can now be used
    # note the reconstructed call in the summary
    summary(earth.mod, digits = 2)
}
```

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model.matrix.earth *Get the earth basis matrix*

Description

Get the basis matrix of an earth object.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'earth'
model.matrix(object = stop("no 'object' argument"),
    x = NULL, subset = NULL, which.terms = NULL,
    ...,
    env = parent.frame(),
    trace = 0,
    Callers.name = "model.matrix.earth")
```

Arguments

object	An earth object. This is the only required argument.
x	An input matrix with the same number of columns as the x matrix used to construct the original earth object. Default is NULL, meaning use the original x matrix after taking the original subset, if any.
subset	Which rows to use in x. Default is NULL, meaning use all of x.
which.terms	Which terms to use. Default is NULL, meaning use object$selected.terms.
...	Unused, but provided for generic/method consistency.
env	For internal use.
trace	Default 0. Set to non-zero to see which data model.matrix.earth is using.
Callers.name	For internal use (used by earth in trace messages).

Value

A basis matrix bx of the same form returned by earth.

If x, subset, and which.terms are all NULL, this function returns the object's bx. In this case, it is perhaps easier to simply use object$bx.

The format of bx is described in earth. The matrix bx can be used as the input matrix to lm or glm, as shown below in the example. In fact, that is what earth does internally after the pruning pass — it calls lm.fit, and additionally glm if earth's glm argument is used.

See Also

earth

Examples

```
data(trees)
earth.mod <- earth(Volume ~ ., data = trees)
summary(earth.mod, decomp = "none") # "none" to print terms in same seq as lm.mod below

bx <- model.matrix(earth.mod)         # equivalent to bx <- earth.mod$bx
lm.mod <- lm(trees$Volume ~ bx[,-1])  # -1 to drop intercept
summary(lm.mod)                       # yields same coeffs as above summary
                                      # displayed t values are not meaningful
```

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ozone1 *Ozone readings in Los Angeles with incomplete cases removed*

Description

Ozone readings in Los Angeles, with incomplete cases removed.

Format

A data frame with 330 observations on 10 variables.

03	daily maximum of the hourly average ozone concentrations in Upland, CA
vh	500 millibar pressure height, measured at the Vandenberg air force base
wind	wind speed in mph at LAX airport
humidity	humidity in percent at LAX
temp	Sandburg Air Force Base temperature in degrees Fahrenheit
ibh	temperature inversion base height in feet
dpg	pressure gradient from LAX to Daggert in mm Hg
ibt	inversion base temperature at LAX in degrees Fahrenheit
vis	visibility at LAX in miles
doy	day of the year

Source

This dataset was copied from `library(faraway)` and the name changed to `ozone1` to prevent a name clash. The data were originally made available by Leo Breiman who was a consultant on a project where the data were generated. Example analyses using these data may be found in Faraway and in Hastie and Tibshirani.

```
> ozone1
     O3   vh wind humidity temp  ibh dpg ibt vis doy
1     3 5710    4       28   40 2693 -25  87 250  33
2     5 5700    3       37   45  590 -24 128 100  34
3     5 5760    3       51   54 1450  25 139  60  35
...
330   1 5550    4       85   39 5000   8  44 100 390
```

References

Faraway (2005) *Extending the Linear Model with R* http://www.maths.bath.ac.uk/~jjf23

Hastie and Tibshirani (1990) *Generalized Additive Models* http://www-stat.stanford.edu/~hastie/pub.htm

See Also

`earth`

`airquality` a different set of ozone data

`plot.earth` *Plot an earth object*

Description

Plot an `earth` object. By default the plot shows model selection, cumulative distribution of the residuals, residuals versus fitted values, and the residual QQ plot.

This function calls `plotres` internally. The first arguments are identical to `plotres`.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'earth'
plot(x = stop("no 'x' argument"),

  # the following are identical to plotres arguments

  which = 1:4, info = FALSE, versus = 1, standardize = FALSE, delever = FALSE,
  level = 0, id.n = 3, labels.id = NULL, smooth.col = 2, grid.col = 0,
  jitter = 0, do.par = NULL, caption = NULL,
  trace = 0, npoints = 3000, center = TRUE, type = NULL, nresponse = NA,
```

```
  # the following are earth specific

  col.cv = "lightblue", col.grsq = 1, col.rsq = 2, col.infold.rsq = 0,
  col.mean.infold.rsq = 0, col.mean.oof.rsq = "palevioletred",
  col.npreds = if(is.null(object$cv.oof.rsq.tab)) 1 else 0, col.oof.labs = 0,
  col.oof.rsq = "mistyrose2", col.oof.vline = col.mean.oof.rsq,
  col.pch.cv.rsq = 0, col.pch.max.oof.rsq = 0, col.vline = col.grsq,
  col.vseg = 0, lty.grsq = 1, lty.npreds = 2, lty.rsq = 5, lty.vline = "12",
  legend.pos = NULL, ...)

earth_plotmodsel(x,
  col.rsq = 2, col.grsq = 1, col.infold.rsq = 0,
  col.mean.infold.rsq = 0, col.mean.oof.rsq = "palevioletred",
  col.npreds = NULL, col.oof.labs = 0, col.oof.rsq = "mistyrose2",
  col.oof.vline = col.mean.oof.rsq, col.pch.cv.rsq = 0,
  col.pch.max.oof.rsq = 0, col.vline = col.grsq, col.vseg = 0,
  lty.grsq = 1, lty.npreds = 2, lty.rsq = 5, lty.vline = "12",
  legend.pos=NULL, add = FALSE, jitter = 0,
  max.nterms = length(object$rss.per.subset),
  max.npreds=max(1,get.nused.preds.per.subset(object$dirs,object$prune.terms)),
  ...)
```

Arguments

`x` An `earth` object. This is the only required argument. (It is called "x" for consistency with the generic `plot`.)

`which,info,versus`
These arguments are identical to `plotres`. Please see the help page for `plotres`.

`standardize,delever,level`
.

`id.n,labels.id,smooth.col`
.

`grid.col,jitter`
.

`do.par,caption,trace`
.

`npoints,center` .

`type,nresponse` .

`col.cv` Default `"lightblue"`. Color of cross validation line in the residuals plot. This is the residual of the mean out-fold-predicted value.

The following arguments are for the model selection plot.

`col.grsq` Default `1`. Color of GRSq line in the Model Selection plot. Use `0` for no GRSq line.

`col.rsq` Default `2`. Color of the RSq line in the Model Selection plot. Use `0` for no RSq line.

`col.infold.rsq` Color of in-fold RSq lines for each fold in the Model Selection plot. Applies only if `nfold` and `keepxy` were used in the original call to `earth`. Default is `0`, lines not plotted.

`col.mean.infold.rsq`
Color of mean in-fold RSq for each number of terms in the Model Selection plot. Default is `0`, line not plotted. Applies only if `nfold` and `keepxy` were used in the original call to `earth`.

`col.mean.oof.rsq`
Default `"palevioletred"`. Color of mean out-of-fold RSq for each number of terms in the Model Selection plot. Applies only if `nfold` and `keepxy` were used in the original call to `earth`. Use `0` to not plot this line.

`col.npreds` Color of the "number of predictors" plot in the Model Selection plot. The default displays the number of predictors unless the `oof.rsq`'s are displayed. Use `0` for no "number of predictors" plot.

`col.oof.labs` Color of fold number labels on the `oof.rsq` lines. Default is `0`, no labels.

`col.oof.rsq` Color of out-of-fold RSq lines for each fold in the Model Selection plot. Applies only if `nfold` and `keepxy` were used in the original call to `earth`. Default is `"mistyrose2"`, a pale pink. Use `0` to not plot these lines. May be a vector of colors, which will be recycled if necessary.

`col.oof.vline` Color of vertical line at the maximum `oof.rsq` in the Model Selection plot. Default is `col.mean.oof.rsq`.

`col.pch.cv.rsq` Color of point plotted on the `oof.rsq` line to indicate the `cv.rsq`. for that fold (i.e., it is plotted at the number of terms selected by the in-fold GCV). Default is `0`, point not plotted.

`col.pch.max.oof.rsq`
Color of point plotted on the `oof.rsq` line to indicate the maximum `oof.rsq` for that fold. Default is `0`, point not plotted.

`col.vline` Color of the vertical line at selected model in the Model Selection plot. Default is `col.grsq`. This will be at the maximum GRSq unless `pmethod="none"`. Use `0` for no vertical line.

`col.vseg` Default is `0`. Color of triangular marker at top of vertical line for best GRSq.

`lty.grsq` Line type of GRSq line in the Model Selection plot. Default is `1`

`lty.npreds` Line type of the "number of predictors" plot in the Model Selection plot. Default is `2`.

`lty.rsq` Line type of RSq line in the Model Selection plot. Default is `5`.

`lty.vline` Line type of vertical line at selected model in the Model Selection plot. Default is `"12"`.

`legend.pos` Position of the legend in the Model Selection plot. Default is `NULL` meaning automatic. Use `legend.pos=NA` or `0` for no legend.

`add, max.nterms, max.npreds`
: `earth_plotmodsel` arguments for internal use by `plotres`.

`...`
: Please see `plotres` for the details on the dots arguments.

  The `ylim` argument is treated specially in the model selection plot: `ymin` equal to `-1` means use the smallest GRSq or RSq value, excluding the intercept, and `ymax` equal `-1` means use the largest GRSq or RSq value.

Note

For details on interpreting the graphs, please see the `earth` package vignettes "Notes on the earth package" and "Variance models in earth".

Note that cross-validation data will not be displayed unless both `nfold` and `keepxy` were used in the original call to `earth`.

`earth_plotmodsel` is provided for use by `plotres`.

See Also

`earth`, `plot.earth.models`, `plotd`, `plotmo`

Examples

```
data(ozone1)
earth.mod <- earth(O3 ~ ., data = ozone1, degree = 2)
plot(earth.mod)
```

---

plot.earth.models *Compare earth models by plotting them.*

Description

Compare `earth` models by plotting them.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'earth.models'
plot(x = stop("no 'x' argument"), which = c(1:2),
    caption = "", jitter = 0,
    col.grsq = discrete.plot.cols(length(objects)), lty.grsq = 1,
    col.rsq = 0, lty.rsq = 5,
    col.vline = col.grsq, lty.vline = "12",
    col.npreds = 0,  lty.npreds  = 2,
    legend.text = NULL, do.par = NULL, trace = 0,
    ...)
```

Arguments

x	A list of one or more earth objects, or a single earth object. This is the only required argument. (This argument is called 'x' for consistency with the generic plot.)
which	Which plots to plot: 1 model, 2 cumulative distribution of residuals. Default is 1:2, meaning both.
caption	Overall caption. Values: "string" string "" (default) no caption NULL generate a caption from the $call component of the earth objects.
jitter	Jitter applied to GRSq and RSq values to minimize over-plotting. Default is 0, meaning no jitter. A typical useful value is 0.01.
	For the col arguments below, 0 means do not plot the corresponding graph element. You can use vectors of colors.
col.grsq	Vector of colors for the GRSq plot. The default is discrete.plot.cols(length(x)) which is vector of distinguishable colors, the first three of which are also distinguishable on a monochrome printer. You can examine the colors using earth:::discrete.plot.cols().
lty.grsq	Line type for the GRSq plot. Default is 1.
col.rsq	Vector of colors for the RSq plot. Default is 0, meaning no RSq plot.
lty.rsq	Line type for the RSq plot. Default is 5.
col.vline	A vertical line is drawn for each object to show which model size was chosen for that object. The color of the line is col.vline. Default is col.grsq.
lty.vline	Line type of vertical lines (a vertical line is drawn to show the selected model for each object). Can be a vector. Default is 3.
col.npreds	Vector of colors for the "number of predictors" plot within the model selection plot. Default is 0, meaning no "number of predictors" plot. The special value NULL means borrow col.grsq (or col.rsq if col.grsq is NULL).
lty.npreds	Line type of the "number of predictors" plot (in the Model Selection plot). Default is 2.
legend.text,do.par,trace	Please see plotres
...	Please see plotres

Note

This function ignores GLM and cross-validation components of the earth model, if any.

See Also

earth, plot.earth, plot.earth.models, plotd, plotmo

Examples

```
data(ozone1)
a1 <- earth(O3 ~ .,          data = ozone1, degree = 2)
a2 <- earth(O3 ~ .-wind,     data = ozone1, degree = 2)
a3 <- earth(O3 ~ .-humidity, data = ozone1, degree = 2)
plot.earth.models(list(a1,a2,a3), ylim=c(.65,.85))
```

`plot.evimp` *Plot an "evimp" object*

Description

Plot an `evimp` object.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'evimp'
plot(x = stop("no 'x' argument"),
    cex.var = 1,
    type.nsubsets = "l", col.nsubsets = "black", lty.nsubsets = 1,
    type.gcv = "l", col.gcv = 2, lty.gcv = 1,
    type.rss = "l", col.rss = "gray60", lty.rss = 1,
    cex.legend = 1, x.legend = nrow(x), y.legend = x[1,"nsubsets"],
    rh.col = 1, do.par = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

`x`	An `evimp` object.
`cex.var`	cex for variable names. Default is 1. Make smaller (say 0.8) if you have lots of variables.
`type.nsubsets`	Plot type for nsubsets graph. Default is "l". Use "n" for none, "b" looks good too.
`col.nsubsets`	Color of nsubsets line. Default is "black".
`lty.nsubsets`	Line type of nsubsets line. Default is 1.
`type.gcv,col.gcv,lty.gcv`	As above but for the gcv plot
`type.rss,col.rss,lty.rss`	As above but for the rss plot
`cex.legend`	cex for legend strings. Default is 1. Make smaller (say 0.8) if you want a smaller legend.
`x.legend`	x position of legend. Use 0 for no legend.
`y.legend`	y position of legend.
`rh.col`	Color of right hand axis label. Use `rh.col=0` for no label, a workaround for when the label is mispositioned.

do.par	Call par() for global settings as appropriate. Default is TRUE, which sets oma=c(bottom.margin,0,0,3), cex=cex.var. Set to FALSE if you want to append figures to an existing plot.
...	Extra arguments passed to plotting functions.

See Also

earth, evimp, plot.earth.models, plotmo

Examples

```
data(ozone1)
earth.mod <- earth(O3 ~ ., data=ozone1, degree=2)
ev <- evimp(earth.mod)
plot(ev)
print(ev)
```

---

plot.varmod *Plot a varmod object*

Description

Plot a variance model (a varmod object).

Typically you call this function for a variance model embedded in an earth model.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'varmod'
plot(x = stop("no 'x' argument"), which = 1:4,
  do.par = NULL, info=FALSE,
  cex = NULL, caption = NULL,
  line.col = 2, min.sd.col = line.col,
  trace = 0, ...)
```

Arguments

x	A varmod object. Typically this is embedded in a parent earth object, and so you invoke this function with plot(earth.mod$varmod). The varmod.method argument must have been specified when building the earth model.
which	Which plots to plot. Default is 1:4 meaning all. The term *parent* below refers to the earth model in which the varmod is embedded. 1) fitted vs parent fitted 2) fitted vs parent first predictor 3) residuals vs fitted 4) model selection graph (only when varmod.method="earth" or "x.earth").
do.par	Please see plotres

info	Plot some additional information, including lowess fits in the first two plots.
cex	Character expansion.
caption	Default is NULL, meaning automatically generate an overall caption.
line.col	Color of lines in the plots. Default is red.
min.sd.col	Color of the min.sd dotted horizontal line. Default is line.col. Use 0 to not plot this line.
trace,...	Similar to plotres

Note

The horizontal red dotted line in the first two plots shows the value of min.sd. See earth's varmod.clamp argument.

See Also

varmod

Examples

```
data(ozone1)

set.seed(1) # optional, for cross validation reproducibility

# note: should really use ncross=30 below but for a quick demo we don't

earth.mod <- earth(O3~temp, data=ozone1, nfold=10, ncross=3, varmod.method="lm")

plot(earth.mod$varmod) # plot the embedded variance model (this calls plot.varmod)
```

---

plotd *Plot the distribution of predictions for each class*

Description

Draw a plot of the distribution of the predicted values for each class. Can be used for earth models, but also for models built by lm, glm, lda, etc.

Usage

```
plotd(object, hist = FALSE, type = NULL, nresponse = NULL, dichot = FALSE,
      trace = FALSE, xlim = NULL, ylim = NULL, jitter = FALSE, main=NULL,
      xlab = "Predicted Value", ylab = if(hist) "Count" else "Density",
      lty = 1, col = c("gray70", 1, "lightblue", "brown", "pink", 2, 3, 4),
      fill = if(hist) col[1] else 0,
      breaks = "Sturges", labels = FALSE,
      kernel = "gaussian", adjust = 1, zero.line = FALSE,
      legend = TRUE, legend.names = NULL, legend.pos = NULL,
```

```
cex.legend = .8, legend.bg = "white", legend.extra = FALSE,
vline.col = 0, vline.thresh = .5, vline.lty = 1, vline.lwd = 1,
err.thresh = vline.thresh, err.col = 0, err.border = 0, err.lwd = 1,
xaxt = "s", yaxt = "s", xaxis.cex = 1, sd.thresh = 0.01, ...)
```

Arguments

	To start off, look at the arguments `object`, `hist`, `type`. For predict methods with multiple column responses, see the `nresponse` argument. For factor responses with more than two levels, see the `dichot` argument.
`object`	Model object. Typically a model which predicts a class or a class discriminant.
`hist`	`FALSE` (default) to call `density` internally. `TRUE` to call `hist` internally.
`type`	Type parameter passed to `predict`. For allowed values see the `predict` method for your `object` (such as `predict.earth`). By default, `plotd` tries to automatically select a suitable value for the model in question. (This is `"response"` for all objects except `rpart` models, where `"vector"` is used. The choices will often be inappropriate.) Typically you would set `hist=TRUE` when `type="class"`.
`nresponse`	Which column to use when `predict` returns multiple columns. This can be a column index or column name (which may be abbreviated, partial matching is used). The default is `NULL`, meaning use all columns of the predicted response.
`dichot`	Dichotimise the predicted response. This argument is ignored except for models where the observed response is a factor with more than two levels and the predicted response is a numeric vector. The default `FALSE` separates the response into a group for each factor. With `dichot=TRUE` the response is separated into just two groups: the first level of the factor versus the remaining levels.
`trace`	Default `FALSE`. Use `TRUE` or `1` to trace `plotd` — useful to see how `plotd` partitions the predicted response into classes. Use `2` for more details.
`xlim`	Limits of the x axis. The default `NULL` means determine these limits automatically, else specify `c(xmin,xmax)`.
`ylim`	Limits of the y axis. The default `NULL` means determine these limits automatically, else specify `c(ymin,ymax)`.
`jitter`	Jitter the histograms or densities horizontally to minimize overplotting. Default `FALSE`. Specify `TRUE` to automatically calculate the jitter, else specify a numeric jitter value.
`main`	Main title. Values: `"string"` string `""` no title `NULL` (default) generate a title from the call.
`xlab`	x axis label. Default is `"Predicted Value"`.
`ylab`	y axis label. Default is `if(hist) "Count" else "Density"`.
`lty`	Per class line types for the plotted lines. Default is 1 (which gets recycled for all lines).

col	Per class line colors. The first few colors of the default are intended to be easily distinguishable on both color displays and monochrome printers.
fill	Fill color for the plot for the first class. For hist=FALSE, the default is 0, i.e., no fill. For hist=TRUE, the default is the first element in the col argument.
breaks	Passed to hist. Only used if hist=TRUE. Default is "Sturges". When type="class", setting breaks to a low number can be used to widen the histogram bars
labels	TRUE to draw counts on the hist plot. Only used if hist=TRUE. Default is FALSE.
kernel	Passed to density. Only used if hist=FALSE. Default is "gaussian".
adjust	Passed to density. Only used if hist=FALSE. Default is 1.
zero.line	Passed to plot.density. Only used if hist=FALSE. Default is FALSE.
legend	TRUE (default) to draw a legend, else FALSE.
legend.names	Class names in legend. The default NULL means determine these automatically.
legend.pos	Position of the legend. The default NULL means position the legend automatically, else specify c(x,y).
cex.legend	cex for legend. Default is .8.
legend.bg	bg color for legend. Default is "white".
legend.extra	Show (in the legend) the number of occurrences of each class. Default is FALSE.
vline.thresh	Horizontal position of optional vertical line. Default is 0.5. The vertical line is intended to indicate class separation. If you use this, don't forget to set vline.col.
vline.col	Color of vertical line. Default is 0, meaning no vertical line.
vline.lty	Line type of vertical line. Default is 1.
vline.lwd	Line width of vertical line. Default is 1.
err.thresh	x axis value specifying the error shading threshold. See err.col. Default is vline.thresh.

err.col	Specify up to three colors to shade the "error areas" of the density plot. The default is 0, meaning no error shading. This argument is ignored unless hist=FALSE. If there are more than two classes, err.col uses only the first two. This argument is best explained by running an example:
	`data(etitanic)`
	`earth.mod <- earth(survived ~ ., data=etitanic)`
	`plotd(earth.mod, vline.col=1, err.col=c(2,3,4))`
	
	The three areas are (i) the error area to the left of the threshold, (ii) the error area to the right of the threshold, and, (iii) the reducible error area. If less than three values are specified, plotd re-uses values in a sensible manner. Use values of 0 to skip areas. Disjoint regions are not handled well by the current implementation.

err.border	Borders around the error shading. Default is 0, meaning no borders, else specify up to three colors.
err.lwd	Line widths of borders of the error shading. Default is 1, else specify up to three line widths.

xaxt	Default is "s". Use xaxt="n" for no x axis.
yaxt	Default is "s". Use yaxt="n" for no y axis.
xaxis.cex	Only used if hist=TRUE and type="class". Specify size of class labels drawn on the x axis. Default is 1.
sd.thresh	Minimum acceptable standard deviation for a density. Default is 0.01. Densities with a standard deviation less than sd.thresh will not be plotted (a warning will be issued and the legend will say "not plotted").
...	Extra arguments passed to the predict method for the object.

Note

This function calls predict with the data originally used to build the model, and with the type specified above. It then separates the predicted values into classes, where the class for each predicted value is determined by the class of the observed response. Finally, it calls density (or hist if hist=TRUE) for each class-specific set of values, and plots the results.

This function estimates distributions with the density and hist functions, and also calls plot.density and plot.histogram. For an overview see Venables and Ripley MASS section 5.6.

Partitioning the response into classes

Considerable effort is made to partition the predicted response into classes in a sensible way. This is not always possible for multiple column responses and the nresponse argument should be used where necessary. The partitioning details depend on the types and numbers of columns in the observed and predicted responses. These in turn depend on the model object and the type argument.

Use the trace argument to see how plotd partitions the response for your model.

Degenerate densities

A message such as
`Warning: standard deviation of "male" density is 0,  density is degenerate?`
means that the density for that class will not be plotted (the legend will say "not plotted").

Set sd.thresh=0 to get rid of this check, but be aware that histograms (and sometimes x axis labels) for degenerate densities will be misleading.

Using plotd for various models

This function is included in the earth package but can also be used with other models.

Example with glm:

```
library(earth); data(etitanic)
glm.model <- glm(sex ~ ., data=etitanic, family=binomial)
plotd(glm.model)
```

Example with lm:

```
library(earth); data(etitanic)
lm.model <- lm(as.numeric(sex) ~ ., data=etitanic)
plotd(lm.model)
```

Using plotd with lda or qda

The plotd function has special handling for lda (and qda) objects. For such objects, the type argument can take one of the following values:

"response" (default) linear discriminant
"ld" same as "response"
"class" predicted classes
"posterior" posterior probabilities

Example:

```
library(MASS); library(earth); data(etitanic)
lda.model <- lda(sex ~ ., data=etitanic)
plotd(lda.model) # linear discriminant by default
plotd(lda.model, type="class", hist=TRUE, labels=TRUE)
```

This handling of type is handled internally by plotd and type is not passed to predict.lda (type is used merely to select fields in the list returned by predict.lda). The type names can be abbreviated down to a single character.

For objects created with lda.matrix (as opposed to lda.formula), plotd blindly assumes that the grouping argument was the second argument.

plotd does not yet support objects created with lda.data.frame.

For lda responses with more than two factor levels, use the nresponse argument to select a column in the predicted response. Thus with the default type=NULL, (which gets automatically converted by plotd to type="response"), use nresponse=1 to select just the first linear discriminant. The default nresponse=NULL selects all columns, which is typically not what you want for lda models. Example:

```
library(MASS); library(earth);
set.seed(1)      # optional, for reproducibility
example(lda)     # creates a model called "z"
plot(z, dimen=1) # invokes plot.lda from the MASS package
plotd(z, nresponse=1, hist=1) # equivalent using plotd
                              # nresponse=1 selects first linear discr.
```

The dichot=TRUE argument is also useful for lda responses with more than two factor levels.

TODO

Handle degenerate densities in a more useful way.
Add freq argument for hist.

See Also

density, plot.density
hist, plot.histogram
earth, plot.earth

Examples

```
if (require(earth)) {
    old.par <- par(no.readonly=TRUE);
    par(mfrow=c(2,2), mar=c(4, 3, 1.7, 0.5), mgp=c(1.6, 0.6, 0), par(cex = 0.8))
    data(etitanic)
    mod <- earth(survived ~ ., data=etitanic, degree=2, glm=list(family=binomial))

    plotd(mod)

    plotd(mod, hist=TRUE, legend.pos=c(.25,220))

    plotd(mod, hist=TRUE, type="class", labels=TRUE, xlab="", xaxis.cex=.8)

    par(old.par)
}
```

`predict.earth` *Predict with an earth model*

Description

Predict with an `earth` model.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'earth'
predict(object = stop("no 'object' argument"), newdata = NULL,
        type = c("link", "response", "earth", "class", "terms"),
        interval = "none", level = .95,
        thresh = .5, trace = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

`object`	An `earth` object. This is the only required argument.
`newdata`	Make predictions using `newdata`, which can be a data frame, a matrix, or a vector with length equal to a multiple of the number of columns of the original input matrix `x`. Note that this is more flexible than the predict methods for most R models. NAs are allowed (and the predicted value will be NA unless the NAs are in variables that are unused in the earth model). Default is NULL, meaning return values predicted from the training set.
`type`	Type of prediction. One of `"link"` (default), `"response"`, `"earth"`, `"class"`, or `"terms"`. See the **Note** below.
`interval`	Return prediction or confidence levels. Default is `"none"`. Use `interval="pint"` to get prediction intervals on new data. Requires that the earth model was built with `varmod.method`. This argument gets passed on as the `type` argument to `predict.varmod`. See its help page for details.

level	Confidence level for the interval argument. Default is .95, meaning construct 95% confidence bands (estimate the 2.5% and 97.5% levels).
thresh	Threshold, a value between 0 and 1 when predicting a probability. Only applies when type="class". Default is .5. See the **Note** below.
trace	Default FALSE. Set to TRUE to see which data, subset, etc. predict.earth is using.
...	Unused, but provided for generic/method consistency.

Value

The predicted values (a matrix for multiple response models).

If type="terms", a matrix with each column showing the contribution of a predictor.

If interval="pint" or "cint", a matrix with three columns:
fit: the predicted values
lwr: the lower confidence or prediction limit
upr: the upper confidence or prediction limit

If interval="se", the standard errors.

Note

Predicting with standard earth models

Use the default type="link", or possibly type="class".

Actually, the "link", "response", and "earth" choices all return the same value unless the glm argument was used in the original call to earth.

Predicting with earth-GLM models

This section applies to earth models with a GLM component, i.e., when the glm argument was used in the original call to earth.

The "link" and "response" options: see predict.glm for a description of these. In brief: for logistic models use type="link" to get log-odds and type="response" to get probabilities.

Use option "earth" to get the linear fit (this gives the prediction you would get if your original call to earth had no glm argument).

Predicting with "class"

Use option "class" to get the predicted class. With option "class", this function first makes predictions with type="response" and then assigns the predicted values to classes as follows:

(i) When the response is a *logical*, predict TRUE if the predicted probability is greater than thresh.

(ii) When the response is a *numeric*, predict TRUE if the predicted value is greater than thresh. Actually, this is identical to the above case, although thresh here may legitimately be a value outside the 0...1 range.

(iii) When the response is a *two level factor*, predict the second level if its probability is more than thresh. In other words, with the default thresh=.5 predict the most probable level.

(iv) When the response is a *three or more level factor*, predict the most probable level (and thresh is ignored).

Predicting with "terms"

The "terms" option returns a "link" response suitable for termplot. Only the additive terms and the first response (for multi-response models) are returned. Also, "terms" always returns the earth terms, and ignores the GLM component of the model, if any.

See Also

earth, predict

Examples

```
data(trees)
earth.mod <- earth(Volume ~ ., data = trees)
predict(earth.mod)           # same as earth.mod$fitted.values
predict(earth.mod, c(10,80)) # yields 16.8
```

---

predict.varmod *Predict with a varmod model*

Description

You probably won't need to call this function directly. It is called by predict.earth when that function's interval argument is used.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'varmod'
predict(
    object  = stop("no 'object' argument"),
    newdata = NULL,
    type    = c("pint", "cint", "se", "abs.residual"),
    level   = .95,
    trace   = FALSE,
    ...)
```

Arguments

object	A varmod object.
newdata	Make predictions using newdata. Default is NULL, meaning return values predicted from the training set.
type	Type of prediction. This is the interval argument of predict.earth. One of "pint" Prediction intervals. "cint" Confidence intervals. Cannot be used with newdata. "se" Standard error of the parent model residuals.

	"abs.residual" The absolute residuals of the parent model on which the residual model regresses.
level	Confidence level for the interval argument. Default is .95, meaning construct 95% confidence bands (estimate the 2.5% and 97.5% levels).
trace	Currently unused.
...	Unused, but provided for generic/method consistency.

Note

predict.varmod is called by predict.earth when its interval argument is used.

See Also

predict.earth varmod

Examples

```
data(ozone1)

set.seed(1) # optional, for cross validation reproducibility

# note: should really use ncross=30 below but for a quick demo we don't

earth.mod <- earth(O3~temp, data=ozone1, nfold=10, ncross=3, varmod.method="lm")

# call predict.earth, which calls predict.varmod

predict(earth.mod, newdata=ozone1[200:203,], interval="pint", level=.95)
```

---

residuals.earth *Residuals for an earth model*

Description

Residuals of an earth model.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'earth'
residuals(object = stop("no 'object' argument"),
          type = NULL, warn = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

object	An earth object. This is the only required argument.
type	One of "earth" (default) Residuals (from the lm fit on bx). "standardize" Residuals divided by se * sqrt(1 - h_ii). See the standardize argument of plot.earth. "delever" Residuals divided by sqrt(1 - h_ii). See the delever argument of plot.earth. "deviance" Residuals as above, unless the object has a glm component, in which case return the glm deviance residuals. "glm.pearson" "glm.working" "glm.response" "glm.partial" Return the corresponding glm residuals (from the glm fit on bx). Can be used only if the earth model has a glm component.
warn	This function gives warnings when the results are not what you may expect. Use warn=FALSE to turn of just these warnings.
...	Unused, but provided for generic/method consistency.

Value

The residual values (will be a matrix for multiple response models).

See Also

earth
residuals
resid identical to residuals

Examples

```
data(etitanic)
earth.mod <- earth(pclass ~ ., data=etitanic, glm=list(family=binomial))
head(resid(earth.mod, warn=FALSE))      # earth residuals, a column for each response
head(resid(earth.mod, type="earth"))    # same
head(resid(earth.mod, type="deviance")) # GLM deviance residuals, a column for each response
```

---

summary.earth *Summary method for earth objects*

Description

Summary method for earth objects.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'earth'
summary(object = stop("no 'object' argument"),
        details = FALSE,  style = c("h", "pmax", "max", "C", "bf"),
        decomp = "anova", digits = getOption("digits"), fixed.point=TRUE,
        newdata = NULL, ...)

## S3 method for class 'summary.earth'
print(x = stop("no 'x' argument"),
        details = x$details,
        decomp = x$decomp, digits = x$digits, fixed.point = x$fixed.point,
        newdata = x$newdata, ...)
```

Arguments

`object`	An `earth` object. This is the only required argument for `summary.earth`.
`x`	A `summary.earth` object. This is the only required argument for `print.summary.earth`.
`details`	Default is `FALSE`. Use `TRUE` to print more information about `earth`–`glm` models. But note that the displayed P-values of the GLM coefficients are meaningless because of the amount of preprocessing by earth to select the regression terms.
`style`	Formatting style. One of `"h"` (default) more compact `"pmax"` for those who prefer it and for compatibility with old versions of earth `"max"` is the same as `"pmax"` but prints `max` rather than `pmax` `"C"` C style expression with zero based indexing `"bf"` basis function format.
`decomp`	Specify how terms are ordered. Default is `"anova"`. Use `"none"` to order the terms as created by the forward.pass. See `format.earth` for a full description.
`digits`	The number of significant digits. For `summary.earth`, the default is `getOption("digits")`. For `print.summary.earth`, the default is the `$digits` component of `object`.
`fixed.point`	Method of printing numbers in matrices. Default is `TRUE` which prints like this (making it easier to compare coefficients):

```
(Intercept)    15.029
h(temp-58)      0.313
h(234-ibt)     -0.046
...
```

whereas `fixed.point=FALSE` prints like this (which is more usual in R):

```
(Intercept)   1.5e+01
h(temp-58)    3.1e-01
h(234-ibt)   -4.6e-02
...
```

Matrices with two or fewer rows are never printed with a fixed point.

newdata	Default NULL. Else print R-Squared for the new data (and the returned object will have newrsq and newdata fields). Additionally, if a variance model is present print the interval coverage table for the new data.
...	Extra arguments are passed to format.earth.

Value

The value is the same as that returned by earth but with the following extra components.

strings	String(s) created by format.earth. For multiple response models, a vector of strings.
newrsq	Only if newdata was passed to summary.earth.
newdata	Only if newdata was passed to summary.earth.
digits	
details	
decomp	
fixed.point	The corresponding arguments, passed on to print.summary.earth.

Note

The printed Estimated importance uses evimp with the nsubsets criterion. The most important predictor is printed first, and so on.

See Also

earth, evimp, format.earth

Examples

```
earth.mod <- earth(Volume~ ., data = trees)
summary(earth.mod, digits = 2)
```

---

update.earth *Update an earth model*

Description

Update an earth model.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'earth'
update(object = stop("no 'object' argument"),
       formula. = NULL, ponly = FALSE, ..., evaluate = TRUE)
```

Arguments

object	The earth object
formula.	The formula. argument is treated like earth's formula argument.
ponly	Force pruning only, no forward pass. Default is FALSE, meaning update.earth decides automatically if a forward pass is needed. See note below.
...	Arguments passed on to earth.
evaluate	If TRUE (default) evaluate the new call, else return the call. Mostly for compatibility with the generic update.

Details

If only the following arguments are used, a forward pass is unnecessary, and update.earth will perform only the pruning pass. This is usually much faster for large models.

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This automatic determination to do a forward pass can be overridden with the ponly argument. If ponly=TRUE the forward pass will be skipped and only the pruning pass will be executed. This is useful for doing a pruning pass with new data. (Use earth's data argument to specify the new data.) Typically in this scenario you would also specify penalty=-1. This is because with sufficient new data, independent of the original training data, the RSS not the GCV should be used for evaluating model subsets (The GCV approximates what the RSS would be on new data — but here we actually have new data, so why bother approximating. This "use new data for pruning" approach is useful in situations where you don't trust the GCV approximation for your data.) By making penalty=-1, earth will calculate the RSS, not the GCV. See also the description of penalty on the earth help page.

Another (somewhat esoteric) use of ponly=TRUE is to do subset selection with a different penalty from that used to build the original model.

With trace=1, update.earth will tell you if earth's forward pass was skipped.

If you used keepxy=TRUE in your original call to earth, then update.earth will use the saved values of x, y, etc., unless you specify otherwise by arguments to update.earth. It can be helpful to set trace=1 to see which x and y is used by update.earth.

Value

The value is the same as that returned by earth. If object is the only parameter then no changes are made — the returned value will be the same as the original object.

See Also

earth

Examples

```
data(ozone1)

(earth.mod <- earth(O3 ~ ., data = ozone1, degree = 2))

update(earth.mod, formula = O3 ~ . - temp) # requires forward pass and pruning

update(earth.mod, nprune = 8)              # requires only pruning

update(earth.mod, penalty=1, ponly=TRUE)   # pruning pass only with a new penalty
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varmod *Variance models for estimating prediction intervals*

Description

A *variance model* estimates the variance of predicted values. It can be used to estimate prediction intervals. See the interval argument of predict.earth.

A variance model is built by earth if earth's varmod.method argument is specified. Results are stored in the $varmod field of the earth model. See the vignette "Variance models in earth" for details.

You probably won't need to directly call print.varmod or summary.varmod. They get called internally by summary.earth.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'varmod'
summary(
    object  = stop("no 'object' argument"),
    level   = .95,
    style   = "standard",
    digits  = 2,
    newdata = NULL,
    ...)
```

Arguments

object	A varmod object. This is the only required argument.
level	Same as predict.earth's level argument.
style	Determines how the coefficients of the varmod are printed by summary.varmod: "standard" (default) "unit" for easy comparison normalize the coefficients by dividing by the first coefficient.
digits	Number of digits to print. Default is 2.
newdata	Default NULL. Else print the interval coverage table for the new data.
...	Dots are passed on.

Note

A "varmod" object has the following fields:

- call The call used internally in the parent model to build the varmod object.
- parent The parent earth model.
- method Copy of the varmod.method argument to the parent model.
- package NULL, unless method="gam", in which case either "gam" or "mgcv".
- exponent Copy of the varmod.exponent argument to the parent model.
- lambda Currently always 1, meaning use absolute residuals.
- rmethod Currently always "hc2", meaning correct the residuals with 1/(1-h_ii).
- converged Did the residual submodel IRLS converge?
- iters Number of residual model IRLS iterations (1 to 50).
- residmod The residual submodel. So for example, if varmod.method="lm", this will be an lm object.
- min.sd The predicted residual standard deviation is clamped so it will always be at least this value. This prevents prediction of negative or absurdly small variances. See earth's varmod.clamp argument. Clamping takes place in predict.varmod, which is called by predict.earth when estimating prediction intervals.
- model.var An n x 1 matrix. The model.var for an observation is the estimated model variance for that observation over all datasets, and is estimated with repeated cross validation. It is the variance of the mean out-of-fold prediction for that observation over ncross repetitions.
- abs.resids An n x 1 matrix. The absolute residuals used to build the residual model.
- parent.x An n x p matrix. Parent earth model x.
- parent.y An n x 1 matrix. Parent earth model y.
- iter.rsq Weighted R-Squared of residual submodel residmod, after IRLS iteration.
- iter.stderr Standard errors of the coefficients of the residual submodel residmod, after IRLS iteration.

See Also

plot.varmod, predict.varmod

Examples

```
data(ozone1)

set.seed(1) # optional, for cross validation reproducibility

# note: should really use ncross=30 below but for a quick demo we don't

earth.mod <- earth(O3~temp, data=ozone1, nfold=10, ncross=3, varmod.method="lm")

print(summary(earth.mod)) # note additional info on the variance model

old.mfrow <- par(mfrow=c(2,2), mar=c(3, 3, 3, 1), mgp=c(1.5, 0.5, 0))

plotmo(earth.mod, do.par=FALSE, response.col=1, level=.90, main="earth model: O3~temp")

plot(earth.mod, which=3, level=.90) # residual plot: note 90% pred and darker conf intervals

par(par=old.mfrow)
```

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