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See Also

[autoprune](#), [bagging](#), [bagging.cv](#), [boosting](#), [boosting.cv](#), [errorevol](#), [importanceplot](#), [margins](#), [MarginOrderedPruning.Bagging](#), [plot.errorevol](#), [plot.margins](#), [predict.bagging](#), [predict.boosting](#)

Examples

```
## rpart library should be loaded
data(iris)
iris.adaboost <- boosting(Species~., data=iris, boos=TRUE,
mfinal=10)
importanceplot(iris.adaboost)

sub <- c(sample(1:50, 25), sample(51:100, 25), sample(101:150, 25))
iris.bagging <- bagging(Species ~ ., data=iris[sub,], mfinal=10)
iris.predbagging<- predict.bagging(iris.bagging, newdata=iris[-sub,])
```

autoprune

Builds automatically a pruned tree of class rpart

Description

Builds automatically a pruned tree of class `rpart` looking in the `cptable` for the minimum cross validation error plus a standard deviation

Usage

```
autoprune(formula, data, subset=1:length(data[,1]), ...)
```

Arguments

- | | |
|----------------------|---|
| <code>formula</code> | a formula, as in the <code>lm</code> function. |
| <code>data</code> | a data frame in which to interpret the variables named in the <code>formula</code> . |
| <code>subset</code> | optional expression saying that only a subset of the rows of the data should be used in the fit, as in the <code>rpart</code> function. |
| <code>...</code> | further arguments passed to or from other methods. |

Details

The cross validation estimation of the error (`xerror`) has a random component. To avoid this randomness the 1-SE rule (or 1-SD rule) selects the simplest model with a `xerror` equal or less than the minimum `xerror` plus the standard deviation of the minimum `xerror`.

Value

An object of class `rpart`

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See Also

[rpart](#)

Examples

```
## rpart library should be loaded
library(rpart)
data(iris)
iris.prune<-autoprune(Species~, data=iris)
iris.prune

## Comparing the test error of rpart and autoprune
library(mlbench)
data(BreastCancer)
l <- length(BreastCancer[,1])
sub <- sample(1:l,2*l/3)

BC.rpart <- rpart(Class~,data=BreastCancer[sub,-1],cp=-1, maxdepth=5)
BC.rpart.pred <- predict(BC.rpart,newdata=BreastCancer[-sub,-1],type="class")
tb <-table(BC.rpart.pred,BreastCancer$Class[-sub])
tb
1-(sum(diag(tb))/sum(tb))

BC.prune<-autoprune(Class~,data=BreastCancer[,-1],subset=sub)
BC.rpart.pred <- predict(BC.prune,newdata=BreastCancer[-sub,-1],type="class")
tb <-table(BC.rpart.pred,BreastCancer$Class[-sub])
tb
1-(sum(diag(tb))/sum(tb))
```

bagging*Applies the Bagging algorithm to a data set***Description**

Fits the Bagging algorithm proposed by Breiman in 1996 using classification trees as single classifiers.

Usage

```
bagging(formula, data, mfinal = 100, control)
```

Arguments

<code>formula</code>	a formula, as in the <code>lm</code> function.
<code>data</code>	a data frame in which to interpret the variables named in the <code>formula</code>
<code>mfinal</code>	an integer, the number of iterations for which boosting is run or the number of trees to use. Defaults to <code>mfinal=100</code> iterations.
<code>control</code>	options that control details of the <code>rpart</code> algorithm. See <code>rpart.control</code> for more details.

Details

Unlike boosting, individual classifiers are independent among them in bagging

Value

An object of class `bagging`, which is a list with the following components:

<code>formula</code>	the formula used.
<code>trees</code>	the trees grown along the iterations.
<code>votes</code>	a matrix describing, for each observation, the number of trees that assigned it to each class.
<code>prob</code>	a matrix describing, for each observation, the posterior probability or degree of support of each class. These probabilities are calculated using the proportion of votes in the final ensemble.
<code>class</code>	the class predicted by the ensemble classifier.
<code>samples</code>	the bootstrap samples used along the iterations.
<code>importance</code>	returns the relative importance of each variable in the classification task. This measure takes into account the gain of the Gini index given by a variable in each tree.

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See Also

[predict.bagging](#), [bagging.cv](#)

Examples

```
## rpart library should be loaded
#This example has been hidden to fulfill execution time <5s
library(rpart)
#data(iris)
#iris.bagging <- bagging(Species~, data=iris, mfinal=10)

# Data Vehicle (four classes)
library(rpart)
library(mlbench)
data(Vehicle)
l <- length(Vehicle[,1])
sub <- sample(1:l,2*l/3)
Vehicle.bagging <- bagging(Class ~.,data=Vehicle[sub, ],mfinal=20,
control=rpart.control(maxdepth=5, minsplit=15))
#Using the pruning option
Vehicle.bagging.pred <- predict.bagging(Vehicle.bagging,newdata=Vehicle[-sub, ], newmfinal=10)
Vehicle.bagging.pred$confusion
Vehicle.bagging.pred$error
```

bagging.cv

Runs v-fold cross validation with Bagging

Description

The data are divided into v non-overlapping subsets of roughly equal size. Then, bagging is applied on $(v-1)$ of the subsets. Finally, predictions are made for the left out subsets, and the process is repeated for each of the v subsets.

Usage

```
bagging.cv(formula, data, v = 10, mfinal = 100, control)
```

Arguments

<code>formula</code>	a formula, as in the <code>lm</code> function.
<code>data</code>	a data frame in which to interpret the variables named in <code>formula</code>
<code>v</code>	An integer, specifying the type of v-fold cross validation. Defaults to 10. If <code>v</code> is set as the number of observations, leave-one-out cross validation is carried out. Besides this, every value between two and the number of observations is valid and means that roughly every <code>v</code> -th observation is left out.
<code>mfinal</code>	an integer, the number of iterations for which boosting is run or the number of trees to use. Defaults to <code>mfinal=100</code> iterations.
<code>control</code>	options that control details of the <code>rpart</code> algorithm. See <code>rpart.control</code> for more details.

Value

An object of class `bagging.cv`, which is a list with the following components:

<code>class</code>	the class predicted by the ensemble classifier.
<code>confusion</code>	the confusion matrix which compares the real class with the predicted one.
<code>error</code>	returns the average error.

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See Also

[bagging](#), [predict.bagging](#)

Examples

```
## rpart library should be loaded
library(rpart)
data(iris)
iris.baggingcv <- bagging.cv(Species ~ ., v=2, data=iris, mfinal=10,
control=rpart.control(cp=0.01))
iris.baggingcv[-1]

## rpart and mlbench libraries should be loaded
## Data Vehicle (four classes)
#This example has been hidden to keep execution time <5s
#data(Vehicle)
#Vehicle.bagging.cv <- bagging.cv(Class ~ ., data=Vehicle, v=5, mfinal=10,
#control=rpart.control(maxdepth=5))
#Vehicle.bagging.cv[-1]
```

boosting

Applies the AdaBoost.M1 and SAMME algorithms to a data set

Description

Fits the AdaBoost.M1 (Freund and Schapire, 1996) and SAMME (Zhu et al., 2009) algorithms using classification trees as single classifiers.

Usage

```
boosting(formula, data, boos = TRUE, mfinal = 100, coeflearn = 'Breiman',
control)
```

Arguments

formula	a formula, as in the <code>lm</code> function.
data	a data frame in which to interpret the variables named in <code>formula</code> .
boos	if TRUE (by default), a bootstrap sample of the training set is drawn using the weights for each observation on that iteration. If FALSE, every observation is used with its weights.
mfinal	an integer, the number of iterations for which boosting is run or the number of trees to use. Defaults to <code>mfinal=100</code> iterations.
coeflearn	if 'Breiman'(by default), $\alpha = 1/2 \ln((1-\text{err})/\text{err})$ is used. If 'Freund' $\alpha = \ln((1-\text{err})/\text{err})$ is used. In both cases the AdaBoost.M1 algorithm is used and α is the weight updating coefficient. On the other hand, if <code>coeflearn</code> is 'Zhu' the SAMME algorithm is implemented with $\alpha = \ln((1-\text{err})/\text{err}) + \ln(n\text{classes}-1)$.
control	options that control details of the <code>rpart</code> algorithm. See <code>rpart.control</code> for more details.

Details

AdaBoost.M1 and SAMME are simple generalizations of AdaBoost for more than two classes. In AdaBoost-SAMME the individual trees are required to have an error lower than $1 - 1/n\text{classes}$ instead of $1/2$ of the AdaBoost.M1

Value

An object of class *boosting*, which is a list with the following components:

formula	the formula used.
trees	the trees grown along the iterations.
weights	a vector with the weighting of the trees of all iterations.
votes	a matrix describing, for each observation, the number of trees that assigned it to each class, weighting each tree by its alpha coefficient.
prob	a matrix describing, for each observation, the posterior probability or degree of support of each class. These probabilities are calculated using the proportion of votes in the final ensemble.
class	the class predicted by the ensemble classifier.
importance	returns the relative importance of each variable in the classification task. This measure takes into account the gain of the Gini index given by a variable in a tree and the weight of this tree.

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See Also

[predict.boosting](#), [boosting.cv](#)

Examples

```

## rpart library should be loaded
data(iris)
iris.adaboost <- boosting(Species~., data=iris, boos=TRUE, mfinal=5)
iris.adaboost

## Data Vehicle (four classes)
data(Vehicle)
l <- length(Vehicle[,1])
sub <- sample(1:l,2*l/3)
mfinal <- 15
maxdepth <- 5

Vehicle.rpart <- rpart(Class~.,data=Vehicle[sub,],maxdepth=maxdepth)
Vehicle.rpart.pred <- predict(Vehicle.rpart,newdata=Vehicle[-sub, ],type="class")
tb <- table(Vehicle.rpart.pred,Vehicle$Class[-sub])
error.rpart <- 1-(sum(diag(tb))/sum(tb))
tb
error.rpart

Vehicle.adaboost <- boosting(Class ~ .,data=Vehicle[sub, ],mfinal=mfinal, coeflearn="Zhu",
control=rpart.control(maxdepth=maxdepth))
Vehicle.adaboost.pred <- predict.boosting(Vehicle.adaboost,newdata=Vehicle[-sub, ])
Vehicle.adaboost.pred$confusion
Vehicle.adaboost.pred$error

#comparing error evolution in training and test set
errorevol(Vehicle.adaboost,newdata=Vehicle[sub, ])>evol.train
errorevol(Vehicle.adaboost,newdata=Vehicle[-sub, ])>evol.test

plot.errorevol(evol.test, evol.train)

```

boosting.cv

Runs v-fold cross validation with AdaBoost.M1 or SAMME

Description

The data are divided into v non-overlapping subsets of roughly equal size. Then, boosting is applied on $(v-1)$ of the subsets. Finally, predictions are made for the left out subsets, and the process is repeated for each of the v subsets.

Usage

```
boosting.cv(formula, data, v = 10, boos = TRUE, mfinal = 100,
coeflearn = "Breiman", control)
```

Arguments

<code>formula</code>	a formula, as in the <code>lm</code> function.
<code>data</code>	a data frame in which to interpret the variables named in <code>formula</code>
<code>boos</code>	if TRUE (by default), a bootstrap sample of the training set is drawn using the weights for each observation on that iteration. If FALSE, every observation is used with its weights.
<code>v</code>	An integer, specifying the type of v-fold cross validation. Defaults to 10. If <code>v</code> is set as the number of observations, leave-one-out cross validation is carried out. Besides this, every value between two and the number of observations is valid and means that roughly every <code>v</code> -th observation is left out.
<code>mfinal</code>	an integer, the number of iterations for which boosting is run or the number of trees to use. Defaults to <code>mfinal=100</code> iterations.
<code>coeflearn</code>	if 'Breiman'(by default), <code>alpha=1/2ln((1-err)/err)</code> is used. If 'Freund' <code>alpha=ln((1-err)/err)</code> is used. In both cases the AdaBoost.M1 algorithm is used and <code>alpha</code> is the weight updating coefficient. On the other hand, if <code>coeflearn</code> is 'Zhu' the SAMME algorithm is implemented with <code>alpha=ln((1-err)/err)+ln(nclasses-1)</code> .
<code>control</code>	options that control details of the <code>rpart</code> algorithm. See <code>rpart.control</code> for more details.

Value

An object of class `boosting.cv`, which is a list with the following components:

<code>class</code>	the class predicted by the ensemble classifier.
<code>confusion</code>	the confusion matrix which compares the real class with the predicted one.
<code>error</code>	returns the average error.

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See Also

[boosting](#), [predict.boosting](#)

Examples

```
## rpart library should be loaded
data(iris)
iris.boostcv <- boosting.cv(Species ~ ., v=2, data=iris, mfinal=10,
control=rpart.control(cp=0.01))
iris.boostcv[-1]

## rpart and mlbench libraries should be loaded
## Data Vehicle (four classes)
#This example has been hidden to fulfill execution time <5s
#data(Vehicle)
#Vehicle.boost.cv <- boosting.cv(Class ~ ., data=Vehicle, v=5, mfinal=10, coeflearn="Zhu",
#control=rpart.control(maxdepth=5))
#Vehicle.boost.cv[-1]
```

errorevol

*Shows the error evolution of the ensemble***Description**

Calculates the error evolution of an AdaBoost.M1, AdaBoost-SAMME or Bagging classifier for a data frame as the ensemble size grows

Usage

```
errorevol(object, newdata)
```

Arguments

- | | |
|---------|--|
| object | This object must be the output of one of the functions bagging or boosting. This is assumed to be the result of some function that produces an object with two components named formula and trees, as those returned for instance by the bagging function. |
| newdata | Could be the same data frame used in object or a new one |

Details

This can be useful to see how fast Bagging, boosting reduce the error of the ensemble. in addition, it can detect the presence of overfitting and, therefore, the convenience of pruning the ensemble using [predict.bagging](#) or [predict.boosting](#).

Value

An object of class `errorevol`, which is a list with only one component:

<code>error</code>	a vector with the error evolution.
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See Also

[boosting](#), [predict.boosting](#), [bagging](#), [predict.bagging](#)

Examples

```

data(BreastCancer)
l <- length(BreastCancer[,1])
sub <- sample(1:l,2*l/3)
cntrl <- rpart.control(maxdepth = 3, minsplit = 0, cp = -1)

BC.adaboost <- boosting(Class ~ .,data=BreastCancer[sub,-1],mfinal=20, control=cntrl)
BC.adaboost.pred <- predict.boosting(BC.adaboost,newdata=BreastCancer[-sub,-1])

errorevol(BC.adaboost,newdata=BreastCancer[-sub,-1])>evol.test
errorevol(BC.adaboost,newdata=BreastCancer[sub,-1])>evol.train

plot.errorevol(evol.test,evol.train)
abline(h=min(evol.test[[1]]), col="red",lty=2,lwd=2)
abline(h=min(evol.train[[1]]), col="blue",lty=2,lwd=2)

```

<code>importanceplot</code>	<i>Plots the variables relative importance</i>
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Description

Plots the relative importance of each variable in the classification task. This measure takes into account the gain of the Gini index given by a variable in a tree and, in the boosting case, the weight of this tree.

Usage

```
importanceplot(object, ...)
```

Arguments

- | | |
|---------------------|--|
| <code>object</code> | fitted model object of class boosting or bagging. This is assumed to be the result of some function that produces an object with a component named <code>importance</code> as that returned by the boosting and bagging functions. |
| <code>...</code> | further arguments passed to or from other methods. |

Details

For this goal, the `varImp` function of the `caret` package is used to get the gain of the Gini index of the variables in each tree.

Value

A labeled plot is produced on the current graphics device (one being opened if needed).

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See Also

[boosting](#), [bagging](#),

Examples

```
#Examples
#Iris example
library(rpart)
data(iris)
sub <- c(sample(1:50, 25), sample(51:100, 25), sample(101:150, 25))
iris.adaboost <- boosting(Species ~ ., data=iris[sub,], mfinal=10)
importanceplot(iris.adaboost)

#Examples with bagging
iris.bagging <- bagging(Species ~ ., data=iris[sub,], mfinal=10)
importanceplot(iris.bagging, horiz=TRUE, cex.names=.6)
```

MarginOrderedPruning.Bagging
MarginOrderedPruning.Bagging

Description

Margin-based ordered aggregation for bagging pruning

Usage

```
MarginOrderedPruning.Bagging(baggingObject, trainingset, pruningset,
marginType = "unsupervised", doTrace = TRUE)
```

Arguments

- | | |
|----------------------|--|
| baggingObject | fitted model object of class bagging |
| trainingset | the training set of the bagging object |
| pruningset | a set aside dataset for bagging pruning |
| marginType | if "unsupervised" (by default) the margin is the difference between the proportions of votes of the first and second most popular classes. Else the margin is calculated as the difference between the proportion of votes of the correct class and the most popular among the other classes |
| doTrace | If set to TRUE, give a more verbose output as MarginOrderedPruning.Bagging is running |

Value

Returns a list with the following components:

prunedBagging	a pruned bagging object
AccuracyOrderedEnsemblePruningSet	Accuracy of each ordered ensemble on pruning set

Note

Questions about this function should be sent to Li Guo

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References

Guo, L. and Boukir, S. (2013): "Margin-based ordered aggregation for ensemble pruning". Pattern Recognition Letters, 34(6), 603-609.

See Also

[bagging](#), [predict.bagging](#)

Examples

```
## mlbench package should be loaded
data(Satellite)
## Separate data into 3 parties: training set, pruning set and test set
ind <- sample(3, nrow(Satellite), replace = TRUE, prob=c(0.3, 0.2, 0.5))

## create bagging with training set
#increase mfinal in your own execution of this example to see
#the real usefulness of this function
Satellite.bagging<-bagging(classes~, data=Satellite[ind==1,], mfinal=8)
#Satellite.bagging.pred<-predict(Satellite.bagging, Satellite[ind==3,])

## pruning bagging
Satellite.bagging.pruning<-MarginOrderedPruning.Bagging(Satellite.bagging,
Satellite[ind==1,], Satellite[ind==2,])
#Satellite.bagging.pruning.pred<-predict(Satellite.bagging.pruning$prunedBagging,
#Satellite[ind==3,])

## create bagging with training and pruning set
#This example has been hidden to fulfill execution time <5s
#Satellite.bagging2<-bagging(classes~, data=Satellite[ind!=3,], 25)
#Satellite.bagging2.pred<-predict(Satellite.bagging2, Satellite[ind==3,])
```

margins *Calculates the margins*

Description

Calculates the margins of an AdaBoost.M1, AdaBoost-SAMME or Bagging classifier for a data frame

Usage

```
margins(object, newdata)
```

Arguments

object	This object must be the output of one of the functions bagging, boosting, predict.bagging or predict.boosting. This is assumed to be the result of some function that produces an object with two components named formula and class, as those returned for instance by the bagging function.
newdata	The same data frame used for building the object

Details

Intuitively, the margin for an observation is related to the certainty of its classification. It is calculated as the difference between the support of the correct class and the maximum support of an incorrect class

Value

An object of class `margins`, which is a list with only one component:

<code>margins</code>	a vector with the margins.
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See Also

[bagging](#), [boosting](#), [plot.margins](#), [predict.boosting](#), [predict.bagging](#)

Examples

```
#Iris example
library(rpart)
data(iris)
sub <- c(sample(1:50, 25), sample(51:100, 25), sample(101:150, 25))
iris.adaboost <- boosting(Species ~ ., data=iris[sub,], mfinal=10)
margins(iris.adaboost,iris[sub,])>iris.margins # training set
plot.margins(iris.margins)

# test set
iris.predboosting<- predict.boosting(iris.adaboost, newdata=iris[-sub,])
margins(iris.predboosting,iris[-sub,])>iris.predmargins
plot.margins(iris.predmargins,iris.margins)

#Examples with bagging
iris.bagging <- bagging(Species ~ ., data=iris[sub,], mfinal=10)
margins(iris.bagging,iris[sub,])>iris.bagging.margins # training set

iris.predbagging<- predict.bagging(iris.bagging, newdata=iris[-sub,])
margins(iris.predbagging,iris[-sub,])>iris.bagging.predmargins # test set
par(bg="lightyellow")
plot.margins(iris.bagging.predmargins,iris.bagging.margins)
```

plot.errorevol

*Plots the error evolution of the ensemble***Description**

Plots the previously calculated error evolution of an AdaBoost.M1, AdaBoost-SAMME or Bagging classifier for a data frame as the ensemble size grows

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'errorevol'
plot(x, y = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

- | | |
|---|--|
| x | An object of class <code>errorevol</code> . This is assumed to be the result of some function that produces an object with a component named <code>error</code> as that returned by the <code>errorevol</code> function. |
|---|--|

- y This argument can be used to represent in the same plot the evolution of the test and train errors, x and y, respectively. Should be NULL (by default) or an object of class `errorevol`.
- ... further arguments passed to or from other methods.

Details

This can be useful to see how fast bagging or boosting reduce the error of the ensemble. in addition, it can detect the presence of overfitting and, therefore, the convenience of pruning the ensemble using `predict.bagging` or `predict.boosting`.

Value

A labeled plot is produced on the current graphics device (one being opened if needed).

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See Also

[boosting](#), [predict.boosting](#), [bagging](#), [predict.bagging](#), [errorevol](#)

Examples

```
data(iris)
train <- c(sample(1:50, 25), sample(51:100, 25), sample(101:150, 25))

cntrl<-rpart.control(maxdepth=1)
#increase mfinal in your own execution of this example to see
#the real usefulness of this function
iris.adaboost <- boosting(Species ~ ., data=iris[train,], mfinal=25, control=cntrl)

#Error evolution along the iterations in training set
errorevol(iris.adaboost,iris[train,])>evol.train
```

```

plot.errorrevol(evol.train)

#comparing error evolution in training and test set
errorrevol(iris.adaboost,iris[-train,])->evol.test
plot.errorrevol(evol.test, evol.train)

# See the help of the functions error evolution and boosting
# for more examples of the use of the error evolution

```

plot.margins*Plots the margins of the ensemble***Description**

Plots the previously calculated margins of an AdaBoost.M1, AdaBoost-SAMME or Bagging classifier for a data frame

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'margins'
plot(x, y = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

- x An object of class `margins`. This is assumed to be the result of some function that produces an object with a component named `margins` as that returned by the `margins` function.
- y This argument can be used to represent in the same plot the margins in the test and train sets, x and y, respectively. Should be `NULL` (by default) or an object of class `margins`.
- ... further arguments passed to or from other methods.

Details

Intuitively, the margin for an observation is related to the certainty of its classification. It is calculated as the difference between the support of the correct class and the maximum support of an incorrect class

Value

A labeled plot is produced on the current graphics device (one being opened if needed).

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See Also

[margins](#), [boosting](#), [predict.boosting](#), [bagging](#), [predict.bagging](#)

Examples

```
data(BreastCancer)
l <- length(BreastCancer[,1])
sub <- sample(1:l,2*l/3)
cntrl <- rpart.control(maxdepth = 3, minsplit = 0, cp = -1)

BC.adaboost <- boosting(Class ~ .,data=BreastCancer[sub,-1],mfinal=20, control=cntrl)
BC.adaboost.pred <- predict.boosting(BC.adaboost,newdata=BreastCancer[-sub,-1])

BC.margins<-margins(BC.adaboost,BreastCancer[sub,-1]) # training set
BC.predmargins<-margins(BC.adaboost.pred,BreastCancer[-sub,-1]) # test set
plot.margins(BC.predmargins,BC.margins)
```

predict.bagging *Predicts from a fitted bagging object*

Description

Classifies a dataframe using a fitted bagging object.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'bagging'
predict(object, newdata, newmfinal=length(object$trees), ...)
```

Arguments

- | | |
|----------------|--|
| object | fitted model object of class bagging. This is assumed to be the result of some function that produces an object with the same named components as that returned by the bagging function. |
| newdata | data frame containing the values at which predictions are required. The predictors referred to in the right side of <code>formula(object)</code> must be present by name in newdata. |

newmfinal	The number of trees of the bagging object to be used in the prediction. This argument allows the user to prune the ensemble. By default all the trees in the bagging object are used
...	further arguments passed to or from other methods.

Value

An object of class `predict.bagging`, which is a list with the following components:

formula	the formula used.
votes	a matrix describing, for each observation, the number of trees that assigned it to each class.
prob	a matrix describing, for each observation, the posterior probability or degree of support of each class. These probabilities are calculated using the proportion of votes in the final ensemble.
class	the class predicted by the ensemble classifier.
confusion	the confusion matrix which compares the real class with the predicted one.
error	returns the average error.

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See Also

[bagging](#), [bagging.cv](#)

Examples

```
library(rpart)
data(iris)
sub <- c(sample(1:50, 25), sample(51:100, 25), sample(101:150, 25))
iris.bagging <- bagging(Species ~ ., data=iris[sub,], mfinal=10)
iris.predbagging<- predict.bagging(iris.bagging, newdata=iris[-sub,])
iris.predbagging

## rpart and mlbench libraries should be loaded
library(rpart)
```

```

library(mlbench)
data(BreastCancer)
l <- length(BreastCancer[,1])
sub <- sample(1:l,2*l/3)
BC.bagging <- bagging(Class ~ .,data=BreastCancer[,-1],mfinal=15,
control=rpart.control(maxdepth=3))
BC.bagging.pred <- predict.bagging(BC.bagging,newdata=BreastCancer[-sub,-1])
BC.bagging.pred$prob
BC.bagging.pred$confusion
BC.bagging.pred$error

```

predict.boosting *Predicts from a fitted boosting object*

Description

Classifies a dataframe using a fitted boosting object.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'boosting'
predict(object, newdata, newmfinal=length(object$trees), ...)
```

Arguments

- | | |
|-----------|---|
| object | fitted model object of class <code>boosting</code> . This is assumed to be the result of some function that produces an object with the same named components as that returned by the <code>boosting</code> function. |
| newdata | data frame containing the values at which predictions are required. The predictors referred to in the right side of <code>formula(object)</code> must be present by name in <code>newdata</code> . |
| newmfinal | The number of trees of the boosting object to be used in the prediction. This argument allows the user to prune the ensemble. By default all the trees in <code>object</code> are used |
| ... | further arguments passed to or from other methods. |

Value

An object of class `predict.boosting`, which is a list with the following components:

- | | |
|---------|--|
| formula | the formula used. |
| votes | a matrix describing, for each observation, the number of trees that assigned it to each class, weighting each tree by its alpha coefficient. |

prob	a matrix describing, for each observation, the posterior probability or degree of support of each class. These probabilities are calculated using the proportion of votes in the final ensemble.
class	the class predicted by the ensemble classifier.
confusion	the confusion matrix which compares the real class with the predicted one.
error	returns the average error.

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See Also

[boosting](#), [boosting.cv](#)

Examples

```
## rpart library should be loaded
#This example has been hidden to fulfill execution time <5s
library(rpart)
#data(iris)
#sub <- c(sample(1:50, 25), sample(51:100, 25), sample(101:150, 25))
#iris.adaboost <- boosting(Species ~ ., data=iris[sub,], mfinal=10)
#iris.predboosting<- predict.boosting(iris.adaboost, newdata=iris[-sub,])
#iris.predboosting$prob

## rpart and mlbench libraries should be loaded
## Comparing the test error of rpart and adaboost.M1
library(rpart)
library(mlbench)
data(BreastCancer)
l <- length(BreastCancer[,1])
sub <- sample(1:l,2*l/3)

BC.rpart <- rpart(Class~.,data=BreastCancer[sub,-1], maxdepth=3)
```

```
BC.rpart.pred <- predict(BC.rpart,newdata=BreastCancer[-sub,-1],type="class")
tb <-table(BC.rpart.pred,BreastCancer$Class[-sub])
error.rpart <- 1-(sum(diag(tb))/sum(tb))
tb
error.rpart

BC.adaboost <- boosting(Class ~.,data=BreastCancer[,-1],mfinal=25, coeflearn="Freund",
boos=FALSE , control=rpart.control(maxdepth=3))

#Using the pruning option
BC.adaboost.pred <- predict.boosting(BC.adaboost,newdata=BreastCancer[-sub,-1], newmfinal=15)
BC.adaboost.pred$confusion
BC.adaboost.pred$error
```

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