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Description

The package **MuMIn** contains functions to streamline information-theoretic model selection and carry out model averaging based on the information criteria.

Details

The collection of functions includes:

dredge performs automated model selection with subsets of the supplied 'global' model, and optional choices of other model properties (such as different link functions). The set of models may be generated either with 'all possible' combinations, or tailored according to the conditions specified.

pdredge does the same, but can parallelize model fitting process using a cluster.

model.sel creates a model selection table from hand-picked models.

model.avg calculates model averaged parameters, with standard errors and confidence intervals.

AICc calculates second-order Akaike information criterion.

For a complete list of functions, use library(help = "MuMIn").

By default, AIC_c is used to rank the models and to obtain model selection probabilities, though any other information criteria can be utilised. At least the following ones are currently implemented in R: AIC and BIC in package **stats**, and QAIC, QAICC, ICOMP, CAICF, and Mallows' Cp in **MuMIn**. There is also DIC extractor for MCMC models, and QIC for GEE.

Most of R's common modelling functions are supported, for a full inventory see list of supported models.

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References

Burnham, K. P. and Anderson, D. R (2002) *Model selection and multimodel inference: a practical information-theoretic approach*. 2nd ed. New York, Springer-Verlag.

See Also

AIC, step or stepAIC for stepwise model selection by AIC.

Examples

AICc

Second-order Akaike Information Criterion

Description

Calculate Second-order Akaike Information Criterion for one or several fitted model objects (AIC $_c$, AIC for small samples).

Usage

```
AICc(object, ..., k = 2, REML = NULL)
```

Arguments

object a fitted model object for which there exists a logLik method, or a "logLik" object.

... optionally more fitted model objects.

k the 'penalty' per parameter to be used; the default k = 2 is the classical AIC.

REML optional logical value, passed to the logLik method indicating whether the restricted log-likelihood or log-likelihood should be used. The default is to use the method used for model estimation.

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Value

If just one object is provided, returns a numeric value with the corresponding AIC_c ; if more than one object are provided, returns a data. frame with rows corresponding to the objects and columns representing the number of parameters in the model (df) and AIC_c .

Note

 AIC_c should be used instead AIC when sample size is small in comparison to the number of estimated parameters (Burnham & Anderson 2002 recommend its use when n/K < 40).

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Burnham, K. P. and Anderson, D. R (2002) *Model selection and multimodel inference: a practical information-theoretic approach*. 2nd ed. New York, Springer-Verlag.

Hurvich, C. M. and Tsai, C.-L. (1989) Regression and time series model selection in small samples, *Biometrika* 76: 297–307.

See Also

Akaike's An Information Criterion: AIC

Other implementations: AICc in package **AICcmodavg**, AICc in package **bbmle** and aicc in package **glmulti**

```
#Model-averaging mixed models
options(na.action = "na.fail")
data(Orthodont, package = "nlme")
# Fit model by REML
fm2 <- lme(distance ~ Sex*age, data = Orthodont,</pre>
   random = ~ 1|Subject / Sex, method = "REML")
# Model selection: ranking by AICc using ML
ms2 <- dredge(fm2, trace = TRUE, rank = "AICc", REML = FALSE)
(attr(ms2, "rank.call"))
# Get the models (fitted by REML, as in the global model)
fmList <- get.models(ms2, 1:4)</pre>
# Because the models originate from dredge(..., rank = AICc, REML = FALSE),
# the default weights in model.avg are ML based:
summary(model.avg(fmList))
## Not run:
# the same result:
model.avg(fmList, rank = "AICc", rank.args = list(REML = FALSE))
```

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```
## End(Not run)
```

arm.glm

Adaptive Regression by Mixing

Description

Combine all-subsets GLMs using the ARM algorithm.

Usage

```
arm.glm(object, R = 250, weight.by = c("aic", "loglik"), trace = FALSE)
```

Arguments

object a fitted "global" glm object.

R number of permutations.

weight.by indicates whether model weights should be calculated with AIC or log-likelihood.

trace if TRUE, information is printed during the running of arm. glm.

Details

The data is randomly split into two parts. For all-subsets of the "global" model, parameters are estimated using the first half of the data and log-likelihood given the second half of the data is used to calculate AIC weights. Mean weights from nrepl permutations of the data are subsequently used to average all-subsets parameters estimated using complete data.

Value

An object of class "averaging" containing only "full" averaged coefficients. See model.avg for object description.

Note

All-subsets respect marginality constraints. Number of parameters is limited to floor (nobs (object) / 2) - 1.

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References

Yang Y. (2001) Adaptive Regression by Mixing. *Journal of the American Statistical Association* 96: 574–588.

Yang Y. (2003) Regression with multiple candidate models: selecting or mixing? *Statistica Sinica* 13: 783–810.

See Also

```
model.avg, par.avg
```

Other implementation: arms in package MMIX.

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Examples

```
fm <- glm(y \sim X1 + X2 + X3 + X4, data = Cement)
summary(arm.glm(fm, R = 25))
```

Beetle

Flour beetle mortality data

Description

Mortality of flour beetles ($Tribolium\ confusum$) due to exposure to gaseous carbon disulfide CS_2 , from Bliss (1935).

Usage

Beetle

Format

Beetle is a data frame with 5 elements.

Prop a matrix with two columns named **nkilled** and **nsurvived mortality** observed mortality rate **dose** the dose of CS₂ in mg/L

- 1 1 1 1 1

n.tested number of beetles tested

n.killed number of beetles killed.

Source

Bliss C. I. (1935) The calculation of the dosage-mortality curve. *Annals of Applied Biology*, 22: 134–167.

References

Burnham, K. P. and Anderson, D. R. (2002) *Model selection and multimodel inference: a practical information-theoretic approach*. 2nd ed. New York, Springer-Verlag.

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```
dc(dose, I(dose^2)) &
    dc(log(dose), I(log(dose)^2)))
# Table 4.6
# Use varying argument to fit models with different link functions
# Note the use of alist rather than list in order to keep the
# family objects unevaluated
varying.link <- list(family = alist(</pre>
    logit = binomial("logit"),
    probit = binomial("probit"),
    cloglog = binomial("cloglog")
    ))
(ms12 <- dredge(globmod, subset = msubset, varying = varying.link,</pre>
    rank = AIC))
# Table 4.7 "models justifiable a priori"
(ms3 <- subset(ms12, has(dose, !I(dose^2))))</pre>
# The same result, but would fit the models again:
# ms3 <- update(ms12, update(globmod, . ~ dose), subset =,</pre>
    fixed = ~dose)
mod3 <- get.models(ms3, 1:3)</pre>
# Table 4.8. Predicted mortality probability at dose 40.
# calculate confidence intervals on logit scale
logit.ci <- function(p, se, quantile = 2) {</pre>
    C. \leftarrow exp(quantile * se / (p * (1 - p)))
    p / (p + (1 - p) * c(C., 1/C.))
}
mavg3 <- model.avg(mod3, revised.var = FALSE)</pre>
# get predictions both from component and averaged models
pred <- lapply(c(component = mod3, list(averaged = mavg3)), predict,</pre>
   newdata = list(dose = 40), type = "response", se.fit = TRUE)
# reshape predicted values
pred <- t(sapply(pred, function(x) unlist(x)[1:2]))</pre>
colnames(pred) <- c("fit", "se.fit")</pre>
# build the table
tab <- cbind(</pre>
    c(Weights(ms3), NA),
    matrix(logit.ci(pred[,"fit"], pred[,"se.fit"],
        quantile = c(rep(1.96, 3), 2)), ncol = 2)
colnames(tab) <- c("Akaike weight", "Predicted(40)", "SE", "Lower CI",</pre>
    "Upper CI")
rownames(tab) <- c(as.character(ms3$family), "model averaged")</pre>
print(tab, digits = 3, na.print = "")
# Figure 4.3
```

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```
newdata <- list(dose = seq(min(Beetle$dose), max(Beetle$dose), length.out = 25))
# add model-averaged prediction with CI, using the same method as above
avpred <- predict(mavg3, newdata, se.fit = TRUE, type = "response")

avci <- matrix(logit.ci(avpred$fit, avpred$se.fit, quantile = 2), ncol = 2)

matplot(newdata$dose, sapply(mod3, predict, newdata, type = "response"),
    type = "1", xlab = quote(list("Dose of" ~ CS[2],(mg/L))),
    ylab = "Mortality", col = 2:4, lty = 3, lwd = 1
)

matplot(newdata$dose, cbind(avpred$fit, avci), type = "1", add = TRUE,
    lwd = 1, lty = c(1, 2, 2), col = 1)

legend("topleft", NULL, c(as.character(ms3$family), expression(averaged
    %+-% CI)), lty = c(3, 3, 3, 1), col = c(2:4, 1))</pre>
```

Cement

Cement hardening data

Description

Cement hardening data from Woods et al (1932).

Usage

Cement

Format

Cement is a data frame with 5 variables. x1-x4 are four predictor variables expressed as a percentage of weight.

- y calories of heat evolved per gram of cement after 180 days of hardening
- X1 calcium aluminate
- X2 tricalcium silicate
- X3 tetracalcium alumino ferrite
- X4 dicalcium silicate.

Source

Woods H., Steinour H.H., Starke H.R. (1932) Effect of composition of Portland cement on heat evolved during hardening. *Industrial & Engineering Chemistry* 24, 1207-1214.

References

Burnham, K. P. and Anderson, D. R (2002) *Model selection and multimodel inference: a practical information-theoretic approach*. 2nd ed. New York, Springer-Verlag.

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dredge	Automated model selection	

Description

Generate a set of models with combinations (subsets) of terms in the global model, with optional rules for model inclusion.

Usage

```
dredge(global.model, beta = c("none", "sd", "partial.sd"), evaluate = TRUE,
    rank = "AICc", fixed = NULL, m.lim = NULL, m.min, m.max, subset,
    trace = FALSE, varying, extra, ct.args = NULL, ...)
## S3 method for class model.selection
print(x, abbrev.names = TRUE, warnings = getOption("warn") != -1L, ...)
```

Arguments

٤	Suments	
	global.model	a fitted 'global' model object. See 'Details' for a list of supported types.
	beta	indicates whether and how the coefficients estimates should be standardized, and must be one of "none", "sd" or "partial.sd". You can specify just the initial letter. "none" corresponds to unstandardized coefficients, "sd" and "partial.sd" to coefficients standardized by SD and Partial SD, respectively. For backwards compatibility, logical value is also accepted, TRUE is equivalent to "sd" and FALSE to "none". See std.coef.
	evaluate	whether to evaluate and rank the models. If FALSE, a list of unevaluated calls is returned.
	rank	optional custom rank function (returning an information criterion) to be used instead AICc, e.g. AIC, QAIC or BIC. See 'Details'.
	fixed	optional, either a single sided formula or a character vector giving names of terms to be included in all models. See 'Subsetting'.
	m.lim, m.max, n	n.min
		optionally, the limits c(lower, upper) for number of terms in a single model (excluding the intercept). Any NA means no limits. See 'Subsetting'. Specifying limits as m.min and m.max is allowed for backward compatibility.
	subset	logical expression describing models to keep in the resulting set. See 'Subsetting'.
	trace	if TRUE or 1, all calls to the fitting function are printed before actual fitting takes place. If > 1, a progress bar is displayed.
	varying	optionally, a named list describing the additional arguments to vary between the generated models. Item names correspond to the arguments, and each item provides a list of choices (i.e. list(arg1 = list(choice1, choice2,),)). Complex elements in the choice list (such as family objects) should be either named (uniquely) or quoted (unevaluated, e.g. using alist, see quote), other-

wise it may produce rather visually unpleasant effects. See example in Beetle.

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extra optional additional statistics to include in the result, provided as functions, function names or a list of such (best if named or quoted). Similarly as in rank argument, each function must accept fitted model object as an argument and return (a value coercible to) a numeric vector. These can be e.g. additional information criterions or goodness-of-fit statistics. The character strings "R^2" and "adjR^2" are treated in a special way, and will add a likelihood-ratio based R^2 and modified- R^2 respectively to the result (this is more efficient than using r.squaredLR directly). a model. selection object, returned by dredge. Χ abbrev.names should printed term names be abbreviated? (useful with complex models). warnings if TRUE, errors and warnings issued during the model fitting are printed below the table (currently, only with pdredge). To permanently remove the warnings, set the object's attribute "warnings" to NULL. optional list of arguments to be passed to coefTable (e.g. dispersion paramct.args eter for glm affecting standard errors used in subsequent model averaging). optional arguments for the rank function. Any can be an expression (of mode

Details

Models are fitted through repeated evaluation of modified call extracted from the global.model (in a similar fashion as with update). This approach, while robust in that it can be applied to most model types is not the most efficient and may be computationally-intensive.

"call"), in which case any x within it will be substituted with a current model.

Note that the number of combinations grows exponentially with number of predictors $(2^N$, less when interactions are present, see below).

The fitted model objects are not stored in the result. To get (a subset of) models, use get.models on the object returned by dredge.

For a list of model types that can be used as a global.model see list of supported models. Modelling functions not storing call in their result should be evaluated *via* the wrapper function created by updateable.

Information criterion: rank is found by a call to match. fun and may be specified as a function or a symbol or a character string specifying a function to be searched for from the environment of the call to dredge. The function rank must accept model object as its first argument and always return a scalar.

Interactions: By default, marginality constraints are respected, so "all possible combinations" include only those containing interactions with their respective main effects and all lower order terms. However, if global.model makes an exception to this principle (e.g. due to a nested design such as a / (b + d)), this will be reflected in the subset models.

Subsetting: There are three ways to constrain the resulting set of models: setting limits to the number of terms in a model with m.max and m.min, binding term(s) to all models with fixed, and more complex rules can be applied using argument subset. To be included in the selection table, the model formulation must satisfy all these conditions.

subset can take either a form of an *expression* or a *matrix*. The latter should be a lower triangular matrix with logical values, where columns and rows correspond to global.model terms. Value subset["a", "b"] == FALSE will exclude any model containing both terms a and b. demo(dredge.subset) has examples of using the subset matrix in conjunction with correlation matrices to exclude models containing collinear predictors.

In the form of expression, the argument subset acts in a similar fashion to that in the function subset for data.frames: model terms can be referred to by name as variables in the expression, with the difference being that are interpreted as logical values (i.e. equal to TRUE if the term exists in the model).

There is also .(x) and .(+x) notation indicating, respectively, any and all interactions including a *term* x. It is only useful with marginality exceptions.

The expression can contain any of the global.model terms (getAllTerms(global.model) lists them), as well as names of the varying argument items. Names of global.model terms take precedence when identical to names of varying, so to avoid ambiguity varying variables in subset expression should be enclosed in V() (e.g. subset = V(family) = "Gamma" assuming that varying is something like list(family = c(..., "Gamma"))).

If item names in varying are missing, the items themselves are coerced to names. Call and symbol elements are represented as character values (via deparse), and everything except numeric, logical, character and NULL values is replaced by item numbers (e.g. varying = list(family = list(..., Gamma) should be referred to as subset = V(family) == 2. This can quickly become confusing, therefore it is recommended to use named lists. demo(dredge.varying) provides examples.

The subset expression can also contain variable `*nvar*` (backtick-quoted), equal to number of terms in the model (**not** the number of estimated parameters).

To make inclusion of a model term conditional on presence of another model term, the function dc ("dependency chain") can be used in the subset expression. dc takes any number of term names as arguments, and allows a term to be included only if all preceding ones are also present (e.g. subset = dc(a, b, c) allows for models a, a+b and a+b+c but not b, c, b+c or a+c).

subset expression can have a form of an unevaluated call, expression object, or a one sided formula. See 'Examples'.

Compound model terms (such as interactions, 'as-is' expressions within I() or smooths in gam) should be enclosed within curly brackets (e.g. $\{s(x,k=2)\}$), or backticks (like non-syntactic names, e.g. `s(x, k=2)`). Backticks-quoted names must match exactly (including whitespace) the term names as given by getAllTerms.

subset *expression syntax summary:*

a & b indicates that model terms a and b must be present (see Logical Operators)

 $\{\log(x,2)\}\$ or $\log(x,2)$ represent a complex model term $\log(x,2)$

V(x) represents a varying variable x

- (x) indicates that at least one term containing the term x must be present
- . (+x) indicates that all the terms containing the term x must be present
- dc(a, b, c,...) 'dependency chain': b is allowed only if a is present, and c only if both a and b are present, etc.

'*nvar*' number of terms.

To simply keep certain terms in all models, use of argument fixed is much more efficient. The fixed formula is interpreted in the same manner as model formula and so the terms need not to be quoted.

Missing values: Use of na.action = "na.omit" (R's default) or "na.exclude" in global.model must be avoided, as it results with sub-models fitted to different data sets, if there are missing values. Error is thrown if it is detected.

It is a common mistake to give na.action as an argument in the call to dredge (typically resulting in an error from the rank function to which the argument is passed through '...'), while the correct way is either to pass na.action in the call to the global model or to set it as a global option.

Methods: There are subset and plot methods, the latter creates a graphical representation of model weights and variable relative importance. Coefficients can be extracted with coef or coefTable.

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Value

An object of class c("model.selection", "data.frame"), being a data.frame, where each row represents one model. See model.selection.object for its structure.

Note

Users should keep in mind the hazards that a "thoughtless approach" of evaluating all possible models poses. Although this procedure is in certain cases useful and justified, it may result in selecting a spurious "best" model, due to the model selection bias.

"Let the computer find out" is a poor strategy and usually reflects the fact that the researcher did not bother to think clearly about the problem of interest and its scientific setting (Burnham and Anderson, 2002).

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See Also

```
pdredge is a parallelized version of this function (uses a cluster). get.models, model.avg. model.sel for manual model selection tables.
```

Possible alternatives: glmulti in package glmulti and bestglm (bestglm). regsubsets in package leaps also performs all-subsets regression.

Lasso variable selection provided by various packages, e.g. glmnet, lars or glmmLasso.

```
# Example from Burnham and Anderson (2002), page 100:
# prevent fitting sub-models to different datasets
options(na.action = "na.fail")
fm1 <- lm(y \sim ., data = Cement)
dd <- dredge(fm1)</pre>
subset(dd, delta < 4)</pre>
# Visualize the model selection table:
par(mar = c(3,5,6,4))
plot(dd, labAsExpr = TRUE)
\# Model average models with delta AICc < 4
model.avg(dd, subset = delta < 4)</pre>
#or as a 95% confidence set:
model.avg(dd, subset = cumsum(weight) <= .95) # get averaged coefficients</pre>
#Best model
summary(get.models(dd, 1)[[1]])
## Not run:
# Examples of using subset:
```

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```
# keep only models containing X3
dredge(fm1, subset = ~ X3) # subset as a formula
dredge(fm1, subset = expression(X3)) # subset as expression object
# the same, but more effective:
dredge(fm1, fixed = "X3")
# exclude models containing both X1 and X2 at the same time
dredge(fm1, subset = !(X1 && X2))
# Fit only models containing either X3 or X4 (but not both);
# include X3 only if X2 is present, and X2 only if X1 is present.
dredge(fm1, subset = dc(X1, X2, X3) \&\& xor(X3, X4))
# the same as above, without "dc"
dredge(fm1, subset = (X1 | !X2) && (X2 | !X3) && xor(X3, X4))
# Include only models with up to 2 terms (and intercept)
dredge(fm1, m.lim = c(0, 2))
## End(Not run)
# Add R^2 and F-statistics, use the extra argument
dredge(fm1, m.lim = c(NA, 1), extra = c("R^2", F = function(x))
    summary(x)$fstatistic[[1]]))
# with summary statistics:
dredge(fm1, m.lim = c(NA, 1), extra = list(
    "R^2", "*" = function(x) {
        s <- summary(x)</pre>
        c(Rsq = s$r.squared, adjRsq = s$adj.r.squared,
            F = s$fstatistic[[1]])
    })
)
# Add other information criterions (but rank with AICc):
dredge(fm1, m.lim = c(NA, 1), extra = alist(AIC, BIC, ICOMP, Cp))
```

exprApply

Apply a function to calls inside an expression

Description

Apply function FUN to each occurrence of a call to what() (or a symbol what) in an unevaluated expression. It can be used for advanced manipulation of expressions. Intended primarily for internal use.

Usage

```
exprApply(expr, what, FUN = identity, ..., symbols = FALSE)
```

Arguments

expr

an unevaluated expression.

what

character string giving the name of a function. Each call to what inside expr will be passed to FUN. what can be also a character representation of an operator or parenthesis (including curly and square brackets) as these are primitive functions in R.

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```
FUN a function to be applied. Defaults to identity, which does nothing.

symbols logical value controlling whether FUN should be applied to symbols as well as calls.

optional arguments to FUN.
```

Value

A (modified) expression.

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See Also

Expression-related functions: substitute, expression, quote and bquote. Functions useful inside FUN: as.name, as.call, call, match.call etc.

```
### simple usage:
# print all Y(...) terms in a formula (note that symbol "Y" is omitted):
exprApply(^{\sim} X(1) + Y(2 + Y(4)) + N(Y + Y(3)), "Y", print)
# replace X() with log(X, base = n)
 exprApply(expression(A() + B() + C()), \ c("A", "B", "C"), \ function(expr, \ base) \ \{ \\
    expr[[2]] <- expr[[1]]
    expr[[1]] <- as.name("log")
    expr$base <- base
    expr
}, base = 10)
# TASK: fit lm with two poly terms, varying the degree from 1 to 3 in each.
\# lm(y \sim poly(X1, degree = a) + poly(X2, degree = b), data = Cement)
# for a = \{1,2,3\} and b = \{1,2,3\}
\mbox{\tt\#} First we create a wrapper function for lm. Within it, use "exprApply" to add
\# "degree" argument to all occurences of "poly()" having "X1" or "X2" as the
# first argument. Values for "degree" are taken from arguments "d1" and "d2"
lmpolywrap <- function(formula, d1 = NA, d2 = NA, ...) {</pre>
    cl <- origCall <- match.call()</pre>
    cl[[1]] <- as.name("lm")</pre>
    cl$formula <- exprApply(formula, "poly", function(e, degree, x) {</pre>
        i \leftarrow which(e[[2]] == x)[1]
        if(!is.na(i) && !is.na(degree[i])) e$degree <- degree[i]</pre>
    , degree = c(d1, d2), x = c("X1", "X2"))
    cl$d1 <- cl$d2 <- NULL
    fit <- eval(cl, parent.frame())</pre>
    fit$call <- origCall # replace the stored call</pre>
    fit
}
```

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```
# global model:
fm <- lmpolywrap(y ~ poly(X1) + poly(X2), data = Cement)</pre>
# Use "dredge" with argument "varying" to generate calls of all combinations of
\# degrees for poly(X1) and poly(X2). Use "fixed = TRUE" to keep all global model
# terms in all models.
# Since "dredge" expects that global model has all the coefficients the
# submodels can have, which is not the case here, we first generate model calls,
# evaluate them and feed to "model.sel"
modCalls <- dredge(fm,</pre>
    varying = list(d1 = 1:3, d2 = 1:3),
    fixed = TRUE,
    evaluate = FALSE
)
model.sel(models <- lapply(modCalls, eval))</pre>
# Note: to fit *all* submodels replace "fixed = TRUE" with:
# "subset = (d1==1 || {poly(X1)}) && (d2==1 || {poly(X2)})"
# This is to avoid fitting 3 identical models when the matching "poly()" term is
# absent.
```

Formula manipulation Manipulate model formulas

Description

simplify.formula rewrites a formula using shorthand notation. Currently only the factor crossing operator * is applied, so that expanded expression such as a+b+a:b becomes a*b. expand.formula does the opposite, additionally expanding other expressions, i.e. all nesting (/), grouping and ^.

Usage

```
simplify.formula(x)
expand.formula(x)
```

Arguments

х

a formula or an object from which it can be extracted (such as a fitted model object).

Author(s)

Kamil Bartoń

See Also

```
formula
```

```
delete.response, drop.terms, and reformulate
```

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Examples

```
simplify.formula(y \sim a + b + a:b + (c + b)^2)
simplify.formula(y \sim a + b + a:b + 0)
expand.formula(\sim a \times b)
```

get.models

Retrieve models from selection table

Description

Generate or extract a list of fitted model objects from a "model.selection" table, optionally using parallel computation in a cluster.

Usage

```
get.models(object, subset, cluster = NA, ...)
```

Arguments

object returned by dredge.

subset subset of models, an expression evaluated within the model selection table (see

'Details').

cluster optionally, a "cluster" object. If it is a valid cluster, models are evaluated

using parallel computation.

... additional arguments to update the models. For example, in 1me one may want

to use method = "REML" while using "ML" for model selection.

Details

The argument subset must be explicitely provided. This is to assure that a potentially long list of models is not fitted unintentionally. To evaluate all models, set subset to NA or TRUE.

If subset is a character vector, it is interpreted as names of rows to be selected.

Value

list of fitted model objects.

Note

pget.models is still available, but is deprecated.

Author(s)

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See Also

```
dredge and pdredge, model.avg
makeCluster in packages parrallel and snow
```

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Description

First-year college Grade Point Average (GPA) from Graybill and Iyer (1994).

Usage

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Format

GPA is a data frame with 5 variables. y is the first-year college Grade Point Average (GPA) and x1-x4 are four predictor variables from standardized tests (SAT) administered before matriculation.

- y GPA
- **x1** math score on the SAT
- x2 verbal score on the SAT
- x3 high school math
- x4 high school English

Source

Graybill, F.A. and Iyer, H.K. (1994). *Regression analysis: concepts and applications*. Duxbury Press, Belmont, CA.

References

Burnham, K. P. and Anderson, D. R (2002) *Model selection and multimodel inference: a practical information-theoretic approach*. 2nd ed. New York, Springer-Verlag.

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importance

Relative variable importance

Description

Sum of 'Akaike weights' over all models including the explanatory variable.

Usage

```
importance(x)
```

Arguments

Χ

either a list of fitted model objects, or a "model.selection" or "averaging" object.

Value

a numeric vector of so called relative importance values, named as the predictor variables.

Author(s)

Kamil Bartoń

See Also

```
Weights
dredge, model.avg, model.sel
```

```
# Generate some models
fm1 <- lm(y \sim ., data = Cement, na.action = na.fail)
ms1 <- dredge(fm1)</pre>
# Importance can be calculated/extracted from various objects:
importance(ms1)
## Not run:
importance(subset(model.sel(ms1), delta <= 4))</pre>
importance(model.avg(ms1, subset = delta <= 4))</pre>
importance(subset(ms1, delta <= 4))</pre>
importance(get.models(ms1, delta <= 4))</pre>
## End(Not run)
# Re-evaluate the importances according to BIC
# note that re-ranking involves fitting the models again
# nobs is not used here for backwards compatibility
lognobs <- log(length(resid(fm1)))</pre>
importance(subset(model.sel(ms1, rank = AIC, rank.args = list(k = lognobs)),
```

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```
cumsum(weight) <= .95))
# This gives a different result than previous command, because subset is
# applied to the original selection table that is ranked with AICc
importance(model.avg(ms1, rank = AIC, rank.args = list(k = lognobs),
    subset = cumsum(weight) <= .95))</pre>
```

Information criteria Various information criteria

Description

Calculate Mallows' Cp and Bozdogan's ICOMP and CAIFC information criteria.

Extract or calculate Deviance Information Criterion from MCMCglmm and merMod object.

Usage

```
Cp(object, ..., dispersion = NULL)
ICOMP(object, ..., REML = NULL)
CAICF(object, ..., REML = NULL)
DIC(object, ...)
```

Arguments

a fitted model object (in case of ICOMP and CAICF, logLik and vcov methods must exist for the object). For DIC, an object of class "MCMCglmm" or "merMod".

optionally more fitted model objects.

dispersion the dispersion parameter. If NULL, it is inferred from object.

REML optional logical value, passed to the logLik method indicating whether the restricted log-likelihood or log-likelihood should be used. The default is to use the method used for model estimation.

Details

Mallows' Cp statistic is the residual deviance plus twice the estimate of σ^2 times the residual degrees of freedom. It is closely related to AIC (and a multiple of it if the dispersion is known).

ICOMP (I for informational and COMP for complexity) penalizes the covariance complexity of the model, rather than the number of parameters directly.

CAICF (C is for 'consistent' and F denotes the use of the Fisher information matrix) includes with penalty the natural logarithm of the determinant of the estimated Fisher information matrix.

Value

If just one object is provided, the functions return a numeric value with the corresponding IC; otherwise a data. frame with rows corresponding to the objects is returned.

References

Mallows, C. L. (1973) Some comments on Cp. Technometrics 15: 661-675.

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Spiegelhalter, D.J., Best, N.G., Carlin, B.R., van der Linde, A. (2002) Bayesian measures of model complexity and fit. *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society Series B-Statistical Methodology* 64: 583–616.

See Also

AIC and BIC in **stats**, AICc. QIC for GEE model selection. extractDIC in package **arm**, on which the (non-visible) method extractDIC.merMod used by DIC is based.

```
merge.model.selection Combine model selection tables
```

Description

Combine two model selection tables.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class model.selection
merge(x, y, suffixes = c(".x", ".y"), ...)
```

Arguments

```
x, y model.selection objects to be combined.
suffixes a character vector with two elements that are appended respectively to row names of the combined tables.
ignored.
```

Value

A model.selection object containing models from both model selection tables.

Note

Both Δ_{IC} values and Akaike weights are recalculated in the resulting tables.

Models in the combined model selection tables must be comparable, i.e. fitted to the same data, however only very basic checking is done to verify that. The models must also be ranked by the same information criterion.

Unlike the merge method for data. frame, this method appends second table to the first (similarly to rbind).

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Author(s)

Kamil Bartoń

See Also

```
dredge, model.sel, merge, rbind.
```

Examples

Model utilities

Model utility functions

Description

These functions extract or calculate various values from provided fitted model objects(s). They are mainly meant for internal use.

coeffs extracts model coefficients;

getAllTerms extracts independent variable names from a model object;

coefTable extracts a table of coefficients, standard errors and associated degrees of freedom when possible;

get.response extracts response variable from fitted model object;

model.names generates shorthand (alpha)numeric names for one or several fitted models.

Usage

```
coeffs(model)
getAllTerms(x, ...)
## S3 method for class terms
getAllTerms(x, offset = TRUE, intercept = FALSE, ...)

coefTable(model, ...)
## S3 method for class averaging
coefTable(model, full = FALSE, adjust.se = TRUE, ...)
## S3 method for class lme
coefTable(model, adjustSigma, ...)
## S3 method for class gee
coefTable(model, ..., type = c("naive", "robust"))
```

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```
get.response(x, ...)
model.names(object, ..., labels = NULL, use.letters = FALSE)
```

Arguments

model a fitted model object.

object a fitted model object or a list of such objects.

x a fitted model object or a formula.
offset should 'offset' terms be included?

intercept should terms names include the intercept?

full, adjust.se

logical, apply to "averaging" objects. If full is TRUE, the full model averaged coefficients are returned, and subset-averaged ones otherwise. If adjust.se is

TRUE, inflated standard errors are returned. See 'Details' in par. avg.

adjustSigma See summary.lme.

type for GEE models, the type of covariance estimator to calculate returned standard

errors on. Either "naive" or "robust" ('sandwich').

labels optionally, a character vector with names of all the terms, e.g. from a global

model. model.names enumerates the model terms in order of their appearance in the list and in the models. Therefore changing the order of the models leads

to different names. Providing labels prevents that.

for model.names, more fitted model objects. For coefTable arguments that are

passed to appropriate vcov or summary method (e.g. dispersion parameter for

glm may be used here). In other functions often not used.

use.letters logical, whether letters should be used instead of numeric codes.

Details

The functions coeffs, getAllTerms and coefTable provide interface between the model object and model.avg (and dredge). Custom methods can be written to provide support for additional classes of models.

Note

coeffs's value is in most cases identical to that returned by coef, the only difference being it returns fixed effects' coefficients for mixed models, and the value is always a named numeric vector.

Use of tTable is deprecated in favour of coefTable.

Author(s)

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Description

Model averaging based on an information criterion.

Usage

```
model.avg(object, ..., revised.var = TRUE)

## Default S3 method:
model.avg(object, ..., beta = c("none", "sd", "partial.sd"),
    rank = NULL, rank.args = NULL, revised.var = TRUE,
    dispersion = NULL, ct.args = NULL)

## S3 method for class model.selection
model.avg(object, subset, fit = FALSE, ..., revised.var = TRUE)
```

Arguments

object	a fitted model object or a list of such objects, or a "model.selection" object. See 'Details'.
•••	for default method, more fitted model objects. Otherwise, arguments that are passed to the default method.
beta	indicates whether and how the component models' coefficients should be standardized. See the argument's description in dredge.
rank	optionally, a rank function (returning an information criterion) to use instead of AICc, e.g. BIC or QAIC, may be omitted if object is a model list returned by get.models or a "model.selection" object. See 'Details'.
rank.args	optional list of arguments for the rank function. If one is an expression, an x within it is substituted with a current model.
revised.var	logical, indicating whether to use revised formula for standard errors. See par.avg.
dispersion	the dispersion parameter for the family used. See summary.glm. This is used currently only with glm, is silently ignored otherwise.
ct.args	optional list of arguments to be passed to coefTable (besides dispersion).
subset	see subset method for "model.selection" object.
fit	if TRUE, the component models are fitted using get.models. See 'Details'.

Details

model.avg may be used either with a list of models, or directly with a model.selection object (e.g. returned by dredge). In the latter case, the models from the model selection table are not evaluated unless the argument fit is set to TRUE or some additional arguments are present (such as rank or dispersion). This results in much faster calculation, but has certain drawbacks, because

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the fitted component model objects are not stored, and some methods (e.g. predict, fitted, model.matrix or vcov) would not be available with the returned object. Otherwise, get.models is called prior to averaging, and ... are passed to it.

For a list of model types that are accepted see list of supported models.

rank is found by a call to match. fun and typically is specified as a function or a symbol or a character string specifying a function to be searched for from the environment of the call to lapply. rank must be a function able to accept model as a first argument and must always return a numeric scalar.

Several standard methods for fitted model objects exist for class averaging, including summary, predict, coef, confint, formula, and vcov.

coef, vcov, confint and coefTable accept argument full that if set to TRUE, the full model-averaged coefficients are returned, rather than subset-averaged ones (when full = FALSE, being the default).

logLik returns a list of logLik objects for the component models.

Value

An object of class "averaging" is a list with components:

msTable a data.frame with log-likelihood, IC, Δ_{IC} and 'Akaike weights' for the com-

ponent models. Its attribute "term.codes" is a named vector with numerical

representation of the terms in the row names of msTable.

coefficients a matrix of model-averaged coefficients. "full" coefficients in first row, "sub-

set" coefficients in second row. See 'Note'

coefArray a 3-dimensional array of component models' coefficients, their standard errors

and degrees of freedom.

importance object of class importance containing relative importance values of each term

(including interactions), calculated as a sum of the Akaike weights over all of the

models in which the term appears.

formula a formula corresponding to the one that would be used in a single model. The

formula contains only the averaged (fixed) coefficients.

call the matched call.

The object has following attributes:

rank the rank function used.

modelList optionally, a list of all component model objects. Only if the object was created

with model objects (and not model selection table).

beta Corresponds to the function argument.

nobs number of observations.

revised.var Corresponds to the function argument.

Note

The 'subset' (or 'conditional') average only averages over the models where the parameter appears. An alternative, the 'full' average assumes that a variable is included in every model, but in some models the corresponding coefficient (and its respective variance) is set to zero. Unlike the 'subset average', it does not have a tendency of biasing the value away from zero. The 'full' average is a type of shrinkage estimator and for variables with a weak relationship to the response they are smaller than 'subset' estimators.

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Averaging models with different contrasts for the same factor would yield nonsense results, currently no checking for contrast consistency is done.

print method provides a concise output (similarly as for lm). To print more details use summary function, and confint to get confidence intervals.

Author(s)

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References

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Lukacs, P. M., Burnham K. P. and Anderson, D. R. (2009) *Model selection bias and Freedman's paradox*. Annals of the Institute of Statistical Mathematics 62(1): 117–125.

See Also

See par. avg for more details of model averaged parameter calculation.

```
dredge, get.models
```

AICc has examples of averaging models fitted by REML.

modavg in package **AICcmodavg**, and coef.glmulti in package **glmulti** also perform model averaging.

```
# Example from Burnham and Anderson (2002), page 100:
fm1 \leftarrow lm(y \sim ., data = Cement, na.action = na.fail)
(ms1 <- dredge(fm1))</pre>
#models with delta.aicc < 4
summary(model.avg(ms1, subset = delta < 4))</pre>
#or as a 95% confidence set:
avgmod.95p <- model.avg(ms1, cumsum(weight) <= .95)</pre>
confint(avgmod.95p)
## Not run:
# The same result, but re-fitting the models via get.models
confset.95p <- get.models(ms1, cumsum(weight) <= .95)</pre>
model.avg(confset.95p)
# Force re-fitting the component models
model.avg(ms1, cumsum(weight) <= .95, fit = TRUE)</pre>
# Models are also fitted if additional arguments are given
model.avg(ms1, cumsum(weight) <= .95, rank = "AIC")</pre>
## End(Not run)
## Not run:
# using BIC (Schwarzs Bayesian criterion) to rank the models
BIC <- function(x) AIC(x, k = log(length(residuals(x))))
model.avg(confset.95p, rank = BIC)
```

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```
# the same result, using AIC directly, with argument k
# x in a quoted rank argument is substituted with a model object
# (in this case it does not make much sense as the number of observations is
# common to all models)
model.avg(confset.95p, rank = AIC, rank.args = alist(k = log(length(residuals(x)))))
## End(Not run)
```

model.sel

model selection table

Description

Build a model selection table.

Usage

```
model.sel(object, ...)
## Default S3 method:
model.sel(object, ..., rank = NULL, rank.args = NULL,
    beta = c("none", "sd", "partial.sd"), extra)
## S3 method for class model.selection
model.sel(object, rank = NULL, rank.args = NULL, fit = NA,
    ..., beta = c("none", "sd", "partial.sd"), extra)
```

Arguments

object	a fitted model object, a list of such objects, or a "model.selection" object.
	more fitted model objects.
rank	optional, custom rank function (returning an information criterion) to use instead of the default AICc, e.g. QAIC or BIC, may be omitted if object is a model list returned by get.models.
rank.args	optional list of arguments for the rank function. If one is an expression, an x within it is substituted with a current model.
fit	logical, stating whether the model objects should be re-fitted if they are not stored in the "model.selection" object. Set to NA to re-fit the models only if this is needed. See 'Details'.
beta	indicates whether and how the component models' coefficients should be standardized. See the argument's description in dredge.
extra	optional additional statistics to include in the result, provided as functions, function names or a list of such (best if named or quoted). See dredge for details.

Details

model.sel used with "model.selection" object will re-fit model objects, unless they are stored in object (in attribute "modelList"), if argument extra is provided, or the requested beta is different than object's "beta" attribute, or the new rank function cannot be applied directly to logLik objects, or new rank.args are given (unless argument fit = FALSE).

Value

An object of class c("model.selection", "data.frame"), being a data.frame, where each row represents one model and columns contain useful information about each model: the coefficients, df, log-likelihood, the value of the information criterion used, Δ_{IC} and 'Akaike weight'. If any arguments differ between the modelling function calls, the result will include additional columns showing them (except for formulas and some other arguments).

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See model.selection.object for its structure.

Author(s)

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See Also

dredge, AICc, list of supported models.

Possible alternatives: ICtab (in package bbmle), or aictab (AICcmodavg).

Examples

```
Cement$X1 <- cut(Cement$X1, 3)
Cement$X2 <- cut(Cement$X2, 2)

fm1 <- glm(formula = y ~ X1 + X2 * X3, data = Cement)
fm2 <- update(fm1, . ~ . - X1 - X2)
fm3 <- update(fm1, . ~ . - X2 - X3)

## ranked with AICc by default
(msAICc <- model.sel(fm1, fm2, fm3))

## ranked with BIC
model.sel(fm1, fm2, fm3, rank = AIC, rank.args = alist(k = log(nobs(x))))
# or
# model.sel(msAICc, rank = AIC, rank.args = alist(k = log(nobs(x))))
# or
# update(msAICc, rank = AIC, rank.args = alist(k = log(nobs(x))))</pre>
```

```
model.selection.object
```

Description of Model Selection Objects

Description

An object of class "model.selection" holds a table of model coefficients and ranking statistics. It is a produced by dredge or model.sel.

Value

The object is a data. frame with additional attributes. Each row represents one model. The models are ordered by the information criterion value specified by rank (lowest on top).

Data frame columns:

model terms For numeric covariates these columns hold coeficent value, for factors their pres-

ence in the model. If the term is not present in a model, value is NA.

'varying' arguments

optional. If any arguments differ between the modelling function calls (except for formulas and some other arguments), these will be held in additional

columns (of class "factor").

"df" Number of model parameters

"logLik" Log-likelihood (or quasi-likelihood for GEE)

rank Information criterion value

"delta" Δ_{IC}

"weight" 'Akaike weights'.

Attributes:

model.calls A list containing model calls (arranged in the same order as in the table). A

model call can be retrieved with getCall(*, i) where i is a vector of model

index or name (if given as character string).

global .call The global.model object global.call Call to the global.model

terms A character string holding all term names. Attribute "interceptLabel" gives

the name of intercept term.

rank The rank function used

beta A character string, representing the coefficient standardizing method used. Ei-

ther "none", "sd" or "partial.sd"

coefTables List of matrices of class "coefTable" containing each model's coefficents with

std. errors and associated dfs

nobs Number of observations

warnings optional (pdredge only). A list of errors and warnings issued by the modelling

function during the fitting, with model number appended to each.

Most attributes does not need (and should not) be accessed directly, use of extractor functions is preferred. These functions include getCall for retrieving model calls, coefTable and coef for coefficiens, and nobs. logLik extracts list of model log-likelihoods (as "logLik" objects), and Weights extracts 'Akaike weights'.

The object has class c("model.selection", "data.frame").

See Also

```
dredge, model.sel.
```

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MuMIn-models

List of supported models

Description

List of model classes accepted by model.avg, model.sel, and dredge.

Details

Fitted model objects that can be used with model selection and model averaging functions include those produced by:

```
• lm, glm (package stats);
• rlm, glm.nb and polr (MASS);
• multinom (nnet);
• lme, gls (nlme);
• lmer, glmer (lme4);
• cpglm, cpglmm (cplm);
• gam, gamm* (mgcv);
• gamm4* (gamm4);
• glmmML (glmmML);
• glmmadmb (glmmADMB from R-Forge);
• asreml (non-free commercial package asreml; allows only for REML comparisons);
• hurdle, zeroinfl (pscl);
• negbin, betabin (class "glimML"), package aod);
• aodml, aodql (aods3);
• betareg (betareg);
• brglm (brglm);
• *sarlm models, spautolm (spdep);
• spml* (if fitted by ML, splm);
• coxph, survreg (survival);
• coxme, lmekin (coxme);
• rq (quantreg);
• clm and clmm (ordinal);
• logistf (logistf);
crunch*, pgls (caper);
• maxlike (maxlike);
```

- functions from package **unmarked** (within the class "unmarkedFit");
- mark and related functions (class mark from package RMark). Currently dredge can only
 manipulate formula element of the argument model.parameters, keeping its other elements
 intact.

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Generalized Estimation Equation model implementations: geeglm from package geepack, gee from gee, geem from geeM, and yags from yags (from R-Forge) can be used with QIC as the selection criterion.

MCMCglmm* models (package MCMCglmm) with e.g. DIC as the rank function are accepted by model.sel and dredge.

Other classes are also likely to be supported, in particular if they inherit from one of the above classes. In general, the models averaged with model.avg may belong to different types (e.g. glm and gam), provided they use the same data and response, and if it is valid to do so. This applies also to constructing model selection tables with model.sel.

Note

* In order to use gamm, gamm4, spml (> 1.0.0), crunch or MCMCglmm with dredge, an updateable wrapper for these functions should be created.

See Also

```
model.avg, model.sel and dredge.
```

nested

Identify nested models

Description

Find models that are 'nested' within each model in the model selection table.

Usage

```
nested(x, indices = c("none", "numeric", "rownames"), rank = NULL)
```

Arguments

x a "model.selection" object (result of dredge or model.sel).

indices if omitted or "none" then the function checks if, for each model, there are any

higher ranked models nested within it. If "numeric" or "rownames", indices or

names of all nested models are returned. See "Value".

rank the name of the column with the ranking values (defaults to the one before

"delta"). Only used if indices is "none".

Details

In model comparison, a model is said to be "nested" within another model if it contains a subset of parameters of the latter model, but does not include other parameters (e.g. model 'A+B' is nested within 'A+B+C' but not 'A+C+D').

This function can be useful in a model selection approach suggested by Richards (2008), in which more complex variants of any model with a lower IC value are excluded from the candidate set.

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Value

A vector of length equal to the number of models (table rows).

If indices = "none" (the default), it is a vector of logical values where *i*-th element is TRUE if any model(s) higher up in the table are nested within it (i.e. if simpler models have lower IC pointed by rank).

For indices other than "none", the function returns a list of vectors of numeric indices or names of models nested within each *i*-th model.

Note

This function determines nesting based only on fixed model terms, within groups of models sharing the same 'varying' parameters (see dredge and example in Beetle).

Author(s)

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References

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See Also

```
dredge, model.sel
```

```
fm <- lm(y ~ X1 + X2 + X3 + X4, data = Cement, na.action = na.fail)
ms <- dredge(fm)

# filter out overly complex models according to the
# "nesting selection rule":
subset(ms, !nested(.)) # dot represents the ms table object

# print model "4" and all models nested within it
nst <- nested(ms, indices = "row")
ms[c("4", nst[["4"]])]

ms$nested <- sapply(nst, paste, collapse = ",")</pre>
```

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par.avg	Parameter averaging	

Description

Average a single model coefficient based on provided weights. It is mostly intended for internal use.

Usage

```
par.avg(x, se, weight, df = NULL, level = 1 - alpha, alpha = 0.05,
    revised.var = TRUE, adjusted = TRUE)
```

Arguments

x vector of parameters.se vector of standard errors.

weight vector of weights.

df optional vector of degrees of freedom.

alpha, level significance level for calculating confidence intervals.

revised.var logical, should the revised formula for standard errors be used? See 'Details'.

adjusted logical, should the inflated standard errors be calculated? See 'Details'.

Details

Unconditional standard errors are square root of the variance estimator, calculated either according to the original equation in Burnham and Anderson (2002, equation 4.7), or a newer, revised formula from Burnham and Anderson (2004, equation 4) (if revised.var = TRUE, this is the default). If adjusted = TRUE (the default) and degrees of freedom are given, the adjusted standard error estimator and confidence intervals with improved coverage are returned (see Burnham and Anderson 2002, section 4.3.3).

Value

par.avg returns a vector with named elements:

Coefficient model coefficients

SE unconditional standard error

Adjusted SE adjusted standard error

Lower CI, Upper CI

unconditional confidence intervals.

Author(s)

Kamil Bartoń

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References

Burnham, K. P. and Anderson, D. R. (2002) *Model selection and multimodel inference: a practical information-theoretic approach*. 2nd ed.

Burnham, K. P. and Anderson, D. R. (2004) *Multimodel inference - understanding AIC and BIC in model selection*. Sociological Methods & Research 33(2): 261-304.

See Also

model.avg for model averaging.

pdredge

Automated model selection using parallel computation

Description

Parallelized version of dredge.

Usage

```
pdredge(global.model, cluster = NA,
   beta = c("none", "sd", "partial.sd"), evaluate = TRUE, rank = "AICc",
   fixed = NULL, m.lim = NULL, m.min, m.max, subset, trace = FALSE,
   varying, extra, ct.args = NULL, check = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

```
global.model, beta, evaluate, rank
see dredge.

fixed, m.lim, m.max, m.min, subset, varying, extra, ct.args, ...
see dredge.

trace displays the generated calls, but may not work as expected since the models are
evaluated in batches rather than one by one.

cluster either a valid "cluster" object, or NA for a single threaded execution.
either integer or logical value controlling how much checking for existence and
correctness of dependencies is done on the cluster nodes. See 'Details'.
```

Details

All the dependencies for fitting the global.model, including the data and any objects the modelling function will use must be exported into the cluster worker nodes (e.g. *via* clusterExport). The required packages must be also loaded thereinto (e.g. *via* clusterEvalQ(..., library(package)), before the cluster is used by pdredge.

If check is TRUE or positive, pdredge tries to check whether all the variables and functions used in the call to global.model are present in the cluster nodes'. GlobalEnv before proceeding further. This causes false errors if some arguments of the model call (other than subset) would be evaluated in data environment. In that case using check = FALSE (the default) is desirable.

If check is TRUE or greater than one, pdredge will compare the global.model updated at the cluster nodes with the one given as argument.

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Value

See dredge.

Author(s)

Kamil Bartoń

See Also

makeCluster and other cluster related functions in packages parallel or snow.

```
# One of these packages is required:
## Not run: require(parallel) || require(snow)
# From example(Beetle)
Beetle100 <- Beetle[sample(nrow(Beetle), 100, replace = TRUE),]</pre>
fm1 \leftarrow glm(Prop \sim dose + I(dose^2) + log(dose) + I(log(dose)^2),
    data = Beetle100, family = binomial, na.action = na.fail)
msubset <- expression(xor(dose, log(dose)) & (dose | !I(dose^2))</pre>
    & (log(dose) | !I(log(dose)^2)))
varying.link <- list(family = alist(logit = binomial("logit"),</pre>
    probit = binomial("probit"), cloglog = binomial("cloglog") ))
# Set up the cluster
clusterType <- if(length(find.package("snow", quiet = TRUE))) "SOCK" else "PSOCK"</pre>
clust <- try(makeCluster(getOption("cl.cores", 2), type = clusterType))</pre>
clusterExport(clust, "Beetle100")
# noticeable gain only when data has about 3000 rows (Windows 2-core machine)
print(system.time(dredge(fm1, subset = msubset, varying = varying.link)))
print(system.time(pdredge(fm1, cluster = FALSE, subset = msubset,
    varying = varying.link)))
print(system.time(pdd <- pdredge(fm1, cluster = clust, subset = msubset,</pre>
    varying = varying.link)))
print(pdd)
## Not run:
# Time consuming example with unmarked model, based on example(pcount).
# Having enough patience you can run this with demo(pdredge.pcount).
library(unmarked)
data(mallard)
mallardUMF <- unmarkedFramePCount(mallard.y, siteCovs = mallard.site,</pre>
    obsCovs = mallard.obs)
(ufm.mallard <- pcount(~ ivel + date + I(date^2) ~ length + elev + forest,</pre>
    mallardUMF, K = 30))
clusterEvalQ(clust, library(unmarked))
```

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```
clusterExport(clust, "mallardUMF")
# stats4 is needed for AIC to work with unmarkedFit objects but is not
# loaded automatically with unmarked.
require(stats4)
invisible(clusterCall(clust, "library", "stats4", character.only = TRUE))
#system.time(print(pdd1 <- pdredge(ufm.mallard,</pre>
   subset = p(date) | !p(I(date^2)), rank = AIC)))
system.time(print(pdd2 <- pdredge(ufm.mallard, clust,</pre>
    subset = p(date) \mid !p(I(date^2)), rank = AIC, extra = "adjR^2"))
# best models and null model
subset(pdd2, delta < 2 | df == min(df))</pre>
# Compare with the model selection table from unmarked
# the statistics should be identical:
models \leftarrow get.models(pdd2, delta < 2 \mid df == min(df), cluster = clust)
modSel(fitList(fits = structure(models, names = model.names(models,
    labels = getAllTerms(ufm.mallard)))), nullmod = "(Null)")
## End(Not run)
stopCluster(clust)
```

plot.model.selection Visualize model selection table

Description

Produces a graphical representation of model weights and relative variable importance.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class model.selection
plot(x, ylab = NULL, xlab = NULL,
    labels = attr(x, "terms"), labAsExpr = FALSE,
    col = c("SlateGray", "SlateGray2"), col2 = "white", border = par("col"),
    par.lab = NULL, par.vlab = NULL,
    axes = TRUE, ann = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

```
x a "model.selection" object.

xlab, ylab labels for the x and y axis.

labels optional, a character vector or an expression containing model term labels (to appear on top side of the plot). Its length must be equal to number of model terms in the table. Defaults to model term names.
```

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a logical indicating whether the character labels should be interpreted (parsed) labAsExpr as R expressions. col, col2 vector of colors for columns (if more than one col is given, columns will be filled with alternating colors). If col2 is specified cells will be filled with gradient from col to col2. Set col2 to NA for no gradient. border border color for cells and axes. par.lab, par.vlab optional lists or parameters for term labels (top axis) and model names (right axis), respectively. logical values indicating whether the axis and annotation should appear on the axes, ann

further graphical parameters to be set for the plot (see par). . . .

Author(s)

Kamil Bartoń

See Also

```
plot.default, par
For examples, see 'MuMIn-package'
```

predict.averaging

Predict method for averaged models

Description

Model-averaged predictions, optionally with standard errors.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class averaging
predict(object, newdata = NULL, se.fit = FALSE,
    interval = NULL, type = NA, backtransform = FALSE, full = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

object	an object returned by model.avg.
newdata	optional data.frame in which to look for variables with which to predict. If omitted, the fitted values are used.
se.fit	logical, indicates if standard errors should be returned. This has any effect only if the predict methods for each of the component models support it.
interval	currently not used.
type	the type of predictions to return (see documentation for predict appropriate for the class of used component models). If omitted, the default type is used. See 'Details'.

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backtransform if TRUE, the averaged predictions are back-transformed from link scale to response scale. This makes sense provided that all component models use the same family, and the prediction from each of the component models is calculated on the link scale (as specified by type. For glm, use type = "link"). See 'Details'. full if TRUE, the full model averaged coefficients are used (only if se.fit = FALSE and the component objects are a result of 1m). arguments to be passed to respective predict method (e.g. level for lme

model).

Details

predicting is possible only with averaging objects with "modelList" attribute, i.e. those created via model.avg from a model list, or from model.selection object with argument fit = TRUE (which will recreate the model objects, see model.avg).

If all the component models are oridinary linear models, the prediction can be made either with the full averaged coefficients (the argument full = TRUE this is the default) or subset-averaged coefficients. Otherwise the prediction is obtained by calling predict on each component model and weighted averaging the results, which corresponds to the assumption that all predictors are present in all models, but those not estimated are equal zero (see 'Note' in model.avg). Predictions from component models with standard errors are passed to par. avg and averaged in the same way as the coefficients are.

Predictions on the response scale from generalized models can be calculated by averaging predictions of each model on the link scale, followed by inverse transformation (this is achieved with type = "link" and backtransform = TRUE). This is only possible if all component models use the same family and link function. Alternatively, predictions from each model on response scale may be averaged (with type = "response" and backtransform = FALSE). Note that this leads to results differing from those calculated with the former method. See also predict.glm.

Value

If se.fit = FALSE, a vector of predictions, otherwise a list with components: fit containing the predictions, and se.fit with the estimated standard errors.

Note

This method relies on availability of the predict methods for the component model classes (except when all component models are of class 1m).

The package MuMIn includes predict methods for lme, gls and lmer (lme4), all of which can calculate standard errors of the predictions (with se.fit = TRUE). The former two enhance the original predict methods from package **nlme**, and with se.fit = FALSE they return identical result. MuMIn's versions are always used in averaged model predictions (so it is possible to predict with standard errors), but from within global environment they will be found only if **MuMIn** is before **nlme** on the search list (or directly extracted from namespace as MuMIn:::predict.lme).

predict method for mer models currently can only calculate values on the outermost level (equivalent to level = 0 in predict.lme).

Author(s)

Kamil Bartoń

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See Also

```
model.avg, and par.avg for details of model-averaged parameter calculation. predict.lme, predict.gls
```

```
# Example from Burnham and Anderson (2002), page 100:
fm1 \leftarrow lm(y \sim X1 + X2 + X3 + X4, data = Cement)
ms1 <- dredge(fm1)</pre>
confset.95p <- get.models(ms1, subset = cumsum(weight) <= .95)</pre>
avgm <- model.avg(confset.95p)</pre>
nseq \leftarrow function(x, len = length(x)) seq(min(x, na.rm = TRUE),
    max(x, na.rm=TRUE), length = len)
# New predictors: X1 along the range of original data, other
# variables held constant at their means
newdata <- as.data.frame(lapply(lapply(Cement[, -1], mean), rep, 25))</pre>
newdata$X1 <- nseq(Cement$X1, nrow(newdata))</pre>
n <- length(confset.95p)</pre>
# Predictions from each of the models in a set, and with averaged coefficients
pred <- data.frame(</pre>
model = sapply(confset.95p, predict, newdata = newdata),
averaged.subset = predict(avgm, newdata, full = FALSE),
    averaged.full = predict(avgm, newdata, full = TRUE)
opal <- palette(c(topo.colors(n), "black", "red", "orange"))</pre>
matplot(newdata$X1, pred, type = "1",
lwd = c(rep(2,n),3,3), lty = 1,
    xlab = "X1", ylab = "y", col=1:7)
# For comparison, prediction obtained by averaging predictions of the component
# models
pred.se <- predict(avgm, newdata, se.fit = TRUE)</pre>
y <- pred.se$fit
ci <- pred.se$se.fit * 2</pre>
matplot(newdata$X1, cbind(y, y - ci, y + ci), add = TRUE, type="l",
lty = 2, col = n + 3, lwd = 3)
legend("topleft",
    legend=c(lapply(confset.95p, formula),
        paste(c("subset", "full"), "averaged"), "averaged predictions + CI"),
    lty = 1, lwd = c(rep(2,n),3,3,3), cex = .75, col=1:8)
palette(opal)
```

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QAIC	Quasi AIC or AICc

Description

Calculate a modification of Akaike's Information Criterion for overdispersed count data (or its version corrected for small sample, "quasi-AIC_c"), for one or several fitted model objects.

Usage

```
QAIC(object, ..., chat, k = 2, REML = NULL)
QAICc(object, ..., chat, k = 2, REML = NULL)
```

Arguments

object a fitted model object.

... optionally, more fitted model objects.

chat \hat{c} , the variance inflation factor.

k the 'penalty' per parameter.

REML optional logical value, passed to the logLik method indicating whether the re-

stricted log-likelihood or log-likelihood should be used. The default is to use the

method used for model estimation.

Value

If only one object is provided, returns a numeric value with the corresponding QAIC or $QAIC_c$; otherwise returns a data. frame with rows corresponding to the objects.

Note

 \hat{c} is the dispersion parameter estimated from the global model, and can be calculated by dividing model's deviance by the number of residual degrees of freedom.

In calculation of QAIC, the number of model parameters is increased by 1 to account for estimating the overdispersion parameter. Without overdispersion, $\hat{c}=1$ and QAIC is equal to AIC.

Note that glm does not compute maximum-likelihood estimates in models within the *quasi*- family. In case it is justified, and with a proper caution, a workaround could be used by 'borrowing' the aic element from the corresponding 'non-quasi' family (see 'Example').

Author(s)

Kamil Bartoń

See Also

AICc, quasi family used for models with over-dispersion

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Examples

```
options(na.action = "na.fail")
# Based on "example(predict.glm)", with one number changed to create
# overdispersion
budworm <- data.frame(</pre>
    ldose = rep(0:5, 2), sex = factor(rep(c("M", "F"), c(6, 6))),
    numdead = c(10, 4, 9, 12, 18, 20, 0, 2, 6, 10, 12, 16))
budworm$SF = cbind(numdead = budworm$numdead,
    numalive = 20 - budworm$numdead)
budworm.lg <- glm(SF ~ sex*ldose, data = budworm, family = binomial)</pre>
(chat <- deviance(budworm.lg) / df.residual(budworm.lg))</pre>
dredge(budworm.lg, rank = "QAIC", chat = chat)
dredge(budworm.lg, rank = "AIC")
## Not run:
# A hacked constructor for quasibinomial family object, that allows for
# ML estimation
x.quasibinomial <- function(...) {</pre>
    res <- quasibinomial(...)</pre>
    res$aic <- binomial(...)$aic</pre>
}
QAIC(update(budworm.lg, family = x.quasibinomial), chat = chat)
## End(Not run)
```

QIC

QIC and quasi-Likelihood for GEE

Description

Calculate quasi-likelihood under the independence model criterion (QIC) for Generalized Estimating Equations.

Usage

```
QIC(object, ..., typeR = FALSE)
QICu(object, ..., typeR = FALSE)
quasiLik(object, ...)
```

Arguments

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Value

If just one object is provided, returns a numeric value with the corresponding QIC; if more than one object are provided, returns a data. frame with rows corresponding to the objects and one column representing QIC or QIC_u .

Note

This implementation is based partly on (revised) code from packages yags (R-Forge) and ape.

Author(s)

Kamil Bartoń

References

Pan W. (2001) Akaike's Information Criterion in Generalized Estimating Equations. *Biometrics* 57: 120-125

Hardin J. W., Hilbe, J. M. (2003) Generalized Estimating Equations. Chapman & Hall/CRC

See Also

Methods exist for gee (package **gee**), geeglm (**geepack**), geem (**geeM**), and yags (**yags** on R-Forge). yags and compar. gee from package **ape** both provide QIC values.

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r.squaredGLMM

Pseudo-R-squared for Generalized Mixed-Effect models

Description

Calculate conditional and marginal coefficient of determination for Generalized mixed-effect models (R^2_{GLMM}) .

Usage

r.squaredGLMM(x)

Arguments

Х

a fitted linear model object.

Details

For mixed-effects models, R^2 can be categorized into two types. **Marginal** R^2_{GLMM} represents the variance explained by fixed factors, and is defined as:

Conditional R_{GLMM}^2 is interpreted as variance explained by both fixed and random factors (i.e. the entire model), and is calculated according to the equation:

$$R_{GLMM(c)}^{2} = \frac{\sigma_{f}^{2} + \sum_{l=1}^{u} \sigma_{l}^{2}}{\sigma_{f}^{2} + \sum_{l=1}^{u} \sigma_{l}^{2} + \sigma_{e}^{2} + \sigma_{d}^{2}}$$

where σ_f^2 is the variance of the fixed effect components, and $\sum \sigma_l^2$ is the sum of all u variance components (group, individual, etc.), σ_l^2 is the variance due to additive dispersion and σ_d^2 is the distribution-specific variance.

Value

r. squaredGLMM returns a numeric vector with two values for marginal and conditional R_{GLMM}^2 .

Note

 R^2_{GLMM} can be calculated also for fixed-effect models. In the simpliest case of OLS it reduces to var(fitted) / (var(fitted) + deviance / 2). Unlike likelihood-ratio based R^2 for OLS, value of this statistic differs from that of the classical R^2 .

Currently methods exist for classes: mer(Mod), lme, glmmML and (g)lm.

See note in r. squaredLR help page for comment on using R^2 in model selection.

Author(s)

This implementation is based on R code from 'Supporting Information' for Nakagawa & Schielzeth (2012), and its extension by Paul Johnson.

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References

Nakagawa, S, Schielzeth, H. (2013). A general and simple method for obtaining \mathbb{R}^2 from Generalized Linear Mixed-effects Models. *Methods in Ecology and Evolution* 4: 133–142

Johnson, P.C.D. (2014) Extension Nakagawa & Schielzeth's R^2_{GLMM} to random slopes models. Methods in Ecology and Evolution 5: 44-946.

See Also

```
summary.lm, r.squaredLR
```

Examples

```
data(Orthodont, package = "nlme")
fm1 <- lme(distance ~ Sex * age, ~ 1 | Subject, data = Orthodont)
r.squaredGLMM(fm1)
r.squaredLR(fm1)
r.squaredLR(fm1, null.RE = TRUE)</pre>
```

r.squaredLR

Likelihood-ratio based pseudo-R-squared

Description

Calculate a coefficient of determination based on the likelihood-ratio test (R_{LR}^2) .

Usage

```
r.squaredLR(x, null = NULL, null.RE = FALSE)
null.fit(x, evaluate = FALSE, RE.keep = FALSE, envir = NULL)
```

Arguments

X	a fitted model object.	
null	a fitted <i>null</i> model. If not provided, null.fit will be used to construct it. null.fit's capabilities are limited to only a few model classes, for others the <i>null</i> model has to be specified manually.	
null.RE	logical, should the null model contain random factors? Only used if no <i>null</i> model is given, otherwise omitted, with a warning.	
evaluate	if TRUE evaluate the fitted model object else return the call.	
RE.keep	if TRUE, the random effects of the original model are included.	
envir	the environment in which the <i>null</i> model is to be evaluated, defaults to the environment of the original model's formula.	

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Details

This statistic is is one of the several proposed pseudo- R^2 's for nonlinear regression models. It is based on an improvement from null (intercept only) model to the fitted model, and calculated as

$$R_{LR}^2 = 1 - \exp(-\frac{2}{n}(\log \mathcal{L}(x) - \log \mathcal{L}(0)))$$

where $\log \mathcal{L}(x)$ and $\log \mathcal{L}(0)$ are the log-likelihoods of the fitted and the *null* model respectively. ML estimates are used if models have been fitted by REstricted ML (by calling logLik with argument REML = FALSE). Note that the *null* model can include the random factors of the original model, in which case the statistic represents the 'variance explained' by fixed effects.

For OLS models the value is consistent with classical R^2 . In some cases (e.g. in logistic regression), the maximum R_{LR}^2 is less than one. The modification proposed by Nagelkerke (1991) adjusts the R_{LR}^2 to achieve 1 at its maximum: $\bar{R}^2 = R_{LR}^2/\max(R_{LR}^2)$ where $\max(R_{LR}^2) = 1 - \exp(\frac{2}{n}\log\mathcal{L}(0))$.

null.fit tries to guess the *null* model call, given the provided fitted model object. This would be usually a glm. The function will give an error for an unrecognized class.

Value

r.squaredLR returns a value of R_{LR}^2 , and the attribute "adj.r.squared" gives the Nagelkerke's modified statistic. Note that this is not the same as nor equivalent to the classical 'adjusted R squared'.

null.fit returns the fitted *null* model object (if evaluate = TRUE) or an unevaluated call to fit a *null* model.

Note

 R^2 is a useful goodness-of-fit measure as it has the interpretation of the proportion of the variance 'explained', but it performs poorly in model selection, and is not suitable for use in the same way as the information criterions.

References

Cox, D. R. and Snell, E. J. (1989) The analysis of binary data, 2nd ed. London, Chapman and Hall

Magee, L. (1990) \mathbb{R}^2 measures based on Wald and likelihood ratio joint significance tests. *Amer. Stat.* 44: 250-253

Nagelkerke, N. J. D. (1991) A note on a general definition of the coefficient of determination. *Biometrika* 78: 691-692

See Also

summary.lm, r.squaredGLMM

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std.coef

Standardized model coefficients

Description

Standardize model coefficients by Standard Deviation or Partial Standard Deviation.

Usage

```
std.coef(x, partial.sd, ...)
partial.sd(x)

# Deprecated:
beta.weights(model)
```

Arguments

x, model a fitted model object.
 partial.sd logical, if set to TRUE, model coefficients are multiplied by partial SD, otherwise they are multiplied by the ratio of the standard deviations of the independent variable and dependent variable.
 additional arguments passed to coefTable, e.g. dispersion.

Details

Standardizing model coefficients has the same effect as centering and scaling the input variables. "Classical" standardized coefficients are calculated as $\beta_i^* = \beta_i \frac{s_{X_i}}{s_y}$, where β is the unstandardized coefficient, s_{X_i} is the standard deviation of associated depenent variable X_i and s_y is SD of the response variable.

If the variables are intercorrelated, the standard deviation of X_i used in computing the standardized coefficients β_i^* should be replaced by a partial standard deviation of X_i which is adjusted for the multiple correlation of X_i with the other X variables included in the regression equation. The partial standard deviation is calculated as $s_{X_i}^* = s_{X_i} VIF(X_i)^{-0.5} (\frac{n-1}{n-p})^{0.5}$, where VIF is the variance inflation factor, n is the number of observations and p number of predictors in the model. Coefficient is then transformed as $\beta_i^* = \beta_i s_{X_i}^*$.

Value

A matrix with at least two columns for standardized coefficient estimate and its standard error. Optionally, third column holds degrees of freedom associated with the coefficients.

Author(s)

Kamil Bartoń. Variance inflation factors calculation is based on function vif from package **car** written by Henric Nilsson and John Fox.

References

```
Cade, B.S. (in press) Model averaging and muddled multimodel inference. Ecology. Online: http://dx.doi.org/10.1890/14-1639.1

Afifi A., May S., Clark V.A. (2011) Practical Multivariate Analysis, Fifth Edition. CRC Press.

Bring, J. (1994). How to standardize regression coefficients. The American Statistician 48, 209-213.
```

See Also

```
partial.sd can be used with stdize.

coef or coeffs and coefTable for unstandardized coefficients.
```

Examples

```
# Fit model to original data:
fm <- lm(y \sim x1 + x2 + x3 + x4, data = GPA)
# Partial SD for the default formula: y \sim x1 + x2 + x3 + x4
psd <- partial.sd(lm(data = GPA))[-1] # remove first element for intercept
# Standardize data:
zGPA <- stdize(GPA, scale = c(NA, psd), center = TRUE)</pre>
\mbox{\#}\mbox{Note:} first element of scale is set to NA to ignore the first column \mbox{y}
# Coefficients of a model fitted to standardized data:
zapsmall(coefTable(stdizeFit(fm, data = zGPA)))
# Standardized coefficients of a model fitted to original data:
zapsmall(std.coef(fm, partial = TRUE))
# Standardizing nonlinear models:
fam <- Gamma("inverse")</pre>
fmg \leftarrow glm(log(y) \sim x1 + x2 + x3 + x4, data = GPA, family = fam)
psdg <- partial.sd(fmg)</pre>
zGPA <- stdize(GPA, scale = c(NA, psdg[-1]), center = FALSE)</pre>
fmgz \leftarrow glm(log(y) \sim z.x1 + z.x2 + z.x3 + z.x4, zGPA, family = fam)
# Coefficients using standardized data:
coef(fmgz) # (intercept is unchanged because the variables havent been
           # centered)
# Standardized coefficients:
coef(fmg) * psdg
```

stdize

Standardize data

Description

```
stdize standardizes variables by centring and scaling.
stdizeFit modifies a model call or existing model to use standardized variables.
```

Usage

```
## Default S3 method:
stdize(x, center = TRUE, scale = TRUE, ...)
## S3 method for class logical
stdize(x, binary = c("center", "scale", "binary", "half", "omit").
    center = TRUE, scale = FALSE, ...)
## also for two-level factors
## S3 method for class data.frame
stdize(x, binary = c("center", "scale", "binary", "half", "omit"),
   center = TRUE, scale = TRUE, omit.cols = NULL, source = NULL,
   prefix = TRUE, append = FALSE, ...)
## S3 method for class formula
stdize(x, data = NULL, response = FALSE,
   binary = c("center", "scale", "binary", "half", "omit"),
   center = TRUE, scale = TRUE, omit.cols = NULL, prefix = TRUE,
   append = FALSE, ...)
stdizeFit(object, data, which = c("formula", "subset", "offset", "weights"),
    evaluate = TRUE, quote = NA)
```

Arguments

x a numeric or logical vector, factor, numeric matrix, data. frame or a formula.

center, scale either a logical value, or a logical or numeric vector of length equal to the num-

ber of columns of x (see 'Details'). scale can be also a function to use for

scaling.

binary specifies how binary variables (logical or two-level factors) are scaled. Default

is to "center" by subtracting the mean assuming levels are equal to 0 and 1; use "scale" to both centre and scale by SD, "binary" to centre to 0/1, "half" to centre to -0.5/0.5, and "omit" to leave binary variables unmodified. This argument has precedence over center and scale, unless it is set to NA (in which

case binary variables are treated like numeric variables).

source a reference data.frame, being a result of previous stdize, from which scale

and center values are taken. Column names are matched. This can be used for

scaling new data using statistics of another data.

omit.cols column names or numeric indices of columns that should be left unaltered.

prefix either a logical value specifying whether the names of transformed columns

should be prefixed, or a two-element character vector giving the prefixes. The

prefixes default to "z." for scaled and "c." for centred variables.

append logical, if TRUE, modified columns are appended to the original data frame.

response logical, stating whether the response be standardized. By default only variables

on the right-hand side of formula are standardized.

data an object coercible to data. frame, containing the variables in formula. Passed

to, and used by model.frame.

For stdizeFit, a stdized data.frame to use.

... for the formula method, additional arguments passed to model.frame. For

other methods it is silently ignored.

object a fitted model object or an expression being a call to the modelling function.

which a character string naming arguments which should be modified. This should be

all arguments which are evaluated in the data environment. Can be also TRUE to modify the expression as a whole. The data argument is additionally replaced

with that passed to stdizeFit.

evaluate if TRUE, the modified call is evaluated and the fitted model object is returned.

quote if TRUE, avoids evaluating object. Equivalent to stdizeFit(quote(expr), ...).

Defaults to NA in which case object being a call to non-primitive function is

quoted.

Details

stdize resembles scale, but uses special rules for factors, similarly to standardize in package arm.

stdize differs from standardize in that it is used on data rather than on the fitted model object. The scaled data should afterwards be passed to the modelling function, instead of the original data.

Unlike standardize, it applies special 'binary' scaling only to two-level factors and logical variables, rather than to any variable with two unique values.

Variables of only one unique value are unchanged.

By default, stdize scales by dividing by standard deviation rather than twice the SD as standardize does. Scaling by SD is used also on uncentred values, which is different from scale where root-mean-square is used.

If center or scale are logical scalars or vectors of length equal to the number of columns of x, the centring is done by subtracting the mean (if center corresponding to the column is TRUE), and scaling is done by dividing the (centred) value by standard deviation (if corresponding scale is TRUE). If center or scale are numeric vectors with length equal to the number of columns of x (or numeric scalars for vector methods), then these are used instead. Any NAs in the numeric vector result in no centering or scaling on the corresponding column.

Note that scale = 0 is equivalent to no scaling (i.e. scale = 1).

Binary variables, logical or factors with two levels, are converted to numeric variables and transformed according to the argument binary, unless center or scale are explicitly given.

Value

stdize returns a vector or object of the same dimensions as x, where the values are centred and/or scaled. Transformation is carried out column-wise in data. frames and matrices.

The returned value is compatible with that of scale in that the numeric centring and scalings used are stored in attributes "scaled:center" and "scaled:scale" (these can be NA if no centring or scaling has been done).

stdizeFit returns a modified, unevaluated call where the variable names are replaced to point the transformed variables, or if evaluate is TRUE, a fitted model object.

Author(s)

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References

Gelman, A. (2008) Scaling regression inputs by dividing by two standard deviations. *Statistics in medicine* 27, 2865-2873.

See Also

Compare with scale and standardize or rescale (the latter two in package **arm**). For typical standardizing, model coefficients transformation may be easier, see std.coef. apply and sweep for arbitrary transformations of columns in a data.frame.

```
# compare "stdize" and "scale"
nmat \leftarrow matrix(runif(15, 0, 10), ncol = 3)
stdize(nmat)
scale(nmat)
rootmeansq <- function(v) {</pre>
    v <- v[!is.na(v)]</pre>
    sqrt(sum(v^2) / max(1, length(v) - 1L))
}
scale(nmat, center = FALSE)
stdize(nmat, center = FALSE, scale = rootmeansq)
if(require(lme4)) {
# define scale function as twice the SD to reproduce "arm::standardize"
twosd <- function(v) 2 * sd(v, na.rm = TRUE)</pre>
# standardize data (scaled variables are prefixed with "z.")
z.CO2 <- stdize(uptake ~ conc + Plant, data = CO2, omit = "Plant", scale = twosd)</pre>
summary(z.CO2)
fmz <- stdizeFit(lmer(uptake ~ conc + I(conc^2) + (1 | Plant)), data = z.CO2)</pre>
# lmer(uptake ~ z.conc + I(z.conc^2) + (1 | Plant), data = z.CO2)
## standardize using scale and center from "z.CO2", keeping the original data:
z.CO2a <- stdize(CO2, source = z.CO2, append = TRUE)</pre>
# Here, the "subset" expression uses untransformed variable, so we modify only
# "formula" argument, keeping "subset" as-is. For that reason we needed the
# untransformed variables in "data".
stdizeFit(lmer(uptake ~ conc + I(conc^2) + (1 | Plant),
    subset = conc > 100,
    ), data = z.CO2a, which = "formula", evaluate = FALSE)
# create new data as a sequence along "conc"
newdata <- data.frame(conc = seq(min(CO2$conc), max(CO2$conc), length = 10))</pre>
# scale new data using scale and center of the original scaled data:
z.newdata <- stdize(newdata, source = z.CO2)</pre>
# plot predictions against "conc" on real scale:
plot(newdata$conc, predict(fmz, z.newdata, re.form = NA))
```

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```
# compare with "arm::standardize"
## Not run:
library(arm)
fms <- standardize(lmer(uptake ~ conc + I(conc^2) + (1 | Plant), data = CO2))
plot(newdata$conc, predict(fms, z.newdata, re.form = NA))
## End(Not run)
}</pre>
```

subset.model.selection

Subsetting model selection table

Description

Return subsets of a model selection table returned by dredge or model. sel.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class model.selection
subset(x, subset, select, recalc.weights = TRUE,
recalc.delta = FALSE, ...)
## S3 method for class model.selection
x[i, j, recalc.weights = TRUE, recalc.delta = FALSE, ...]
```

Arguments

```
x a model.selection object to be subsetted. subset, select logical expressions indicating columns and rows to keep. See subset. i, j indices specifying elements to extract. recalc.weights logical value specyfying whether Akaike weights should be normalized across the new set of models to sum to one. recalc.delta logical value specyfying whether \Delta_{IC} should be calculated for the new set of models (not done by default). . . . further arguments passed to [.data.frame.
```

Details

Unlike the method for data.frame, extracting with only one index (i.e. x[i]) will select rows rather than columns.

To select rows according to presence or absence of the variables (rather than their value), a pseudofunction has may be used, e.g. subset(x, has(a, !b)) will select rows with a and without b (this is equivalent to !is.na(a) & is.na(b)). has can take any number of arguments.

Complex model terms need to be enclosed within either curly brackets or backticks (e.g {s(a,k=2)} | `log(b)`), except has. Backticks-quoted names must match exactly (including whitespace) the term names as returned by getAllTerms.

To select rows where one variable can be present conditional on the presence of other variable(s), the function dc (\mathbf{d} ependency \mathbf{c} hain) can be used. dc takes any number of variables as arguments, and allows a variable to be included only if all the preceding arguments are also included (e.g. subset = dc(a, b, c) allows for models of form a, a+b and a+b+c but not b, c, b+c or a+c).

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Value

A model.selection object containing only the selected models (rows). When columns are selected (arguments select or j are provided), a plain data.frame is returned.

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See Also

dredge, subset and [.data.frame for subsetting and extracting from data.frames.

Examples

```
fm1 <- lm(formula = y \sim X1 + X2 + X3 + X4, data = Cement, na.action = na.fail)
# generate models where each variable is included only if the previous
# are included too, e.g. X2 only if X1 is there, and X3 only if X2 and X1
dredge(fm1, subset = dc(X1, X2, X3, X4))
# which is equivalent to
# dredge(fm1, subset = (!X2 | X1) & (!X3 | X2) & (!X4 | X3))
# alternatively, generate "all possible" combinations
ms0 <- dredge(fm1)
# ...and afterwards select the subset of models
subset(ms0, dc(X1, X2, X3, X4))
# which is equivalent to
# subset(ms0, (has(!X2) | has(X1)) & (has(!X3) | has(X2)) & (has(!X4) | has(X3)))
# Different ways of finding a confidence set of models:
# delta(AIC) cutoff
subset(ms0, delta <= 4, recalc.weights = FALSE)</pre>
# cumulative sum of Akaike weights
subset(ms0, cumsum(weight) <= .95, recalc.weights = FALSE)</pre>
# relative likelihood
subset(ms0, (weight / weight[1]) > (1/8), recalc.weights = FALSE)
```

updateable

Make a function return updateable result

Description

Creates a function wrapper that stores a call in the object returned by its argument FUN.

Usage

```
updateable(FUN, eval.args = NULL, Class)
get_call(x)
## updateable wrapper for mgcv::gamm and gamm4::gamm4
uGamm(formula, random = NULL, ..., lme4 = inherits(random, "formula"))
```

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Arguments

FUN function to be modified, found via match. fun.

eval.args optionally a character vector of function arguments names to be evaluated in the

stored call. See 'Details'.

Class optional character vector naming class(es) to be set onto the result of FUN (not

possible with formal S4 objects).

x an object from which the call should be extracted.

formula, random, ...

arguments to be passed to gamm or gamm4

1me4 if TRUE, gamm4 is called, gamm otherwise.

Details

Most model fitting functions in R return an object that can be updated or re-fitted via update. This is thanks to the call stored in the object, which can be used (possibly modified) later on. It is also utilised by dredge to generate sub-models. Some functions (such as gamm or MCMCglmm) do not provide their result with the call element. To work that around, updateable can be used on that function to store the call. The resulting wrapper should be used in exactly the same way as the original function.

Argument eval.args specifies names of function arguments that should be evaluated in the stored call. This is useful when, for example, the model object does not have formula element. The default formula method tries to retrieve formula from the stored call, which works unless the formula has been given as a variable and value of that variable changed since the model was fitted (the last 'example' demonstrates this).

Value

updateable returns a function with the same arguments as FUN, wrapping a call to FUN and adding an element named call to its result if possible, otherwise an attribute "call" (if the returned value is atomic or a formal S4 object).

Note

get_call is similar to getCall (defined in package stats), but it can also extract the call when it is an attribute (and not an element of the object). Because the default getCall method cannot do that, the default update method will not work with atomic or S4 objects resulting from updateable wrappers.

uGamm sets also an appropriate class onto the result ("gamm4" and/or "gamm"), which is needed for some generics defined in **MuMIn** to work (note that unlike the functions created by updateable it has no formal arguments of the original function). As of version 1.9.2, MuMIn::gamm is no longer available.

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See Also

```
update, getCall, getElement, attributes
gamm, gamm4
```

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```
# Simple example with cor.test:
# From example(cor.test)
x \leftarrow c(44.4, 45.9, 41.9, 53.3, 44.7, 44.1, 50.7, 45.2, 60.1)
y <- c( 2.6, 3.1, 2.5, 5.0, 3.6, 4.0, 5.2, 2.8, 3.8)
ct1 <- cor.test(x, y, method = "kendall", alternative = "greater")</pre>
uCor.test <- updateable(cor.test)</pre>
ct2 <- uCor.test(x, y, method = "kendall", alternative = "greater")</pre>
getCall(ct1) # --> NULL
getCall(ct2)
#update(ct1, method = "pearson") --> Error
update(ct2, method = "pearson")
update(ct2, alternative = "two.sided")
## predefined wrapper for gamm:
set.seed(0)
dat \leftarrow gamSim(6, n = 100, scale = 5, dist = "normal")
fmm1 <- uGamm(y \sim s(x0) + s(x3) + s(x2), family = gaussian, data = dat,
    random = list(fac = ~1))
getCall(fmm1)
class(fmm1)
###
## Not run:
library(caper)
data(shorebird)
shorebird <- comparative.data(shorebird.tree, shorebird.data, Species)</pre>
fm1 <- crunch(Egg.Mass ~ F.Mass * M.Mass, data = shorebird)</pre>
uCrunch <- updateable(crunch)</pre>
fm2 <- uCrunch(Egg.Mass ~ F.Mass * M.Mass, data = shorebird)</pre>
getCall(fm1)
getCall(fm2)
update(fm2) # Error with fm1
dredge(fm2)
## End(Not run)
###
# "lmekin" does not store "formula" element
```

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```
library(coxme)
uLmekin <- updateable(lmekin, eval.args = "formula")

f <- effort ~ Type + (1|Subject)
fm1 <- lmekin(f, data = ergoStool)
fm2 <- uLmekin(f, data = ergoStool)

f <- wrong ~ formula # reassigning "f"

getCall(fm1) # formula is "f"
getCall(fm2)

formula(fm1) # returns the current value of "f"
formula(fm2)

## End(Not run)</pre>
```

Weights

Akaike weights

Description

Calculate or extract normalized model likelihoods ('Akaike weights').

Usage

Weights(x)

Arguments

Х

a numeric vector of information criterion values such as AIC, or objects returned by functions like AIC. There are also methods for extracting 'Akaike weights' from a "model.selection" or "averaging" objects.

Value

A numeric vector of normalized likelihoods.

Author(s)

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See Also

```
importance, weighted.mean
weights, which extracts fitting weights from model objects.
```

```
fm1 <- glm(Prop ~ dose, data = Beetle, family = binomial)
fm2 <- update(fm1, . ~ . + I(dose^2))
fm3 <- update(fm1, . ~ log(dose))
fm4 <- update(fm3, . ~ . + I(log(dose)^2))
round(Weights(AICc(fm1, fm2, fm3, fm4)), 3)</pre>
```

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