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Description Package screenr enables easy development and validation of diagnostic test screening tools. It is designed to enable those with only a basic familiarity with R to develop, validate and implement screening tools for diagnostic tests. Consider the situation where a definitive test for some condition is relatively expensive, and the condition is rare. In that case, universal testing would not be efficient in terms of the yield of postive results per test performed. Now suppose that responses to a set of simple diagnostic questions or observations may be predictive of the definitive test result. Package screenr enables estimation of thresholds for making decisions about when to perform the definitive test on newly observed subjects based on Receiver Operating Characteristics (ROC) estimated from an initial sample. The choice of a particular screening threshold is left to the user, and should be based on careful consideration of applicationspecific tradeoffs between sensitivity (true positive fraction) and specificity (true negative fraction).

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Description

coef.lasso_screenr returns the regularized logistic model parameter estimates from the AICand BIC-best fits from lasso_screenr-class objects.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'lasso_screenr'
coef(object, ..., intercept = TRUE, or = FALSE)
```

Arguments

object an object of class lasso_screenr. optional arguments passed to predict methods. (logical) retain (TRUE, default) or drop (FALSE) the intercept coefficients. intercept return odds ratios if TRUE; logit-scale coefficients are the default. or

Details

coef.lasso_screenr extracts the estimated coefficients from lasso_screenr objects.

Examples

```
attach(uniobj1)
coef(uniobj1)
```

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coef.logreg_screenr

An S3 Method to Extract Coefficients from logreg_screenr Objects

Description

coef.logreg_screenr returns the logistic model parameter estimates from logreg_screenr-class objects.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'logreg_screenr'
coef(object, ..., intercept = TRUE, or = FALSE, digits = 4)
```

Arguments

object an object of class logreg_screenr.

... optional arguments passed to predict methods.

intercept (logical) retain (TRUE, default) or drop (FALSE) the intercept coefficients.

or return odds ratios if TRUE. Default: FALSE (returns logit-scale coefficients).

digits number of decimal places to be printed. Default: 4.

Value

coef.logreg_screenr returns a dataframe containing the estimated coefficients (or odds ratios).

See Also

```
confint.logreg_screenr and confint.gee_screenr
```

Examples

```
attach(uniobj2)
coef(uniobj2, or = TRUE)
```

confint.geeglm

An S3 Method to Compute Confidence Limits from geepack::geeglm Objects.

Description

confint.geeglm returns the logistic model coefficients estimates and their normal-theory Wald-type confidence limits from objects produced by geepack::geeglm.

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Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'geeglm'
confint(object, ..., conf_level = 0.95)
```

Arguments

```
object an object of class geeglm.
... optional arguments passed to predict methods.
conf_level confidence level in (0, 1).
```

Value

confint.geeglm returns a dataframe containing the estimated model coefficients and their lower and upper confidence limits, lcl and ucl, respectively.

```
 {\it confint.gee\_screenr} \quad {\it An S3 \ Method \ to \ Compute \ Confidence \ Limits \ from \ gee\_screenr \ Objects}
```

Description

confint.logreg_screenr returns the logistic model parameter estimates and their and Wald-type confidence limits from gee_screenr-class objects.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'gee_screenr'
confint(
  object,
    ...,
  intercept = TRUE,
  or = FALSE,
  conf_level = 0.95,
  digits = 4
)
```

Arguments

```
object an object of class gee_screenr.

... optional arguments passed to predict methods.

intercept (logical) retain (TRUE, default) or drop (FALSE) the intercept coefficients.

or return odds ratios if TRUE. Default: FALSE (returns logit-scale coefficients).

conf_level confidence level for normal-theory Wald-type confidence intervals. Default: 0.95.

digits number of decimal places to be printed. Default: 4.
```

Value

confint.gee_screenr returns a dataframe containing the estimated coefficients (or odds ratios) and their Wald-type lower and upper confidence limits (lcl and ucl, respectively).

Examples

```
attach(uniobj3)
confint(uniobj3, or = TRUE)
```

confint.logreg_screenr

An S3 Method to Compute Confidence Limits from logreg_screenr Objects

Description

confint.logreg_screenr returns the logistic model parameter estimates and their profile-likelihood confidence limits from logreg_screenr-class objects.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'logreg_screenr'
confint(
  object,
    ...,
  intercept = TRUE,
  or = FALSE,
  conf_level = 0.95,
  digits = 4
)
```

Arguments

object an object of class logreg_screenr.

... optional arguments passed to predict methods.

intercept (logical) retain (TRUE, default) or drop (FALSE) the intercept coefficients.

or return odds ratios if TRUE. Default: FALSE (returns logit-scale coefficients).

conf_level confidence level for profile-likelihood confidence intervals. Default: 0.95.

digits number of decimal places to be printed. Default: 4.

Value

confint.logreg_screenr returns a dataframe containing the estimated coefficients (or odds ratios) and their profile-likelihood lower and upper confidence limits (lcl and ucl, respectively).

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Examples

```
attach(uniobj2)
confint(uniobj2, or = TRUE)
```

easy_tool	Simplifying Screening from lasso_screenr, logreg_screenr and	
	gee_screenr Objects	

Description

easy_tool rescales model coefficients to whole numbers ranging from 1 to max. Those rescaled and rounded coefficients can be used as weights (QuestionWeights) for each screening question in a simplified model-based screening tool. The test screening score for a subject is the sum of the weights for their positive question responses.

Usage

```
easy_tool(object, max = 3, model = c("minAIC", "minBIC"), crossval = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

objec	:t	an object of class lasso_screenr or logreg_screenr.
max		(numeric) the desired maximum value for the response weights. Default: 3.
mode]	-	(for lasso_screenr objects only) the desired basis model. Valid options are "minAIC" and "minBIC", specifying the models that produced the smallest AIC and BIC values, respectively. Default: minAIC
cross	sval	a (logical) indicator for cross-validated (TRUE) or in-sample (FALSE) performance evaluation. Default: TRUE.
		additional arguments passed to coef.lasso_screenr or coef.logreg_screenr.

Details

The QuestionWeights (see Value, below) are the foundation for easy screening. For example, the screening tool could consist of a simple questionnaire followed by the weight for each question, expressed as a small whole number (1, ..., max) and/or an equal number of open circles. The person doing the screening need only circle the numerical weight and/or fill in the circles if and only if the subject provides a "yes" response to a particular question. The person doing the screening then obtains the final score for that subject by adding up the circled numbers or counting the total number of filled-in circles. Testing is mandatory for consenting subjects for whom that final score equals or exceeds the chosen threshold based on the receiver-operating characteristics of CVresults.

The value chosen for max involves a trade-off between the ease of manual scoring and the degree to which the ROC from the re-scaling matches the ROC from the model. Small values of max make manual scoring easy, and sufficiently large values will match the screening performance of the model fit. It is prudent to compare the ROCs from a few values of max with the ROC from the model and base the final choice on the trade-off between ease of manual scoring and the desired combination of sensitivity and specificity.

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Value

easy_tool returns (invisibly) an object of class easy_tool containing:

Call The call to easy_tool.

varname The names of the response and predictor variables.

QuestionWeights Weights for the screening questions obtained by rescaling the non-zero-valued logistic regression coefficients to whole numbers ranging from 1 to max.

Type The type of test performance evaluaion ("cross-validated" or "in-sample").

Scores A data frame containing the testing outcomes (response) and cross-validated scores obtained as the sums of the weighted responses to the set of screening questions (score).

ROC An object of class roc containing the receiver-operating characteristic produced by `pROC::roc`.

References

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See Also

```
rescale_to_int, ntpp.easy_tool, plot.easy_tool, print.easy_tool and summary.easy_tool
```

Examples

```
attach(uniobj1)
tool <- easy_tool(uniobj1, max = 3)
methods(class = "easy_tool")
summary(tool)</pre>
```

gee_screenr

Fitting Screening Tools Using GEE Estimation of Logistic Models

Description

gee_screenr is a convenience function which integrates GEE estimation of logsitic models, k-fold cross-validation and estimation of the receiver-operating characteristic. GEE estimation accommodates cluster sampling.

Usage

```
gee_screenr(
  formula,
  id = NULL,
  data = NULL,
  link = c("logit", "cloglog", "probit"),
```

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```
corstr = c("independence", "exchangeable", "unstructured"),
Nfolds = 10,
partial_auc = c(0.8, 1),
partial_auc_focus = "sensitivity",
partial_auc_correct = TRUE,
boot_n = 4000,
conf_level = 0.95,
seed = Sys.time(),
...
)
```

Arguments

formula an object of class stats::formula defining the testing outcome and predictor

covariates, which is passed to stats::glm().

id a vector identifying the sampling clusters.

data a dataframe containing the variables defined in formula. The testing outcome

must be binary (0,1) indicating negative and positive test results, respectively, or logical (TRUE/FALSE). The covariates are typically binary (0 = no, 1 = yes) responses to questions which may be predictive of the test result, but any numeric

or factor covariates can be used.

link the character-valued name of the link function for logistic regression. Choices

are "logit", "cloglog" or "probit". Default: "logit".

corstr a character string specifying the correlation structure. The following are per-

mitted: "independence", "exchangeable" and "unstructured". Default:

independence

Nfolds number of folds used for k-fold cross validation (minimum = 2, maximum =

100). Default: 10.

100). Default: 10.

either a logical FALSE or a numeric vector of the form c(left, right) where left and right are numbers in the interval [0, 1] specifying the endpoints for computation of the partial area under the ROC curve (pAUC). The total AUC is

computed if partial_auc = FALSE. Default: c(0.8, 1.0).

partial_auc_focus

partial_auc

one of "sensitivity" or specificity, specifying for which the pAUC should be computed. partial_auc_focus is ignored if partial_auc = FALSE. De-

fault: "sensitivity".

partial_auc_correct

logical value indicating whether the pAUC should be transformed the interval from 0.5 to 1.0. partial_auc_correct is ignored if partial_auc = FALSE.

Default: TRUE).

boot_n Number of bootstrap replications for computation of confidence intervals for the

(partial) AUC. Default: 4000.

conf_level a number between 0 and 1 specifying the confidence level for confidence inter-

vals for the (partial)AUC. Default: 0.95.

seed random-number generator seed for cross-validation data splitting.

.. additional arguments passed to or from other geepack::geeglm or pROC::roc.

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Details

The results provide information from which to choose a probability threshold above which individual out-of-sample probabilies indicate the need to perform a diagnostic test. Out-of-sample performance is estimated using k-fold cross validation.

The receiver operating characteristics are computed using the pROC package. See References and package documentation for additional details.

By default, the *partial* area under the ROC curve is computed from that portion of the curve for which sensitivity is in the closed interval [0.8, 1.0]. However, the total AUC can be obtained using the argument partial_auc = FALSE. Partial areas can be computed for either ranges of sensitivity or specificity using the arguments partial_auc_focus and partial_auc. By default, partial areas are standardized.

Out-of-sample performance is estimated using k-fold cross-validation. For a gentle but python-centric introduction to k-fold cross-validation, see https://machinelearningmastery.com/k-fold-cross-validation/

Value

gee_screenr returns an object of class gee_screenr, which inherits from class logreg_screenr, containing the elements:

Call The function call.

formula The formula object.

Prevalence Prevalence (proportion) of the test condition in the training sample.

ModelFit An object of class glm (See glm) containing the results of the model fit.

ISroc An object of class roc containing the "in-sample" (overly-optimistic) receiver operating characteristics, and additional functions for use with this object are available in the pROC package.

CVpreds An object of class cv.predictions containing the data and cross-validated predicted condition y.

CVroc An object of class roc containing the *k*-fold cross-validated "out-of-sample" receiver operating characteristics, and additional functions for use with this object are available in the pROC package.

CVcoef the estimated coefficients from cross-validation

X_ho the matrix of held-out predictors for each cross-validation fold

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See Also

```
geeglm, roc and auc
```

Examples

get_what

S3 Methods for Extraction of Object Components

Description

get_what extracts components from objects.

Usage

```
get_what(from, what, ...)
```

Arguments

from an object from which to extract what.
what the element to extract from from.
... additional arguments.

Value

get_what returns the object specified by what.

See Also

```
get_what.easy_tool, get_what.lasso_screenr, get_what.logreg_screenr and get_what.simple_screenr.
```

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get_what.easy_tool

An S3 Method for Extraction of Components from easy_tool Objects

Description

get_what.easy_tool extracts components from easy_tool-class objects.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'easy_tool'
get_what(
   from = NULL,
   what = NULL,
   ...,
   bootreps = 4000,
   conf_level = 0.95,
   se_min = 0.8
)
```

Arguments

from	the easy_tool-class object from which to extract the component.
what	the (character) name of the component to extract. Valid values are "Call", "QuestionWeights", "ROCci", "ROC" and "Scores". See Details.
	optional arguments to get_what methods.
bootreps	the number of bootstrap replications for estimation of confidence intervals for what = "ROCci". Default: 4000 .
conf_level	(optional) confidence level for what = ROCci.
se_min	minimum value of sensitivity printed for what = ROCci. Default: 0.8.

Details

get_what is provided to enable easy extraction of components that are not provided by the plot, predict, print or summary methods.

Valid values of what are:

"Call" returns the function call that created from.

"QuestionWeights" returns the screening question weights, which are the re-scaled logistic-regression coefficients.

ROCci returns a data frame containing sensitivities, specificities and their confidence limits, and thresholds

"Scores" returns the screening scores for each subject, which are the sums of the products of the binary question responses and their QuestionWeights

"ROC" returns the receiver-operating characteristic for the Scores

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Value

get_what.easy_tool returns (invisibly) the object specified by what.

Examples

```
## Not run:
attach(uniobj1)
tool <- easy_tool(uniobj1, max = 3, crossval = TRUE)
## Get and print sensitivities and specificities at thresholds for the
## local maxima of the ROC curve
ROCci <- get_what(from = tool, what = "ROCci")
print(ROCci)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

get_what.lasso_screenr

An S3 Method for Extraction of Components from lasso_screenr Objects

Description

get_what.lasso_screenr extracts components from lasso_screenr-class objects.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'lasso_screenr'
get_what(
  from = NULL,
  what = c("glmpathObj", "ROCci", "cvROC", "isROC"),
    ...,
  model = c("minAIC", "minBIC"),
  conf_level = 0.95,
  bootreps = 4000,
  se_min = 0.8
)
```

Arguments

bootreps the number of bootstrap replications for estimation of confidence intervals for what = "ROCci". Default: 4000.

se_min minimum value of sensitivity printed for what = ROCci. Default: 0.8.

Details

get_what is provided to enable easy extraction of components that are not provided by the coef, plot, predict, print or summary methods.

The following values of what return:

"glmpathObj" the entire glmpath-class object produced by by glmpath.

ROCci a data frame containing cross-validated sensitivities, specificities and their confidence limits, and thresholds.

"cvROC" the roc-class object produced by roc containing the *k*-fold cross-validated receiver-operating characteristic.

"isROC" the roc-class object produced by roc containing the in-sample (overly optimistic) receiveroperating characteristic.

Value

get_what.lasso_screenr returns (invisibly) the object specified by what.

Examples

```
## Not run:
attach(uniobj1)
## Plot the coefficient paths
pathobj <- get_what(from = uniobj1, what = "glmpathObj", model = "minAIC")
plot(pathobj)
## Get and print cross-validated sensitivities and specificities at
## thresholds for the local maxima of the ROC curve
cvROCci <- get_what(from = uniobj1, what = "ROCci", model = "minBIC")
print(cvROCci)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

```
get_what.logreg_screenr
```

An S3 Method for Extraction of Components from logreg_screenr Objects

Description

get_what.logreg_screenr extracts components from logreg_screenr-class objects.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'logreg_screenr'
get_what(
  from = NULL,
  what = c("ModelFit", "ROCci", "cvROC", "isROC"),
    ...,
  conf_level = 0.95,
  bootreps = 4000,
  se_min = 0.8
)
```

Arguments

from	the logreg_screenr-class object from which to extract the component.
what	the (character) name of the component to extract. Valid values are "ModelFit", "ROCci", "cvROC" and "isROC".
	optional arguments to get_what methods.
conf_level	(optional) confidence level for what = "ROCci". Default: 0.95.
bootreps	the number of bootstrap replications for estimation of confidence intervals for what = "ROCci". Default: 4000 .
se_min	minimum value of sensitivity printed for what = ROCci. Default: 0.8.

Details

get_what is provided to enable easy extraction of components for those who wish to perform computations that are not provided by the coef, plot, predict, print or summary methods.

The following values of what return:

"ModelFit" the entire glm-class object produced by by glm.

ROCci a data frame containing cross-validated sensitivities, specificities and their confidence limits, and thresholds.

"cvROC" the roc-class object produced by roc containing the *k*-fold cross-validated receiver-operating characteristic.

"isROC" the roc-class object produced by roc containing the in-sample (overly optimistic) receiveroperating characteristic.

Value

```
get_what.logreg_screenr returns (invisibly) the object specified by what.
```

Examples

```
## Not run:
attach(uniobj2)
## Get and print cross-validated sensitivities and specificities at
## thresholds for the local maxima of the ROC curve
myROCci <- get_what(from = uniobj2, what = "ROCci")</pre>
```

```
print(myROCci)
## End(Not run)
```

```
get_what.simple_screenr
```

An S3 Method for Extraction of Components from simple_screenr Objects

Description

get_what.simple_screenr extracts components from simple_screenr-class objects.

Usage

```
## $3 method for class 'simple_screenr'
get_what(
   from = NULL,
   what = c("ROCci", "isROC"),
    ...,
   conf_level = 0.95,
   bootreps = 4000,
   se_min = 0.6
)
```

Arguments

from the simple_screenr-class object from which to extract the component.
what the (character) name of the component to extract. Valid values are "ROCci" and
 "isROC".
... optional arguments to get_what methods.
conf_level (optional) confidence level for what = "ROCci". Default: 09.5.
bootreps the number of bootstrap replications for estimation of confidence intervals for
 what = "ROCci". Default: 4000.
se_min minimum value of sensitivity printed for what = ROCci. Default: 0.6.

Details

get_what is provided to enable easy extraction of components for those who wish to perform computations that are not provided by the plot, predict, print or summary methods.

The following values of what return:

[&]quot;isROC" the roc-class object produced by roc containing the in-sample (overly optimistic) receiveroperating characteristic.

[&]quot;ROCci" a data frame containing cross-validated sensitivities, specificities and their confidence limits, and thresholds.

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Value

get_what.simple_screenr returns (invisibly) the object specified by what.

Examples

inverse_link

Compute the Inverses of Binomial Link Functions

Description

inverse_link returns the inverse of logit, cloglog and probit link functions for a linear predictor

Usage

```
inverse_link(lp = NULL, link = c("logit", "cloglog", "probit"))
```

Arguments

lp numeric vector containing the estimated link.

link (character) name of the link function (one of "logit", "cloglog" or "probit").

Details

inverse_link returns the inverses of logit, cloglog and probit link functions, and is provided as a (laborious) way to compute predicted values from the ModelFit component of logreg_screenr-class objects. The predict methods are a better way to obtain predicted values.

Value

inverse_link returns a numeric vector containing the inverse of the link function for the linear predictor.

See Also

```
predict.logreg_screenr
```

lasso_screenr

Examples

lasso_screenr

Fitting Screening Tools Using Lasso-Like Regularization of Logistic Models

Description

lasso_screenr is a convenience function which combines logistic regression using L1 regularization, k-fold cross-validation, and estimation of the receiver-operating characteristic (ROC). The in-sample and out-of-sample performance is estimated from the models which produced the minimum AIC and minimum BIC. Execute methods(class = "lasso_screenr") to identify available methods.

Usage

```
lasso_screenr(
  formula,
  data = NULL,
  Nfolds = 10,
  L2 = TRUE,
  partial_auc = c(0.8, 1),
  partial_auc_focus = "sensitivity",
  partial_auc_correct = TRUE,
  boot_n = 4000,
  conf_level = 0.95,
  standardize = FALSE,
  seed = Sys.time(),
  ...
)
```

Arguments

formula

an object of class stats::formula defining the testing outcome and predictor variables.

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a dataframe containing the variables defined in formula. The testing outcome must be binary (0 = no/negative, 1 = yes/positive) or logical (FALSE/TRUE). The the predictor variables are are typically binary or logical responses to questions which may be predictive of the test result, but numeric variables can also be used.

the number of folds used for k-fold cross validation. Default = 10; minimum =

2, maximum = 100.

L2 (logical) switch controlling penalization using the L2 norm of the parameters.

Default: TRUE).

partial_auc either a logical FALSE or a numeric vector of the form c(left, right) where

left and right are numbers in the interval [0, 1] specifying the endpoints for computation of the partial area under the ROC curve (pAUC). The total AUC is

computed if partial_auc = FALSE. Default: c(0.8, 1.0)

partial_auc_focus

Nfolds

one of "sensitivity" or specificity, specifying for which the pAUC should be computed. partial_auc.focus is ignored if partial_auc = FALSE. De-

fault: "sensitivity".

partial_auc_correct

logical value indicating whether the pAUC should be transformed the interval from 0.5 to 1.0. partial_auc_correct is ignored if partial_auc = FALSE.

Default: TRUE).

boot_n number of bootstrap replications for computation of confidence intervals for the

(partial) AUC. Default: 4000.

conf_level a number between 0 and 1 specifying the confidence level for confidence inter-

vals for the (partial)AUC. Default: 0.95.

standardize logical; if TRUE predictors are standardized to unit variance. Default: FALSE

(sensible for binary and logical predictors).

seed random number generator seed for cross-validation data splitting.

... additional arguments passed to glmpath, roc, auc or ci.

Details

The results provide information from which to choose a probability threshold above which individual out-of-sample probabilies indicate the need to perform a diagnostic test. Out-of-sample performance is estimated using k-fold cross validation.

lasso_screenr uses the L1 path regularizer of Park and Hastie (2007), as implemented in the glmpath package. Park-Hastie regularization is is similar to the conventional lasso and the elastic net. It differs from the lasso with the inclusion of a very small, fixed (1e-5) penalty on the L2 norm of the parameter vector, and differs from the elastic net in that the L2 penalty is fixed. Like the elastic net, the Park-Hastie regularization is robust to highly correlated predictors. The L2 penalization can be turned off (L2 = FALSE), in which case the regularization is similar to the coventional lasso. Like all L1 regularizers, the Park-Hastie algorithm automatically "deletes" covariates by shrinking their parameter estimates to 0.

The coefficients produced by *L*1 regularization are biased toward zero. Therefore one might consider refitting the model selected by regularization using maximum-likelihood estimation as implemented in logreg_screenr.

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The receiver-operating characteristics are computed using the pROC package.

By default, the *partial* area under the ROC curve is computed from that portion of the curve for which sensitivity is in the closed interval [0.8, 1.0]. However, the total AUC can be obtained using the argument partial_auc = FALSE. Partial areas can be computed for either ranges of sensitivity or specificity using the arguments partial_auc_focus and partial_auc. By default, partial areas are standardized.

Out-of-sample performance is estimated using k-fold cross-validation. For a gentle but Python-centric introduction to k-fold cross-validation, see https://machinelearningmastery.com/k-fold-cross-validation/

Value

lasso_screenr returns (invisibly) an object of class lasso_screenr containing the components:

Call The function call.

Prevalence Prevalence of the binary response variable.

glmpathObj An object of class glmpath returned by glmpath::glmpath. See help(glmpath)
 and methods(class = "glmpath").

Xmat The matrix of predictors.

isResults A list structure containing the results from the two model fits which produced the minimum AIC and BIC values, respectively. The results consist of Coefficients (the logit-scale parameter estimates, including the intercept), isPreds (the in-sample predicted probabilities) and isROC (the in-sample receiver-operating characteristic (ROC) of class roc).

RNG Specification of the random-number generator used for k-fold data splitting.

RNGseed RNG seed.

cvResults A list structure containing the results of k- fold cross-validation estimation of out-of-sample performance.

The list elements of cvResut1s are:

Nfolds the number folds k

X_ho the matrix of held-out predictors for each cross-validation fold

minAICcvPreds the held-out responses and out-of-sample predicted probabilities from AIC-best model selection

minAICcvROC the out-of-sample ROC object of class roc from AIC-best model selection

minBICcvPreds the held-out responses and out-of-sample predicted probabilities from BIC-best model selection

minBICcvROC the corresponding out-of-sample predicted probabilities and ROC object from BICbest model selection

References

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See Also

glmpath, roc and auc.

Examples

logreg_screenr

Fitting Screening Tools Using Ordinary Logistic Models

Description

 $logreg_screenr$ is a convenience function which integrates ordinary logistic modeling, k-fold cross-validation and estimation of the receiver-operating characteristic.

Usage

```
logreg_screenr(
  formula,
  data = NULL,
  link = c("logit", "cloglog", "probit"),
  Nfolds = 10,
  partial_auc = c(0.8, 1),
  partial_auc_focus = "sensitivity",
  partial_auc_correct = TRUE,
  boot_n = 4000,
  conf_level = 0.95,
  seed = Sys.time(),
  ...
)
```

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Arguments

formula an object of class stats::formula defining the testing outcome and predictor

covariates, which is passed to stats::glm().

data a dataframe containing the variables defined in formula. The testing outcome

must be binary (0,1) indicating negative and positive test results, respectively, or logical (TRUE/FALSE). The covariates are typically binary (0 = no, 1 = yes) responses to questions which may be predictive of the test result, but any numeric

or factor covariates can be used.

link the character-valued name of the link function for logistic regression. Choices

are "logit", "cloglog" or "probit". Default: "logit".

Nfolds number of folds used for k-fold cross validation (minimum = 2, maximum =

100). Default: 10.

partial_auc either a logical FALSE or a numeric vector of the form c(left, right) where

left and right are numbers in the interval [0, 1] specifying the endpoints for computation of the partial area under the ROC curve (pAUC). The total AUC is

computed if partial_auc = FALSE. Default: c(0.8, 1.0).

partial_auc_focus

one of "sensitivity" or specificity, specifying for which the pAUC should

be computed. partial_auc_focus is ignored if partial_auc = FALSE. De-

fault: "sensitivity".

partial_auc_correct

logical value indicating whether the pAUC should be transformed the interval

from 0.5 to 1.0. partial_auc_correct is ignored if partial_auc = FALSE.

Default: TRUE).

boot_n Number of bootstrap replications for computation of confidence intervals for the

(partial) AUC. Default: 4000.

conf_level a number between 0 and 1 specifying the confidence level for confidence inter-

vals for the (partial)AUC. Default: 0.95.

seed random-number generator seed for cross-validation data splitting.

... additional arguments passed to or from other stats::glm or pROC::roc.

Details

The results provide information from which to choose a probability threshold above which individual out-of-sample probabilies indicate the need to perform a diagnostic test. Out-of-sample performance is estimated using k-fold cross validation.

The receiver operating characteristics are computed using the pROC package. See References and package documentation for additional details.

By default, the *partial* area under the ROC curve is computed from that portion of the curve for which sensitivity is in the closed interval [0.8, 1.0]. However, the total AUC can be obtained using the argument partial_auc = FALSE. Partial areas can be computed for either ranges of sensitivity or specificity using the arguments partial_auc_focus and partial_auc. By default, partial areas are standardized.

Out-of-sample performance is estimated using k-fold cross-validation. For a gentle but python-centric introduction to k-fold cross-validation, see https://machinelearningmastery.com/k-fold-cross-validation/

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Value

logreg_screenr returns an object of class logreg_screenr containing the elements:

Call The function call.

formula The formula object.

Prevalence Prevalence (proportion) of the test condition in the training sample.

ModelFit An object of class glm (See glm) containing the results of the model fit.

ISroc An object of class roc containing the "in-sample" (overly-optimistic) receiver operating characteristics, and additional functions for use with this object are available in the pROC package.

CVpreds An object of class cv.predictions containing the data and cross-validated predicted condition y.

CVroc An object of class roc containing the *k*-fold cross-validated "out-of-sample" receiver operating characteristics, and additional functions for use with this object are available in the pROC package.

CVcoef the estimated coefficients from cross-validation

X_ho the matrix of held-out predictors for each cross-validation fold

References

Kim J-H. Estimating classification error rate: Repeated cross-validation, repeated hold-out and bootstrap. Computational Statistics and Data Analysis. 2009:53(11):3735-3745. http://doi.org/10.1016/j.csda.2009.04.009

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See Also

```
glm, roc and auc.
```

Examples

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nnt_

Compute the Ratio of Total Tests Performed Per Postive Result

Description

nnt_ computes the anticipated average number of tests performed in order to observe a positive test result.

Usage

```
nnt_(dframe)
```

Arguments

dframe

a dataframe containing columns sensitivities, specificities and prev.

Value

nnt_ returns adataframe containing sensitivity, specificity, the anticipated average number of tests required to observe a single positive test result ntpp, and the prevalence among those screened out of testing pre_untested.

ntpp

An S3 Method to Compute the Ratio of Total Tests to Positive Results

Description

ntpp computes the ratio of the total number of tests performed per positive test result and the anticipated fraction of the untested (those screened out of testing) who would actually test positive.

Usage

```
ntpp(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object an object from which to compute the number of tests per test positive test results. . . . additional arguments.

Details

The anticipated number of tests required to detect a single positive *nntp* is given by

$$nntp = (SeP + (1 - Sp)(1 - P))/SeP$$

$$Puntested = ((1 - Se)P)/((1 - Se)P + Sp(1 - P))$$

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Value

ntpp returns a dataframe containing the following columns:

sensitivity The sensitivity (proportion) of the screener.

specificity The specificity (proportion) of the screener.

ntpp the number of tests required to discover a single positive test result.

prev_untested The prevalence proportion of the test condition among those who are screened out of testing.

Examples

```
attach(uniobj2)
ntpp(uniobj2)
```

ntpp.data.frame

An S3 Method to Compute the Ratio of Total Tests to Positive Results

Description

ntpp.data.frame computes the ratio of the total number of tests performed per positive test result and the anticipated fraction of the untested (those screened out of testing) who would actually test positive.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'data.frame'
ntpp(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object a dataframe containing columns named sensitivity, specificity and prev.
... optional arguments to ntpp methods.

Details

The anticipated number of tests required to detect a single positive *nntp* is given by

$$nntp = (SeP + (1 - Sp)(1 - P))/SeP$$

$$Puntested = ((1 - Se)P)/((1 - Se)P + Sp(1 - P))$$

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Value

```
ntpp.easy_tool returns a data frame containing the following columns:
sensitivity the sensitivity (proportion)
specificity the specificity (proportion)
prev prevalence proportion of the test condition
ntpp anticipated total tests required per positive result
prev_untested anticipated prevalence proportion among the untested
```

ntpp.default

An S3 Method to Compute the Ratio of Total Tests to Positive Results

Description

ntpp.data.frame computes the ratio of the total number of tests performed per positive test result and the anticipated fraction of the untested (those screened out of testing) who would actually test positive.

Usage

```
## Default S3 method:
ntpp(object = NULL, ..., se = NULL, sp = NULL, prev = NULL)
```

Arguments

object	unused, specify se, sp and prev
	optional arguments to ntpp methods.
se	a numeric vector of sensitivities in (0,1)
sp	a numeric vector of sensitivities in (0,1)
prev	a numeric vector of prevalences of the testing condition, in $(0,1)$

Details

The anticipated number of tests required to detect a single positive *nntp* is given by

$$nntp = (SeP + (1 - Sp)(1 - P))/SeP$$

$$Puntested = ((1 - Se)P)/((1 - Se)P + Sp(1 - P))$$

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Value

ntpp.default returns a data frame containing the following columns:

```
sensitivity the sensitivity (proportion)
specificity the specificity (proportion)
prev prevalence proportion of the test condition
ntpp anticipated total tests required per positive result
prev_untested anticipated prevalence proportion among the untested
```

ntpp.easy_tool

An S3 Method to Compute the Ratio of Total Tests to Positive Results

Description

ntpp.easy_tool computes the ratio of the total number of tests performed per positive test result and the anticipated fraction of the untested (those screened out of testing) who would actually test positive.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'easy_tool'
ntpp(object, ..., prev = NULL)
```

Arguments

object an easy_tool-class object produced by easy_tool.

... optional arguments to ntpp methods.

prev an optional prevalence proportion for the test outcome; if missing the prevalence

is obtained from object.

Details

The anticipated number of tests required to detect a single positive *nntp* is given by

$$nntp = (SeP + (1 - Sp)(1 - P))/SeP$$

$$Puntested = ((1 - Se)P)/((1 - Se)P + Sp(1 - P))$$

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Value

```
ntpp.easy_tool returns a dataframe containing the following columns:
sensitivity The sensitivity (proportion) of the screener.
specificity The specificity (proportion) of the screener.
ntpp the number of tests required to discover a single positive test result.
prev_untested The prevalence proportion of the test condition among those who are screened out of testing.
```

Examples

```
attach(uniobj1)
tool <- easy_tool(uniobj1, max = 3, crossval = TRUE)
ntpp(tool)</pre>
```

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An S3 Method to Compute the Ratio of Total Tests to Positive Results

Description

ntpp.lasso_screenr computes the ratio of the total number of tests performed per positive test result and the anticipated fraction of the untested (those screened out of testing) who would actually test positive.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'lasso_screenr'
ntpp(
  object,
    ...,
  model = c("minAIC", "minBIC"),
  type = c("cvResults", "isResults"),
  prev = NULL
)
```

Arguments

object	a lasso_screenr-class object produced by lasso_screenr.
	optional arguments to ntpp methods.
model	(character) select the model which produced the minimum AIC (" $minAIC$ ", the default) or minimum BIC (" $minBIC$ ").
type	(character) one of "cvResults" (the default) or "isResults" to specify <i>k</i> -fold cross-validated or in-sample receiver-operating characteristics, respectively.
prev	an optional prevalence proportion for the test outcome; if missing the prevalence is obtained from object.

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Details

The anticipated number of tests required to detect a single positive *nntp* is given by

$$nntp = (SeP + (1 - Sp)(1 - P))/SeP$$

where Se is sensitivity, P is prevalence and Sp is specificity. The anticipated prevalence among those screened out is given by

$$Puntested = ((1 - Se)P)/((1 - Se)P + Sp(1 - P))$$

Value

ntpp.lasso_screenr returns a data frame containing the following columns:

sensitivity The sensitivity (proportion) of the screener.

specificity The specificity (proportion) of the screener.

ntpp the number of tests required to discover a single positive test result.

prev_untested The prevalence proportion of the test condition among those who are screened out of testing.

Examples

```
attach(uniobj1)
ntpp(uniobj1)
```

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An S3 Method to Compute the Ratio of Total Tests to Positive Results

Description

ntpp.logreg_screenr computes the ratio of the total number of tests performed per positive test result and the anticipated fraction of the untested (those screened out of testing) who would actually test positive.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'logreg_screenr'
ntpp(object, ..., type = c("cvResults", "isResults"), prev = NULL)
```

Arguments

object a logreg_screenr-class object produced by logreg_screenr.

... optional arguments to ntpp methods.

type (character) one of "cvResults" (the default) or "isResults" to specify k-fold

cross-validated or in-sample receiver-operating characteristics, respectively.

prev an optional prevalence proportion for the test outcome; if missing the prevalence

is obtained from object.

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Details

The anticipated number of tests required to detect a single positive *nntp* is given by

$$nntp = (SeP + (1 - Sp)(1 - P))/SeP$$

where Se is sensitivity, P is prevalence and Sp is specificity. The anticipated prevalence among those screened out is given by

$$Puntested = ((1 - Se)P)/((1 - Se)P + Sp(1 - P))$$

Value

ntpp.logreg_screenr returns a data frame containing the following columns:

sensitivity The sensitivity (proportion) of the screener.

specificity The specificity (proportion) of the screener.

ntpp the number of tests required to discover a single positive test result.

prev_untested The prevalence proportion of the test condition among those who are screened out of testing.

Examples

```
attach(uniobj2)
ntpp(uniobj2)
```

ntpp.simple_screenr

An S3 Method to Compute the Ratio of Total Tests to Positive Results

Description

ntpp.simple_screenr computes the ratio of the total number of tests performed per positive test result and the anticipated fraction of the untested (those screened out of testing) who would actually test positive.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'simple_screenr'
ntpp(object, ..., prev = NULL)
```

Arguments

object a simple_screenr-class object produced by simple_screenr.

. . . optional arguments to ntpp methods.

prev an optional prevalence proportion for the test outcome; if missing the prevalence

is obtained from object.

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Details

The anticipated number of tests required to detect a single positive *nntp* is given by

$$nntp = (SeP + (1 - Sp)(1 - P))/SeP$$

where Se is sensitivity, P is prevalence and Sp is specificity. The anticipated prevalence among those screened out is given by

$$Puntested = ((1-Se)P)/((1-Se)P + Sp(1-P))$$

Value

ntpp.simple_screenr returns data frame containing the following columns:

sensitivity The sensitivity (proportion) of the screener.

specificity The specificity (proportion) of the screener.

ntpp the number of tests required to discover a single positive test result.

prev_untested The prevalence proportion of the test condition among those who are screened out of testing.

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An S3 Method to Plot ROC Curves

Description

plot.easy_tool plots the k-fold cross-validated receiver-operating characteristics (ROC), including confidence intervals on the combinations of the local maxima of sensitivity and specificity.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'easy_tool'
plot(
    x,
    ...,
    plot_ci = TRUE,
    conf_level = 0.95,
    bootreps = 4000,
    print_auc = TRUE,
    partial_auc = c(0.8, 1),
    partial_auc_focus = c("sensitivity", "specificity"),
    partial_auc_correct = TRUE,
    type = "S"
)
```

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Arguments

Х	an object of class easy_tool.	
	any additional arguments passed to pROC::plot.roc or pROC::lines.roc.	
plot_ci	(logical) plot confidence intervals if TRUE.	
conf_level	confidence level	
bootreps	the number of bootstrap replications for estimation of confidence intervals. Default: 4000.	
print_auc	logical indicator for printing the area under the ROC curve (AUC) on the plot. Default: TRUE.	
partial_auc	One of FALSE or a length two numeric vector of the form c(a, b) where a and b are the endpoints of the interval over which to compute the partial AUC (pAUC). Ignored if print_auc = FALSE. Default: c(0.8, 1).	
partial_auc_focus		
	one of "sensitivity" or "specificity", indicating the measure for which the partial AUC is to be computed. Default: "specificity".	
partial_auc_correct		
	logical indictor for transformation of the pAUC to fall within the range from 0.5 (random guess) to 1.0 (perfect classification). Default: TRUE.	
type	type of plot. See plot. Default: "S".	

Details

plot.easy_tool is an enhanced convenience wrapper for pROC::plot.roc.

Value

This function produces a plot as a side effect and (optionally) returns a dataframe containing sensitivities, specificities and their lower and upper confidence limits for threshold values of Pr(response = 1).

References

Fawcett T. An introduction to ROC analysis. Pattern Recognition Letters. 2006. 27(8):861-874. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.patrec.2005.10.010

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Examples

```
attach(uniobj1)
tool <- easy_tool(uniobj1, max = 3, crossval = TRUE)
plot(tool)</pre>
```

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An S3 Method to Plot ROC Curves

Description

plot.lasso_screenr plots the k-fold cross-validated receiver-operating characteristic for out-of-sample screening performance, including confidence intervals on the combinations of the local maxima of sensitivity and specificity.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'lasso_screenr'
plot(
    x,
    ...,
    plot_ci = TRUE,
    model = c("minAIC", "minBIC"),
    conf_level = 0.95,
    bootreps = 4000,
    print_auc = TRUE,
    partial_auc = c(0.8, 1),
    partial_auc_focus = c("sensitivity", "specificity"),
    partial_auc_correct = TRUE,
    type = "S"
)
```

Arguments

X	an object of class lasso_screenr.	
	any additional arguments passed to pROC::plot.roc or pROC::lines.roc.	
plot_ci	(logical) plot confidence intervals if TRUE. Default: TRUE.	
mode1	(character) select either the model which produced the minimum AIC ("minAIC") or minimum BIC ("minBIC"). Default: minAIC,	
conf_level	confidence level. Default: 0.95.	
bootreps	the number of bootstrap replications for estimation of confidence intervals. Default: 4000.	
print_auc	logical indicator for printing the area under the ROC curve (AUC) on the plot. Default: TRUE.	
partial_auc	One of FALSE or a length two numeric vector of the form $c(a, b)$ where a and b are the endpoints of the interval over which to compute the partial AUC (pAUC). Ignored if print_auc = FALSE. Default: $c(0.8, 1)$.	
partial_auc_focus		
	one of "sensitivity" or "specificity" indicating the measure for which	

one of "sensitivity" or "specificity", indicating the measure for which the partial AUC is to be computed. Default: "specificity".

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```
partial_auc_correct
```

logical indictor for transformation of the pAUC to fall within the range from 0.5 (random guess) to 1.0 (perfect classification). Default: TRUE.

type

type of plot. See plot. Default: "S".

Details

Plot cross-validated (out-of-sample) ROC curve with pointwise confidence intevals along with the overly optimistic in-sample ROC curve. plot.lasso_screenr is an enhanced convenience wrapper for pROC::plot.roc.

Value

This function produces a plot as a side effect.

References

Fawcett T. An introduction to ROC analysis. Pattern Recognition Letters. 2006. 27(8):861-874. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.patrec.2005.10.010

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Examples

```
## Not run:
attach(uniobj1)
plot(uniobj1, model = "minAIC")
## End(Not run)
```

plot.logreg_screenr

An S3 Method to Plot ROC Curves

Description

plot.logreg_screenr plots the k-fold cross-validated receiver-operating characteristic for out-of-sample screening performanc, including confidence intervals on the combinations of the local maxima of sensitivity and specificity.

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Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'logreg_screenr'
plot(
    x,
    ...,
    plot_ci = TRUE,
    conf_level = 0.95,
    bootreps = 4000,
    print_auc = TRUE,
    partial_auc = c(0.8, 1),
    partial_auc_focus = c("sensitivity", "specificity"),
    partial_auc_correct = TRUE,
    type = "S"
)
```

Arguments

	X	an object of class logreg_screenr.	
		additional arguments passed to plot.roc and friends.	
	plot_ci	logical indicator for plotting point-wise confidence intervals at the locally maximum subset of coordinates for on sensitivity and specificity. Default: TRUE). See also $\verb ci.thresholds $.	
	conf_level	confidence level in the interval (0,1). Default: 0.95.	
	bootreps	number of bootstrap replications for estimation of confidence intervals. Default: 4000.	
	print_auc	logical indicator for printing the area under the ROC curve (AUC) on the plot. Default: $\ensuremath{TRUE}.$	
	partial_auc	One of FALSE or a length two numeric vector of the form $c(a, b)$ where a and b are the endpoints of the interval over which to compute the out-of-sample partial AUC (pAUC). Ignored if print_auc = FALSE. Default: $c(0.8, 1)$.	
partial_auc_focus			
		one of "sensitivity" or "specificity", indicating the measure for which the out-of-sample partial AUC is to be computed. Default: "specificity".	
partial_auc_correct			
		logical indictor for transformation of the pAUC to fall within the range from 0.5 (random guess) to 1.0 (perfect classification). Default: TRUE.	
	type	type of plot. See plot. Default: "S".	

Details

Plot cross-validated (out-of-sample) ROC curve with pointwise confidence intevals along with the overly optimistic in-sample ROC curve. plot.lasso_screenr is an enhanced convenience wrapper for pROC::plot.roc.

Value

This function produces a plot as a side effect.

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References

Fawcett T. An introduction to ROC analysis. Pattern Recognition Letters. 2006. 27(8):861-874. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.patrec.2005.10.010

Linden A. Measuring diagnostic and predictive accuracy in disease management: an introduction to receiver operating characteristic (ROC) analysis. Journal of Evaluation in Clinical Practice. 2006; 12(2):132-139. https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1111/j.1365-2753.2005.00598.x

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Examples

```
## Not run:
attach(uniobj2)
plot(uniobj2)
## End(Not run)
```

plot.simple_screenr

An S3 Method to Plot ROC Curves

Description

plot.simple_screenr plots the k-fold cross-validated receiver-operating characteristic, including confidence intervals on the combinations of the local maxima of sensitivity and specificity.

Plot ROC curve with pointwise 95 intevals on sensitivity and specificity and (optionally) returns a dataframe containing numerical values.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'simple_screenr'
plot(
    x,
    ...,
    plot_ci = TRUE,
    conf_level = 0.95,
    bootreps = 4000,
    print_auc = TRUE,
    partial_auc = c(0.8, 1),
    partial_auc_focus = c("sensitivity", "specificity"),
    partial_auc_correct = TRUE,
    type = "S"
)
```

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Arguments

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Value

This function produces a plot as a side effect, and (optionally) returns a dataframe dataframe containing medians and bootstrap confidence limits of sensitivity and specificity.

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predict.easy_tool

An S3 Method to Compute Simplified Screening Scores

Description

predict.easy_tool computes predicted simplified screening scores from new data.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'easy_tool'
predict(object = NULL, ..., newdata = NULL)
```

Arguments

object an object of class easy_tool produced by `easy_tool`.
... optional arguments to predict methods.

newdata new dataframe from which predicted simplified screening scores are desired.

The dataframe must contain values of the same response variables and covariates

that were used to obtain object.

Value

predict.easy_tool returns (invisibly) a dataframe augmenting newdata with the predicted simplified test screening scores score.

Examples

predict.lasso_screenr An S3 Method to Compute Predicted Probabilities of Positive Test Results

Description

predict.lasso_screenr computes predicted probabilities of positive test results from new data.

```
## S3 method for class 'lasso_screenr'
predict(object = NULL, ..., newdata = NULL)
```

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Arguments

object an object of class lasso_screenr produced by `lasso_screenr`.

... optional arguments to predict methods.

newdata new dataframe from which predicted probabilities of positive test results are

desired. The dataframe must contain values of the same response variables and

covariates that were used to obtain obj.

Details

This method is a convenience wrapper for `glmpath::predict.glmpath`.

Value

predict.lasso_screenr returns (invisibly) a dataframe augmenting the complete cases in newdata with the predicted probabilities of positive test results phat_minAIC and phat_minBIC from the models that produced the minimum AIC and BIC, respectively.

Examples

```
predict.logreg_screenr
```

An S3 Method to Compute Predicted Probabilities of Positive Test Results

Description

predict.logreg_screenr computes predicted probabilities of positive test results from new data.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'logreg_screenr'
predict(object = NULL, ..., newdata = NULL)
```

Arguments

object an object of class logreg_screenr produced by `logreg_screenr`.

... optional arguments to predict methods.

newdata new dataframe from which predicted probabilities of positive test results are

desired. The dataframe must contain values of the same response variables and

covariates that were used to obtain object.

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Details

This method is a convenience wrapper for `stats::predict.glm`.

Value

predict.logreg_screenr returns (invisibly) a dataframe augmenting newdata with the predicted probabilities of positive test results phat.

Examples

print.easy_tool

An S3 Print Method for screenr Objects

Description

```
print.easy_tool is a print method.
```

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'easy_tool'
print(x, ...)
```

Arguments

```
x an object of class easy_tool.... optional arguments to print methods.
```

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print(uniobj1)
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```
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```

An S3 Print Method for screenr Objects

Description

```
print.lasso_screenr is a print method for lasso_screenr-class objects.
```

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'lasso_screenr'
print(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x an object of class lasso_screenr
... optional arguments to print methods.

Examples

```
attach(uniobj1)
print(uniobj1)
```

```
print.logreg_screenr An S3 Print Method for screenr Objects
```

Description

print.logreg_screenr is a print method for logreg_screenr-class objects.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'logreg_screenr'
print(x, ..., quote = FALSE)
```

Arguments

```
    an object of class logreg_screenr.
    optional arguments to print methods.
    logical indicator for whether or not strings should be printed.
```

Value

Nothing. Thresholds, specificities and sensitivities are printed as a side effect.

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Examples

```
attach(uniobj2)
print(uniobj2)
```

```
print.simple_screenr An S3 Print Method for screenr Objects
```

Description

print.simple_screenr is print method for simple_screenr objects.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'simple_screenr' print(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x an object of class simple_screenr.... optional arguments to print methods.

Value

Nothing. Thresholds, specificities and sensitivities are printed as a side effect.

Examples

rescale_to_int

Rescale Positive Vectors or Matrices to Integers

Description

rescale_to_int rescales the *non-zero* elements of real-valued numeric vectors or matrices to integers in the closed interval [1, max]. Any zero-valued elements are left unchanged.

```
rescale_to_int(x, max, colwise = TRUE)
```

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Arguments

x numeric matrix or vector of non-negative real numbers.

max the value of largest element in the rescaled integer-valued vector.

colwise (logical) rescale the matrix by column if TRUE (the default) or by row if FALSE.

Value

rescale_to_int returns a matrix of integers corresponding to x in which smallest *non-zero* element in each column/row is 1 and the largest element is max. Any elements having value zero are unchanged. If x is a vector then the result is an $r \times 1$ matrix, where r is the number of elements in x. Otherwise the result is a $r \times c$ matrix where c is the number of columns in x.

See Also

rescale

Examples

```
x <- c(0.55, 1.21, 0.94, 0, 0.13)
rescale_to_int(x, max = 5)
```

roc_ci

Compute Bootstrap Confidence Limits for Sensitivities and Specificities

Description

roc_ci computes bootstrap confidence intervals from objects of class roc, as produced by the pROC package. roc_ci is simply a convenience wrapper for pROC::ci.thresholds re-formatted for screenr.

```
roc_ci(
  object,
  bootreps = 4000,
  conf_level = 0.95,
  progress = "none",
  thresholds = "local maximas",
  se_min = 0.8
)
```

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Arguments

object an object of class roc.

bootreps number of bootstrap replicates. Default: 4000.

conf_level confidence level for uncertainty intervals. Default: 0.95.

progress character-valued type of progress display (see help(pROC::ci.thresholds)).

Default "none".

 $thresholds \qquad type \ of \ thresholds \ (see \ help(pROC::ci.thresholds)).$

se_min minimum value of sensitivity returned. Default: 0.8.

Value

roc_ci returns a dataframe containing thresholds with their sensititives, specificities and uncertainy intervals.

See Also

ci.thresholds

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Description

The screenr package enables construction of binary test-screening tools. It is designed to enable those with only a basic familiarity with R to develop, validate and implement screening tools for diagnostic tests. screenr integrates the capabilities of the glm, glmpath and pROC packages for convenience and ease of use.

Consider the situation where a diagnostic test for some condition is relatively expensive, and the condition is rare. In that case, universal testing would not be efficient in terms of the yield of postive results per test performed. Now suppose that responses to a set of simple screening questions may be predictive of the condition. Package screenr enables estimation of thresholds for making decisions about when to test in order to screen in/out individuals based on Receiver Operating Characteristics (ROC) estimated from an initial sample. The choice of a particular screening threshold is left to the user, and should be based on careful consideration of application-specific tradeoffs between sensitivity and specificity, screenr also enables easy construction of screening tools.

A tutorial is available from vignette("screenr_Tutorial", package = "screenr").

The pdf versions of the package manual and the tutorial are available at https://github.com/sgutreuter/screenr.

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Details

The high-level functions in the screenr package are:

```
lasso_screenr Selection of logistic models based on GLM path regularization
logreg_screenr Test-screening based maximum-likelhood estimation of logistic models
gee_screenr Test-screening based GEE estimation of logistic models accounting for cluster sampling
easy_tool Easy implementation of test-screening tools
simple_screenr (Too) simple un-optimized test-screening
rescale_to_int Rescale a strictly positive vector of real numbers to integers
sens_spec_plus Sensitivity, specificity and friends
```

screenr provides the usual plot, print, summary, predict methods for the objects produced by lasso_screenr, logreg_screenr, gee_screenr, simple_screenr and easy_tool, and also coef and confint methods for lasso_screenr, gee_screenr and logreg_screenr objects. screenr also provides get_what methods to extract object components, and ntpp methods for computation of the average number of tests required to detect a single positive result and the residual positivity among those screened out of testing.

Note

The canonical source repository for screenr is https://github.com/sgutreuter/screenr

Author(s)

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References

Teferi W, Gutreuter S, Bekele A et al. Adapting strategies for effective and efficient pediatric HIV case finding: Risk screening tool for testing children presenting at high-risk entry points. BMC Infectious Diseases. 2022; 22:480. http://doi.org/10.1186/s12879-022-07460-w

sens_spec_plus

Compute Sensitivity, Specificity and a Few Friends

Description

sens_spec_plus computes sensitivity, specificity and a few friends from a gold standard and testing results. sens_spec_plus is a convenience wrapper for epiR::epi.tests.

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Usage

```
sens_spec_plus(
  test = NULL,
  gold = NULL,
  data = NULL,
  method = c("exact", "wilson", "agresti", "clopper-pearson", "jeffreys"),
  conf_level = 0.95
)
```

Arguments

character-valued name of the variable containing testing results, coded as 0 for negative and 1 for positive.

gold character-valued name of the variable containing gold standard, coded as 0 for negative and 1 for positive.

data data frame containing test and gold.

method type of confidence interval ("exact", "wilson", "agresti", "clopper-pearson" or "jeffreys").

Default: "exact".

conf_level confidence level, a numeric value between 0 and 1. Default: 0.95.

Value

sens_spec_plus returns a list containing components table and ests:

```
table a 2 x 2 table which is the anti-transpose of the result produced by base::table(gold, test).
```

ests a dataframe containing the apparent and true positive proportions, sensitivity, specificity, positive predictive value (PPV), negative predictive value (NPV), and the lower and upper confidence limits for each.

See Also

```
epi.tests
```

```
Gold <- rbinom(20, 1, 0.50)
Test <- Gold; Test[c(3, 5, 9, 12, 16)] <- 1 - Test[c(3, 5, 9, 12, 16)]
dat <- data.frame(Gold = Gold, Test = Test)
sens_spec_plus(test = "Test", gold = "Gold", data = dat)</pre>
```

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se_sp_max

Return a Simplified Dataframe of Sensitivity and Specificity

Description

Given a dataframe containing multiple values of specificity for each value of sensitivity, return only the rows containing the largest value of specificity for each unique value of sensitivity.

Usage

```
se_sp_max(object)
```

Arguments

object

a dataframe containing at least columns named sensitivities and specificities

Value

se_sp_max returns a dataframe which is a subset of object containing only those rows for which specificity was the maximum for each unique value of sensitivity.

simple_screenr

An Overly Simple Approach to Test Screening

Description

simple_screenr implements the method described in Bandason et al. (2016).

```
simple_screenr(
  formula,
  data,
  partial_auc = c(0.8, 1),
  partial_auc_focus = "sensitivity",
  partial_auc_correct = TRUE,
  conf_level = 0.95
)
```

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Arguments

formula an object of class formula defining the testing outcome and predictor covariates.

data the "training" sample; a data frame containing the testing outcome and predic-

tive covariates to be used for testing screening. The testing outcome must be binary (0,1) indicating negative and positive test results, respectively, or logical (TRUE/FALSE), and the screening scores are the row-wise sums of the values of those covariates. The covariates are typically binary (0 = no, 1 = yes) responses

to questions, but the responses may also be ordinal numeric values.

partial_auc either a logical FALSE or a numeric vector of the form c(left, right) where

left and right are numbers in the interval [0, 1] specifying the endpoints for computation of the partial area under the ROC curve (pAUC). The total AUC is

computed if partial_auc = FALSE. Default: c(0.8, 1.0)

partial_auc_focus

one of "sensitivity" or specificity, specifying for which the pAUC should be computed. partial.auc.focus is ignored if partial_auc = FALSE. De-

fault: "sensitivity".

partial_auc_correct

logical value indicating whether the pAUC should be transformed the interval from 0.5 to 1.0. partial_auc_correct is ignored if partial_auc = FALSE.

Default: TRUE).

conf_level a number between 0 and 1 specifying the confidence level for confidence inter-

vals for the (partial)AUC. Default: 0.95.

Details

simple_screenr computes the in-sample (*overly optimistic*) performances for development of a very simple test screening tool based on the sums of affirmative questionnaire responses. simpleScreener is *not* optimized and is intended only for comparision with lasso_screenr, logreg_screenr or gee_screenr, any of which will almost certainly out-perform simple_screenr.

Value

simple_screenr returns (invisibly) an object of class simple_screenr containing the elements:

Call The function call.

Prevalence Prevalence of the test condition in the training sample.

ISroc An object of class roc containing the "in-sample" (overly-optimistic) receiver operating characteristics, and additional functions for use with this object are available in the pROC package.

Scores The training sample, including the scores.

References

Bandason T, McHugh G, Dauya E, Mungofa S, Munyati SM, Weiss HA, Mujuru H, Kranzer K, Ferrand RA. Validation of a screening tool to identify older children living with HIV in primary care facilities in high HIV prevalence settings. AIDS. 2016;30(5):779-785 http://dx.doi.org/10.1097/QAD.0000000000000959

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See Also

easy_tool for a better approach to simplification using the results from lasso_screenr, logreg_screenr or gee_screenr.

```
lasso_screenr, logreg_screenr
```

Examples

summary.easy_tool

An S3 Summary Method for screenr Objects

Description

summary.easy_tool provides a summary method for easy-tool-class objects.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'easy_tool'
summary(object, ...)
```

Arguments

```
object an easy_tool object.... optional arguments passed to summary methods.
```

Value

Nothing. A summary is printed as a side effect.

```
attach(uniobj1)
summary(uniobj1)
```

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```
summary.gee_screenr
```

An S3 Summary Method for screenr Objects

Description

summary.gee_screenr provides a summary method for gee_screenr-class objects.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'gee_screenr'
summary(object, ..., diagnostics = FALSE)
```

Arguments

object an object of class gee_screenr produced by function gee_screenr.

... optional arguments passed to summary methods. diagnostics a logical value; plot model diagnostics if TRUE.

Value

Nothing. Summaries are printed as a side effect.

Examples

```
attach(uniobj2)
summary(uniobj2)
```

```
summary.lasso_screenr An S3 Summary Method for screenr Objects
```

Description

summary.lasso_screenr provides a summary method for lasso_screenr-class objects.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'lasso_screenr'
summary(object, ...)
```

Arguments

```
object a lasso_screenr object
```

... optional arguments passed to summary methods.

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Details

This is essentially a wrapper for glmpath::summary.glmpath provided for lasso_screenr objects.

Value

a dataframe containing the summary, including the Df, Deviance, AIC and BIC for each step along the GLM path for which the active set changed.

Examples

```
attach(uniobj1)
summary(uniobj1)
```

```
summary.logreg_screenr
```

An S3 Summary Method for screenr Objects

Description

summary.logreg_screenr provides a summary method for logreg_screenr-class objects.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'logreg_screenr'
summary(object, ..., diagnostics = FALSE)
```

Arguments

object an object of class logreg_screenr produced by function logreg_screenr.

... optional arguments passed to summary methods. diagnostics a logical value; plot model diagnostics if TRUE.

Value

Nothing. A summary is printed as a side effect.

```
attach(uniobj2)
summary(uniobj2)
```

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```
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```

An S3 Summary Method for screenr Objects

Description

summary.simple_screenr provides a summary method for simple_screenr-class objects.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'simple_screenr'
summary(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object an object of class simple_screenr.

... optional arguments passed to summary methods.

Value

Nothing. Thresholds, specificities and sensitivities are printed as a side effect.

Examples

unicorns

UIV Testing Training Data on Unicorns

Description

A preliminary study was conducted in which a random sample of 6,000 properly consented [unicorns](https://www.britannica.com/topic/unicorn) were recruited from 20 clinics. Each unicorn was asked seven questions about their behavior and health. Unicorns responded by stomping a hoof once to indicate "no", and twice to indicate "yes". A sample of venous blood was drawn from each, and was subsequently tested for the presence of antibodies to Unicorn Immunodeficiency Virus (UIV) using a standard assay algorithm.

```
data(unicorns)
```

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Format

A data frame with eight columns:

```
ID Patient ID
```

- Q1 Response to screening question 1 (0 = "no", 1 = "yes")
- Q2 Response to screening question 2 (0 = "no", 1 = "yes")
- Q3 Response to screening question 3 (0 = "no", 1 = "yes")
- Q4 Response to screening question 4 (0 = "no", 1 = "yes")
- Q5 Response to screening question 5 (0 = "no", 1 = "yes")
- Q6 Response to screening question 6 (0 = "no", 1 = "yes")
- Q7 Response to screening question 7 (0 = "no", 1 = "yes")

testresult UIV status, where 0 and 1 denote negative and positive test results, repectively.

Note

In reality, the question responses and test results were generated using Bernoulli random-number generators.

Examples

```
## Not run:
head(unicorns)
## End(Not run)
```

uniobj1

A lasso_screenr object

Description

```
The result of uniobj1 <- lasso_screenr(testresult \sim Q1 + Q2 + Q3 + Q4 + Q5 + Q6 + Q7, data = unicorns, Nfolds = 10, seed = 123)
```

Usage

uniobj1

Format

An object of class lasso_screenr

```
## Not run:
summary(uniobj1)
## End(Not run)
```

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uniobj2

 $A \; {\sf logreg_screenr} \; {\sf object}$

Description

```
The result of uniobj2 <- logreg_screenr(testresult \sim Q1 + Q2 + Q3 + Q4 + Q5 + Q6 + Q7, data = unicorns, link = "logit", Nfolds = 10, seed = 123)
```

Usage

uniobj2

Format

An object of class logreg_screenr

Examples

```
## Not run:
summary(uniobj2)
## End(Not run)
```

uniobj3

 $A \; {\sf gee_screenr} \; {\sf object}$

Description

The result of

Usage

uniobj3

Format

An object of class gee_screenr

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Examples

```
## Not run:
summary(uniobj3)
## End(Not run)
```

val_data

UIV Test Validation Data on Unicorns

Description

A follow-up study was conducted in which a random sample of 3,000 properly consented unicorns were recruited from 20 additional clinics. Each unicorn was asked six questions about their behavior and health. Unicorns responded by stomping a hoof once to indicate "no", and twice to indicate "yes". A sample of venous blood was drawn from each, and was subsequently tested for the presence of antibodies to Unicorn Immunodeficiency Virus (UIV) using a standard assay algorithm.

Usage

```
val_data
```

Format

A data frame with eight columns:

- ID Patient ID
- Q1 Response to screening question 1 (0 = "no", 1 = "yes")
- Q2 Response to screening question 2 (0 = "no", 1 = "yes")
- Q3 Response to screening question 3 (0 = "no", 1 = "yes")
- Q4 Response to screening question 4 (0 = "no", 1 = "yes")
- Q5 Response to screening question 5 (0 = "no", 1 = "yes")
- Q6 Response to screening question 6 (0 = "no", 1 = "yes")
- Q7 Response to screening question 7 (0 = "no", 1 = "yes")

testresult UIV status, where 0 and 1 denote negative and positive test results, repectively.

```
## Not run:
head(val_data)
## End(Not run)
```

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