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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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coef.lasso\_screenr

An S3 Method to Extract Coefficients from lasso\_screenr Objects

# **Description**

coef.lasso\_screenr extracts the logistic model parameter estimates 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.

intercept (logical) retain (TRUE, default) or drop (FALSE) the intercept coefficients. or return odds ratios if TRUE; logit-scale coefficients are the default.

#### **Details**

coef.lasso\_screenr extracts the estimated coefficients from lasso\_screenr objects.

#### Value

a  $p \times 2$  matrix of estimated coefficients (or odds ratios) from the AIC- and BIC-best logistic regression models, where p is the number of coefficients.

#### **Examples**

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

coef.logreg\_screenr

An S3 Method to Extract Coefficients from logreg\_screenr Objects

# **Description**

coef.logreg\_screenr extracts the logistic model parameter estimates from logreg\_screenr-class objects.

#### Usage

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

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## 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; logit-scale coefficients are the default.

#### **Details**

coef.logreg\_screenr extracts the estimated coefficients from logreg\_screenr objects.

#### Value

A  $p \times 1$  matrix of estimated coefficients (or odds ratios), where p is the number of coefficients.

#### **Examples**

```
attach(uniobj2)
class(uniobj2)
coef(uniobj2)
```

easy\_tool Simplifying Screening from lasso\_screenr or logreg\_screenr Objects

#### **Description**

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

## Usage

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

# Arguments

object an object of class lasso\_screenr or logreg\_screenr.

max (numeric) the desired maximum value for the response weights (default is 3).

model (for lasso\_screenr objects only) the desired basis model. Valid options are "mi-

nAIC" (the default) and "minBIC".

crossval a (logical) indicator for cross-validated (TRUE) or in-sample (FALSE) perfor-

mance evaluation.

... additional arguments passed to coef.lasso\_screenr or coef.logreg\_screenr

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#### **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. A value of 3 may be a reasonable compromise. 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.

#### 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`.

#### Note

Execute methods(class = "easy\_tool") to see available methods.

# 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)
class(tool)</pre>
```

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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.

#### See Also

 $\verb|get_what.easy_tool,get_what.lasso_screenr,get_what.logreg_screenr| and \verb|get_what.simple_screenr|.$ 

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
)
```

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# 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".
	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

#### Value

The selected component is returned invisibly.

# **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

```
## $3 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

from		the lasso_screenr-class object from which to extract the component.
what		the character-valued name of the component to extract. Valid values are "glm-pathObj", "ROCci", "cvROC" and "isROC".
		optional arguments to get_what methods.
mode:	1	the character-valued name of the model for which the component is desired. Valid values are "minAIC" and "minBIC". Default: "minAIC".
conf	.level	confidence level for what = "ROCci". Default: 0.95.
booti	reps	the number of bootstrap replications for estimation of confidence intervals for what = "ROCci". Default: 4000.
se.m	in	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

The selected component is returned invisibly.

# **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

The selected component is returned invisibly.

# **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")
print(myROCci)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

```
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

```
## S3 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:

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

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

# Value

The selected component is returned invisibly.

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#### **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

1p 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

A numeric vector containing the inverse of the link function for the linear predictor.

#### Note

inverse\_link may not be included in future versions of the screenr package.

#### See Also

```
predict.logreg_screenr
```

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#### **Examples**

keepfirst

Return Data Frame Rows Having Unique Values in Selected Columns

# Description

keepfirst extracts those rows of a data frame which have unique values in selected columns.

# Usage

```
keepfirst(x, colnames, data = NULL)
```

#### **Arguments**

x character-valued column name along which the dataframe is sorted.

colnames a character vector of column names to identify uniqueness.

data a data frame.

# **Details**

The dataframe data is sorted, and then only those rows which are unique with respect to the values of selected columns.

#### Value

A data frame consisting of the rows of data which are unique with respect to colnames

lasso\_screenr

lasso\_screenr

Fitting Screening Tools Using Lasso-Like Regularization of Logistic Regression

# **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.
data	a dataframe containing the variables defined in formula. The testing outcome must be binary ( $0 = \text{no/negative}$ , $1 = \text{yes/positive}$ ) 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.
Nfolds	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: $c(0.8,1.0)$

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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. Default: "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**

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 receiver-operating characteristics are computed using the pROC package.

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

Return (invisibly) an object of class lasso\_screenr containing the elements:

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.

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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, auc
```

# **Examples**

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logreg\_screenr

Fitting Screening Tools Using Ordinary Logistic Regression

### **Description**

 $logreg\_screenr$  is a convenience function which integrates ordinary logistic regression 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(),
  ...
)
```

# **Arguments**

formula	an object of cla	ass stats::formula d	defining the testing outc	ome 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. Default: "sensitivity".

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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.

For a gentle but python-centric introduction to k-fold cross-validation, see https://machinelearningmastery.com/k-fold-cross-validation/.

#### Value

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

#### Note

logreg\_screenr is intended mainly for comparison with lasso\_screenr. Careful manual model selection is required with logreg\_screenr. lasso\_screenr is easier and should generally produce better results.

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#### References

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# See Also

glm

# **Examples**

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 data frame containing columns sensitivity, specificity and prev.

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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.

# 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

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

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

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

# See Also

ntpp.lasso\_screenr ntpp.logreg\_screenr ntpp.data.frame ntpp.simple\_screenr

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Compute the Ratio of Total Tests to Positive Results from a Data Frame

## **Description**

ntpp.data.frame computes the ratio of the total number of tests performed per positive test result from data frames.

## Usage

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

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# **Arguments**

object a dataframe containing columns 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

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

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

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

Compute the Ratio of Total Tests to Positive Results from easy\_tool Objects

#### **Description**

ntpp.easy\_tool computes the ratio of the total number of tests performed per positive test result from easy\_tool-class objects.

# 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.

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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

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.

#### See Also

ntpp.lasso\_screenr ntpp.logreg\_screenr ntpp.data.frame ntpp.simple\_screenr

# **Examples**

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

ntpp.lasso\_screenr

Compute the Ratio of Total Tests to Positive Results from lasso\_screenr Objects

## Description

ntpp.lasso\_screenr computes the ratio of the total number of tests performed per positive test result from lasso\_screenr-class objects.

#### Usage

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

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# 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 $k$ -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.

#### **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

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)
```

#### **Description**

ntpp.logreg\_screenr computes the ratio of the total number of tests performed per positive test result from logreg\_screenr-class objects.

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#### 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.

#### **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

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

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ntpp(uniobj2)

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ntpp.simple_screenr	Compute	the	Ratio	of	Total	Tests	to	Positive	Results	from
	simple_s	cree	nr <i>Obje</i>	ects						

# **Description**

ntpp.simple\_screenr computes the ratio of the total number of tests performed per positive test result from simple\_screenr-class objects.

# 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.

#### **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

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.

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plot.easy\_tool

Plot ROC Curves from easy\_tool-Class Objects

#### **Description**

plot.easy\_tool plots the k-fold cross-validated receiver-operating characteristics, 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
)
```

# Arguments

an object of class easy\_tool. Х 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. logical indicator for printing the area under the ROC curve (AUC) on the plot. print.auc 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.

#### Details

plot.easy\_tool is an enhanced convenience wrapper for pROC::plot.roc.

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#### 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

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**

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

plot.lasso\_screenr

Plot ROC Curves from lasso\_screenr-Class Objects

### **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

```
## $3 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
)
```

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#### **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.

model (character) select either the model which produced the minimum AIC ("mi-

nAIC") or minimum BIC ("minBIC"). Default: minAIC,

conf\_level confidence level. Default: 0.95.

bootreps the number of bootstrap replications for estimation of confidence intervals. De-

fault: 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.

#### **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

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

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Plot ROC Curves from logreg\_screenr-Class Objects

# 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.

# Usage

```
## $3 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
)
```

# 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 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: 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: $c(\emptyset.8,1)$ .

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```
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

#### **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
```

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)
```

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Plot ROC Curves from simple\_screenr-Class Objects

## 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.

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#### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'simple_screenr'
plot(x, ..., plot_ci = TRUE, conf_level = 0.95, bootreps = 4000)
```

dence intervals. Default: 4000.

#### **Arguments**

X	an object of class simple_screenr.
	additional arguments for $\{link\{plot\}\}\$ or passed to $\{link\{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 ci.thresholds.
conf_level	confidence level in the interval (0,1). Default is 0.95 producing 95% confidence intervals. Default: TRUE.
bootreps	numeric-valued number of bootstrap replication for estimation of 95% confi-

#### 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.

#### 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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predict.easy\_tool

A Prediction Method for easy\_tool-Class Objects

## **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 A Prediction Method for lasso\_screenr-Class Objects

#### **Description**

predict.lasso\_screenr computes predicted probabilities of positive test results from new data.

#### Usage

```
## 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 \code'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
```

A Prediction Method for logreg\_screenr-Class Objects

#### 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

A Print Method for easy\_tool-Class 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.
```

#### See Also

```
get_what.easy_tool(from,what) for what = "ROCci".
```

# **Examples**

```
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print(uniobj1)
```

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```
print.lasso_screenr A Print Method for lasso_screenr-Class 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.

#### See Also

```
get_what.lasso_screenr(from, what) for what = "ROCci".
```

#### **Examples**

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

```
print.logreg_screenr A Print Method for logreg_screenr-Class 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.
```

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#### Value

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

#### See Also

```
get_what.logreg_screenr(from, what) for what = "ROCci".
```

# **Examples**

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

```
print.simple_screenr A Print Method for simple_screenr-Class 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.

# See Also

```
get_what.simple_screenr(from, what) for what = "ROCci".
```

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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.

# Usage

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

## **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

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 a  $r \times 1$  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.

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## Usage

```
roc_ci(
  object,
  bootreps = 4000,
  conf.level = 0.95,
  progress = "none",
  thresholds = "local maximas",
  se.min = 0.8
)
```

## **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 type of thresholds (see help(pROC::ci.thresholds)). se.min minimum value of sensitivity returned. Default: 0.8.

### Value

a data frame containing thresholds with sensititives, specificities and uncertainy intervals.

#### See Also

ci.thresholds

screenr Package

# **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.

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 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.

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### **Details**

The high-level functions in the screenr package are:

```
lasso_screenr Test-screening based on GLM path regularization of logistic regression models
logreg_screenr Test-screening based maximum-likelhood estimation of logistic regression models
easy_tool Easy implementation of test-screening tools
simple_screenr 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
```

There are plot, print, summary, predict, get\_what, and ntpp methods for the objects produced by lasso\_screenr, logreg\_screenr, simple\_screenr and easy\_tool. In addition, there is a coef method for lasso\_screenr and logreg\_screenr objects.

## Note

```
A tutorial is available from vignette("screenr_Tutorial",package = "screenr")
The canonical source for screenr is https://github.com/sgutreuter/screenr
```

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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.

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

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# **Arguments**

test	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

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
```

# **Examples**

```
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>
```

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)
```

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## **Arguments**

formula data an object of class formula defining the testing outcome and predictor covariates. the "training" sample; a data frame containing the testing outcome and predictive 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.

#### **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 or logreg\_screenr, either of which will almost certainly out-perform simple\_screenr.

#### Value

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.00000000000000959

Robin X, Turck N, Hainard A, Tiberti N, Lisacek F, Sanchez J-C, Müller M. pROC: An open-source package for R and S+ to analyze and compare ROC curves. BMC Bioinformatics. 2011;12(77):1-8. http://doi.org/10.1186/1471-2105-12-77

### See Also

easy\_tool for a better approach to simplification using the results from lasso\_screenr or logreg\_screenr. lasso\_screenr, logreg\_screenr

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summary.easy\_tool

A Summary Method for easy\_tool-Class 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.
```

### **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.lasso\_screenr A Summary Method for lasso\_screenr-Class Objects

# **Description**

summary.lasso\_screenr provides a summary method for lasso\_screenr-class objects.

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

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# **Arguments**

```
object a lasso_screenr object
... optional arguments passed to summary methods.
```

# **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**

```
\begin{tabular}{ll} attach (uniobj1) \\ summary (uniobj1) \\ \\ summary .logreg\_screenr \\ & A \ Summary \ Method \ for \ logreg\_screenr-Class \ Objects \\ \end{tabular}
```

## **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. Summaries are printed as a side effect.

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

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```
summary.simple_screenr
```

A Summary Method for simple\_screenr-Class 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 logreg\_screenr 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)
```

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")

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```
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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